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Kim Son Gyong, Vice Foreign Minister of DPRK, Releases Press Statement

Pyongyang, June 1 (KCNA) -- Kim Son Gyong, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs of the DPRK, released the following press statement titled "Dangerous sea intercepting drill escalating the regional tension" on June 1:

The U.S. and the south Korean puppets are persistently resorting to the saberrattling against the DPRK despite deep concern and protest of the international community.

The U.S., which staged the actual nuclear war exercises Freedom Shield and "combined joint formation drill" in the light of its form and contents in March and April, is going to stage a sea intercepting drill together with Japan, south Korean puppets, Australia and other vassal forces according to the "Proliferation Security Initiative" (PSI) in the open waters off the South Sea of Korea in late May.

The U.S. cooked up PSI in 2003. In the past 20 years it has systematically expanded it and tried to use it as means for pressurizing the anti-U.S. independent countries.

It is illogical and mockery of the international law for the U.S., the world's biggest proliferator of WMDs and direct destroyer of international nuclear non-proliferation system, to talk about the control of someone's "WMD proliferation".

This is evidenced by the fact that the U.S. openly connived at Israel's possession of nukes and cooked up a nuclear proliferation mechanism called AUKUS to destroy the international nuclear non-proliferation system by itself.

It is just like a guilty party filing the suit first that the U.S., which has built biochemical weapon laboratories in south Korea, Ukraine and other regions and unhesitatingly spread WMDs to the whole world, is talking about "non-proliferation".

The main purpose of the U.S. that fabricated the PSI is to legalize unilateral maritime transport interception and blockade against those countries which are not obedient to it and thus realize its strategy for hegemony.

The U.S. and the south Korean puppet military are making far-fetched assertions that the drill is aimed at "defence" and "non-proliferation" but in view of the scale of

the forces and the performance of equipment involved in the drill, it is quite clear that they are extremely dangerous military exercises for bolstering up the maritime operation capability with Japan and south Korean puppets in the Korean Peninsula and for perfecting the overall embargo on the export and preparations for preemptive attack on a specified state in contingency.

The drill is being staged at a time when the U.S. and the south Korean puppets are going to stage the largest-ever "combined joint fire annihilation drill" in particular, which adds to the gravity and danger of the situation.

The drill is being staged in the place adjacent to the sensitive waters where disputes over the issue of dominium continue. This shows that the sea intercepting drill has a multi-purpose nature to put pressure on the neighboring countries of the DPRK.

The recent drill will be a catalyst for escalating the tension in Northeast Asia as it is being staged at a time when the U.S. has recently shipped various types of warships into the Straits of Taiwan under the pretext of "freedom of navigation" and NATO member states continue to take part in the U.S.-led joint military exercises in the Asia-Pacific.

As the U.S. is steadily expanding the multi-national military cooperation frameworks such as PSI, the possibility of catastrophic military conflict in Northeast Asia is turning into reality day by day.

All the facts clearly prove once again that the U.S. is chiefly to blame for heightening tension and increasing the danger of a nuclear war in the Korean Peninsula.

If the U.S. and its vassal forces attempt to impose any hostile blockade on the DPRK or infringe upon our inviolable sovereignty even a bit, the armed forces of the DPRK will regard it as a declaration of war against it.

The U.S. should stop at once the hostile acts of destabilizing the situation in the Korean Peninsula, bearing in mind that the ceaseless and dangerous war gambles being staged before our eyes will result in leading it to self-destruction. -0-

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

Pyongyang, June 1 (KCNA) -- Kim Yo Jong, vice department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, issued the following press statement titled "No one can deny the DPRK's sovereign right to satellite launch" on June 1:

The U.S. is openly revealing its inveterate hostility toward the DPRK over its military reconnaissance satellite launch belonging to its right to self-defence.

A spokesperson for the National Security Council of the White House on Wednesday clamored that all countries should denounce the DPRK's military satellite launch, saying there is a danger of unnecessarily escalating tension and destabilizing the regional security as it is an open violation of the UNSC's "resolution".

It is neither surprising nor new, but the U.S. is letting loose a hackneyed gibberish prompted by its brigandish and abnormal thinking.

Who is escalating the tension unnecessarily and destabilizing the regional security situation?

If the DPRK's satellite launch should be particularly censured, the U.S. and all other countries, which have already launched thousands of satellites, should be denounced. This is nothing but sophism of self-contradiction.

The far-fetched logic that only the DPRK should not be allowed to do so according to the UNSC's "resolution" which bans the use of ballistic rocket technology irrespective of its purpose, though other countries are doing so, is clearly a gangster-like and wrong one of seriously violating the DPRK's right to use space and illegally oppressing it.

It is pitiful that the U.S.-style gangster-like logic was stipulated in the UNSC's "resolution".

The U.S. is a group of gangsters who would claim that even if the DPRK launches a satellite in space orbit through balloon, it is illegal and threatening.

It is the "tragedy of the U.S." in the 21st century that it can never give a correct answer with a wrong formula and has not discarded misunderstanding of it.

The U.S. should cool its head heated with confrontation hysteria and clearly look into the UN Charter and the provisions of the space treaty once again before groundlessly denying and pulling up a sovereign state over its satellite launch and its right to space development.

Even at this moment, the U.S. is absorbed in watching every movement of the DPRK with sharp eyes after flying a lot of reconnaissance satellites, high altitude unmanned reconnaissance planes and all other reconnaissance assets in the sky above the Korean Peninsula. It is just like a guilty party filing the suit first and illogical to pull up the DPRK over its military reconnaissance satellite launch.

The U.S. should no longer have illusion nor be overconfident itself.

No one vested the U.S. with the authority to take issue with the sovereign right of a specified state.

Taking this opportunity, we would like to once again clearly warn the U.S., which is trying to blind and deafen the eyes and ears of the international community with such honeyed dialogue ballad as "door of diplomacy" and "sincere negotiation".

We have no content of dialogue and do not feel the necessity of dialogue with the U.S. and its stooges that oft-repeat the "end of regime" and the "overthrow of system". We will continue our-style counteraction in a more offensive attitude so that they should not but realize that they will have nothing to benefit from the extension of the hostile policy toward the DPRK and how dangerous their pursuit of confrontation with the DPRK is.

We are ready to do whatever to defend our sovereign right and interests.

Reading the psychology of the U.S. and its stooges that are so uneasy about the DPRK's military reconnaissance satellite issue, we confirmed once again that the enemies are most afraid of the DPRK's access to excellent reconnaissance and information means including reconnaissance satellite and, accordingly, we are aware that we should direct greater efforts to developing reconnaissance means.

It is certain that the DPRK's military reconnaissance satellite will soon start its mission on a space orbit.

We are well aware of the protracted nature of the confrontation with the U.S. and will make all efforts to bolster up war deterrent in an all-inclusive direction, being conscious of the long-term threats and challenges.

If the U.S. and its stooges continue to commit rash acts of infringing upon our sovereign right, we will never remain an onlooker to them. -0-