Spokesman for DPRK Foreign Ministry Flails UN Secretary General for Misleading Public Opinion

Pyongyang, August 19 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the DPRK Foreign Ministry gave the following answer to a question put by KCNA on Saturday as regards the fact that the secretary general of the United Nations claimed as if the cause of escalated tension on the Korean peninsula lies with the DPRK:

Recently, the UN secretary general, at a press conference on the issue of the Korean Peninsula, made an absurd remark that the aggravation of tension on the peninsula was caused by the "nuclear and missile development" of the DPRK.

His remark is no more than a revelation of his ignorance on the essence of the nuclear issue of the Korean peninsula.

To make it clear, the root cause of the nuclear issue and the vicious cycle of aggravation of situation on the Korean peninsula is the U.S. hostile policy and its nuclear threats against the DPRK.

It is ridiculous for the UN secretary general to talk about taking a fair stand in resolving the issue of the Korean peninsula while he cannot say a word to the U.S. which is actually driving the situation on the Korean peninsula to the extreme pitch.

It is none other than the U.S that caused all the trouble by deploying nuclear strategic assets on the Korean peninsula and, hence, in order to defuse the tension and prevent reckless military clash in and around the peninsula, the U.S. should first make the right decision and substantiate it through action.

The DPRK will, under no circumstances, flinch an inch from the road of bolstering up the nuclear force, the road chosen by itself, unless the nuclear threat of the U.S. and its hostile policy toward the DPRK are thoroughly eradicated.