



Press Statement of Department Director for Foreign Affairs of DPRK Ministry of Land and Environment Protection

Pyongyang, July 9 (KCNA) -- The department director for foreign affairs of the DPRK Ministry of Land and Environment Protection issued the following press statement on July 9:

Today mankind, exposed to serious ecological challenge and threat due to El Nino-brought extremely high temperature and natural disasters, has faced another calamity to be brought by discharge of nuclear-polluted water.

On July 4, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) released a "general assessment report" saying if the nuclear-polluted water of the Fukushima Atomic Power Plant in Japan is discharged into the Pacific, it will have "minimal" impact on such environmental factors as water quality, marine animals and sediments.

Japan is planning to discharge at least 1.3 million tons of nuclear-polluted water into the Pacific from this summer, putting forward the IAEA's "report" as "legal justification".

If a large quantity of nuclear-polluted water is discharged into the Pacific, radioisotopic materials will diffuse into an area covering the half of the Pacific within 57 days and into the whole world in 10 years, and these radioactive materials include tritium and carbon-14 requiring a half-life of 5 000 years, which will have fatal adverse impact on the human lives and security and ecological environment by causing malignant tumors and other diseases.

What matters is the unreasonable behavior of IAEA actively

patronizing and facilitating Japan's projected discharge of nuclear-polluted water which is so terrible to imagine.

IAEA is not a body for evaluating environment. There is no provision or clause in international law specifying that IAEA is entitled to allow a specific country or region to discharge nuclear-polluted water.

The World Health Organization specializing in ensuring human life, security and health currently exists and many environmental protection organizations express their opposition and concern over it. So the question is why IAEA, with no accredited authority, is zealously backing Japan's discharge plan.

No wonder, it has been reported that Japan offered one million euros to the IAEA personnel involved in the inspection of Japan's planned discharge of nuclear-contaminated water, and the Japanese government obtained the draft final report of IAEA beforehand and modified it. It is not fortuitous that such scandals are being brought to light one after another.

The IAEA director general, who pulled up a sovereignty state over the exercise of its legitimate right, is actively patronizing the illegal and unethical act of Japan to imperil the lives and security of humankind and ecological environment. This is just a typical expression of extreme double standards.

Japan, which had inflicted untold misfortune and pain upon Asian countries in the past century, is doggedly denying and embellishing its blood-stained past, far from making an apology and reparation. It even seeks to bring a calamity to humankind, a heinous crime that can never be pardoned for all ages, by bribing such a venal body as IAEA even today in the 2020s.

Worse still, the U.S. and south Korea openly express unseemly "welcome" to Japan's discharge plan that deserves condemnation and rejection, provoking strong anger of the public.

This goes to fully prove that the ecological environment of the earth has been exposed to a serious threat, due to a handful of ill-minded forces pursuing their geopolitical aim in disregard of human lives

and security and ecological environment.

The dishonest elements of IAEA whose minds are seriously polluted by hegemony and corruption and the countries like the U.S. zealously patronizing them should be wiped off the earth immediately.

The just international community should not overlook such hideous, inhumane and anti-peace acts of the black-hearted forces to pollute this blue planet, the cradle of life for all humanity and their descendants, with nuclear-polluted water, but thoroughly foil them by dint of solidarity and unity. -0-
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Press Statement by Spokesman for DPRK

Ministry of National Defence

Pyongyang, July 10 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Ministry of National Defence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Monday issued the following press statement:

Recently, the U.S. Defense Department officially announced its scheme to put strategic nuclear submarine into the operational waters of the Korean peninsula.

The deployment of the U.S. strategic nuclear submarine carrying nuclear warheads in the Korean peninsula means that the U.S. strategic nuclear weapons will appear in the peninsula for the first time since 1981.

This is a very dangerous situation as it will bring the regional military tension to a more critical state and may incite the worst crisis of nuclear conflict in practice.

The present situation clearly proves that the situation of the Korean peninsula is coming closer to the threshold of nuclear conflict due to the U.S. provocative military action.

