

## **Article of Int'l Affairs Analyst**

Pyongyang, October 10 (KCNA) -- Ra Jong Min, a commentator on international affairs of the DPRK, issued an article titled "Only fools can jump into fire with faggot on their backs" on Tuesday.

The full text of the article is:

Shortly ago, the Ministry of Defense of Canada announced that it would stage an "Operation NEON" around the Korean peninsula from early October to early November, adding this shows that Canada attaches great importance to the Indo-Pacific region and the international security.

As well known to the international community, the acute situation, the eve of the outbreak of a nuclear war, is prevailing over the Korean peninsula and Northeast Asia owing to the U.S. reckless arms buildup and joint military exercises for aggression. It is easy to judge that the introduction of fighter planes and warships into such a hotspot is a dangerous act like adding fuel to the flames.

However, it seems that Canada, engrossed in kowtowing to the U.S. without elementary thinking ability, has not properly understood the gravity of the present situation in the Korean peninsula.

Canada's behavior is not only an anti-peace act of wrecking peace and security in the Korean peninsula and stability in the Asia-Pacific region but also a foolish option of destroying its security by itself.

Whenever an opportunity presents itself, Canada is making an impression that it contributes to the issue of peace and security in the Korean peninsula. But what the country has done so far in the Korean peninsula and the Asia-Pacific region is to disturb peace and stability and aggravate confrontation and conflict.

Canada, which dispatched mercenaries to the Korean War ignited by the U.S. in the 1950s, has played a leading role in carrying out the U.S. hostile policy toward the DPRK in the new century, too.

It has enforced the law on "special economic measures" to totally block trade, financial services and technology transfer with the DPRK and ban the navigation and

mooring of our ships and planes in its territory, under the pretext of implementing the UNSC sanctions resolution, since 2011.

In January 2018, it called a "Vancouver meeting on security and stability of the Korean peninsula" with the attendance of 20 countries, including Korean War participants and Japan, to create an atmosphere for provoking the second Korean war.

This year, too, the prime minister and the foreign minister of Canada remained silent about the fact that the U.S.-led joint military exercises are driving the situation in the Korean peninsula to the redline and, instead, slandered the DPRK's exercise of the legitimate right to self-defence, revealing their distrust and hostility towards it. At a time when the certainty of military conflict in the Korean peninsula is increasing more remarkably than ever before due to the war drills of the U.S. and "Republic of Korea", Canada is committing such rash act of jumping into fire with brushwood on its back, not content with having added fuel to the flames owing to the anachronistic daydream and its blind belief in its American master. We wonder if Canada's thinking is normal.

As the country has such a way of thinking, it courteously asked even a Nazi to attend its recent parliament session to create an atmosphere of welcoming someone, only to be condemned by the international community and apologize for its act. It is a natural result for Canada which has become inveterate in finding boundless satisfaction and relief in following its master blindly without any clear view. It is by no means fortuitous that the international community unanimously has branded "Canada's positive effort for peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region" as an attempt to prove its loyalty to the U.S.

If Canada continues acting as a servant of the U.S. as now, it will be called the "51st state" of the U.S. like the "Republic of Korea".

Canada should stop such a reckless act of doing harm to its own interests, clearly understanding that the Asia-Pacific countries are closely following its reckless behavior. -0-

## **U.S. Deployment of Space Force Criticized**

Pyongyang, October 10 (KCNA) -- Ri Song Jin, a researcher of the National Aerospace

Technology Administration of the DPRK, released the following article titled "U.S. space force deployment aimed at preemptive aggression war" on Tuesday: The U.S. moves aimed at military hegemony in the Asia-Pacific region are steadily expanding into space.

Recently, a high-ranking official of the U.S. space force visited Tokyo to give shape to the conspiracy with the Japanese defense minister in the field of space and opened to the public that the work to form the U.S. space force to be stationed in Japan is being promoted.

Just ten months ago, the U.S., which has long sought space supremacy, created its first overseas space force in its Indo-Pacific Command after the establishment of the space force in 2019.

Later, the U.S. deployed its space force in the region of south Korean puppets, an advanced base for carrying out the Indo-Pacific strategy, and recently involved the space force in "Ulji Freedom Shield", a nuclear war rehearsal for aggression, for the first time.

The number of U.S. space troops was over 200 when it was organized, but increased more than 40 times in just three to four years, reaching at least 8 600 in the fiscal year 2023 and the budget allotted to the space force is increasing rapidly every year. This is nothing but a part showing that the U.S. moves for space militarization have gone beyond the red line.

The U.S. claims that the deployment of the U.S. space force in the Asia-Pacific region is for defending its mainland and ensuring security of its allies, but this is nothing but a camouflaged curtain to cover up the scenario for preemptive attack on the anti-U.S. and independent countries.

The real aim sought by the U.S. is to further improve the capability for preemptive strike at regional countries by using space to ensure its military edge over the DPRK, China, Russia and other regional military powers and, ultimately, to realize its strategy for world supremacy for aggression by force of arms.

The danger of deployment of the space force lies in the fact that the U.S. is trying to mount a preemptive attack on its foes simultaneously in the ground, air, sea and space once an opportunity arises, while constantly deploying its space force in the Asia-Pacific region and bringing into existence strategic nuclear submarines, strategic bombers and other strategic assets at any time.

Due to the U.S. reckless and dangerous arms buildup and space militarization, the possibility is still growing in the Asia-Pacific region in which the strategic balance may be destroyed at any moment to bring about a nuclear war.

The reality requires the regional countries more urgently than ever before to take every possible measure for defending peace and security in the world and the region from the U.S. aggressive moves for space militarization.

Now that the U.S. is getting hell-bent on space militarization with a preemptive nuclear attack as its ultimate target by massively introducing space force into the Korean peninsula and its vicinity, the space development including military reconnaissance satellite is an indispensable strategic option for guaranteeing the security interests and right to existence of the DPRK.

The just international community should heighten vigilance against the U.S. reckless moves for space militarization and resolutely oppose them in order to prevent the destruction of balance of forces in the region and the world and thoroughly deter the U.S. scheme for an aggression war.

The DPRK will continue to spur the bolstering up of the self-defensive capabilities for safeguarding the national sovereignty and territorial integrity and ensuring the regional peace and security to cope with the ever-escalating military threat and aggression scheme of the U.S. and its vassal forces in all areas including space. -0-www.kcna.kp (Juche112.10.10.)