



## **White Paper Released by Institute for American Studies of DPRK Foreign Ministry**

Pyongyang, June 25 (KCNA) -- More than 70 years have passed since the ceasefire of the Korean War.

Now is hard to find in this land such traces of shuddering massacres and destruction committed by the U.S. imperialists in the war.

The Institute for American Studies of the DPRK Foreign Ministry released a white paper on Tuesday to disclose the historical facts on the atrocities committed by the U.S. against the DPRK, which were utterly heinous in terms of scale, persistence and viciousness, and clarify the DPRK people's unshakable will to inflict a retaliatory punishment on the U.S. imperialist aggressors, their sworn enemies.

The white paper refers to the hideous crimes the U.S. committed by inflicting on the DPRK huge human losses unprecedented in the human history.

The most serious damage is that the U.S. brutally killed many peaceful civilians.

According to official data alone, the number of victims to the U.S. massacres in the DPRK is 5 060 770 in total, including 1 247 870 deaths, 911 790 abductees and 391 740 missing persons.

According to their calculated damages based on the international practice, in case of the consideration of period when the victims could work, if they survived, and their income and the interest in the period

when they did not get compensated, the damages of those persons killed, abducted and missing are estimated to be more than 16 533.396 billion U.S. dollars and the damages of the wounded and disabled are 9 635.427 billion U.S. dollars, totaling to 26 168.823 billion U.S. dollars.

The U.S. can never evade the duty of fulfilling its responsibility as a war criminal state, before the DPRK government and people, for its hideous crimes that can not be pardoned in view of international law or human morality.

The white paper discloses that the U.S. inflicted on the DPRK disastrous material and economic damage that can never be compared with the aftermath of the World War.

The property damage, brought to the DPRK by the U.S. during the war, is estimated at more than 16 661.622 billion U.S. dollars.

Even after the war, the U.S. had systematically infiltrated terrorists and saboteurs into the DPRK's territory to destroy peaceful facilities, thus causing the property damage amounting to 21 266 million U.S. dollars.

According to rudimentary estimation, the economic damage the DPRK people had suffered for 70-odd years from 1945 to 2017 due to the U.S. sanctions and blockade amounts to more than 29.354 trillion U.S. dollars and the amount is increasing tremendously with each passing day.

Such heinous crime, that has brought untold material and economic damage to the DPRK, is tantamount to another mass destruction and massacre aimed to encroach upon and stamp out the sovereignty and rights to existence and development of the DPRK.

The white paper notes that the U.S. has added to its crimes by leaving indelible wounds on the Korean people through its outrageous nuclear threat and blackmail and doing serious harm to the security environment of the DPRK.

The U.S. declared that it would use A-bombs in the Korean War five years after it dropped them in Japan to kill hundreds of thousands of its innocent people.

It spawned a nuclear issue in the Korean peninsula and has gradually escalated its nuclear threat and blackmail against the DPRK to drive the security environment of the peninsula to tension.

In anti-DPRK joint military exercises of various forms and missions, staged for the past seven decades, from Focus Lens in 1954 to Ulji Freedom Shield at present, the U.S. has steadily acquired the capability to conduct a DPRK-targeted nuclear war. This year, it is staging frantic drills for preemptive strike at the DPRK's nuclear facilities and major military bases, under the new "operational plan 2022", revealing its scheme for a nuclear war against the DPRK under the eyes of the world.

Nothing can compensate the mental damage suffered by the Korean people due to the U.S. ever-escalating nuclear threat.

The Korean people are strictly keeping tabs on all the criminal acts made by the U.S. against the DPRK that have lasted for decades, and looking forward to the moment when the U.S. will be made to pay dearly for all its crimes, the white paper says, stating:

"Blood for blood!" -- this is the DPRK's norm related to irreconcilable compensation for the losses and its unshakable will to make a retaliatory punishment. -0-

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