

## **U.S. Will Be Responsible for Outbreak of War in Korean Peninsula: Spokesman for FM of DPRK**

Pyongyang, March 6 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the DPRK Foreign Ministry Sunday issued a statement denouncing the U.S. and south Korean puppet forces for mulling kicking off the Key Resolve and Foal Eagle 16 joint military exercises on March 7.

The U.S. is working hard to turn the Korean Peninsula into the theater of a war, not content with slapping its unreasonable "sanctions" against the DPRK over its self-defensive H-bomb test and satellite launch for peaceful purposes, the statement said, and went on:

What should not be overlooked is the fact that the U.S. is openly crying out for examining the feasibility of the "beheading operation" and "high-density strike" through the joint military drills which would involve huge forces enough to fight a war.

This clearly indicates that the projected joint military drills are dangerous war rehearsals which fully reveal their aggressive nature after discarding such cloak as "annual" and "defensive" that has been employed by the U.S. in a trite method.

The DPRK can never remain a passive onlooker to the U.S. desperate moves to ignite a war of aggression by increasing the danger to extremes in the Korean Peninsula.

In case a war breaks out on this land, it will neither be limited to the peninsula nor will it be a conventional war.

No one can vouch that the do-or-die confrontation between the DPRK and the U.S. will not spill over to a global thermonuclear war.

The DPRK will completely turn its mode of military counteraction against the enemy into that of preemptive attack as the situation reached an uncontrollable grave phase.

A decisive preemptive attack is the only way for the DPRK to beat back the sudden surprise attack of the U.S. ultra-modern military hardware and special units and protect itself as its strategic depth is not long.

It is quite natural exercise of the right to self-defense for the DPRK to mount a preemptive attack as its counteraction as the U.S. poses an extreme nuclear threat to it after introducing nuclear weapons into south Korea and designating it as part

of an "axis of evil" and target of preemptive nuclear strike since long before it had access to nuclear weapons.

If a war breaks out in the peninsula, the U.S. will be held accountable for igniting the war by mobilizing strategic means and war hardware, regardless of who mounted a preemptive attack. -0-