

American Policymakers Should Hurry Up

Former US Defense Secretary Perry once said: We must not view north Korea as we want but see it as it is. Over the past decades the US has adopted policies in anticipation of the country's collapse, and now they prove to be a failure. The US should negotiate with it to reduce the danger of its nuclear weapons that can reach the US mainland.

This speech attracted the world's attention. It was, in fact, the denial of the US government's policy hostile to the DPRK that lasted for more than half a century, as well as an acknowledgement of the latter's nuclear deterrent that has been built up in the long period.

As is well known, the DPRK sent a big "gift" to the US on its Independence Day by test-firing the ICBM Hwasong 14.

Twenty or so days after that, it succeeded in the second test-firing of Hwasong 14 on the occasion of July 27 that is celebrated as V-Day in the DPRK, the day when the US signed the Korean Armistice Agreement.

The ICBM climbed along the flight track up to 3 724.9km and flew 998km for 47 minutes 12 seconds, hitting the selected area in the open sea.

Through this test-firing, the country paraded its capability to launch ICBMs in any place and at any time, and it holds that the whole of the US mainland is within the range of its missiles.

Its possession of the ICBM that can strike any point of the US territory, as well as A-bomb and H-bomb, is proof positive that country's national strength and strategic position have reached a new high.

To look back, American policymakers have resorted to vicious schemes in trying to bring the Korean people to their knees. However, their attempts were to no avail.

The nuclear stick policy prompted the DPRK to work out its own nuclear and missile programme and step up its implementation.

It is a pipe dream for the US to believe that it can stifle the Korean people and check their development by means of sanctions and blockade.

Its war moves and radical sanctions galvanized the Korean people, providing justification for the latter's nuclear possession.

It is not accidental that international affairs experts comment that the DPRK is now capable of striking the US mainland.

All in all, the US policy towards the DPRK has turned out to be a fiasco.

If the US refuses to make a policy switch and come to the negotiating table, it will inevitably face a do-or-die nuclear war.

American policymakers are well advised to see the reality as it is and make a logical judgement. Conclusively, their hostile policy has bred nuclear threat from the DPRK.

The latter's test-firing of Hwasong 14 for the simulation of its maximum range is a serious warning to the US. The message is clear. American policymakers have probably understood that if the US dares to provoke the DPRK, its existence will be threatened.

It is quite unquestionable that if the US clings to anti-DPRK policy, its mainland will face a greater threat of nuclear catastrophe.

American policymakers should immediately do something to prevent this disaster.