

## **Japan Slammed for Fueling U.S. Saber-Rattling**

Pyongyang, May 16 (KCNA) -- The Institute for Asian Studies of the DPRK Institute for International Studies issued an article Tuesday to denounce the Japanese reactionaries for working with bloodshot eyes to render the situation on the Korean peninsula extremely tense and attain their sinister intention by giving a shot in the arm of the U.S. in its reckless moves to provoke a war against the DPRK.

The Japanese authorities including Abe cried out for putting maximum pressure on the DPRK while branding its nuclear and rocket launches as a serious "threat" to world peace and security in their phone dialogue and talks with the U.S. president, during the U.S. vice-president's visit to Japan, at negotiations with the U.S. and south Korea in Tokyo and on other occasions.

In March and April when the U.S. came out with "military option" and "preemptive attack" theory while maximizing the level of military pressure on the DPRK through Key Resolve and Foal Eagle joint military drills, unprecedented all-out nuclear war rehearsal in terms of scope, intensity and mode of implementation, Japan fully welcomed it and such politicians as the defense minister cried out for dispatch of the "Self-Defense Forces" to "rescue Japanese" in south Korea, openly indicating their attempt at reinvasion of the Korean peninsula.

Lurking behind the Japanese reactionaries' act of maximizing the "story about threat" from the DPRK and the story of "crisis on the Korean peninsula" while chiming in the U.S. anti-DPRK war moves is their intention to secure "justifications" for realizing at any cost the scheme to turn Japan into a military giant and launch overseas aggression, the article says, and goes on:

The reason why the Japanese reactionaries look forward to a war on the Korean peninsula is that they want to repeat the history of aggression so as to feel the "taste" again they enjoyed during the past war.

The Japanese economy has now greeted "lost three decades" beyond "lost two decades". Business cycle has stopped with stagnant excessive production structure

overwhelming the decrease in demand and there is prevalent overall shrinkage of fund, equipment and labor, which makes it hard for the economy to get out of depression.

Another purpose the Japanese reactionaries seek to frantically resort to the "story about crisis on the Korean peninsula" is to calm down anti-Abe sentiment by diverting the internal focus on to the DPRK and create an environment favorable for long stay in power.

Recent disclosure of the scandal of Abe family over Moritomo school, the issue of transferring Futenma U.S. military base, economic crisis and all sorts of labor disaster and social evils that break out in chain, delayed recovery from the great quake in east Japan and earthquake in Kumamoto and other instable factors contribute to the approval rate for the Abe regime that goes into steady tailspin.

All facts clearly prove that the Japanese reactionaries are trying to use the U.S. reckless saber-rattling as a golden opportunity for attaining their purposes to turn Japan into a military giant and realize overseas aggression.

The Japanese authorities will face only miserable defeat with the land of Japan turning into a heap of debris by the merciless punishment by the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK, if they think of working as a shock brigade for executing the U.S. hostile policy toward the DPRK and foolishly dreaming of gaining "great windfall" just as in the last Korean War.

Japan should be free of megalomania and stop running amuck