

### Another Unilateral Anti-DPRK Sanctions of U.S. under Fire

Pyongyang, January 27 (KCNA) -- A spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) gave the following answer to a question raised by KCNA on January 27 as regards the U.S. announcement on another unilateral sanctions against the DPRK:

The U.S. Treasury Department announced on January 24 that it would enforce sanctions on more than ten individuals, several entities and vessels under an allegation that those designated violated its "sanctions laws".

The unilateral sanctions of the U.S. are an extension of its hostile policy to strangle the DPRK at any cost by means of sanctions and pressure accompanied by the military threats and also a manifestation of heinous intention to throw a wet blanket over the inter-Korean exchange and cooperation and to aggravate the situation.

The U.S. pursuit of unilateral sanctions under its so-called "sanctions laws" constitutes wanton violation of the universally recognized international laws which underline that in no case can a sovereign state be an object of jurisdiction of other country, and it is also an obvious infringement upon sovereignty and a grave act of provocation.

It is indescribably stultifying and ludicrous that the U.S. would still resort to sanctions, turning a blind eye to the prevailing reality that the DPRK has now possessed, amid the ever harshest sanctions and pressure, a powerful nuclear deterrent capable of thwarting and countering any nuclear threats of the imperialist aggression forces.

The U.S. would be well advised to awake right away from absurd way of thinking and come to its senses, and give up the anachronistic policy hostile to the DPRK and terminate the provocative acts of aggravating situation on the Korean peninsula.

## Japanese Reactionaries Hit for Hindering Inter-Korean Relations

Pyongyang, January 26 (KCNA) -- Thae Chol of the Japan-Korea Interchange Association Friday issued a commentary to condemn the Japanese reactionaries for hindering the inter-Korean dialogue and the warming situation on the Korean Peninsula.

Prime Minister Abe, chief Cabinet secretary, foreign minister, defense minister and other heavyweights of the Japanese political circle reeled off the following vituperations:

"It would be a significant dialogue only when north Korea conducts concrete act of complete, verifiable and irretrievable nuclear dismantlement." "We hope that it would be a dialogue for conveying a strong message to north Korea." "The existing policy of pressurizing north Korea based on the international cooperation should be invariably pushed forward irrespective of the north-south dialogue."

Meanwhile, Japanese media have asserted that "south Korea is at the north's back and call after putting the pressure against the north on the shelf, it should not play in the hands of the north and south Korean people are growing increasingly discontent", in a bid to drive a wedge between the north and the south of Korea.

Japan has no qualification and right to meddle in the affairs of the Korean nation, and no one will lend his or her ear to the allegations, the commentary says, and goes on:

Nevertheless, Japan openly and secretly tries to lay hurdle in the way of the inter-Korean dialogue and the warming situation on the Korean Peninsula.

The reason is that the Abe group thinks that its political fate hinges on the inter-Korean relations and the change of the situation on the Korean Peninsula. Historically, cunning Japan has drawn big benefits from the division of the Korean nation and war. So, it thinks that it will lose biggest ones when the north and south of Korea take each other's hand.

The Japanese reactionaries should admit that they are in a poor position. They should stop acting rashly, aware of the consequences to be entailed by their foolish acts.

If Japan runs amuck defying our warning, the Korean people will surely force Japan to pay a very high price for its crimes with their strong fists.

# Spokesman for Korea-Asia Association on Deeds of Fanning

### Tension in Korean Peninsula

Pyongyang, January 25 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Korea-Asia Association on Thursday gave the following answer to a question raised by KCNA over "A Resolution on the Peace of the Korean Peninsula" which was adopted at the 26th meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum in Vietnam:

The 26th meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) held recently in Vietnam adopted the so-called "Resolution on the Peace of the Korean peninsula".

What cannot be overlooked is the fact that the "resolution" denounced the self-defensive measures taken by the DPRK as a serious provocation against the stability of the Korean Peninsula and the peace of Northeast Asia and the world, while insisting on "the abandonment of nuclear weapons" of the DPRK, a full-fledged nuclear power.

The "resolution" intentionally ignored the root cause of nuclear issue of the Korean peninsula, created by the United States, and followed the anti-DPRK hostile policy of the U.S. running amuck to oppose the dignified DPRK to the international community.

An atmosphere for peace and security in the Korean Peninsula and for reconciliation and unity of the whole Korean nation is now created thanks to respected Supreme Leader **Kim Jong Un**'s noble love for the nation, strong will for the reunification

based on devotion to the country and people and great and courageous determination for safeguarding peace.

