



## **THE EMBASSY OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

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### **U.S. Criticized for Attempt to Shift Blame for Ruptured DPRK-U.S. Talks**

Pyongyang, May 30 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the DPRK Foreign Ministry released a statement on Saturday as regards the fact that the U.S. is trying to escape from the responsibility for its totally foiled policy toward the DPRK.

The U.S., in the recent three-party consultation with Japan and south Korea, attempted to distort the truth and mislead public opinion as if they wanted to have dialogue, but the DPRK refused.

It is a well-known fact that the DPRK had long called for the resumption of dialogue without preconditions, making sincere efforts for it, but the U.S. prevented it, raising unreasonable "preconditions", the statement said, adding:

As the DPRK has consistently clarified, its military capabilities for self-defence based on nuclear force are neither means for threatening anyone nor a bargaining chip for something.

The DPRK's nuclear weapons serve as self-defensive deterrent to cope with the constant nuclear threat and military invasion from the U.S. and as a force of justice to decisively repel the enemy's invasion and deal a merciless retaliation in case a war breaks out.

As been already proved in history, the only way to prevent a war between the DPRK and the U.S., which lack even elementary trust in each other and have long stood in mistrust and hostility only, is for the former to bolster up its defence capabilities so as to ensure balance of forces.

It is a grave provocation to criticize as "provocative" any legitimate self-defensive step taken by a small country to protect itself from the ringleader of aggression and war.

The U.S. should clearly know, though belatedly, that the failure of its DPRK policy is due to its fundamentally wrong viewpoint on the DPRK.

It would dislike for no ground and criticize all of what the DPRK does. Such wrong viewpoint spoiled the DPRK-U.S. relations and the denuclearization on the Korean peninsula at last, with the bitter result of lifting an axe to drop it on one's own foot.

If the U.S. fails to draw a lesson any longer, the aftermath will be more tragic. -0-