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Press Statement by Head of U.S. Affairs Department of DPRK Foreign Ministry

Pyongyang, June 24 (KCNA) -- Kwon Jong Gun, director general of the Department of U.S. Affairs of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), released the following press statement on June 24:

During his recent visit to China, Secretary of the U.S. Department of State Blinken let out a load of threatening remarks that the U.S. would take military measures China doesn't like, together with Japan and south Korea, if China doesn't move, saying that China is in the one and only position for pressurizing Pyongyang.

By talking such rubbish, Blinken betrayed himself that he, styling himself experienced and intelligent man in the U.S. diplomatic camp, is no more than a low-class diplomat advocating power-based "diplomacy" who is actually incapable of discerning the nature of the relations between countries.

His words are not just something new but stereotyped ones not helpful to resolving the issue. It is a manifestation of his dangerous hegemony-oriented mental state to plunge everything into an evil cycle again by bringing the situation back to the original point, for which the Korean peninsula issue has not been settled for the past 30 years.

The root cause of the ever-escalating tensions on the Korean peninsula is not just the DPRK or its neighboring country but the U.S. which has seriously infringed upon the sovereignty and security of the DPRK by persistently pursuing the most hideous hostile policy toward it.

Unless such root cause of having pushed the Korean peninsula issue to the current acute confrontation for decades is removed, it is utterly impossible to defuse the military tensions and standoff in the region.

Blinken's recent nonsense has served as an occasion for confirming once again that the U.S., pursuing its immutable hostility toward the DPRK, is just the most hostile entity which the latter should face with the clearest action mode until the issue comes to a settlement.

The U.S. should be aware of the fact that it is bound to face security uneasiness and get exposed to more realistic threats for its expanded deployment of its strategic assets and more frequent military exercises of explicitly aggressive nature under the pretence of protecting allies.

Taking this opportunity, we seriously warn that the scale and scope of the DPRK's counteraction measures will be extended more overwhelmingly and offensively in case the escalation of the U.S. military action and provocation in the Korean peninsula and the region is spotted.

Unless the U.S. stops the act of violating our sovereignty and threatening us in disregard of our rights and interests and takes a clear action measure to lift its heinous hostile policy toward the DPRK, there will be neither restraint nor adjustment in the latter's exercise of its right to self defence.

The U.S. should bear this in mind. -0-

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Korean Peninsula Is Not Operational Theater of U.S. Strategic Assets: Int'l Affairs Analyst of DPRK

Pyongyang, June 24 (KCNA) -- Kang Jin Song, an international affairs analyst of the DPRK, made public the following article "The Korean peninsula is not an operational theater of the U.S. strategic assets" on June 24:

The U.S. strategic assets are expanding the scope of their maneuvers in the air and sea and under water around the Korean peninsula.

Since the beginning of the year, the U.S. has deployed a huge amount of strategic assets, including B-1B strategic bomber, F-35 stealth fighters and the nuclear carrier Nimitz, simultaneously and continuously, saying that it would steadily increase the frequency and intensity of the deployment of strategic assets on the Korean peninsula. And it brought its nuclear-powered submarine Michigan to its operation base in Pusan of south Korea in the period between June 16 to 22.

Advertising Michigan as the world's biggest submarine carrying over 150 Tomahawk cruise missiles with a range of 2 500 km, the U.S. is openly making threatening remarks against the DPRK.

As known, such reckless expanded deployment of strategic assets targeted at a belligerent country on the Korean peninsula, where a touch-and-go nuke-

for-nuke dynamical structure exists, presupposes irretrievable catastrophic consequences to peace and security in the region and the rest of the world.

The U.S., aware of this fact, has brought the nuclear-powered submarine to the Korean peninsula right after the end of the "combined joint fire annihilation drill" which started on May 25 with involvement of the south Korean warmongers and the joint army, navy and air forces. This is a clear proof of the hostile forces' hysteria for military aggression getting serious as days go by.

What can not be concealed is that the nuclear-powered submarine Michigan's entry into Pusan Port is a rehearsal for the future deployment of U.S. strategic nuclear submarines on the Korean peninsula.

It is a unanimous comment at home and abroad that the U.S. has brought Michigan to the Korean peninsula to gain operational experience needed for deployment of U.S. strategic nuclear submarines around the Korean peninsula according to the "Washington Declaration".

We pay deep attention to what Michigan's entry into Pusan Port means and what intention lurks behind it.

As a prelude will be followed by a subject, it is a matter of time that U.S. strategic nuclear submarines are deployed on the Korean peninsula following Michigan.

