

## **DPRK Foreign Ministry Spokesman on Case of Otto Warmbier**

A spokesman for the DPRK Foreign Ministry issued the following press statement on Pyongyang, September 28, 2017:

Lately, Trump and his clique, for their anti-DPRK propaganda, are again exploiting the death of Otto Warmbier, an American college student who had been under reform through labor for the criminal act he committed against the DPRK and died after returning to the U.S.

Trump has let out a stream of invective that Warmbier "suffered unbelievable torture" and that "north Korea abducted and tortured him and intentionally caused his death", while the U.S. State Department announced that they were ready to re-list the DPRK as a "state sponsor of terrorism" over the issue of Warmbier.

The fact that the U.S. is employing even a dead person for the conspiracy campaign to fuel the international atmosphere of putting pressure on the DPRK shows how vile and inveterate the hostility of the U.S. policy-makers towards the DPRK is.

To make it clear once again, Warmbier was a criminal who was sentenced to reform through labor on March 16, 2016 by the law of the DPRK for the hostile act he committed against the DPRK according to the mission he was given by an anti-DPRK conspiracy organization in the U.S. However, we provided him with sincere medical care on humanitarian grounds in consideration of his failing health until he returned to the U.S.

The fact that he was never subjected to any form of "torture" was acknowledged without any doubt even by the American doctors who visited and carried out medical examination on Warmbier in the DPRK last June and by those who examined him after his return to the U.S.

If Trump and the U.S. are truly sorry for the loss of Warmbier, they should repent and apologize for their crime of luring and pushing a student who should be concentrating on his studies into committing criminal acts against the DPRK.

The reason that the present U.S. administration is viciously condemning the DPRK with the death of Warmbier again is not because of their concern for the "security of the U.S. citizens" as they always advocate. This is only a lame and sordid product of anti-DPRK conspiracy trumped up by Trump to save his "face" which has landed hard and flat on the muddy ground by the heavy blow from the DPRK's hard-line stance after carelessly wagging his tongue.

What cannot be overlooked is that the riff-raff in the U.S. dared to cast slurs on the dignity of the supreme leadership of the DPRK.

The fact that the old lunatic Trump and his riff-raff slandered the sacred dignity of our supreme leadership, using bogus data full of falsehood and fabrications, only serves to redouble the surging hatred of our army and people towards the U.S. and their will to retaliate thousand-fold.

The recent developments teach the lesson again that we should never render leniency or any consideration on humanitarian grounds to the U.S., the DPRK's first enemy.

Trump should ponder over the devastating consequences to be entailed by the anti-DPRK conspiracy and be fully aware that he and his clique shall be held totally responsible for all the undesirable turn of events to be caused by the careless and imprudent remarks that he gabbles on wagging his tongue in and out of his big mouth.

We will closely monitor the conduct of the U.S.