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Deployment of U.S. Nuclear Strategic Assets Is Root Cause of Ever-escalating Tensions on Korean Peninsula: Int'l Affairs Analyst of DPRK

Pyongyang, December 2 (KCNA) -- Kang Jin Song, an international affairs analyst of the DPRK, released the following article "Deployment of U.S. strategic nuclear assets is malignant cause of vicious cycle of escalating tensions on Korean peninsula" on Saturday:

The nuclear war exercises racket of the U.S. and its followers gravely threatening the security of the sacred DPRK and all the Korean people pushes the situation on the Korean peninsula and its vicinity to the brink of explosion.

The U.S. brought its nuclear carrier Carl Vinson and nuclear-powered submarine Santa Fe to its Pusan operation base and Jeju naval base in the region of south Korean puppets one after another on November 21 and 22. It launched tripartite maritime exercises with Japan and the south Korean puppet forces in open waters near Jeju Island on November 26.

During the exercises involving the nuclear carrier Carl Vinson, Aegis destroyers and combat forces of the U.S. navy, the Japanese Maritime "Self-Defense Force" and the south Korean puppet navy, the enemies stirred up extreme fever for a nuclear war against the DPRK, staging anti-air drill and maritime mobile drill in the situation simulating "north Korea's missile and aircraft provocations".

The enemies seek to cover up their aggressive nature at any cost, insisting that the exercises, which pushed the acute military confrontation on the Korean peninsula region, the world's worst flashpoint, to the brink of a dangerous nuclear conflict, were aimed to cope with the "situation where north Korea's nuclear and missile threat is escalating".

But the ground, maritime, air and underwater traces, left by the U.S. strategic nuclear assets deployed for a black-hearted purpose, and the joint military exercises staged against the DPRK all the year round, led by the U.S. imperialist aggressor forces, indicate who is behind the ever-escalating tensions on the Korean peninsula.

This year alone, the U.S. deployed its strategic nuclear submarine near the Korean peninsula for the first time in 40-odd years and orchestrated the first ever landing of its nuclear strategic bomber on the region of south Korean puppets, continuing to renew the records of deployment of its nuclear war assets including nuclear carrier on the Korean peninsula.

According to data available, the U.S. deployed the strategic nuclear submarine Kentucky equipped with 80 nuclear warheads and nuclear-powered submarines Springfield, Michigan, Annapolis and Santa Fe one after another in the Korean peninsula region this year. It also deployed there such nuclear strategic bombers as B-1Bs and B-52Hs 22 times.

The U.S. nuclear carrier strike groups led by Nimitz, Ronald Reagan, etc., which carry the forces huge enough to carry out a full-scale war, made their appearances in the waters off the Korean peninsula three times.

The number of large-scale joint military drills, including Freedom Shield joint military exercises, Ssangyong joint landing drill and "combined joint fire annihilation drill", staged by the U.S. in and around the Korean peninsula with Japan and the south Korean puppet forces in a bilateral and multilateral way as of now since the outset of this year, runs to over 60.

At present, U.S. nuclear strategic assets are deployed once every ten days and one warring side's nuclear war drills precisely targeting the other side are staged once every five days in the area of the Korean peninsula. There is no such place on this planet.

The U.S. deployment of nuclear strategic assets and the anti-DPRK nuclear war drills led by the U.S. imperialist aggressor forces are escalating to the degree giving such mistaken impression that the base and homeport of U.S. nuclear strategic assets were shifted from Anderson Air Force Base on Guam and Yokosuka Port of Japan to the area of the Korean peninsula. This is damning evidence proving that the U.S. is the arch culprit of ever-escalating tensions on the peninsula.

Nevertheless, the U.S. has misled public opinion, always disguising itself as "victim" of escalating tension on the Korean peninsula. Not content with this, it deliberately linked the recent U.S.-Japan-puppet south Korea joint naval exercises with the DPRK's reconnaissance satellite launch, while crying out for someone's "provocation" and "threat" like a guilty party filing the suit first. This is the height of impudence never to be understood by anyone.

