

KJC Spokesman Hits U.S. for Justifying UNSC "Sanctions Resolutions" against DPRK

Pyongyang, February 2 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Korean Jurists Committee gave the following answer to a question put by KCNA Thursday as regards the fact that the U.S. is letting out sophism to justify the UN Security Council's "sanctions resolutions" against the DPRK:

All the anti-DPRK "sanctions resolutions", cooked up by the U.S. and its vassal forces so far by abusing the UN Security Council, have fully disclosed their illegality as they wantonly breached the legitimate right of a sovereign state and universally recognized international law.

The blockade-oriented "sanctions resolutions" against the DPRK, in particular, have drawn international censure as they are unethical actions going against civilization, acts aimed at totally denying the DPRK people's rights to existence and development and wrecking modern civilization and pushing the Korean society into darkness in the medieval age.

The "resolutions on sanctions" cooked up by the UN Security Council are devoid of legal ground and are in wanton violation of the legitimate rights of sovereign states and principles governing international relations provided for in the UN Charter. This was a conclusion drawn by the international judicial circle.

When the U.S. worked out in 1966 "sanctions resolution" 232, the first of its kind in UN history, under the pretext of Article 39 of the UN Charter to avenge former Rhodesia which declared its independence from Britain, the international judicial circle clarified the illegality of the "resolution," citing paragraph by paragraph, and took issue with the UN Security Council's act of going beyond its mandate.

Now the U.S. continues to cook up "resolutions" by abusing authority of the UN Security Council in defiance of universally recognized international law. In this regard, the DPRK requested the UN Secretariat to organize an international forum of law experts for clarifying the legal ground of those resolutions either in New York or in Geneva.

But the U.S. let experts on Korean affairs who lack knowledge about international law still spout hackneyed sophism that the UNSC is entitled to take appropriate

measures if an act of specified country is seen as a threat to peace under Article 39 of the UN Charter and that the UNSC can impose sanctions because other countries do not accept the DPRK's withdrawal from the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty.

Article 39 of the UN Charter can not become a legal ground for the "sanctions resolution" as it provides for common authority of the UN Security Council, and no international law stipulates that nuclear test or satellite launch of a specified state constitutes threat to peace.

Moreover, the DPRK's withdrawal from the NPT was legitimate as it went through necessary procedures under Article 10 of the treaty and there is no paragraph in the treaty that specifies that withdrawal has to be recognized by other countries.

Flurry of sophism let out by so-called American experts on Korean affairs clearly proves the necessity of open discussion on legal grounds for "sanctions resolution" at an international forum of legal experts.

The UN advocating abidance by international law and regulations has to fulfill its responsibility and mission before the international community by organizing a forum immediately, properly meeting the just demand of the DPRK.

The Korean Jurists Committee hopes that the international community and legal organizations valuing justice and truth would positively respond to the DPRK's proposal for organizing an international forum for open discussion on the legal grounds for "sanctions resolution".

Prompt Repatriation of DPRK Women Citizens Urged: Spokesman of C.C, DPRK Red Cross Society

Pyongyang, February 3 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Central Committee of the DPRK Red Cross Society Friday made public a statement on the lapse of 10 months since women citizens of the DPRK were allured and abducted to south Korea by the Park Geun Hye group.

Noting that 12 women citizens of the DPRK in Ningbo, Zhejiang Province of China were allured and abducted in broad daylight to south Korea in April last year, the statement said:

The DPRK strongly demanded that south Korea unconditionally repatriate the abducted women citizens in safe when agents of the Intelligence Service and the

south Korean authorities including the Foreign Ministry committed the surprise terrorist act on the order of the witch of Chongwadae.

However, Park Geun Hye and the puppet group continued to commit unpardonable crimes without hesitation, far from making apology for such heinous abduction and repatriating the women citizens to the north.

They disregarded the strong demand of the families of the abductees for face-to-face meeting with their daughters in Seoul, talking about "group defection according to their free will." They have detained the abductees in solitary cells away from contact with outside, imposing mental and physical sufferings, torment, appeasement and deception, threats and blackmail to force defection upon them.

They refused to comply with the demand for face-to-face meeting with the women citizens under the absurd pretence "personal safety" of their families. And they did not send those women to the closed-door trial staged by a court of south Korea which went through necessary procedures, terming it "dancing to the tune of the north's assertion about abduction" and finally aborting the trial.

They are dealing the issue of safety of the abductees as top secret, prompted by their sinister intention to keep the truth about their crime buried into oblivion forever.

Their abduction and custody of DPRK women citizens are an unpardonable violation of dignity and sovereignty of the DPRK and a heinous inhumane crime against human rights as they deliberately "divided families".

The nation will never pardon the south Korean puppet group's inhumane and traitorous acts of forcing the parents and their children to live separated from each other and reducing the abductees to victims of their operation to escalate the confrontation with the compatriots.