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U.S. Accused of Convening FMs' Meeting of Countries Participated in Korean War

Pyongyang, January 18 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Institute for American Studies of the DPRK Foreign Ministry gave the following answer to a question raised by KCNA on January 18 as regards the foreign ministers' meeting of the countries that participated in the Korean War, recently convened by the U.S. together with Canada:

The U.S., in collusion with Canada created the scene of war simulation by summoning the foreign ministers' meeting of the countries that participated in the Korean War in Vancouver, Canada from January 15 to 16. Participated in this meeting were 20 countries including the ones that had followed the U.S. to the aggressive war against our country from 1950 to 1953.

At the meeting, the U.S. Secretary of State openly trumpeted that they should intensify the pressure campaign against us until we stop nuclear program by way of limiting the export of oil and industrial products, strengthening naval control, expelling our workers abroad, etc. and he went so far as to insist on the military option.

Now the whole world warmly welcomes the dramatic change in the frozen inter-Korean relations and the visible sign of easing tension on the Korean peninsula, which are being brought about by our generous and magnanimous proposal.

However, the U.S., while throwing a wet blanket over this atmosphere, have brought together its vassal forces including the countries that had followed the former to participate in the aggressive war against our country and openly hatched a plot to further intensify the barbarous sanctions and pressure against our country and provoke a new war on the Korean peninsula.

It is no accident that many countries including our neighbouring countries unanimously criticize the meeting, arguing that the nature and the agenda of the meeting are not conducive to easing the tension on the Korean peninsula and that it would rather bring an adverse effect.

As we have already clarified several times, the tightening of sanctions against our country like the naval blockade, which have been discussed behind the screen at the meeting, is tantamount to an act of war.

The meeting speaks to the fact that the U.S. is willing to spark a new war in the Korean peninsula at any cost although it talks about dialogue.

We take the U.S. convocation of the meeting simply as the ridiculous floundering of the Trump group which was frightened by the might of our Republic that has achieved great historic cause of perfecting the state nuclear force and made a dignified rise to a position of the strategic state recognized by the world. The move of the U.S. trying to solve the issue of the Korean peninsula by force further solidifies our conviction that the road we chose was absolutely right and we should ever follow this road without any slightest vacillation.

We scrutinize even at this moment every move of the U.S. that is making highly disturbing military acts by continuously bringing the strategic nuclear weapons in and around the Korean peninsula and we constantly maintain high alert.

We take this opportunity to warn those unprincipled countries that kowtowed to the U.S. and participated in the meeting unlawful and ambiguous in nature and advise them to contemplate the consequences to ensue thereafter.

Abe Group Accused of Further Clinging to Sanctions and Pressure Campaign against DPRK

Pyongyang, January 18 (KCNA) -- A spokesperson for the Institute for Studies of Japan of the DPRK Foreign Ministry gave the following answer to a question raised by the KCNA on January 18 regarding the fact that the Abe group is further clinging to the sanctions and pressure campaign against the DPRK:

During his recent tour of some European countries, Japanese prime minister Abe mentioned the DPRK's "nuclear and missile development" and abduction issue every time he discussed bilateral relations with these countries and heinously maneuvered to drag them into cooperation for pressure against the DPRK.

Abe cried out that the DPRK launched a ballistic missile that can hit Vilnius and Belgrade and it is a serious threat to the entire Europe and that they should make the DPRK change its policy through maximum pressure.

While touring the United Arab Emirates and Canada, Japanese Foreign Minister Kono also uttered that the DPRK is earning time to continue its nuclear and missile development and that they should not be misled by the DPRK's "smiling diplomacy" and he called for pressure against the DPRK, by means of, inter alia, severing diplomatic relations.

The Abe group is creating an atmosphere of pressure against the DPRK, taking issue with our self-defensive nuclear deterrence while driving the whole of Japan into an atmosphere of terror by fabricating a national crisis. Their purpose is to make Japan a country that can be able to wage a war by revising the present constitution through all means.

The fact that Abe doggedly preached about putting pressure on the DPRK during his latest tour of European countries clearly proves how desperate they are to realize their dangerous purpose.

It is really a childish and foolish way of thinking for a prime minister of a country to think that we would change our policy if they intensify pressure on us.

As for the abduction issue which Abe group is chanting like monk's chanting prayers, it is well known to the whole world that this issue has already been resolved by our sincerity and efforts.

Nevertheless, continuing to take up the abduction issue here and there is merely a deceptive farce aimed at achieving a long-term power. The Abe group will surely have to be responsible for its consequence.

Japan abducted millions of Korean people by force and inflicted mental and physical suffering upon them. It should keep in mind that our punishment will become harsher as it adds more sins to those crimes against humanity without settling them.

The Abe group had better have a proper eye on the elevated strategic position of our Republic and revise its policy towards the DPRK, instead of keeping to the foolish act of spitting against heaven which will fall in his face.