If a belligerent side brings huge nuclear war assets near the boundary with the other side in the world's biggest hotspot, and if the former is the undoubted worst-ever war state, it is an inevitable option and a very natural exercise of the right to self-defence for the latter to opt for the possession of reconnaissance capability to monitor and grasp the nature of the actions of the hostile forces.

The DPRK accelerates its drive for possessing reconnaissance satellites, instead of communication satellite, meteorological satellite or prospector satellite, after setting it as the major target, while exercising its right to space exploration, universal right of a sovereign state recognized by international law. This is directly related to the moves of the U.S. destroying stability of the Korean Peninsula and its vicinity.

If satellite launch, an internal affair of a sovereign state, should be questioned, the U.S., the world's biggest satellite possessor, will have to stand in the dock of the UNSC for frantically monitoring other countries with its countless spy satellites and intelligence assets above the Korean peninsula and its vicinity.

That's why the fair international community, including those countries around the Korean peninsula, is becoming increasingly vocal unanimously urging the U.S. to withdraw its pressure policy such as joint military exercises and deployment of nuclear strategic assets as regards the present military and political situation in the region where vicious cycle is repeated.

The U.S. should reflect on its sinister behavior shown in front of other's gate before impudently interfering in the exercise of the legitimate right to self-defence of a sovereign state and think seriously about the consequences to be entailed by it.

The biggest hotspot in the world is not an abstract expression. The Korean peninsula and its vicinity are the biggest danger zone in the world where the

military conditions for the first ever outbreak of a thermonuclear war are fully mature in actuality.

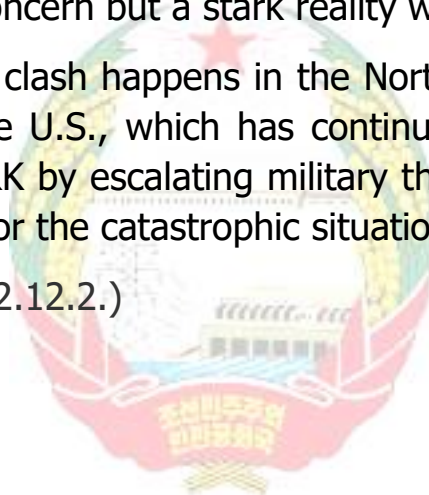
Under the present international military situation, in which armed conflicts and bloodshed break out frequently in the hotspots across the world in recent years, due to the ever-escalating U.S. hegemonic military policy, there is no guarantee that the Korean peninsula will not become the next war theatre.

Given that hostility among the forces around the Korean peninsula is worsening, the U.S. frantically deploys its nuclear strategic assets there, betraying morbid repugnancy toward the inviolable exercise of the right to self-defence of the DPRK. This is very dangerous as such moves may result in breaking the last psychological pillar of the responsible nuclear weapons state seeking to deter the outbreak of a war and restore stability in the region.

This is not imaginary concern but a stark reality which no one can deny.

In case an unexpected clash happens in the Northeast Asian region around the Korean peninsula, the U.S., which has continuously put pressure on the security space of the DPRK by escalating military threat and blackmail, will be held wholly accountable for the catastrophic situation. -0-

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Spokesperson for Foreign Ministry of DPRK Releases Press Statement

Pyongyang, December 2 (KCNA) -- A spokesperson for the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK on Saturday released the following press statement titled "It is the sovereign right of the DPRK to firmly defend the state's sovereignty, security and interests from hostile forces' encroachment":

As already clarified, the DPRK's satellite launch is an essential process in building up the country's defence capability and an important step conducive to improving the security environment on the Korean peninsula as an occasion

of bringing a new phase in the military activities of the armed forces of the DPRK to firmly defend its security.

