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## **Press Statement of Director General for Int'l Organizations of DPRK Foreign Ministry**

Pyongyang, October 23 (KCNA) -- Jo Chol Su, director general of the Department of International Organizations of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, made public the following press statement on Monday:

There took a vote at the UN Security Council's open meeting on October 18 on the resolution with the permission of the humanitarian access to the Gaza Strip of Palestine as its core.

The absolute majority of the member states supported the resolution, however, the U.S. alone exercised veto for the mere reason that the "right to self-defense" of Israel was not mentioned, thus making the resolution fall to be rejected.

The "determination" of the U.S. at a time when the international community is grieving over the worst humanitarian disaster since the Second World War, by which more than 500 civilians were killed due to Israel's brutal bombing of a hospital in Gaza Strip, is an insult to the innocent souls of Palestine.

This clearly proves that the U.S. is, indeed, an accomplice in massacre, chieftain of human rights abuses and enemy of peace in the Middle East as it wantonly violates the international humanitarian law and the international human rights law and connives at and fosters the crimes against humanity.

What merits a more serious attention is the shameless double-dealing standards of the U.S. towards the "right to self-defense".

As everybody knows, the U.S. has questioned about the DPRK' every legitimate exercise of the right to self-defence to cope with the hostile forces' large-scale war moves for aggression on the Korean peninsula as a "threat to international peace and security". The U.S. is zealously patronizing the atrocities of its "ally" as the "right to self-defense" though the latter is unhesitatingly committing massacres of civilians and bringing humanitarian catastrophe to the Middle East.

It is the height of extreme double-dealing standards and shamelessness which is unacceptable to anyone to denounce the exercise of the right to selfdefence which did not cause any slightest damage to the security of neighboring countries as a "threat" but to justify with the "right to selfdefense" Israel's act which left thousands of civilians killed and caused a humanitarian crisis.

It is none other than the U.S. to distinguish justice and injustice according to such rules that the performer of act is a pro-U.S. or an anti-U.S. state and to regard the UN as the only tool for realizing its political purpose. Such fact showed once again that the U.S. is the worst criminal state which destroys fair international order.

The U.S. should explain the reason for its exercise of the veto right before the 193 UN member states within a few days in accordance with the resolution of the UN General Assembly adopted in April last year.

In fact, this system explaining the reason for the exercise of the veto was invented by the U.S. in a bid to drive the permanent member states which are opposed to its high-handed and arbitrary practices into a tight corner at the UNSC.

The U.S., who had uttered yells of delight while putting its rivals on the "dock" and exerting collective pressure upon them, has been caught in trap it has set.

The international community should raise the voices of denunciation against the U.S. which is disturbing the regional and global peace and security and conniving at and fostering massacre of civilians and humanitarian large disasters with high-handed and arbitrary practices and double-dealing standards. -0-

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## **KCNA Commentary on Middle East Situation**

Pyongyang, October 23 (KCNA) -- The situation in the Middle East is getting worse to approach the threshold of a total war.

In Israel, an order was issued to prepare for all-round invasion and air raids on the Gaza Strip are expanding.

The Israeli military warmongers are openly crying out that "they would soon see the Palestine territory."

It is the unanimous voice of the international community that the Middle East situation, which poses the danger of an all-out war, is a tragedy entirely caused by the U.S.

At the outbreak of the situation, the U.S. immediately committed itself to supporting Israel with aid and weapons and dispatched aircraft carriers Gerald R. Ford and Dwight D. Eisenhower to the dispute waters.

The U.S. political and military bosses including the secretary of State, the secretary of Defense and even the U.S. president flew to Israel to encourage the war, saying that "as long as the U.S. exists, Israel is not alone" and "security support will continue."

On Oct. 18, the U.S. vetoed a UNSC resolution aimed at ensuring ceasefire and defusing humanitarian crisis and thus obliterated even the slight opportunity of preventing the deterioration of the Middle East situation.

This time, too, the EU, a devoted observer without any independent thinking and principle, is joining the U.S.

The large-scale massacre in the Middle East is escalating due to the prejudiced and intentional instigation of the U.S.

On Oct. 19, Biden claimed it was very important for the U.S. national security that Israel and Ukraine succeed in the wars, and requested Congress to spend \$106 billion in urgent expenditure, including support for local servants.

The U.S. has persistently patronized Israel, which illegally occupied Palestinian territory and is getting engrossed in ceaseless armed attacks, inhuman killing of civilians and expansion of the Jewish settlements, for its domestic politics and strategy for world supremacy. This has resulted in the failure to realize the Palestinian people's desire to build an independent state and the sustained historical inequity they are facing. The U.S. is blaming the Middle East crisis onto Palestine while branding it an "aggressor", but the fair international community is categorically rejecting this.

Foreign ministers of the Arab League member states held an emergency meeting in Cairo on Oct. 11, at which they strongly urged Israel to return to the negotiations for the "two-state plan" to provide a state where the Palestinian people can live, contending that peace in the Middle East would be impossible without an independent Palestinian state.

World public warns that the stability and security on the earth are being threatened due to the arbitrary and double-standard foreign policy of the U.S.

The international community should closely watch the U.S. moves and resolutely denounce and reject the dangerous and foolish attempt. -0-

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