

FM Speaks DPRK Has All Means and Methods to Defend Itself

Pyongyang, August 18 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the DPRK Foreign Ministry Wednesday gave the following answer to a question put by KCNA as regards the U.S-south Korea Ulji Freedom Guardian joint military exercises now under way in south Korea:

The U.S. and the south Korean puppet authorities kicked off UFG, the largest-ever joint military exercises to attain an unprecedentedly belligerent goal, on August 16. The all-round joint military exercises being staged across south Korea in the wake of the provocative war maneuvers in the East and West Seas of Korea in less than one month are the dangerous military provocations to ignite a nuclear war on the Korean Peninsula at any cost.

These war maneuvers are a wanton violation of the Armistice Agreement and diametrically run counter to the presidential statement of the UNSC dated July 9, 2010 which calls for settling the pending issues on the Korean Peninsula through dialogue and negotiations in a peaceful manner.

Such ceaseless military provocations being perpetrated in utter disregard of the concern of the international community about the tensions running high in the Korean Peninsula and the region go to clearly prove that the U.S. is, indeed, the arch criminal threatening and wrecking the global peace and security.

The warmongers are so reckless as to dig their own graves.

The DPRK is ready both for dialogue and war and has all means and methods to defend itself. The prevailing situation makes the DPRK more keenly feel the validity and vitality of the Songun politics.

The U.S. and the south Korean authorities should understand that there is a critical point in the tension, too, and should not calculate they can evade the blame for the explosive situation.