Nevertheless, the U.S. has perpetrated acts of encroaching upon sovereignty and hostile acts of taking sanctions against the DPRK by rallying its followers such as Japan, the Republic of Korea and Australia, while unreasonably pulling up the DPRK over its exercise of just and legitimate sovereignty.

Explicitly speaking, the object of sanctions is not the DPRK which has exercised its deserved sovereign right but the U.S. and its servants keen to deprive sovereign states of their legitimate rights, wantonly violating regulations of the international law including the UN Charter.

The unilateral and illegal sanctions of the U.S. seriously violating the UN Charter with sovereign equality, non-interference in internal affairs and respect for the right to self-determination as its core and other principles of international law are the main factors undermining the international order based on equity and multilateralism.

The illegal sanctions racket of the U.S. and its followers is nothing but a "sedative" to calm down the growing uneasiness and impatience over the ever-declining U.S.-led hegemonic order, and can not have any effective effect on the DPRK's exercise of sovereign right at present and in the future.

In the present world where the U.S. is precisely being regarded as injustice and evil, the accusations and sanctions of the U.S. only show a proof of the justness of the line chosen by the DPRK and an expression of the strong force of our state.

The U.S. should respect the sovereign decision of the DPRK to freely exercise the right to space development any UN member nations can enjoy, neither interfere in nor obstruct it, and only doing so is a correct choice capable of removing even a part of the present external crisis facing the U.S.

In order to defend the sovereignty and interests of the state from the hostile forces' illegal encroachment on the sovereignty of our state, ensure peace and security and protect the right and interests of its citizens, the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK declares that it will apply countermeasures to individuals, institutions and organizations of the U.S. and its vassal forces involved in the drawing and execution of the sanction policy toward the DPRK,

according to the Law of the DPRK on Countermeasures in coordination with its relevant institutions.

No matter what others may say, the DPRK will proudly and perfectly exercise its sovereign right including satellite launch and make every possible effort to defend the sovereignty, security and interests of the state and ensure peace and security of the Korean Peninsula and the region from all threats and obstructions from outside. -0-

Press Statement by Spokesman for DPRK Ministry of National Defence

Pyongyang, December 2 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK released the following press statement "Any attack on space asset of the DPRK will be deemed declaration of war against it" on Saturday:

The brigandish nature of the U.S., which regards it as its main lever for realizing its hegemonic wild ambition to commit outrageous and unlawful military intervention against sovereign countries, has been brought to light more clearly, occasioned by the DPRK's reconnaissance satellite launch.

An official concerned of the U.S. Space Command recently spouted rubbish hinting at a military attack on the DPRK's reconnaissance satellite, saying that the U.S. can decrease the enemy country's outer space operation capabilities by employing diverse "reversible and irreversible methods".

American military affairs experts comment that the U.S. Space Force can physically destroy not only opponent's satellite and satellite earth station but also get rid of enemy state's space force through jamming and virus-using cyber attack.

The U.S. Space Force's deplorable hostility toward the DPRK's reconnaissance satellite can never be overlooked as it is just a challenge to the sovereignty of the DPRK, and more exactly, a declaration war against it.

Article 8 of the "Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies", the main international outer space treaty, stipulates that any object launched into outer space definitely falls under the jurisdiction of the launcher state and the ownership of it never changes no matter it remains in outer space or returned to the earth.

This means that the reconnaissance satellite "Malligyong-1" is a part of the territory of the DPRK where its sovereignty is exercised.

Furthermore, reconnaissance satellite is not regarded as a space weapon by international law for its technical features aimed at observation.

If the reconnaissance satellite of the DPRK is regarded by the U.S. as a "military threat" that must be gotten rid of, countless spy satellites of the U.S. flying above the Korean peninsula region every day, exclusively tasked with monitoring the major strategic spots of the DPRK, should be deemed the primary targets to be destroyed by the armed forces of the DPRK.

