



Military Commentator's Article

Pyongyang, May 17 (KCNA) -- Following is the full text of an article "Provocation to regional peace and security can never be tolerated" issued by a military commentator of the DPRK on Friday:

On May 16, the U.S. military sent F-22 stealth fighters deployed in Hawaii to the Korean peninsula and staged a "simulated air battle" with the Republic of Korea (ROK) for the first time.

Two F-22 stealth fighters of the U.S. air force and two F-35A stealth fighters of the ROK air force, involved in the drill, exchanged the roles of attack and defence with each other. The enemy media claim that the drill demonstrated the powerful "deterrent" to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

Without any explanation, we are well aware of why stealth fighters boasting of the "world's strongest" have been introduced.

The "revisit" of F-22 stealth fighters to the Korean peninsula only after seven months and their first "simulated air battle" are another clear proof of the hostile nature of the U.S. which has persistently encroached upon regional countries' rights to security while seeking the showdown of force with the DPRK.

The military gangsters of the ROK are now driving the military tension on the Korean peninsula into the extremity, keeping pace with their master's anti-DPRK confrontation scheme.

In May alone, the ROK staged the largest-ever drill, allegedly to cope with the DPRK's "air infiltration", by mobilizing the ground, naval and

air forces, along with "2024 simultaneous joint drill of military corps" and "joint drill for defending islands in the first half of the year" near the border of the DPRK.

It also plans to stage a large-scale air drill involving more than 60 fighters such as F-35A and F-15K from May 17 to 24 and have a talk of special operation commanders with the U.S. at the end of this month so as to discuss "beheading operation".

All the facts remind us once again that the strengthened military alliance and deployment of strategic assets by the U.S. are the main root of further escalating the military tension and unpredictability in the region.

The deployment of F-22 will only precipitate the advent of a situation that the U.S. does not want to see, rather than its military effect.

The more frequent "visit" by unbidden guest across the ocean will further promote the epochal occasions that helps step up the war readiness of the DPRK and, the accumulation of such occasions will be turned into a new strategic phase that the U.S. is afraid of and has to be frightened.

It will not be a wise behavior to neglect the bolstering of the force capable of neutralizing the military effect of the U.S. deployment of strategic assets and annihilating the source of provocation and the commanding forces in possible case of emergency, though it is hard to completely contain such deployment, to be continued in the future.

The military provocations of the U.S. and the ROK against the DPRK will never escape frustration due to the powerful practical counteraction of the DPRK for defending the national security and regional peace. -0-

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