

Commentary on DPRK-China Relations

Pyongyang, May 3 (KCNA) -- Kim Chol released a commentary on Wednesday, titled "Reckless words and deeds undermining the DPRK-China relations must be stopped" the full text of which reads:

Very serious is concern at home and abroad about the anti-DPRK racket for putting sanctions and military pressure on it kicked up by the U.S. and its vassal forces with the DPRK's possession of nuclear weapons as a pretext, racket which renders the situation on the Korean peninsula acute with each passing moment.

A string of absurd and reckless remarks are now heard from big neighboring countries, perhaps frightened by the U.S. blackmail and war racket, every day only to render the acute situation of the Korean peninsula more strained.

Typical examples are stories poured out by the People's Daily and the Global Times, widely known as media speaking for the official stand of the Chinese party and government.

Recently they in their commentaries asserted that the DPRK's access to nukes poses a threat to the national interests of China. They shifted the blame for the deteriorated relations between the DPRK and China on to the DPRK and raised lame excuses to justify China's base acts of dancing to the tune of the U.S.

Those commentaries claimed that the DPRK poses a threat to "the security in the northeastern region of China" by conducting nuclear tests less than 100 km away from its border with China. They even talked rubbish that the DPRK strains the situation in Northeast Asia and "offers the U.S. excuses for deploying more strategic assets" in the region.

Not content with such paradox, the commentaries asserted that to remain averse to the DPRK's access to nukes is to preserve interests common to the U.S. and China, calling for slapping harsher sanctions on the DPRK in order to avert a war which would bring danger to China.

The newspapers, even claiming China holds the initiative in handling the DPRK-China relations, made no scruple of letting out a string of provocative remarks urging the DPRK to choose one out of the two options i.e. "whether to face protracted isolation by breaking Sino-DPRK friendship or to preserve national security by making a U-turn of dismantling its nukes", if it doesn't want military confrontation with China.

This is just a wanton violation of the independent and legitimate rights, dignity and supreme interests of the DPRK and, furthermore, constitutes an undisguised threat to the honest-minded neighboring country with which it has had long history and tradition of friendship.

We do not have any intentional wish to explain the unavoidability that forced us to have access to nukes to become a nuclear weapons state acknowledged by the public at home and abroad, and detail all the courses that were never a smooth sailing.

What is infuriating is the fact that it is totally undermining the DPRK-China relations, that were pioneered at the cost of blood and have been consolidated and developed decade

after decade and century after century, by citing absurd pretext and showing no less aversion than the one shown by the U.S. and other hostile forces over the nuclear issue with which it has nothing to do.

China is often hyping up "damage caused by the DPRK's nuclear tests" to its three northeastern provinces. This is a far-fetched assertion devoid of scientific ground and validity.

Five nuclear tests by the DPRK were conducted with full guarantee given to security and even those Koreans living near the nuclear test ground have never suffered any damage after the tests.

The U.S. carried out scrupulous observation of the processes of the nuclear tests with the use of ultra-modern information means equipped with nuclear substance collecting equipment. But it failed to trap even a trace amount of radioactive materials like xenon. China is well aware of this.

Trumpeting about sort of "damage", in defiance of this stark fact, only reveals the ulterior purpose of China displeased with the DPRK's rapid nuclear development.

As far as "violation of national interests" oft-repeated by politicians and media persons of China is concerned, it is just the issue that the DPRK should rather talk much about.

It was never China but just the DPRK whose strategic interests have been repeatedly violated due to insincerity and betrayal on the part of its partner.

China established diplomatic relations with the south Korean puppet forces keen on bringing down the socialist system in the DPRK and has deepened the scope of relations to politics and even military, beyond pure economic exchanges. What excuse can it make for its crime of turning not only the three provinces in the northeastern part of China but the whole country into an advanced base against the DPRK. Now in areas along the DPRK-China border including the basins of the River Amnok and the River Tuman, agents and spies of the south Korean Intelligence Service are engaged in secret maneuvers under the guise of religionist and businessman, openly hatching plots and conducting abduction and terrorist acts against the DPRK. China has to hold full responsibilities for this.

We clearly remember that it had let such human scum as Park Geun Hye, who was ousted from the post of power and thrown into prison being censured by all people, stand on the tribune of honor at Tiananmen Square and given a kiss to her.