By openly unveiling its aggression scheme to mount a military attack on a space asset of other sovereign country, a part of its properties and territory, the U.S. has proved itself its true colors as the chief culprit of evils seeking to realize its wild ambition for dominating the world by turning outer space, common wealth of humankind, into a theater of war.

It is the mission of the armed forces of the DPRK, specified by its constitution and other laws, to exercise their war deterrent to protect the state sovereignty and territorial integrity in case a lethal military attack is carried out against the country's strategic assets or it is judged that such attack is imminent.

In case the U.S. tries to violate the legitimate territory of a sovereign state by weaponizing the latest technologies illegally and unjustly, the DPRK will consider taking responsive action measures for self-defence to undermine or destroy the viability of the U.S. spy satellites by exercising its legitimate rights vested by international and domestic laws. -0-

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DPRK Military Commentator's Article

Pyongyang, December 3 (KCNA) -- The full text of "The 'Republic of Korea' can never evade the blame for having scrapped the North-South Military Agreement", an article issued by a military commentator of the DPRK on Dec. 2, is as follows:

The Korean peninsula is now under uncontrollable and alarming situation.

On Nov. 22, the political and military gangsters of the "Republic of Korea" abruptly announced suspension of some provisions of the September 19 North-South Military Agreement, groundlessly pulling up the DPRK over its launch of a reconnaissance satellite, the legitimate and just right of a sovereign state. And since the afternoon of the day, they all went into the military confrontation racket, reminiscent of the eve of a war, in the area along the Military Demarcation Line.

The introduction of manned and unmanned aerial reconnaissance assets, the elevation of firepower alert posture in the frontline area of the puppet army and the "general drill for defending the northwestern islands" on Paekryong Island, hotspot waters in the West Sea, etc. were conducted in a frantic manner.

Military units equipped with PAC-2 and PAC-3, interceptor missiles deployed on land, and Chongung-2, ground-to-air guided missiles, were also put on combat standby.

All units of the three wings of puppet armed forces have been ordered to wear combat uniform and the defense minister, the army chief of staff and other bosses of the puppet military are busy inspecting the missile strategic command and the Pusan naval operation base to review the combat posture.

The puppet marine corps in Phohang of North Kyongsang Province staged a large-scale actual war drills for landing on the targeted coast under the covering of bombardment of naval vessels, air force fighters and army attack helicopters.

Foreign media focus on the south Korea-U.S. combined naval drill with the U.S. nuclear carrier Carl Vinson and nuclear-powered submarine Santa Fe as a main force, which intruded into the naval bases in Pusan and Jeju Island,

timed to coincide with the unusual military moves in the area along the Military Demarcation Line and all other areas of puppet south Korea.

All these are being enforced in parallel with the unilateral declaration of the puppet group on the suspension of some provisions of the September 19 North-South Military Agreement.

The buffer zone along the Military Demarcation Line, which had been maintained for the past five years, is completely destroyed and the unpredictable danger of war is escalating.

Upon the serious situation, traitor Yoon Suk Yeol and his group are misleading the public opinion, claiming that the DPRK is responsible for it.

As the puppet group of traitors is going so impudent to shift the responsibility for the scraping of the North-South Military Agreement and the deterioration of the situation with illogical far-fetched assertions and sophism, I clearly reveal the truth behind the fact.

Who is chiefly responsible for "constant breach"?

Traitor Yoon Suk Yeol and his group are claiming that the suspension of some provisions of the September 19 North-South Military Agreement was an inevitable measure taken by them as the DPRK had no "will to abide by the agreement" and constantly repeated the "breach" of the agreement.

Who is the one that totally denied the agreement and consistently violated it, far from having the will to abide by it?

First, let us look back to the "will to abide by the agreement".

It is well known to the world that traitor Yoon Suk Yeol denied the existence of the agreement before he took power, terming it a "written abandonment of security" and a "political drama".