The reality in which the U.S. and its followers' worrying military activities are expanding from time to time in their scale and manner urgently requires the DPRK to take more preemptive defense measures to protect the security interests of the state with clear actions which the hostile forces can perceive.

It also presses the DPRK to trace and judge the ever-renewing security environment on the Korean peninsula in the most scientific and real-time way and attain at full speed the main goals for the development of the defence capabilities to cope with the immediate military threat and the long-term security challenge.

The closer the target is, the greater and clearer it looks.

The righteous nuclear powers in Northeast Asia including the DPRK will never remain onlookers to the persistent moves of the U.S. imperialists to deploy nuclear strategic assets as they are bringing thermonuclear storm to the region.

Now is not the time for the U.S. to be keen on satisfying its stooges.

The U.S. should not forget that the Korean peninsula is too dangerous for its strategic assets to come and go at will and that such moves will only result in triggering off the DPRK's measures for bolstering up its nuclear force which the U.S. is most unwilling to see. -0-

International Affairs Analyst of DPRK on Expansion of BRICS

Pyongyang, June 25 (KCNA) -- Jong II Hyon, an international affairs analyst of the DPRK, issued the following article titled "Expansion of BRICS is an inevitable result of the present unfair international economic order" on June 25:

A meeting of foreign ministers of BRICS took place in Cape Town, South Africa some days ago.

The meeting, attended by representatives of the BRICS member states and various developing countries, discussed the issue of expanding BRICS as a major agenda.

South Africa, the host country of the meeting, announced that 19 countries have so far made formal or informal applications to the organization for access.

The main factor pushing many large and small countries into access to BRICS is, in a word, the present unfair and unreasonable international economic order, and its core is the U.S.-led existing international monetary system based on dollar.

The U.S., which had accumulated a huge amount of wealth along with the Second World War, established the Bretton Woods system with dollar as international standard currency in July 1944. Since then, it has committed worldwide plunder in the way of gaining benefits from mintage based on the predominant position of dollar and has used dollar as a means for realizing its political purpose.

It is well known that the international monetary system based on dollar has become the two pillars backing the U.S. domination over the world, along with military means.

For nearly one century from the gold dollar of the 1940s and the oil dollar of the 1970s to the debt dollar of today, the U.S. has resorted to every means and method to maintain the supremacy of dollar as the key currency, and unhesitatingly committed despicable acts of imposing financial sanctions on those countries which incur its displeasure by abusing the predominant position of dollar.

A typical example is the financial sanctions imposed on Russia after the Ukrainian situation.

The U.S. excluded major banks of Russia from the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication with a sinister aim to paralyze

Russia's foreign trade and deteriorate its economy, but it fell into the pit it dug for another.

Russia has considerably reduced the dependence on dollar by introducing national currency instead of dollar in trade with other countries including China and India, and the BRICS member states have put spurs to the development of new international currency that will replace U.S. dollar in mutual trade.

Russian President Putin said that the U.S. is caught in its own snare by restricting the use of dollar according to the political situation against other countries, adding that it is inevitable that the U.S. dollar and Western currencies lose their predominant position in international trade due to wrong policy of the U.S. and the West.

A Brazilian political analyst commented that the moves to limit the use of dollar are being made in the trade relations between China and Russia, oil dealing between Russia and India, liquefied natural gas dealing between a Chinese oil company and the French Total Company, nuclear-power plant dealing between Russia and Bangladesh, etc., adding that the global full-dress moves for boycotting dollar are a natural response to the hegemonic country relying on sanctions, threats and blackmail.

The reality goes to prove that it is the high-handed and arbitrary practices of the U.S. trying to maintain its world supremacy that accelerated the world moves for boycotting dollar, spurred the establishment of a new monetary system and encouraged many countries to accede to BRICS.

The U.S.-made axe called sanctions and pressure is cutting down the U.S. foot.

At the recent meeting, BRICS member states agreed to encourage domestic currency settlement in trade among member states and with friendly countries and actively promote the introduction of the common currency in accordance with it. In this regard, experts are unanimous in commenting that BRICS, which is steadily increasing its political influence in the international arena on the basis of rapid economic growth rate and strong military strength of member states, is becoming a challenge to the existing international order and financial system led by the U.S. and the West.

The unprecedented international moves to limit the use of dollar and the tendency of many countries to join BRICS are accelerating the end of dollar as a key currency and the end of the U.S. hegemonism pursuant to it. -0-