

## Our Message to U.S. is Clear: Ri Son Gwon, Minister of Foreign Affairs of DPRK

Pyongyang, June 12 (KCNA) -- Ri Son Gwon, Minister of Foreign Affairs of DPRK, made public the following press statement on Friday which reads:

Two annual rings were run since the historic June 12 summit talks between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the United States of America.

We need to see what the world has witnessed and what lesson the history learned from the DPRK-U.S. relations during this not-a-short period that spans 732 days.

What stands out is that the hope for improved DPRK-U.S. relations which was high in the air under the global spotlight two years ago - has now been shifted into despair characterized by spiraling deterioration and that even a slim ray of optimism for peace and prosperity on the Korean peninsula has faded away into a dark nightmare.

The desire of the peoples of two countries to put a period to the world's most antagonistic relations between the DPRK and the U.S. and to open a new cooperative era of peace and prosperity runs deep as ever. Yet the situation on the Korean peninsula is daily taking a turn for the worse.

This is substantiated by the DPRK-U.S. relations during the past two years.

A total shutdown of the northern nuclear test site, repatriation of scores of American POW/MIA remains, special pardon for the convicted felons of U.S. nationality who were held in detention – all these measures taken by our Supreme Leadership are indisputably significant ones of epochmaking resolve.

Especially, we made a strategic determination whereby we took an initiative for suspending nuclear test and test launch of ICBMs in order to build confidence between the DPRK and the U.S.

Such being the case, we should now turn to examining what has been done for the last two years by the United States, a party to the agreement, who has very often expressed gratitude for our measures of high determination.

"No testing, getting remains."

"Hostages returned."

These are what the master of the White House representing the United States of America reeled off time and time again as a boast.

The U.S. professes to be an advocate for improved relations with the DPRK, but in fact, it is hell-bent on only exacerbating the situation. As a result, the Korean peninsula has now turned into the world's most dangerous hotspot haunted uninterruptedly by the ghost of nuclear war, streaming completely against a durable and lasting peace which has been committed to by both sides.

The DPRK is still on the U.S. list of targets for preemptive nuclear strike, and all kinds of nuclear strike tools held by the U.S. are aimed directly at the DPRK. This is the stark reality of the present day.

Typical evidences are nuclear strategic bombers, which fly any time into the south Korean airspace for nuclear strike drills, and aircraft carrier strike groups which bustle around the seas surrounding south Korea.

The U.S. is introducing a large number of modern, cutting-edge hardware like stealth fighters and reconnaissance drones worth tens of billions of U.S. dollars in order to transform the south Korean army into the one with offensive posture, and the south Korean authorities are burdened with payment of an astronomical amount of money.

The U.S. administration, through the two years of totally unjust and anachronistic practices, laid bare openly that its much-claimed "improvement of relations" between the DPRK and U.S. means nothing but a regime change, "security guarantee" an all-out preemptive nuclear strike and "confidence building" an invariable pursuit of isolation and suffocation of the DPRK. All the above facts clearly prove once again that, unless the 70-plusyear deep-rooted hostile policy of the U.S. towards the DPRK is fundamentally terminated, the U.S. will as ever remain to be a long-term threat to our state, our system and our people.

Now, a question arises at this point in time.

The question is whether there will be a need to keep holding hands shaken in Singapore, as we see that there is nothing of factual improvement to be made in the DPRK-U.S. relations simply by maintaining personal relations between our Supreme Leadership and the U.S. President.

In retrospect, all the practices of the present U.S. administration so far are nothing but accumulating its political achievements.

Never again will we provide the U.S. chief executive with another package to be used for achievements without receiving any returns.

Nothing is more hypocritical than an empty promise.

Our Supreme Leadership, in the historic Fourth Enlarged Meeting of the Seventh Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, discussed the national strategy for nuclear development in conformity with the prevailing internal and external situation and solemnly declared on further bolstering the national nuclear war deterrent to cope with the U.S. unabated threats of nuclear war.

Whenever Pompeo and other U.S. statesmen open their mouths, they make nonsensical remarks that the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula is still a secure goal of the United States.

The secure strategic goal of the DPRK is to build up more reliable force to cope with the long-term military threats from the U.S.

This is our reply message to the U.S. on the occasion of second anniversary of June 12. -0-

## Answer of Spokesperson for Ministry of Foreign Affairs of DPRK

Pyongyang, June 11 (KCNA) -- A spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea gave the following answer to a question put by KCNA on June 11 in respect of the nonsensical expression of "regret" by the Secretary-General of the United Nations over the latest development of inter-Korean relations.

On June 10, the UN Secretary-General, borrowing the mouth of his spokesperson, made nonsensical expression of "regret", claiming that communication channels are necessary to avoid misunderstandings and miscalculations, while taking an issue of our measures for completely cutting off inter-Korean communication channels.

We cannot but express our astonishment over such reckless remarks devoid of the common sense of judgment, let alone the basic knowledge of inter-Korean relations - coming out from the center of the United Nations.

I would not know whether it is an expression of his ignorance, but Guterres, as the UN Secretary-General, must have expressed his viewpoint, cognizant at least of the fact that the situation unfolding between the north and the south of Korea has not been triggered because of the absence of communication lines or contact channels.

It is only the UN Secretary-General himself who would know whether he is pretending to blind himself to the articles of inter-Korean agreement on ceasing all hostilities against the other party or pretending to be knowingly drunken. Anyway, his latest remark of "regret" cannot be overlooked.

It is the shabby and double-dealing behavior of the UN Secretary-General that he does not say a word when the sovereignty of the DPRK, a full-fledged member of the UN, is severely infringed, yet he never misses opportunity to raise his subservient expression of "regret" whenever the U.S. and its vassal forces are picking on our self-defensive measures.

No matter how eager he is to speak and clap his hands to side with the U.S. and its vassal forces, he will have to bear at least a slice of his duty as the UN Secretary-General.

Such an expression of inappropriate and biased views by the UN Secretary-General adds not only to the international acknowledgment that UN is being reduced into a political tool and a servant of certain privileged forces, but also to the mistrust of international society in the sacred UN organization and especially, the Secretary-General himself.

The sacred UN is not a mouthpiece of certain privileged forces, let alone an arena where the high-handedness and arbitrariness of such forces are permitted to be rampant.

If the Secretary-General truly desires peace and stability of the Korean peninsula, he shouldn't reel off such nonsense as "regrets", but harshly reprimand south Korea, even at this belated time, that threw away the North-South Agreement like worn-out shoes and connived at the evil deeds of the human scums.

We never pardon anyone who dares to point finger at our most precious and sacred Supreme Leadership.

We advise the UN Secretary-General to approach all members of the UN on an equal footing, true to the principles of the UN activities, their lifeline being impartiality and objectivity, and properly discharge his responsibility and perform his role in a way that the UN forum would not be dirtied by injustice and falsity. -0