Later, he unhesitatingly revealed that he has no will to implement the North-South Military Agreement by declaring the DPRK and its army as the "principal enemy" and adopting the military confrontation as a "state policy", which were proved by the farce of preparations for the scraping of the agreement.

It is necessary to recall that in January this year traitor Yoon instructed the puppet State Security Office, "Ministry of Defense" and the Joint Chiefs of Staff to step up the suspension of the September 19 North-South Military Agreement and, accordingly, the puppet military even staged a drill for mastering the procedures for suspending the agreement from March.

Sin Won Sik, puppet minister of Defense who took office in October, repeatedly said on public occasions that the North-South Military Agreement was a wrong agreement and it should be scrapped without fail and that he would do his best to suspend the effect of the agreement at the earliest possible date.

It is by no means fortuitous that media in the region of south Korean puppets commented that Yoon Suk Yeol and the authorities have denied the existence of the agreement, far from implementing it.

Such facts clearly prove that the puppet group's scrapping of the agreement has been planned as part of its policy of confrontation with the DPRK and has been carried out in perfect order.

However, the puppet group is resorting to shameless farce as if the scrapping of the agreement is attributable to the DPRK, concealing everything it had committed.

The puppet group of traitors is the arch criminal who has constantly breached the agreement.

The agreement stipulates for the total stop to all hostile acts against the other side, the root cause of military tension and conflict in all spaces including the ground, sea and air.

Then, have the puppet military gangsters abided by it? They went quite contrary to it.

Since traitor Yoon took office, military drills have been staged at all levels for mastering the mode of surprise attack on the DPRK every day on the ground, at sea and in the air of the whole region of south Korean puppets.

The large-scale joint war drills targeting the DPRK, including Ulji Freedom Shield joint military exercises, Vigilant Storm combined air drills, Ssangyong joint landing drills and operation training of anti-special warfare unit, amount to more than 80 times which have been opened to public.

The number of anti-DPRK war drills staged by the puppet army alone is countless.

The puppet group organized and operated with its American master the "Nuclear Consultative Group", aimed at making a nuclear attack on the DPRK, in April this year, introduced the U.S. super-large strategic nuclear submarine carrying 80 nuclear warheads into the Pusan operation base in July for the first time in 42 years and landed B-52H, a U.S. strategic bomber with nuclear missiles, at the Chongju Air Force base for the first time ever, etc. It will take time to mention the constant deployment of various other nuclear attack strategic assets of the U.S.

Extreme military hostile acts in the area along the Military Demarcation Line are more beyond imagination.

In the period from January to October this year alone, the puppet group of traitors committed more than 3 200 loudspeaker broadcasting provocations in the forefront area, more than 1 100 warships of the puppet army invaded the territorial waters of the DPRK for 1 270-odd times and reconnaissance planes intruded into the territorial air of the DPRK side over 150 times.

In particular, the over 10 hour-long shelling provocation in the frontline area of the 5th Corps of our Army in the eastern front in October last year and the shelling at the Chori Firing Range in Jindong myon, Phaju City of Kyonggi Province in the western frontline area in March this year were typical violations of Clause 2 of Article 1 of the North-South Military Agreement on the stop of shelling drill in the area along the Military Demarcation Line.

Needless to say, the puppet group will persistently deny or justify these stark facts.

Explicitly speaking, the DPRK has ample evidence proving the facts that the enemies wantonly violated the agreement.

The Yoon Suk Yeol group of traitors has persistently violated the North-South Military Agreement in an all-round and comprehensive way on a step by step basis, obsessed with the hostile consciousness toward the DPRK and the hysteria for military confrontation. It is the height of profound confusing of right and wrong that they talk about "constant violation" of someone.

For whom was it needed to scrap military agreement

The Yoon Suk Yeol group of traitors cited the DPRK's legitimate and just launch of a reconnaissance satellite as a direct excuse for the suspension of some provisions in the North-South Military Agreement.

It is quite natural that people are doubtful about this.

