

## **U.S. Slammed for Trying to Deploy Tactical Nuclear Weapons into S. Korea**

The spokesman for the Institute of American Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the DPRK, gave the following answer to a question raised by KCNA on Friday in connection with the fact that the Trump Administration is publicizing through the media the “possibility of redeploying tactical nuclear weapons” into south Korea and developing up-to-date miniaturized nuclear bomb.

Recently, NBC and other American press reported that the Trump administration is currently examining various plans of developing up-to-date miniaturized nuclear bomb of low intensity to deal with nuclear threats posed by countries like the DPRK and Russia, and it will not rule out the option of redeploying tactical nuclear weapons into south Korea in case the south Korean “government” so requests.

The fact that the deliberate leakage of the information about tactical nuclear weapons by the Trump administration coincides with its moves to impose heinous sanctions, pressure and military threat on the DPRK, raises the alarm about the intention of the U.S. to unleash an actual nuclear war in the Korean peninsula.

The U.S. has generated the nuclear issue of the Korean Peninsula by deploying more than 1 000 nuclear weapons into south Korea since 1950s and turning it into the front-line base for nuclear war, and imposed constant nuclear threat on the DPRK.

In the early 1990s, as the international support for the just anti-nuclear, peace policy and sincere efforts of the DPRK increased, the U.S. declared the withdrawal of nuclear weapons from south Korea, but it never stopped blackmailing and threatening the DPRK with its nuclear assets.

Explicitly speaking once again, continuous nuclear threat and vicious hostile policy of the U.S. towards DPRK are the very reason the DPRK gained access to nukes and strengthened its nuclear force for self-defense.

Besides, the redeployment of the tactical nuclear weapons, which are meant to be used for actual warfare beyond the purpose of mere deterrence, into the Korean peninsula vividly reveals the vicious aim of the U.S. to wage a nuclear war on this land.

The attempt of the U.S. to deploy tactical nuclear weapons into south Korea and develop up-to-date miniaturized nuclear bombs is targeted at its strategic rivals in the region as well as the DPRK, and it will increase the tension in the Korean Peninsula and the region and instigate intense arms race.

The nuclear threat of the U.S. which is growing more vicious propels the DPRK to continuous development of all means of counterattack including tactical nuclear weapons to the highest level at a maximum speed and to faster deployment of these means ready for battle.

The U.S. which gave rise to the nuclear issue of the Korean Peninsula and pushes the nuclear confrontation between the DPRK and U.S. towards the brink of explosion, shall be held responsible for all catastrophic consequences to follow.

### **FM Spokesman Discloses U.S. Intention of Claiming Implementation of "Resolution on Sanctions"**

Pyongyang, September 18 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Monday released the following statement:

Recently, the U.S. and its vassal forces rigged up the UNSC "resolution 2375" on sanctions harsher than ever against the DPRK branding its measures to strengthen the state nuclear force as "a threat" to international peace and security, and released a UNSC "press statement" calling for the implementation of the "resolution" as a follow-up.

The anti-DPRK sanctions campaign of the U.S. has grown so reckless as to impose a full-scale blockade of all sections to include areas directly related to the livelihood of civilian population as well as foreign trade of the country.

This is the most vicious, unethical and inhumane act of hostility to physically exterminate the people of the DPRK, let alone its system and government.

What is more deplorable is that the U.S. is misleading public opinion by disseminating the fraudulent claim that the sanctions and pressure are geared to the so-called peaceful solution.

The U.S. is strangling and suffocating a country and breaking its will to impose U.S. intention upon it. Is it a peaceful and diplomatic solution?

The U.S. blustered that it would not rule out "military option" while making absurd assertion that the sanctions are a peaceful solution. This constitutes an open extortion against the international community as it implies that if they do not join the U.S.-led sanctions campaign against the DPRK, the U.S. will start a nuclear war on the Korean peninsula.

The true intention of the U.S. is to appease the opposition from several countries against the escalation of tension and the outbreak of war in the Korean peninsula and the region and involve them in the sanctions and pressure campaign against the DPRK by all means.

Although the U.S. is acting so shameless and devious to justify the sanctions and pressure against the DPRK, it will not be able to delude even a single country.

It is a foolish dream to hope that the sanctions could work with the DPRK while the sanctions have failed to stop it from becoming a full-fledged nuclear weapons state and making rapid progress in the building of an economic power for more than half a century.

The increased moves of the U.S. and its vassal forces to impose sanctions and pressure on the DPRK will only increase our pace towards the ultimate completion of the state nuclear force.

The countries joining the U.S. in imposing sanctions on the DPRK should start working on a good explanation for the day when an actual balance of power is established between the DPRK and the U.

