



## DPRK Foreign Ministry Spokesman Refutes G-7 Summit Joint Statement

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK gave the following answer to a question raised by KCNA Tuesday over the fact that the U.S. and the hostile forces made public a joint statement faulting the DPRK at the G-7 summit:

At the summit held in Sicily of Italy on May 26-27, the U.S. and its followers made public a joint statement slandering the DPRK.

It is those seven nations which carried out most of the nuclear and missile tests that have been and who render regional situation extremely tense through competitive sales of war means like attack missiles to south Korea.

Yet, they are urging the DPRK to scrap its nuclear deterrence meant for self-defence of the country. This is like a guilty party filing the suit first.

The G-7 summit is a place where those nuclear- and missile-haves put their heads together to discuss how to pressure weak countries and those incurring their displeasure.

The U.S. and its followers are seriously mistaken if they think they can deprive the DPRK of its nuclear deterrence, the nation's life and dignity, through sanctions and pressure.

The increased sanctions and pressure will compel the DPRK to further step up its moves for diversifying and modernizing its nuclear force.