

DPRK Delegation Has No Intention to Meet U.S. Side

Pyongyang, February 8 (KCNA) -- Jo Yong Sam, department director general of the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK, Wednesday gave the following answer to a question put by KCNA as regards the fact that U.S. authorities say this or that over the issue of contact between the DPRK's delegation participating in the opening ceremony of the 23rd Winter Olympics and the U.S. vice-president:

On Tuesday a spokesperson for the U.S. Department of State told a reporter over the possible contact between the DPRK's delegation participating in the opening ceremony of the 23rd Winter Olympics and the U.S. vice-president that the U.S. evidently has no plan to contact with the DPRK during and after the Olympics.

U.S. Vice-President Pence, too, said that he didn't press for any contact with the DPRK's delegation and asked the south Korean authorities to fix a schedule not to encounter the delegation. And he claimed that they would see what is happening.

This is the height of sarcasm.

We have never begged for dialogue with the U.S. nor in the future, too.

Explicitly speaking, we have no intention to meet with the U.S. side during the stay in south Korea.

Our delegation's visit to south Korea is only to take part in the Olympics and hail its successful holding.

We are not going to use such sports festival as the Winter Olympics as a political lever. There is no need to do so.

The U.S. had better act with discretion, well aware that its imprudent word and deeds will only show itself in a more awkward position.

Provokers Keen on Escalating Confrontation Can Never Evade Punishment: CCNR

Pyongyang, February 7 (KCNA) -- A spokesman of the Consultative Council for National Reconciliation in a statement Wednesday condemned the south Korean ultraright conservative forces getting frantic in escalating confrontation with the DPRK to the extremes and going all the more desperate with the opening of the Winter Olympics approaching.

The "Korean Patriotic Party" and other ultra-right conservative forces of south Korea held anti-DPRK rallies at Seoul Railway Station Plaza and outside Inchon Sonhak International Skating Stadium on Feb. 3 and 4 where they committed such hideous crime of tearing and burning the portraits, symbolic of the dignity of the DPRK supreme leadership, DPRK flags and Korean peninsula flags while shouting like a group of rabid dogs that "they are opposed to Phyongchang Olympics becoming Pyongyang Olympics".

On Feb. 6 they flocked to Mukho Port, crowded with south Koreans who came to welcome the art troupe of the DPRK about to arrive there aboard "Mangyongbong-92", and held a "press conference against Pyongyang Olympics". And as the ship approached a wharf, they again committed the heinous act of torching the DPRK's flag and Korean peninsula flag, not content with shouting that "ship with Reds aboard is entering" and "You go back to your country".

What is all the more shocking is that the riffraff of the conservative organizations plan to continue committing such shuddering acts while holding anti-DPRK confrontational rallies in several parts of Kangrung including the hotel where our

cheering group is to stay and a venue where the art troupe is to give its performance on Feb. 8, the army day of the DPRK, and during the Olympiad.

The spokesman denounced the ultra-right conservative forces including the "Korean Patriotic Party" as a group of matchless human scum and cancer-like entity seized by the confrontation with the fellow countrymen in whom not even appearance or conscience as a member of the Korean nation can ever be found.

What matters is that the wild acts of the conservative forces are timed to coincide with the act of the Trump group kicking up a "human rights" racket against the DPRK even by egging on "defectors from the north", uneasy over the atmosphere of the north-south reconciliation getting ripened with each passing day, the statement said, adding:

The situation clearly proves who is the enemy to reunification standing in the way of the improvement of the north-south relations and peace on the Korean Peninsula and who is a chief culprit instigating the confrontation with the fellow countrymen and how the confrontation racket of the conservative forces has reached such an extreme phase.

The south Korean authorities' connivance at such uncouth and rude acts of chilling the DPRK's sincerity and efforts not only greatly disappointed us and arouses doubt about their willingness for the improvement of the north-south ties.

Is that OK with the south Korean authorities if the Olympics ground which should be the one for peace turns into a theater of confrontation and a backward current is created in the north-south relations, and will it be possible for them to hold no responsibilities?

The south Korean authorities should come to their senses and take decisive measures, though belatedly, if they do not want to see an inglorious thing happening.

The heinous provokers who dared to challenge the dignity of the supreme leadership of the DPRK and its social system, being engrossed in escalating confrontation with it, can never evade merciless punishment.