

**Kim Yo Jong, Vice Department Director of
C.C., WPK Releases Press Statement**



Pyongyang, June 1 (KCNA) -- Kim Yo Jong, vice department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, issued the following press statement titled " No one can deny the DPRK's sovereign right to satellite launch" on June 1:

The U.S. is openly revealing its inveterate hostility toward the DPRK over its military reconnaissance satellite launch belonging to its right to self-defence.

A spokesperson for the National Security Council of the White House on Wednesday clamored that all countries should denounce the DPRK's military satellite launch, saying there is a danger of unnecessarily escalating tension and destabilizing the regional security as it is an open violation of the UNSC's "resolution". It is neither surprising nor new, but the U.S. is letting loose a hackneyed gibberish prompted by its brigandish and abnormal thinking.

Who is escalating the tension unnecessarily and destabilizing the regional security situation?

If the DPRK's satellite launch should be particularly censured, the U.S. and all other countries, which have already launched thousands of satellites, should be denounced. This is nothing but sophism of self-contradiction.

The far-fetched logic that only the DPRK should not be allowed to do so according to the UNSC's "resolution" which bans the use of ballistic rocket technology irrespective of its purpose, though other countries are doing so, is clearly a gangster-like and wrong one of seriously violating the DPRK's right to use space and illegally oppressing it.

It is pitiful that the U.S.-style gangster-like logic was stipulated in the UNSC's "resolution".

The U.S. is a group of gangsters who would claim that even if the DPRK launches a satellite in space orbit through balloon, it is illegal and threatening.

It is the "tragedy of the U.S." in the 21st century that it can never give a correct answer with a wrong formula and has not discarded misunderstanding of it.

The U.S. should cool its head heated with confrontation hysteria and clearly look into the UN Charter and the provisions of the space treaty once again before groundlessly denying and pulling up a sovereign state over its satellite launch and its right to space development.

Even at this moment, the U.S. is absorbed in watching every movement of the DPRK with sharp eyes after flying a lot of reconnaissance satellites, high altitude unmanned reconnaissance planes and all other reconnaissance assets in the sky above the Korean Peninsula. It is just like a guilty party filing the suit first and illogical to pull up the DPRK over its military reconnaissance satellite launch.

The U.S. should no longer have illusion nor be overconfident itself. No one vested the U.S. with the authority to take issue with the sovereign right of a specified state.

Taking this opportunity, we would like to once again clearly warn the U.S., which is trying to blind and deafen the eyes and ears of the international community with such honeyed dialogue ballad as "door of diplomacy" and "sincere negotiation".

We have no content of dialogue and do not feel the necessity of dialogue with the U.S. and its stooges that oft-repeat the "end of regime" and the "overthrow of system". We will continue our-style counteraction in a more offensive attitude so that they should not but realize that they will have nothing to benefit from the extension of the hostile policy toward the DPRK and how dangerous their pursuit of confrontation with the DPRK is.

We are ready to do whatever to defend our sovereign right and interests.

Reading the psychology of the U.S. and its stooges that are so uneasy about the DPRK's military reconnaissance satellite issue, we

confirmed once again that the enemies are most afraid of the DPRK's access to excellent reconnaissance and information means including reconnaissance satellite and, accordingly, we are aware that we should direct greater efforts to developing reconnaissance means.

It is certain that the DPRK's military reconnaissance satellite will soon start its mission on a space orbit.

We are well aware of the protracted nature of the confrontation with the U.S. and will make all efforts to bolster up war deterrent in an all-inclusive direction, being conscious of the long-term threats and challenges.

If the U.S. and its stooges continue to commit rash acts of infringing upon our sovereign right, we will never remain an onlooker to them.

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