



Press Statement by Vice-Minister for U.S. Affairs of DPRK Foreign Ministry

Pyongyang, April 25 (KCNA) -- Kim Un Chol, vice-minister for U.S. affairs of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), issued the following press statement on April 25:

The U.S. is busy filling up a breach of tattered sanctions and pressure mechanism as its illegal existence, engaged in the supervision over implementation of the anti-DPRK sanctions resolutions for the past decade, has been put at stake in the UN.

The intense sanctions, revealed by the present U.S. administration, are by no means new for the DPRK which has lived under such sanctions of the hostile forces for more than half a century.

Sanctions, a diplomatic tool extremely favored by the U.S., can be regarded as an inseparable means of existence for the U.S. that is staking its fate on domination and subordination upon other nations.

But it is an undeniable reality that the means has become a noose tightening the neck of the U.S. in the Korean peninsula.

Whenever the U.S. cooked up a new sanctions resolution in the UN arena, it triggered a more powerful and more developed nuclear test of the DPRK. Like this, the U.S. harsh sanctions have acted as catalyst and motive force that has encouraged the stepwise upgrade of the DPRK's national power.

It was just due to the U.S. nuclear threat that the DPRK decided to have access to nukes, and it was also due to the former's ceaseless

hostile policy and sanctions and pressure that the latter could rank itself among the world's nuclear powers by running straight ahead.

Of course, the DPRK people had to pay a huge price under untold sufferings caused by the U.S. sanctions, the most brutal and unethical ever in history in terms of width, depth and duration.

As clarified by **Kim Jong Un**, the respected president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, the pain the U.S. has imposed upon the DPRK people has turned into a strong rage against the U.S., the wrath that is redoubling the DPRK's determination and will to bolster up the most powerful strength no one can match.

The DPRK has got used to the U.S. sanctions and acquired the capability and great strength to make headway against any harsh sanctions.

The DPRK is a state entity that grows stronger before harsher sanctions and pressure.

It is correctly looking through what the Biden administration is attempting to enliven the worn-out sanctions and pressure on the DPRK.

Clearly speaking, if the U.S. introduces a new version of sanctions against the DPRK, the latter will take a new opportunity necessary for its upward readjustment of force which the U.S. is most afraid of.

The U.S. can never deprive the DPRK of its self-respect, its strength and its will to counter the U.S. What the DPRK will lose in the confrontation with the U.S. is the chain of sanctions and the nuclear threat and what the former will gain there is its eternal security and prosperity.

The DPRK will reliably defend its sovereign rights and security interests from the U.S. ever-escalating hostile threat and sanctions and pressure and take more powerful practical actions to make its military technical

strength irreversible and raise the capability of controlling the security situation in its vicinity. -0-

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