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## **American "Aid" and "Investment" are Only the Bait for Interference in Internal Affairs**

At the recent G7 Summit, the U.S. president Biden said that the U.S. would invest US\$ 200 billion in the next five years to help build the infrastructure of developing countries including African countries.

This shows that the U.S. is offering "aid" and "investment" again as the bait to interfere in the internal affairs of these countries with little effort by taking advantage of the current serious economic crisis in Africa.

It is a well-known fact that the U.S. historically abused its "aid" and "investment" as a means of political domination and interference in the internal affairs of developing countries including African countries.

This has been substantiated by cut-off of its aid to the power generation sector of Tanzania in March 2016 over an alleged "opacity" of local election in this country and suspension of the agreed program to invest in communication field of Ethiopia in May 2021 over its "human rights issue".

When he announced the investment program this time, he stressed again that these countries would get tangible benefits only when they work together with a "democratic state".

This, in a word, means that only the country standing on side of the U.S. can receive an "investment".

Even the Western experts criticize the U.S. for pursuing its sinister political purposes by offering the carrots of "aid" and "investment" in order to increase the U.S. influence and achieve its foreign policy on the relevant country and region.

The change of century and generation took place. But what does not change is the sinister intention of the U.S. which uses “aid” and “investment” as the bait to put other countries under a yoke. If anything changed, it is the U.S. trick that has become craftier.

Such American deceptive method does not work anywhere today.

Now, state leaders and political figures from many countries in the region unanimously emphasize that, instead of harboring any false hope on the U.S. “aid” and “investment”, they should resolve the African issues in their own way and that, to this end, they should give precedence to the efforts for building up their own strength.

Following the operation of the African Continental Free Trade Area, notable successes have been achieved in the work for independent development of the continent, including active socio-economic contacts and cooperation between countries through sub-regional organizations.

We will actively support and encourage African countries in their efforts to achieve independent development and prosperity with the united strength of the continent.

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## **Brazen Chanting of “Threat”**

Chiefs of intelligence services of the U.S. and the U.K. recently held a joint press conference. They said that the Chinese government is stealing achievements of sci-tech researches of the West through commercial espionage and that China poses “the biggest and long-term threat” to the economy and national security of the U.S., the U.K. and their allies by interfering in the U.S. primaries.

In this regard, a spokesperson for the Chinese foreign ministry criticized politicians of the U.S. and the U.K., who share inveterate cold war mentality and ideological prejudice, for exaggerating the theory of “threat

from China” and instigating confrontation, and also demanded that they should be objective and reasonable towards China’s development and that they stop spreading groundless rumors with such remarks devoid of responsibility.

The Chinese media also denounced as follows: Being in need of an enemy, the West labels China as a “threat”, no matter what it does, be it a launch of communication satellite or support for other countries or travel of Chinese tourists to the Western countries. The ambition of the U.S. and the U.K. to maintain the anachronistic privilege designed after the period of colonial rule and the WWII is indeed a threat to global peace and stability.

When it comes to “threat”, intelligence services of the U.S. and the U.K. would be well-fitted for it as they are hardened criminals notorious for unhesitatingly conducting wiretapping, stealing, infiltration and overthrow on a world-wide scale all the time.

The international society, with the aid of data disclosed by Snowden, the former NSA (National Security Agency) agent of the U.S., woke up to the fact as to who is keeping foreign governments, enterprises and individuals under a mega-scale surveillance.

The recently released data shows that the U.S. intercepted an enormous amount of internet data and phone records from all over the world within 30-odd days alone.

The former national security adviser of the White House also confessed that the U.S. has planned coups in other countries.

The U.S. - the disturber of the global peace and security - is unfairly biased towards the rapid development of China and caught by extreme anxiety and irritation. Hence, it is infusing with the theory of “threat from China” and is proceeding with its strategy to contain China by rallying its allies.

The U.S. and Western countries are also actively disseminating the theory of “threat from China”. The ulterior purpose of such an act is to divert the public attention by creating anti-China atmosphere globally and hide their mean crimes and ultimately, to maintain its hegemonic position at all costs.

Before seeking to constrain development of other countries by chanting “threat” from others so as to seek its own hegemonic interests, the U.S. and West should first reflect, before the international society, on their past crimes which had brought about nothing but tremendous misery and disaster to mankind.

## **True Colors of Hypocrisy Can Never Be Covered Up**

At the recent 50<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, an urgent discussion was held about the human rights situation of Afghan women and girls.

At the meeting, some countries including China, Russia and Venezuela maintained that the U.S. and the Western countries are chiefly responsible for massacring many civilians and for reducing tens of thousands of people including women and girls into refugees.

Also many countries strongly demanded that the U.S. and the West immediately withdraw their unilateral coercive measures including the freezing of billions of dollar fund of the Afghan government, as they inflict damage to the territorial integrity and the economic development of this country.

However, the U.S. and the Western countries including the U.K. said that there can be no political solution unless the rights of Afghan women and girls are respected. And they forced the Afghan government to fulfill its duty stipulated in the international human rights law, shifting their responsibility to it.

Indeed, this can't but be an impudent act.

Even today, the international society vividly remembers the massacre of the civilians committed by the U.S. and the West behind the signboard of “counter-terrorism” after its invasion of Afghanistan.

