



## **Asia-Pacific Is Not North Atlantic: Researcher of Int'l Politics Study Society**

Pyongyang, June 29 (KCNA) -- Kim Hyo Myong, a researcher of the Society for International Politics Study, on Wednesday issued an article titled "Asia-Pacific Is Not North Atlantic".

The full text of the article is as follows:

War flame ignited in Eastern Europe is flaring up to the Asia-Pacific region.

In April, the chairman of the military committee of NATO visited south Korea and Japan to discuss the strengthening of military cooperation. Moreover, the authorities of south Korea and Japan are going to participate in NATO Summit in Spain for the first time in history.

NATO is responsible for bringing a disaster to Eastern Europe. New strategic concept to be adopted in the coming NATO Summit includes the opposition to China. The U.S. and south Korea are becoming all the more undisguised in their military moves against us on the Korean peninsula and its vicinity. All things considered, there is an ominous sign that dark waves of the North Atlantic will break the silence of the Pacific sooner or later.

NATO is nothing but a perpetrator of the U.S. hegemonic strategy. It is simply a tool for local invasion.

NATO was established with a so-called mandate to defend Europe. The only "contribution" it has made to world peace and security is the devastation of sovereign states, massacre of hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians and generation of refugees numbering millions with its unlawful wars of aggression in Europe, Middle-East and Africa, i.e. Yugoslavia, Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya. It does not need to go any further. The main culprit of current sorry

plight of Europe is also none other than the U.S. for it sowed dissension, discord, confrontation and conflict there through its "eastward advance" in systematic defiance of security concerns of Russia.

After transforming the Western Hemisphere into the unstable international region of dispute, NATO is turning its sinister eyes to the far-off Eastern Hemisphere this time.

Some days ago, the U.S. government clarified its stand that south Korea, though it is not a NATO member, is an important companion of individual allies of NATO and that what the U.S. seeks to uphold in the Indo-Pacific with its south Korea allies, in what NATO seeks to uphold in Europe, is precisely the same thing.

This does mean that the U.S. would seek the hegemony in Asia with south Korea as cannon fodder in the same way as it pursues the "American-style international order" at the cost of European countries.

Crystal clear is NATO's purpose of seeking justification for its existence in Asia-Pacific region.

The ulterior purpose of the U.S.-led NATO is to make confrontational alliances such as "AUKUS" and "Quad" in Asia-Pacific region under the pretext of "restoration of democracy" and "strengthening of alliance" and link them to NATO in one chain so as to form trans-pacific encirclement ring aimed at containing and isolating China. What is a sight to see is the fact that the south Korean authorities are volunteering to play the role of point man and bullet shield for "Eastern Crusade" by NATO.

South Korean authority may have miscalculated that it can get praise from the U.S., its master and address its security concern if it comes under the umbrella of NATO. But it turned out that they have put their feet deep into the pit of fire.

South Korean authority has now shaken dark hands with NATO, a root cause of disaster. It will have to suffer from the most painful and severe security crisis and long-term incurable aftereffect of

security unrest.

Member states of NATO, blindly following the U.S., must bear in mind that the Pacific is not so peaceful as they see it.

It only concerns me much how NATO, hardly able to take care of even its "western domain", would cope with all storms that will blow over in the east.

Asia-Pacific countries, regarded by NATO as adversaries and strategic competitors, are not weaker than others in their wills and abilities to defend themselves from interference and aggression of outside forces.

It is only a matter of time before "NATO" ship which changed its course from the North Atlantic to the Asia-Pacific meets the fate of shipwreck. -0-

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### **Sinister Aim of Joint Military Exercises Disclosed**

Pyongyang, June 29 (KCNA) -- The United States tries to stage Pacific Dragon joint military exercises together with Japan, south Korea and others in Hawaii within August.

The Pacific Dragon exercises had been staged behind closed doors, in most cases, under the signboard of "mastering the ability of detecting and tracking ballistic missiles" by the U.S. with involvement of Japan and south Korea.

However, the military top brass of the U.S., Japan and south Korea held a meeting on June 11, where they decided to stage the exercises overtly and regularly to further strengthen their security cooperation. They also decided to open to the public the period and contents of this year's Pacific Dragon exercises in advance as well as the whole course of the exercises.

Moreover, the U.S. decided to conduct the U.S.-Japan-south Korea missile-warning drill, which has been staged intermittently so far, once in a quarter regularly and overtly.

This shows that the U.S. is sticking to the scheme for militarily grasping Japan and south Korea in a more undisguised and frantic manner.

The U.S. is getting hell-bent on the military cooperation with its stooges in disregard of the primary security demand and concern by Asia-pacific countries. It aims at containing the rivals such as China and Russia and gratifying the wild ambition for world domination as well as perfecting the preparations for aggression on the DPRK by realizing the U.S.-Japan-south Korea military alliance, a long-cherished desire of the U.S.

Just after the Second World War, the U.S. regarded the U.S.-Japan-south Korea triangular military alliance as the core element of its Asia strategy and built its framework through the conclusion of the U.S.-Japan Security Pact and the U.S.-south Korea "mutual defense treaty". And it had propelled the military cooperation between Japan and south Korea to form the tripartite military alliance.

Dulles, former U.S. Secretary of State, claimed before that the separate bilateral treaties between Japan and the U.S., between Taiwan and the U.S. and between south Korea and the U.S. should be put together in any form. The fact goes to prove that the U.S. had long taken pains for the formation of the tripartite military alliance.

Such design of the U.S. has become more undisguised, occasioned by the inauguration of Kishida regime in Japan, which openly calls for increasing the defense spending and possessing the "capability to attack enemy bases", and the assumption to power of the pro-U.S. and pro-Japanese conservative forces in south Korea, which advocate the confrontation with the DPRK.

It can be proved by the recent moves of the U.S. which vociferates stronger than ever before about normal implementation of the Japan-south Korea military intelligence agreement, talking about the U.S.-Japan-south Korea security cooperation.

The scheme for formation of the U.S.-Japan-south Korea military

alliance, motivated by Japan's and south Korea's kowtowing to the U.S., is evidently a dangerous prelude to the creation of "Asian version of NATO".

The U.S. moves for establishing a unilateral international order based on its value concept lead to the onset of "new Cold War" era in the Asia-pacific region and the formation of acute confrontation structure of strength for strength.

The reckless military moves of the U.S. will not escape the curse and rejection of the international community.

China and other countries in the region denounce such moves of the U.S. as an overbold demonstration of muscle and a dangerous attempt to destroy the balance of power.

The escalation of tension in the Asia-pacific region incurred by the imprudent military provocations of the U.S. will primarily have a negative impact on the situation of the Korean Peninsula.

As the U.S. specially defined the DPRK as a "major threat destabilizing the region" for no ground while mapping out Indo-pacific strategy aimed at containing China, the joint military exercises staged by the U.S., Japan and south Korea in the Asia-pacific region can be said to target the DPRK in the first instant. Conservative media of south Korea are busy building up public opinion that the aim of the Pacific Dragon exercises is to cope with "ballistic missile threat" of the DPRK. This shows that the joint military exercises are clearly targeting the DPRK and that the U.S. hostile policy to stifle the DPRK has entered a more dangerous phase.

The reality urgently urges the DPRK to take every possible measure for bolstering up its military capability for defending the country's sovereignty and the people's well-being and awakens the countries in the Asia-pacific region.

The reckless military confrontation moves of the U.S. and its vassal forces becoming pronounced in the Asia-pacific region will only bring about catastrophic consequences of self-destruction. -0-

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