

## **DPRK's ICBM Development Is to Cope with U.S. Nuclear War Threat: FM Spokesman**

Pyongyang, January 8 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK gave the following answer to the question raised by KCNA Sunday as regards the fact that the U.S. is pulling up the DPRK over its preparations for ICBM test-fire that have reached their final phase:

The DPRK's ICBM development is part of its efforts for bolstering its capability for self-defence to cope with the ever more undisguised nuclear war threat from the U.S.

Nevertheless, the U.S. is crying out for tightening sanctions to pressurize the DPRK, terming the entirely just rocket launch preparations of the latter "provocation" and "threat." This reminds one of a guilty party filing the suit first.

A U.S. deputy secretary of State spouted rubbish on January 5 that threat from north Korea has reached an extreme pitch and sanctions aimed at pressurizing north Korea would as ever continue no matter what administration may establish in the U.S.

Some pseudo-experts and conservative media are busy joining the Obama group in putting pressure on the DPRK. Explicitly speaking again, the U.S. is wholly to blame for pushing the DPRK to have developed ICBM as it has desperately resorted to anachronistic policy hostile toward

the DPRK for decades to encroach upon its sovereignty and vital rights.

Despite the unheard-of harsh sanctions and pressure, the DPRK developed H-bomb and had access to standardized nuclear warheads by bolstering up its nuclear weapons on a high level at an unimaginably high speed on the strength of self-development.

The ICBM will be launched anytime and anywhere determined by the supreme headquarters of the DPRK.

Respected Supreme Leader **Kim Jong Un** clarified that the DPRK will continue to build up our self-defence capability, the pivot of which is the nuclear forces, and the capability for preemptive strike as long as the United States and its vassal forces keep on nuclear threat and blackmail and as long as they do not stop their war games they stage at our doorstep disguising them as annual events.

Anyone who wants to deal with the DPRK would be well advised to secure a new way of thinking after having clear understanding of it. -