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Pyongyang, September 14 (KCNA) -- The full text of an article contributed by Kim Myong Chol, an international affairs analyst, titled "The exclusive expansion of bloc will only accelerate the U.S. strategic defeat" says:

Three years have passed since the U.S. cooked up the exclusive nuclear security technology alliance system AUKUS with Britain and Australia.

The past three years are the period in which the true colors of AUKUS have been clearly proved as a serious threat to the nuclear non-proliferation system, a propellant of arms race and a disturber of the regional strategic balance.

The U.S. is insisting that AUKUS is not targeting any specific country and has no effect on the nuclear non-proliferation system. But it is nothing but flowery words to patronize its exclusive policy on strengthening the alliance.

The Korean peninsula and the Asia-Pacific region are plunged into a more unstable situation due to the confrontational behavior of the U.S. that is resorting to the Cold War way of thinking and inter-camp confrontation which are totally opposed to the desire of mankind for global peace and stability.

U.S. which thrust dagger onto its ally's back

As regards AUKUS, fabricated on September 15, 2021, the French foreign minister strongly denounced it as an act of thrusting a dagger onto the ally's back, not a matter of scrapping the submarine contract which had been pushed forward between France and Australia.

The Biden administration had been advertising the "importance of alliance and the strengthened alliance", arguing that "the U.S. has come back". But the fact that it suddenly betrayed its ally in Europe is still now sparking off great shock and doubts of the international community.

However, the appearance of Australia changing as an outpost for the U.S. and the move of AUKUS widening its fence give an answer to a question why the U.S. thrust a dagger onto the back of France.

Firstly, the U.S. is turning Australia into a powerful military ally capable of containing independent and sovereign states in the Asia-Pacific region through the transfer of nuclear-powered submarine technology.

The U.S., together with the UK, is taking the lead in helping Australia possess a fleet composed of eight nuclear-powered submarines by 2055 and has expanded the ultra-modern military technology cooperation among three countries into the development of hypersonic weapons, eased the restrictions of military technology and arms export and built on an extensive scale facilities for operating its nuclear strategic assets and ultra-modern military hardware in Australia from 2022.

It has systematically delivered weapons and equipment such as Tomahawk cruise missiles, ship-to-air interceptor missiles and attack helicopters to Australia and supported the manufacture and export of missiles in Australia.

Secondly, the U.S. is trying to develop AUKUS into a multilateral military bloc in which more allies are involved.

Now, the officials concerned of the U.S. administration, whenever they have the opportunity, repeatedly claim that the door to AUKUS is open to the partners if they judge it is proper for them to join it.

The U.S.-Britain-Australia tripartite defense authority talks in April made public a "joint statement" on examining a proposal for promoting cooperation between AUKUS and Japan in the field of ultra-modern technology. And the U.S.-Japan summit held in Washington agreed on the issue on the cooperation between AUKUS and Japan in eight fields of core defence technology including artificial intelligence and cyber.

The U.S. is also mulling involving the ROK, New Zealand, Canada and other allies into AUKUS in the capacity of "partners", saying that it is necessary for AUKUS to cooperate more closely with such countries as the ROK in the Indo-Pacific region.

All facts go to prove that the U.S. thrust a dagger onto the back of its ally, proceeding from a politically-motivated calculation to expand relations of alliance with its vassal forces into a multilateral military bloc based on nuclear weapons and secure a strategic superior in the region.

AUKUS arousing backlash from international community

As soon as AUKUS made its ill-natured appearance, it has been the target of denunciation and rejection by many countries.

Russia denounced the U.S. and its allies for pursuing a long-term confrontation in the region, terming AUKUS "NATO of Asian version". China censured AUKUS for threatening a regional peace and stability and sparking arms race as a security mechanism acting according the baton of the U.S.

Meanwhile, the Southeast Asian countries neighboring Australia asserted that big powers should not do an act of infringing upon the interests of other countries with high-handed practice, saying that the Australian government is playing a "role of the police" of the U.S. in the region.

Many media and experts on security are expressing the concerns that the fabrication of AUKUS is little short of opening the "nuclear box of Pandora".

The assertion of regional countries and experts is by no means groundless.

The fact that 160 nuclear warheads can be manufactured with highly enriched uranium, the fuel for the nuclear-powered submarines to be transferred to Australia, shows that the activities of AUKUS are very likely to lead to Australia's nuclear armament.

And the reality proves that the U.S. is further inciting the wild ambition of the regional allies including Japan and the ROK for nuclear weaponization as it is transferring nuclear-powered submarines and their technology to Australia.

The "desire for joining" AUKUS is growing with each passing day among Japan, ROK and other satellites of the U.S. and it predicts that the international nuclear non-proliferation system will be hardly hit in succession.

The exclusive and confrontational nature of AUKUS targeting a third country is further arousing the caution of regional countries.

The U.S. claimed that AUKUS does not target a special state in an early period but, recently, is not hiding the fact that AUKUS targets the independent and sovereign states in the region.

High-ranking officials of the U.S. administration said that AUKUS regards China, Russia and the DPRK as the "threats" to the India-Pacific region, revealing the black-hearted intention of the U.S. to contain sovereign states through AUKUS.

Viewing the reality in which the U.S. is resorting to its "lattice-like fence alliance" policy on organically combining its allies across the world, it is a matter of time for AUKUS to merge with the U.S.-led political and military blocs including the U.S.-Japan-ROK triangular military bloc, SQUAD and QUAD. And it will further fix the structure of the new Cold War in the region.

This is a clear reason why the international community is expressing strong repugnance and caution against AUKUS.

Washington's policy on expanding blocs accelerates its strategic defeat

The present U.S. administration is loudly advertising the fabrication and expansion of various blocs like AUKUS as its "diplomatic achievements", claiming that it is promoting the U.S. strategic value and interests.

But if anyone with an elementary understanding of the external crisis facing the U.S., he will know with ease that the above-said claim is very cross-sectional.

In January this year, the U.S. magazine National Interest said that the U.S. is being put in a dilemma for its excessive interference in various regional issues and the expanded friction of regional countries resulted from it. It raised the question "Still is the U.S. the only superpower in the world?"

As a matter of fact, the U.S. policy on expanding its alliance, which is being enforced worldwide, is further weakening its strength and exposing it to a more critical situation.

First of all, the debt crisis of the U.S. is getting more serious day by day as the present U.S. administration is spending an astronomical amount of money on the arms buildup for maintenance and expansion of blocs and on the operation of overseas military bases and is running high fever in the military support for pro-U.S. states including Israel and Ukraine.

The U.S. impudent patronage for its allies, which are resorting to military confrontation and massacre of civilians, is leading to the decline in its influence in the region and serving as a catalyst for inciting anti-U.S. sentiments across the world.

In particular, the U.S. moves for the confrontation between camps to encircle and contain independent and sovereign states through the

establishment of the global military alliance are compelling sovereign states to bolster up their self-defensive strength in every way and form and strengthen the just strategic axis for suppressing and foiling the aggressive military blocs.

This predicts that the more desperately the U.S. resorts to its policy on expanding blocs, the more it will plunge into an inescapable strategic maze.

The appearance of the U.S. seeking the confrontation between camps reminds one of the old Roman Empire which had been doomed to ruin, not the "only superpower".

The just international community will never tolerate the U.S. confrontation moves of violating peace and stability in the region and the rest of the world through its reckless policy for hegemony and bloc expansion but will counter them with strong strength.

Washington's exclusive bloc expansion will be a decisive factor in accelerating the U.S. strategic defeat. -0-

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