



## **Expansion of U.S.-led War Drills for Aggression Is Trigger for Driving Situation on Korean Peninsula to Point of Explosion**

Pyongyang, April 6 (KCNA) -- Choe Ju Hyon, an international security analyst, released the following article titled "Expansion of the U.S.-led war drills of aggression is a trigger for driving the situation on the Korean peninsula to the point of explosion" on April 6:

The reckless military confrontational hysteria of the U.S. and its followers against the DPRK is driving the situation on the Korean peninsula to an irreversible catastrophe.

The U.S. kicked off different largest-ever joint military drills against the DPRK simultaneously despite the latter's repeated grave warnings, pushing the security situation of the Korean peninsula to the brink of a nuclear war. Against this backdrop, the U.S. staged joint naval drills with Japan and south Korea on April 3 and 4.

The U.S.-led allied forces were busy with an anti-submarine warfare drill and a search and rescue drill in the waters around the Korean peninsula to stoke an atmosphere of confrontation with the DPRK.

The U.S. nuclear carrier Nimitz, Aegis destroyers Wayne E. Meyer and Decatur, and warships of Japan and south Korea were involved

in the drills.

The hostile forces unhesitatingly make threatening remarks against the DPRK, saying that the drill, which was hosted to improve the allied capabilities for coping with the underwater threat from north Korea, promoted the strengthening of the allied deterrence and security cooperation.

Now the international community unanimously hopes that the dark clouds of a nuclear war hanging over the Korean peninsula will be removed as early as possible and peace and stability brought to the fore.

Nevertheless, the U.S. and its followers have pushed the situation on the Korean peninsula to an extremely critical phase, steadily escalating the intensity and scale of the joint military drills under different codenames, since the outset of this year.

The U.S. has staged more than tens of war drills for aggression, including the longest-ever Freedom Shield joint military exercises and the largest-ever Ssangyong joint landing drills, to attack and occupy the inviolable DPRK since March. By staging the tripartite joint naval drills with Japan involved again, the U.S. has betrayed its disgusting true colors as the chief culprit of escalating tensions on the Korean peninsula and the cancer-like entity threatening regional security and global peace before the very eyes of the world.

More than 200 big and small countries exist on the globe and each country stages military drills according to its right to self-defence.

But there is no such military drill as the U.S. and its vassal forces' anti-DPRK war drills which continue all the year round, day after day

and month after month, with the involvement of huge war hardware specifically targeted on a country.

For the U.S.-led joint military drills, hundreds of thousands of allied troops, which are huge enough to fight an all-out war, and core strategic assets termed ultra-modern are deployed around not so large Korean peninsula. Such war rehearsal is an unprecedented one without parallel in the world in terms of its bellicose nature, scale and intensity.

Witnessing such dreary situation prevailing in the Korean peninsula, anyone with common sense and reason can easily notice who the arch criminal escalating tension is and what the malignant factor of bringing the fiery clouds is.

As unanimously recognized by the international community, the U.S. and its vassal forces' frantic joint military drills have turned the Korean peninsula into a huge powder magazine which can be detonated any moment, and the vicinity of the Korean peninsula into a firing range exclusive to the U.S. imperialist aggressors and a world-class exhibition of strategic weapons.

The military provocations by the U.S.-led warmongers have gone beyond the tolerance limit. This reality awaits more explicit stand and answer of the DPRK's defence capabilities.

The DPRK's war deterrence will continue to show its responsibility for and confidence in its crucial mission through offensive action. -0-

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