Due to the barbaric bombing raids of the U.S., 200-odd women and children were killed in a village near Jalalabad in October 2001, and 93

children and 140-odd villagers lost their lives in villages near Bala Boluk, Farah in 2009.

A great number of innocent peaceful residents fell victim to the reckless military operations by the U.S. and the West; in July 2002, over 40 residents including the bride, bridegroom and 25 members of their family were bombed to death in a wedding hall in Urozgan.

Owing to the 20-year-long invasion of the U.S. and the West launched behind the screen of "counter-terrorism", as many as 241,000 people including thousands of women and children lost their lives, more than 11 million people have become refugees, and 32 million people are suffering from abject poverty in this country.

Article 7 of the "Rome Statute" of the International Criminal Court stipulated that "'crime against humanity' means the acts when committed as part of a widespread or systematic attack directed against any civilian population". Article 4 of the "Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide" stipulated that "persons committing genocide shall be punished, whether they are constitutionally responsible rulers, public officials or private individuals".

However, far from seriously reflecting on and atoning for the gravest crime against humanity, the U.S. rather imposed sanctions on the International Criminal Court which adopted a resolution to conduct a full investigation into the criminal acts committed by the U.S. troops in Afghanistan. This has evoked indignation and denunciation from many countries and people.

All the above facts vividly show that the U.S. and the West are entirely responsible for genocide, destruction and the present socio-economic instability in Afghanistan.

Today the U.S. and the West-the self-proclaimed "advanced states of human rights"-are making a fuss about "safeguarding human rights", "democracy" and "observance of international law" in the international arena. But their hypocritical colors as the criminal states against humanity can never be covered up.

The international society should wake up to the deceptive maneuvers of the U.S. and the West, and resolutely carry out the struggle to bring those responsible for crimes against humanity to the court of justice.

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## **Whom Does This Expansion of Military Blocs Aim at?**

Recently, a consultative meeting on national security was held in Khabarovsk, Russia.

At the meeting, the Secretary of Security Council of the Russian Federation blamed the NATO for making continuous provocation in the areas near the western border of Russia. At the same time, he criticized "AUKUS" for aggravating the regional situation in the eastern region.

Given that the U.S. and its following forces are tightening the encirclement ring around Russia from all sides, the Far Eastern region should not slacken vigilance and make itself prepared for the U.S. military moves, he emphasized.

This should be said as a correct judgment and a right decision on the ever-worsening military moves of the U.S. against Russia.

The U.S. is now trying to spread a global military encirclement net by expanding and linking together the U.S.-led military blocs such as "AUKUS", "Quad" and "Five Eyes".

This has been substantiated by the fact that the U.S. recently summoned the authorities of Japan and south Korea to the NATO summit for the first time in history and urged them to form "security partnership" with NATO.

Whom the U.S. military move aims at is not a subject for question or debate.

The military scheme of the U.S. is to expand the operational range of NATO, the tool for realizing its hegemonic strategy and the headquarters of local invasion, into the Asia-Pacific region as well as North Atlantic to contain the anti-imperialist countries and big powers in the region, thus maintaining the hegemonic position at all costs.

The U.S. is causing a constant threat to security environment of Russia with its dangerous military confrontation. In response to this, Russia is taking a series of practical measures to firmly safeguard the country's security.

To name a typical example, Russia conducted in early June this year a large-scale maritime military exercise in the waters off the Pacific with the participation of 40-odd warships including the frigate "Marshal Shaposhnikov", 20 fighter planes and helicopters. It also plans to newly commission 3 submarines to the Pacific Fleet by the end of this year.

The U.S. act of threatening sovereign states by forming "Asian version of NATO" will only whip up a strong rebuff and countermeasures from the countries in the region that are trying to safeguard the security and peace of the region.

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## **United States - Breeding Ground for Human Trafficking**

Over 20 years have passed since human beings entered the 21<sup>st</sup> century. But there still remains a country where human trafficking, remnants of slavery society, are rampant as regular commercial activities.

It is none other than the U.S.

On June 27, the most terrible incident happened in the suburbs of San Antonio, Texas, in which 50-odd immigrants were found dead from suffocation in a container car.

According to the results of investigations, there were over 60 immigrants in the container car, who were all from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and beyond. They lost their lives from heatstroke and dehydration because the air conditioner of the car was not in operation.

An official of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection admitted that this was the most terrible case of human trafficking. The U.S. media including the ABC News also deplored that many people are being killed by human trafficking committed even in broad daylight, saying that this was the worst case of human trafficking in the U.S. history.

Human trafficking is an incurable disease that has been in place for hundreds of years ever since the founding of the U.S.

According to the data, from 1525 to 1866, 12.5 million Africans were brought to the U.S. and were forced into slavery.

From 2014 to date alone, about 2,980 migrants, who were lured by human traffickers, lost their lives in the U.S.-Mexico border area while they were heading for the U.S. dreaming of "wealth and prosperity".

That the U.S., which still follows its nasty human trafficking history, issues the "Trafficking in Persons Report" every year and assesses the "human trafficking situation" of other countries at its will is absolute nonsense and an insult to the human rights.

Referring to such situation, a professor of the People's University of China jeered at the U.S., depicting it as a patient who forces his medicine down the throat of other person and even writes a prescription to him. It will only worsen his disease, he noted.

The U.S. should place itself on the operating table first rather than hiding its ills by making a fuss about other's "ills".