The U.S. attempt to introduce strategic nuclear weapons into the Korean peninsula is the most undisguised nuclear blackmail against the DPRK and its neighboring countries and a grave threat and challenge to the regional and global peace and security.

All the facts show most clearly who commits provocation and who exercises self-restraint, and who threatens and who is threatened on the Korean peninsula.

It is necessary to make it clear once again who is to blame for the situation of military clash on the Korean peninsula that is approaching the worst crisis at present.

Whether the extreme situation, desired by nobody, is created or not on the Korean peninsula depends on the future action of the U.S., and if any sudden situation happens in the future, the U.S. will be held totally accountable for it.

The DPRK should show in the clearest way how it will take counteraction, in order to prevent the U.S. from doing such reckless acts with ease.

The demonstrative actions like the deployment of strategic assets by the U.S. will never lead to the promotion of security but rather become a disaster of bringing more painful and worrying security crisis they themselves do not want.

It is impossible to overlook the fact that the U.S. is getting more frantic in its military espionage against the sovereignty of the DPRK. Recently the U.S. has conducted hostile espionage activities in the Korean peninsula and its vicinity at an unprecedented level by intensively mobilizing various air reconnaissance means deployed in the Asia-Pacific operational theatre.

This month alone, RC-135, U-2S and RQ-4B, strategic reconnaissance planes and reconnaissance drone belonging to the U.S. Air Force, flew over the East and West seas of Korea in turn for eight straight days from July 2 to 9 to conduct provocative aerial espionage on the DPRK's strategic interior.

In particular, a strategic reconnaissance plane of the U.S. Air Force

illegally intruded into the inviolable airspace of the DPRK over its East Sea tens of kilometers several times.

This year the U.S. sent various kinds of air reconnaissance means of its air force and navy, including strategic and electronic reconnaissance planes, into the airspace above the East and West seas of Korea and the Military Demarcation Line one after another. And it has got hell-bent on provocative information-gathering movement by letting high altitude strategic reconnaissance planes and drones fly north near the Military Demarcation Line.

Quite obvious is the intention of the U.S. which is concentrating its air reconnaissance assets on the Korean peninsula, timed to coincide with the fact that it has staged joint air drills with B-52H nuclear strategic bomber involved one after another and calls for entry into south Korea of its strategic nuclear submarine carrying nuclear weapons.

The U.S. has further intensified espionage activities beyond the wartime level by massively introducing air reconnaissance assets into the Korean peninsula where there exist a constant possibility of military conflict and the danger of a nuclear war is growing more serious. It is a clear threat to the sovereignty of the DPRK and a grave provocation plunging the regional situation into an irretrievable phase.

We are analyzing the true intention of the U.S. ostentatiously perpetrating such reckless military action threatening the DPRK, while watching every provocative move.

We are now maintaining our utmost patience and self-control, but everything has its limit. The present is the time when the U.S. is near the critical point to be concerned.

The U.S. needs to recall one again the tragic fate of its spy plane EC-121 in 1969 and its reconnaissance helicopter which intruded into the area of our side along the Military Demarcation Line in 1994 and what dangerous situation its RC-135 was placed in March 2003. It is as clear as noonday what danger will be entailed by the fact

that the enemy side's spy planes are coming nearer to the territorial sky of its belligerent party in the Korean peninsula where huge armed forces and nuclear weapons are standing in confrontation with each other.

The U.S. will surely have to pay a dear price for its provocative air espionage, frantically staged even invading the opposite side's air space without previous notice.

There is no guarantee that such shocking accident as downing of the U.S. Air Force strategic reconnaissance plane will not happen in the East Sea of Korea.

The U.S. daily-escalating serious military activity for various purposes and the regional security environment getting more overheated evidently foretells a possible conflict.

All the provocative moves of the U.S. should be stopped at once.

We send a serious warning to all the U.S. dangerous and provocative military actions getting evermore undisguised. -0-

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