

FM Spokesman Blasts U.S. Arms Buildup around Korean Peninsula

Pyongyang, September 3 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK gave the following answer to the question raised by KCNA Saturday as regards the reports about U.S. nuclear submarines sailing in the waters around the DPRK:

It is reported that U.S. nuclear submarines have been busy conducting operations of tracking down DPRK strategic submarines in the international waters around the East Sea of Korea since last year.

The reports said that the U.S. military neither admits nor denies it but it is a stark fact that the U.S. is tracking down DPRK submarines and collecting information.

This can not but be a dangerous act of further straining the situation on the Korean peninsula and endangering the regional peace and stability.

The confrontation between strategic submarines is fraught with big danger of a nuclear war as what happened during the Cold War between the Soviet Union and the U.S.

The U.S. introduction of nuclear submarines into the sensitive waters around the Korean peninsula and in Northeast Asia under the pretext of tracking down strategic submarines of someone is, in fact, targeted against China and Russia and reveals its sordid intention to hold a military upper-hand and hegemony in the region.

The media, commenting on such a military move of the U.S., already warned that Northeast Asia may be thrown into the whirlwind of arms race of nuclear submarines.

There is no guarantee that conflict between strategic submarines of nuclear weapons states in not vast waters of the Korean peninsula and its vicinity which are exposed to constant danger of a nuclear war due to the U.S. joint military exercises for aggression and arms buildup would not spill over into a nuclear war.

The DPRK can respond to any mode of war wanted by the U.S. and the U.S. has to own full responsibilities for the ensuing consequences.