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Press Statement of DPRK FM

Pyongyang, November 17 (KCNA) -- Choe Son Hui, minister of Foreign Affairs of the DPRK, made the following press statement on Thursday:

I clarify a serious warning stand toward the fact that the U.S., Japan and south Korea held a three-party summit a few days ago and talked about "bolstered offer of extended deterrence" and "strong and resolute counteraction", describing the DPRK's legitimate and just military counteractions, incited by their war drills for aggression, as "provocation".

The recent tripartite talks will finally result in bringing the situation on the Korean peninsula to an unpredictable phase.

It is necessary to remind that the U.S. and its followers staged large-scale war drills for aggression one after another, but they failed to contain the DPRK's overwhelming counteraction and, on the contrary, it resulted in increasing their security crisis.

The U.S. "bolstered offer of extended deterrence" and the daily-increasing military activities of the allied forces around the Korean peninsula are foolish acts that will bring more serious instability to the U.S. and its allies.

The keener the U.S. is on the "bolstered offer of extended deterrence" to its allies and the more they intensify provocative and bluffing military activities on the Korean peninsula and in the region, the fiercer the DPRK's military counteraction will be, in direct proportion to it, and it will pose a more serious, realistic and inevitable threat to the U.S. and its vassal forces.

The U.S. will be well aware that it is gambling for which it will certainly regret. -
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Answers Given by Director General for Int'l Organizations of DPRK Foreign Ministry to KCNA Questions

Pyongyang, November 18 (KCNA) -- Jo Chol Su, director general of the Department of International Organizations of the DPRK Foreign Ministry, gave the following answers to questions put by KCNA Friday upon the railroading of an anti-DPRK "human rights resolution" at a session of the 3rd Committee of the 77th UN General Assembly on Thursday:

Question: It is said that an anti-DPRK "human rights resolution" tabled by the U.S. and its vassal forces was railroaded at the session of the 3rd Committee of the 77th UN General Assembly on November 17. What do you say about it?

Answer: The DPRK does not recognize but totally rejects the "human rights resolution" as it is a product of the unwarranted hostile policy against the DPRK by the U.S. and its vassal forces.

In our country there is no "human rights" issue touted by the U.S. and its vassal forces nor can it exist in it where the people's independent rights are institutionally guaranteed and people actually enjoy them.

The coercive passage of the "human rights resolution" masterminded by the hostile forces does not reflect the universal viewpoint and stand of the international community on the human rights performance in the DPRK.

Not a few countries including China, Russia and Cuba voiced clear opposition to the anti-DPRK "human rights resolution" unilaterally raised by the U.S., EU, Japan and other Western countries.

This proves that the "human rights resolution" has nothing to do with substantial guarantee and improvement of human rights and that it is just a means for realizing the sordid political attempt of the U.S. and other Western countries.

Question: What is the purpose of the U.S. touting "human rights issue" of other countries in the international arena?

Answer: The purpose is clear. It is to pressurize the independent, sovereign countries standing against the U.S. high-handed and arbitrary practices, interfere in their internal affairs and topple their political system.

It is a trite method used by the U.S. to dub independent and righteous countries "devils", tarnish their images and create lever for putting international pressure on them.

Finding that its sanctions and military threat do not work on the DPRK, the U.S. has become foolish as to mobilize its vassal forces into anti-DPRK "human rights offensive".

After the puppet Yoon Suk Yeol traitorous group hell-bent on confrontation with the fellow countrymen came to power, south Korea has come out as a "human rights" shock brigade for the U.S. This clearly shows that the "human rights

resolution" is a brainchild of the hostile forces in their sordid attempt to bring down the ideology and social system in the DPRK in an underhanded manner.

Question: Isn't it another purpose of the U.S. and other Western countries to divert the focus of international community away from the poor human rights performance in their own countries when they raised the "human rights issue" in other countries?

Answer: Exactly.

Those countries and forces that spearheaded the recent anti-DPRK "human rights resolution" are all the worst human rights abuser and tundra of human rights that left indelible blot in the world history of human rights.

It is exactly the U.S. where all sorts of social evils and institutional human rights abuses stalk, including deep-seated racism, incurable gun-related crimes, medieval human trafficking and police violence.

Even according to recent reports, a daily average of 122 people fall victim to gun-related crimes in the U.S. out of which the toll of African Americans holds 12 times that of the white.

The world's top "suicide kingdom", a human hell infested with all sorts of human rights abuses and immoral acts, is none other than south Korea where democratic forces are clamped down under the "Security Law", an evil law against human rights, civilians are put to illegal investigation and custody and citizens of the DPRK become targets of group abduction.

Europe is endemic with all kinds of social evils like human trafficking, slave labor, cruel treatment of immigrants, rejection of refugees and drug abuse. Japan has the record figure in crimes against children and women, xenophobia and suicide.

Such worst human rights abuser countries are touting about "human rights issue" in other countries as if they are "human rights judges". This is a mockery and insult to human rights.

Question: What do you think is a prerequisite to guaranteeing human rights?

Answer: It is a very worrisome development that recently human rights has become a political tool and weapon serving the small group and forces including the U.S. and other Western countries in the international community and are abused for interfering and pressurizing other countries.

The international community must be vigilant against the abuses of the sacred human rights for political attempt by some countries and take note of such negative phenomenon.

There are lots of countries and nations and each of them has differing history, custom and economy with different levels of social and cultural development, which denies a unique human rights standard that fit for all.

Genuine human rights standard is not set by the "human rights missionaries" of the West, and the best standard is the one that prioritizes interests, desire and wishes of broad range of popular masses.

In the DPRK where the people-first politics are embodied in the overall state activities and social life, people's rights and interests are made a top priority to help them enjoy genuine rights truly meeting their ideal and wishes.

It is the most important prerequisite to guaranteeing genuine human rights to rise up against the high-handed and arbitrary practices and double-dealing acts of the U.S. and its vassal forces keen on applying sanctions, pressure, military threats and aggression against independent countries in order to maintain their hegemony.

Question: What is the stand of the DPRK government to the hostile forces' "human rights" racket against it?

Answer: The U.S. and its vassal forces are gravely mistaken if they think their "human rights" racket would browbeat us.

Human rights precisely mean state sovereignty.

The reality of war-torn countries that suffered from the U.S. aggression clearly shows that human rights can not be protected when state sovereignty is violated.

If there is any threat to the human rights in our country, that comes from the U.S. and its vassal forces.

The DPRK will do its utmost to protect the state sovereignty and interests from the hostile acts of the U.S. and its vassal forces and promote the popular masses' genuine human rights, and will take thorough-going and strong counteraction to the hostile forces' anti-DPRK "human rights" smear campaign. -0-