This is because no article and phrase in the agreement stipulates any content that reconnaissance satellite should not be launched.

This is the reason why the DPRK brands the enemy's act of pulling up the DPRK over its reconnaissance satellite launch as a deliberate provocation to scrap the agreement and a far-fetched assertion that can not justify itself even a bit.

If the DPRK's satellite launch is a "violation" of the north-south military agreement, what are the satellites launched by the enemies so far?

What about the launch of a reconnaissance satellite, which was finally carried out with the backing of the U.S. master on Dec. 2 after delaying it from Nov. 30?

Even shameless ones can never call it "observance of agreement".

The puppet group's assertion which is no more than a self-contradiction is nothing but a revelation of its sinister intention to scrap the agreement at any cost.

The remarks made by an official of the puppet military on Nov. 14 offered counterevidence. He unhesitatingly blustered that if the north launches a reconnaissance satellite, it is their goal to extend the range of suspension by taking the north's "additional provocation" as an excuse with the start of the suspension of some provisions of the north-south military agreement and finally nullify the agreement.

Then, why is the Yoon Suk Yeol group of traitors going so frantic to scrap the September 19 North-South Military Agreement?

The group's intention is, above all, to remove obstacles to inciting the hostile feelings toward the DPRK and making military provocations against it in the area along the Military Demarcation Line.

It is needed to probe into the fact that the puppet military gangsters suspended the effect of the Clause 3 of Article 1 of the agreement, which bans the flight of drones and balloons together with fixed- and rotary-wing planes in the sky above the Military Demarcation Line.

The puppet group, which set up the "command for drone operation" to carry out the anti-north psychological warfare together with the tasks for monitoring, reconnaissance, attack and electronic warfare against major strategic targets of the DPRK on September 1, has since cried out for nullifying the north-south military agreement in order to resume the drone operation in the area along the Military Demarcation Line as early as possible.

Clear-cut is the intention of the puppet group of traitors to persistently fly balloons in the sky above the Military Demarcation Line.

It is quite obvious that the puppet military is going to conduct the anti-north psychological warfare in full swing through the direct operation of leaflet scattering machines, instead of maneuvering "civilian organizations" into anti-DPRK leaflet scattering campaign which has been done so far.

The intrusion of drones and leaflet scattering toward the area of the DPRK side attempted by the enemies are a grave military hostility equivalent to the provocation of a war.

Herein lies the gravity of the puppet group's recent hurried suspension of the military agreement.

It is another sinister intention of the Yoon Suk Yeol group of traitors to trigger off the DPRK's military counteraction by causing a shocking incident in the area along the Military Demarcation Line and seek a way out of the serious ruling crisis.

It is the inveterate bad habit of the successive conservative forces in the region of south Korean puppets to rally the conservative group through the fabrication of the "north wind" and brand the anti-government forces as the "anti-security forces" and thus maintain the ruling system whenever they are in the grip of political dilemma and ruling crisis.

Traitor Yoon Suk Yeol and his group are now faced with daily-growing massive protest and actions for the "resignation of regime", due to their extreme ignorance, irregularities and corruption and unpopular misrule.

The "impeachment of president" is hotly debated at the puppet parliament as Yoon's mother-in-law was put in prison for illegally acquired wealth and a special inspection system for probing into the past crimes of his wife is about to operate.

Yoon is now like a fish out of water as even Kyongsang Province, the "citadel of conservatism", and conservative media are turning their backs against his regime's arrogant and self-righteous behavior.

It is the unanimous public opinion inside the puppet regime that the ruling party will suffer a heavy defeat in the puppet National Assembly election to be held in April next year and traitor Yoon be ousted from the post of "president" under the present situation.

Therefore, the traitor and his group are resorting to foolish military gambling in a bid to divert the public sentiment against the government.

