

Press Statement of Kim Yo Jong, Vice Department Director of C.C., WPK

Pyongyang, July 10 (KCNA) -- Kim Yo Jong, vice department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), issued the following press statement on Monday:

A spokesman for the Ministry of National Defence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) this morning sent a serious warning to the U.S. forces' worrying air espionage acts which have recently and seriously encroached upon the sovereignty, security and interests of the DPRK.

Great irony is that the south Korean puppet military group quickly denied the U.S. forces' serious infringement upon the sovereignty of the DPRK.

Now the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the "ROK" are styling themselves spokesmen for the U.S. Department of Defense or the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

The bad habit of quite often meddling in other's affairs and feeling itchy if they do not so seems to be inveterate characteristics of the clans of the "ROK" that both the politicians and military gangsters have.

How can they deny this hard fact without batting an eye?

The intrusion into the DPRK's 200-nautical mile economic water zone by the reconnaissance asset of the hostile country with a radius of detection of more than 240 nautical miles is clearly a grave encroachment upon the sovereignty and security of the DPRK.

The sky above the economic water zone as well as the DPRK's water zone along the military demarcation line is not a theatre for U.S. military exercises where its reconnaissance assets can enter at will. The puppet military should refrain from making far-fetched assertions and shut up.

From around 5 a.m. today a strategic reconnaissance plane of the U.S. Air Force again conducted aerial reconnaissance of the eastern part of the DPRK while intruding into the sky above the economic water zone beyond the military demarcation line in sea waters of the DPRK side in the sky over the waters more than 270 km east of Uljin ~ 430 km east of Thongchon.

The reconnaissance plane of the U.S. Air Force, which retreated by the responding sortie of the Air Force of the Korean People's Army (KPA), again intruded into the sky above the military demarcation line in sea waters under the control of the DPRK side in the sky above the sea 400 km east of Kosong of Kangwon Province at around 8:50 and made a grave military provocation of conducting aerial reconnaissance.

The KPA has already sent a strong warning to the U.S. forces' side.

A shocking incident would occur in the long run in the 20-40 km section in which the U.S. spy planes habitually intrude into the sky above the economic water zone of the DPRK beyond the Military Demarcation Line in sea waters.

We will not take a direct counteraction against the U.S. forces' acts of espionage outside the economic water zone of the DPRK side, but I repeatedly warn upon authorization that we will react with clear and resolute actions when they intrude into the economic water zone of the DPRK side beyond the military demarcation line in sea waters again.

If the U.S. has not yet realized what danger is directly coming to it in disregard of the DPRK's warning, the DPRK is not to blame for it.

Moreover, if it suffers even a disaster, it will be a natural outcome of its acts. -0-

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Pyongyang, July 11 (KCNA) -- Kim Yo Jong, vice department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), issued the following press statement on Tuesday:

As regards the provocation by the U.S. forces, the military of the "ROK" again impudently took the lead in denying the encroachment on the DPRK's sovereignty, while shamelessly asserting that it was a "normal flight of the 'ROK' and the U.S."

The issue related to the relevant aerial area is the one between the Korean People's Army and the U.S. forces.

The military gangsters of the "ROK" should stop acting impudently and shut up at once.

The strategic reconnaissance plane of the U.S. Air Force illegally intruded into the economic water zone of the DPRK side in the East Sea of Korea eight times in the sky above the sea of 435 km east of Thongchon of Kangwon Province~276 km southeast of Uljin of North Kyongsang Province from 5:15 to 13:10 on July 10, to commit an aerial espionage act.

I have already notified beforehand the counteraction of our army upon authorization.

In case of repeated illegal intrusion, the U.S. forces will experience a very critical flight. -0-

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Article of Military Commentator of DPRK

Pyongyang, July 13 (KCNA) -- A military commentator of the DPRK released an article titled "Justifying impudent provocation will only bring about the dangerous result of escalating regional tensions" on Thursday.

The full text of the article said:

Entering July, the U.S. reconnaissance assets are steadily committing provocative espionage acts, which can no longer be overlooked. As a result, the military tensions on the Korean peninsula are inching close to the worst crisis.

Aerial reconnaissance means of the U.S. forces illegally intruded into the economic water zone where the sovereignty of the DPRK is exercised more than 30 times between July 2 and 10.

As regards the grave situation in which the U.S. provocative espionage is getting undisguised, the Korean People's Army (KPA) sent a clear and strong warning to the U.S. by dispatching air force fighters and expelling U.S. air force strategic reconnaissance planes. It also clearly warned that a special incident may occur if such action is done again.

