

## **DPRK FM Spokesman Slams Japan's Spy Satellite Launch**

Pyongyang, March 23 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK Wednesday gave the following answer to a question put by KCNA with regard to the fact that Japan launched a spy satellite aiming at intensifying watch on the DPRK:

Japan launched H-2A rocket carrying a spy satellite at the Tanegashima Space Centre in Kagoshima Prefecture of Japan on March 17.

The Japanese authorities announced that the satellite is aiming at gathering intelligence about the ballistic missile launches of the DPRK, revealing itself that it is a spy satellite.

The satellite launch, conducted by Japan at a time when the departed soul of militarism is haunting, is another product of its premeditated policy of militarization and a clear revelation of its ambition for staging a comeback to Korea.

An ally of the U.S. can develop any missile or launch any spying satellite without any problem, but a country hostile to the U.S. is not allowed to exercise the right to launch legitimate and peaceful satellite which is recognized by international law. Nothing can justify this robber-like logic.

That's why we proposed clarifying the legal ground of the "resolutions on sanctions" of the UN Security Council and arranging a forum of international legal experts for it.

However, the UN Secretariat still keeps mum about it.

We will continue exercising the legitimate right to development of space for peaceful purposes, no matter what others may say, and take thorough measures to cope with Japan's militarization and its moves to realize the ambition for reinvasion.