

## **DPRK FM Spokesman Rejects UNSC Press Statement**

Pyongyang, June 24 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK Friday gave the following answer to a question put by KCNA as regards the fact that the UNSC pulled up the DPRK over its test-fire of intermediate strategic ballistic rocket:

The news of Juche Korea's successful test-fire of surface-to-surface medium long-range strategic ballistic rocket Hwasong-10 shook the world, demonstrating its powerful defence capability. But, some hostile forces are attempting to pull up the DPRK over its step for bolstering up the self-reliant defence capability.

On June 23, a press statement was made at the UNSC to "denounce" the test-fire, calling for the implementation of "resolution on sanctions".

We totally reject this UNSC press statement, which is devoid of impartiality and a product of double-standard, as an invention of the U.S. chiefly responsible for the escalated tension on the Korean peninsula.

The successful test-fire of strategic ballistic rocket Hwasong-10, a normal action pursuant to the DPRK's line of simultaneously pushing forward the economic construction and the building of nuclear force, was a self-defensive step to reliably defend the security of the country and its people from the U.S. and other hostile forces' constant threat.

However the UN Security Council adopted what is called a press statement and cried out for the implementation of the "resolution on sanctions" against the DPRK. This is an unreasonable deed of turning black into white.

The "resolution on sanctions" against the DPRK is a product of high-handedness wantonly violating the sovereignty of an independent state.

The UN Secretariat, too, has not brought up the legal basis for justifying it.

The U.S. is the very one that threatens the DPRK by force and aggravates the situation intentionally, steadily hurling into south Korea such strategic means as nuclear submarines and strategic bombers.

It is a legitimate self-defensive step for the DPRK to secure the corresponding powerful attack means now that the U.S. is constantly posing threats to the sovereignty and vital rights of the DPRK.

As already declared by the DPRK, detente and stability on the Korean peninsula cannot be realized by anyone's unilateral efforts.

The U.S. is well advised to recall how the DPRK emerged a nuclear weapons state and has steadily bolstered war deterrence, before criticizing the latter's efforts to increase the military strength, and reflect on its extremely hostile policy toward the DPRK.

Its sustained strategic mistake and rash deed are now driving the situation on the Korean peninsula to the uncontrollable extreme phase.

The DPRK will take in succession the self-defensive countermeasures of its style as long as the U.S. continues resorting to nuclear threat, sanctions and pressure on it.