This is a clear manifestation of the DPRK's will to defend peace and its patience to prevent military conflict that may lead to the worst crisis on the Korean peninsula where nukes and nukes are standing face to face and to control the present dangerous situation.

Nevertheless, the hostile forces are going reckless in their moves to justify their shameless military provocations while branding the DPRK's warning as "far-fetched assertion".

The south Korean puppet Joint Chiefs of Staff patronized the U.S. master's criminal act, insisting that it is an "unreasonable assertion contrary to the fact" that the U.S. air reconnaissance means illegally intruded into the economic water zone of the DPRK side and it is aimed to obtain a pretext of provocation.

The puppet forces who have nothing to do with the issue of the DPRK-U.S. relations, made reckless remarks, prompted by the instigation of the U.S. So, we clarified our stand again and again.

When its trick to cover up its criminal acts through its servant didn't work, the U.S. talked volubly and reluctantly before the eyes of the world that it is engrossed in safe and responsible flying, navigating and carrying out operations together with its allies and partners in any places

permitted by international law, and schemed to mislead the international opinion, trumpeting as if the DPRK was escalating tensions.

What merits serious attention is that recently the U.S. has urgently deployed a formation of B-1B strategic bombers from its mainland in Misawa air force base in Japan near the Korean peninsula through its successive provocative and shameless aerial espionage acts.

Some days ago, the U.S. increased the number of B-52H nuclear strategic bombers on Guam to eight. This time, its additional deployment of nuclear strategic asset around the Korean peninsula makes clear the intention of the U.S. talking incoherently to justify the recently increasing air espionage acts.

The U.S. is now claiming that its spy plane has implemented the "freedom of navigation" in the sky over the open sea under international law.

The airspace that the U.S. insists on the sky over the open sea is the one above the economic water zone in the East Sea of Korea where the sovereignty of the DPRK is exercised from A to Z and, therefore, it is part of the DPRK's airspace even an inch of which can never be conceded.

As the U.S. knows this well, it had so far restrained espionage in the sky over the water zone, and the DPRK, too, has not taken direct counteraction against the military acts committed outside the economic water zone.

Of course, it is not that there is no military danger when the RC-135S, a strategic reconnaissance plane with high observation and reconnaissance capabilities, takes acts outside the DPRK's economic water zone, but the DPRK has acted thoroughly in accordance with the requirements of international law.

After all, this time the U.S. branded the DPRK's just warning as "groundless accusation," only to betray for itself its arrogant and selfcontradictory behavior of abandoning its decades-long habitual practices without scruple.

The "denial" of the international legal position of the economic water zone impudently advocated by the puppet forces is nothing but a gangster-like sophism which interpreted the basic spirit and relevant provisions of the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea to suit their taste. The convention clearly stipulates that the freedom of navigation in the economic water zone shall be guaranteed under the conditions that the security and interests of a coastal state are not encroached.

According to this logic, the puppet forces unilaterally set up "ship control zone" and "air defence identification zone" in the East, West and South seas of Korea, and are making a great fuss, claiming that the flights of the warplanes of the neighboring countries in the sky above the vicinity of south Korea are "intrusion" while obstructing all the sailing of DPRK vessels.

According to the logic of the puppet forces, the intelligence reconnaissance activities of the DPRK's warships and fighters in the economic water zone or in the sky above the "air defence identification zone" of south Korea can be interpreted otherwise than the ones done as required by international law.

Japan, too, should be called into question as it pokes and pries whether the DPRK's projectiles are landed on inside or outside of the exclusive economic zone whenever it tests projectiles.

The hostile forces should objectively look at such reality and clearly express their stand on it.

The situation on the Korean peninsula is a dangerous one in which fire and nukes could come to grips anytime, and so, it is as clear as noonday that the future situation will be developed into an unpredictable state as the hostile forces' moves to justify their impudent provocative moves are becoming more undisguised.

Sovereignty is, indeed, the dignity and life of the DPRK and its people and the DPRK's self-defence capability with the nuclear force as its pivot is fully ready to perfectly carry out the sacred mission and duty for defending its sovereignty without an inch of deflection anytime.

As those who are fond of playing with fire are destined to perish in the flames, it will be difficult to defend one's own sovereignty in the end if one does not respect the sovereignty of the other party.

Stressing again, the hostile forces should think to the maximum, being aware that to test the DPRK's will to defend its sovereignty is a dangerous act of expanding the continuous war into a nuclear war. -0-