The "resolution", cooked up against this atmosphere by taking advantage of the anti-DPRK hostile policy of the U.S., is no more than an unreasonable and senseless paperwork devoid of elementary political sense and of ability for situation analysis.

Our country's nuclear forces are capable of thwarting and countering any nuclear threats from the U.S., and they constitute a powerful deterrent that prevents the U.S. from starting an adventurous war.

The DPRK will resolutely counter any acts of wrecking peace and security on the Korean Peninsula.

The participants in the meeting should clearly distinguish between the peace breaker on the Korean Peninsula and the peace defender making sincere efforts for peace and security of the region and the world.

Any countries, if they are truly interested in maintaining the peace and security of the Korean Peninsula, should not be involved in the acts of intentionally instigating the escalation of tension on the Korean Peninsula but think twice before doing something.

The DPRK will, in the future, too, uphold the banner of simultaneously pushing forward the economic construction and the buildup of nuclear force and make positive efforts to build a just and peaceful new world as a responsible, peace-loving nuclear power.

## U.S. Urged to Abandon Its Scheme to Prevent D & ente

### on Korean Peninsula

Pyongyang, January 26 (KCNA) -- Choe Song Ho, a researcher of the room for international policy studies at the DPRK Academy of Social Sciences, on Jan. 25 issued a commentary titled "The U.S. should abandon its foolish scheme to prevent detente on the Korean Peninsula".

The commentary condemns the U.S., which once cried out for a peaceful solution to the Korean Peninsula issue, for making every possible effort to stop the present affirmative development of the inter-Korean relations based on concerted efforts.

Typical of such attempts is what the U.S did at the "foreign ministers' meeting on the security and stability on the Korean Peninsula" held in Vancouver of Canada, it says, and goes on:

The meeting was, in fact, for confab on a new war, not on the stability of the peninsula. It was attended by 20 countries and regions, including those which participated in the Korean War against the DPRK in the 1950s. At the meeting, the U.S. wooed them to ratchet up the sanctions and pressure on the DPRK with threatening words and cried out for a military option again.

U.S. Secretary of State Tillerson, in particular, fanned the confrontation with the DPRK by claiming that the efficiency of the U.S.-led maximum pressure strategy, such as sea blockade, should be raised and all the nations should pool their efforts to make the north pay more dearly. U.S. Secretary of Defense Mattis, who appeared before the audience in neckties, made such violent remarks like the boss of gangsters that the scenario for war with north Korea has been ready and unless the meeting goes well, defense ministers' meeting will be held next, which stunned the audience.

Heavyweights of the U.S. political circle and administration made no scruple of hurling a stream of provocative remarks that it is high time the U.S. took the initiative by putting the DPRK on the defensive, it is necessary to stop the present trend in which the U.S. overturned with the DPRK's appearement policy, and the Trump administration is very seriously examining the military option against the DPRK.

What merits a more serious attention is that the U.S. is further aggravating the tension by deliberately revealing that the extremely dangerous military action targeting the Korean Peninsula is not hot air.

It has been recently disclosed that an electronic warfare plane and a formation of special operation planes were secretly deployed in south Korea for ultra-precision surveillance on the DPRK. Those planes were said to have proved their combat

effectiveness in theatres of wars such as former Yugoslavia, Libya, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Such ill-boding movements of the U.S., timed to coincide with the creation of a new climate for the detente and peace, go to prove that what the U.S. wants awake or asleep is not peace and stability on the peninsula but instability and the exacerbation of military tension and start of war for aggression on the DPRK.

The south Korean authorities have earnestly and repeatedly requested their American master to help them successfully hold the Winter Olympics they managed to have held in south Korea, but the answer was such disturbing movements and the aggravation of tension. Therefore, they have to know what a foolish thing they have expected.

The reality requires all Koreans to get awakened lest the U.S. meddle in the Korean Peninsula issue any longer and decisively reject such intervention by their concerted efforts in order to successfully hold the forthcoming great national event and bring about a turning point in the north-south relations development.

The U.S. is advised to understand that it would be seriously mistaken if it thinks that the situation of the peninsula would change as intended by it and would be controlled by it as it used to do.

The U.S. should be well aware of the Korean nation's fixed will for independent reunification and its powerful strength for peace, stop the reckless provocative adventures and make a reasonable and rational choice, though belatedly.