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U.S. Moves to Plug S. Korea into MD System under Fire

Pyongyang, April 30 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Disarmament and Peace Institute of the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK Thursday released a statement denouncing the U.S. for running the whole gamut of intrigues to plug south Korea into the U.S.-led missile defense system by deploying THAAD in south Korea under the pretext of "threat" from the DPRK.

The statement said:

The U.S. and south Korean puppet authorities at a recent KIDD meeting confirmed an operation plan for deterring "threat from north's nukes and missiles" in the light of coordinated operation and agreed to operate the U.S.-south Korea "deterrence strategic committee."

The U.S. is attempting to deploy THAAD in south Korea for the first time in the wake of its deployment on the mainland and Guam. This is related to the establishment of MD, an important part of the strategy for dominating the Asia-Pacific region.

The ulterior aim sought by the U.S. in the projected deployment of THAAD in south Korea under the pretence of "threat" from the DPRK is to forward-deploy high-performance radar in south Korea in order to rapidly monitor and chase the movements of missiles of the rivals in the Eurasian region.

The U.S. deployment of THAAD in south Korea would result in unilaterally weakening or disabling the deterrent force of strategic forces of neighboring countries and, consequently, upsetting the existing deterrence balance between the U.S. and surrounding countries. This would spark off mistrust and friction between the surrounding countries and the U.S. and south Korea which allowed its deployment and would entail irretrievable baneful consequences and new danger to the security environment in the region.

The escalating tension in the region would make the south Korean puppet forces having the shackling "alliance" with the U.S. increasingly dependent on it.

In the final analysis, through the deployment of THAAD the U.S. seeks to achieve its military purpose and, at the same time, strain the relations between south Korea and surrounding countries to put Seoul under its tighter control.

The surrounding countries warn that deployment of THAAD in south Korea would go beyond the "red-line" and south Korea would become a target of nuclear attack from other countries. This fully reflects their concern and caution of other countries against THAAD.

The deployment of THAAD in south Korea would further increase the danger of conflict among powers in Northeast Asia. This will compel the DPRK to bolster up its military capability to cope with it as the DPRK will be exposed to its threat.-0-