



Press Statement of DPRK Defence Minister

Pyongyang, August 24 (KCNA) -- Kang Sun Nam, minister of National Defence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) made public the following press statement on Thursday:

At the summit of the U.S., Japan and the "Republic of Korea" (ROK) held at Camp David on Aug. 18, there was a confab in a bid to boost cooperation among the three parties for the restoration of Ukraine. Biden, at a joint press conference after the summit, incited another atmosphere of confrontation against Russia, saying that the international community needs to jointly respond to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and that such a situation may occur in Asia. This is a typical example of the desperate efforts by the Biden group to fuel the atmosphere of supporting Ukraine and recover from their political defeat by mobilizing their Asian stooges as the counteroffensive operations launched by the Zelenskiy group with an absurd wild ambition for "recovery of territory" have been defeated one after another by the superb tactics of the Russian army.

The Ukrainian crisis is an inevitable product of the hegemonic ambition of the U.S. which has been hell-bent on ceaseless military threat and pressure policy by mobilizing its NATO allies, systematically encroaching upon Russia's strategic security and interests while regarding Russia as the main enemy to bring down at any cost.

The U.S., the arch criminal who has brought untold turmoil to the continent of Europe, summoned its puppets, who are thousands of kilometers away from Kiev and not familiar with the essence of the situation, to discuss so-called cooperation. This is an intolerable

mockery of and insult to international peace and security and human life.

The recent confab brought to light the U.S. sinister intention to lay big siege to China and Russia by tightly binding the hands and feet of Japan and the "ROK", the primary bullet shield for realizing its greedy ambition for world domination, to the Asian version of NATO. Judging from the past, the "ROK" and Japan must presumably have accepted the U.S. demand for active military aid to Ukraine as they have no choice but to follow their master, not daring to calculate whether the master's demand will bring peace or irreversible security crisis to them.

The international community is now becoming increasingly vocal denouncing the U.S. and its followers who have been engrossed in provocation while escalating the tense situation in the region of Northeast Asia, which has been already strained through the exclusive factional spawning and inter-camp confrontation.

Taking this opportunity, we clarify once again our clear stand to the U.S. which is trumpeting about violation of UN "sanctions" and claims that the DPRK supports the cruel aggressive war of Russia, spreading the "rumor of DPRK-Russia arms dealings" again with the Russian defence minister's visit to the DPRK as an occasion.

Not content with sending the notorious lethal weapons including cluster bombs to the Ukrainian battlefield, the U.S. is driving the Ukrainian crisis to the brink of world nuclear war by handing over even F-16 fighters to the Zelenskiy puppet regime. It has no legal right and moral justification to slander the normal cooperation between sovereign states in the field of national defence for peace and security in the region and the rest of the world.

The DPRK has never recognized the "sanctions resolutions" of the UN Security Council cooked up by the hostile forces to stamp out its sovereignty and right to existence. And the definition of someone's "aggression", made by the U.S. and the West with their gangster-like logic and standards, does never work on us.

Seeing the enemies uneasy about what kind of entity of strong power may be produced again by the cooperation and exchange between the world military powers in clearly smashing the U.S.-led unipolar world order, we came to reconfirm the orientation and way of more definitely overpowering our foes.

Even if the U.S. and its stooges seek the "joint counteraction" to cope with threat from someone, we remain unchanged in our will and determination to resolutely take the overwhelming and preemptive armed counteraction, never pardoning any military moves against the DPRK.

We will redouble the militant friendship and solidarity with Russia in the just struggle against the common enemy, extending full support and solidarity once again to the just cause of the Russian people for defending their sovereign right and realizing international justice.

We are firmly convinced that the day will surely come when the heroic Russian army will write another glorious page in the history of the great war victory amid the material and moral support and encouragement of the righteous and progressive forces surpassing the U.S.-led Western group. -0-

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