Some theorists of China are spouting a load of nonsense that the DPRK's access to nukes strains the situation in Northeast Asia and offers the U.S. an excuse for beefing up its strategic assets in the region. But the U.S. had activated its strategy for dominating Asia-Pacific long before the DPRK had access to nukes, and its primary target is just China.

China should acknowledge in an honest manner that the DPRK has just contributed to protecting peace and security of China, foiling the U.S. scheme for aggression by waging a hard fight in the frontline of the showdown with the U.S. for more than seven decades, and thank the DPRK for it.

Some ignorant politicians and media persons of China daringly assert that the traditional relations of the DPRK-China friendship were in line with the interests of both countries in the

past. They are advised to clearly understand the essence of history before opening their mouth.

Korea and China are neighbors which are closely related geographically and countries of peculiar relations, relations of comrade-in-arms and brothers, whose preceding leaders had nurtured the feelings of friendship in the struggle for common cause, holding high the flags drenched with red blood.

The anti-Japanese war and the war against the U.S. are recorded with heroic tales that will remain indelible in the contemporary histories of Korea and China, and the sons and daughters of the two countries deepened friendship with selfless sacrifice and devotion that far surpass nationality in the hard-fought battlefields.

On the center stage of the world politics affected by the vortex of the troublous 20th century, the two countries pooled intention and efforts to defend the banner of socialism and sovereignty.

It was not just for the interests of Korea that we rendered devoted assistance to the Chinese revolution and showed sincerity to the party and government of China whenever they faced difficulties, even facing huge damage. Anyone with even a little common sense and reason might be well aware of this even though we do not open to public the skeleton in the cupboard that existed between the DPRK and China.

But by deliberately leaving all this in the dark, China is parroting the "unanimous view of the international community" cried by the U.S. and resorting to sanctions racket after branding the DPRK as a criminal, pursuant to the forces hostile toward the DPRK. This is an intolerable act aimed to deny the mainstay of the DPRK-China relations and do away with the noble tradition of bilateral friendship.

It is not the DPRK that passed the "red line" in bilateral relations but it is China which has unhesitatingly passed the line.

By the "red line", the two countries were meant not to violate the dignity, interests and sovereignty of each other.

For the DPRK, the nuclear weapons are its absolute symbol and represent its supreme interests.

The DPRK have had access to nukes to defend the country and the people from the aggression moves and threats which the world's biggest nuclear power U.S. has posed decade after decade with an aim to deprive the DPRK of its political ideology, social system and dignity. The mission of the DPRK's nuclear weapons will remain unchanged in the future, too.

However, they are threatening that they would not rule out military intervention, to say nothing of highly-intensive economic sanctions if the DPRK does not give up nuclear program. This is extremely arrogant chauvinist logic that not only the strategic interests of the DPRK but also its dignity and right to existence must be sacrificed for their interests.

One must clearly understand that the DPRK's line of access to nukes for the existence and development of the country can neither be changed nor shaken and that the DPRK will never beg for the maintenance of friendship with China, risking its nuclear program which is

as precious as its own life, no matter how valuable the friendship is.

Some expect that the DPRK will not be able to subsist without help from someone and it will give up and beg for the restoration of relations if the string of sanctions is tightened just a little more. This is a foolish calculation. The source and foundation of the existence of the DPRK is our own land, our own sky and our own natural resources and the tremendous power of self-development displayed by its great people in the indomitable spirit.

The DPRK, which has already become one of the most powerful nuclear weapons state, does not feel the need to think over how many options it has now.

The geopolitical importance and strategic value of the Korean peninsula situated at the entrance to the Eurasian continent are growing with each passing day, and roads to Pyongyang that has ranked itself with dignity among the most advanced nuclear powers are stretched all around the world.

China should no longer try to test the limits of patience of the DPRK but make proper strategic option, facing up to the situation.

China approved the adoption of the unwarranted "sanctions resolutions" on the DPRK at the UN Security Council meeting in order to check the U.S. THAAD deployment in south Korea and opted for sanctions against the DPRK, even suffering economic damage in the three northeastern provinces of its own. Even though it made concession and flattered, defying all accusations, THAAD targeting China like a dagger was deployed all of a sudden at midnight in south Korea, making fun of the truly "idiot giant".

If China fails to maintain its own principle and throws away the fraternity with the DPRK it has maintained for decades like a pair of old shoes just for the immediate interests, it will end up in miserable state not trusted by anyone to only face misfortune from all sides.

China had better ponder over the grave consequences to be entailed by its reckless act of chopping down the pillar of the DPRK-China relations.