This is proved by the rumors that traitor Yoon can provoke military provocations at the "cease-fire line" to maintain his "power" and laments that he scrapped the north-south military agreement just like Lee Myung Bak and Park Geun Hye who spoiled the projects for tourism of Mt Kumgang and the Kaesong Industrial Zone in a bid to tide over the ruling crisis in the past.

Provokers should surely pay high price

Owing to the reckless and imprudent moves of the puppet group of traitors to nullify the north-south military agreement, the extreme military confrontation as serious as that before the adoption of the agreement has been created again on the Korean peninsula.

It is needless to say what consequences will be entailed by the complete disappearance of the minimum mechanism and the final line for preventing accidental military conflict in the area along the Military Demarcation Line where huge armed forces stand in highest density and sharp confrontation in the world.

The physical crash and war on the Korean peninsula have become a matter of time, not possibility.

The puppet group of traitors is ridiculously claiming that the suspension of the effect of the north-south military agreement would be a "bitter counteraction" to the DPRK and that they have nothing to lose.

This is nothing but a foolish deception to justify the crime of nullifying the agreement and cover up the catastrophic disaster to come.

If one has an elementary military common knowledge and insight, it is easy to judge which side will pay irretrievable fatal price due to the nullification of the north-south military agreement.

In fact, the agreement weighs against the military operations of the DPRK army.

However, the DPRK adopted the agreement out of a single mind to minimize the danger of armed conflict in the area along the Military Demarcation Line and promote peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and has displayed its utmost patience and self-restraint.

Since the puppet group of traitors challenged the DPRK's good faith and magnanimity with hideous provocation, the army of the DPRK has been able to conduct regular military activities at will, not hampered or bound by any agreement from now on.

The army of the DPRK makes itself clear once again that it has not regarded the puppet army as its worthy opponent from the very beginning.

If the political and military gangsters of the "Republic of Korea" dare to commit an outrageous military provocation in the eyes of the DPRK's army, it will show no tolerance and contain and punish with the immediate and powerful strength.

The future situation will go quite contrary to the enemy's expectations.

Inhabitants of the border area and five islands in the West Sea including Paekryong and Yonphyong islands have cried that "the authorities are now bringing a second Yonphyong Island crisis" and that they "can't live because of uneasiness". And various circles are strongly condemning the suspension of the north-south military agreement by the group of traitor Yoon Suk Yeol as self-wrong of pulling out the last security mechanism for peace and the "worst choice" increasing the war danger on the Korean peninsula. This is undeniable reality.

We make it clear to the puppet group of traitors, engrossed in bravado and blind bravery while talking about additional counteraction and strong punishment obsessed with extreme anti-DPRK confrontation hysteria and intemperate blind belief in and submission to "south Korea-U.S. alliance".

Any hostile act of the puppet group against the DPRK will lead to the miserable destruction of the puppet army and the total collapse of the "ROK".

The prevailing situation proves once again the validity of the choice of the DPRK which has pushed forward with the bolstering of nuclear war deterrence and modernization of armed forces under the leadership of the great Party, despite all sorts of trials and hardships, and underlines the need for the DPRK to invariably advance along this road in the future, too.

The provokers who completely nullified the north-south military agreement will have to surely pay a high price. -0-

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Reconnaissance Satellite Operation Office of NATA Pyongyang General Control Center Begins Its Mission

Pyongyang, December 3 (KCNA) -- The reconnaissance satellite operation office, organized at the Pyongyang General Control Centre of the National Aerospace Technology Administration (NATA), started to discharge its mission on December 2.

The reconnaissance satellite operation office of the NATA Pyongyang General Control Center will perform its mission as an independent military intelligence organization.

The information acquired through the discharge of the mission shall be reported to the relevant permanent executive department of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea and, on instructions, will be offered to major units regarded as war deterrence of the state and the General Reconnaissance Bureau of the Korean People's Army.

The DPRK Ministry of National Defense expressed expectation that the war deterrence of the DPRK would assume more perfect military posture. -0-
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