

# **Korean Peninsula Is Not Operational Theater of U.S. Strategic Assets: Int'l Affairs Analyst of DPRK**

Pyongyang, June 24 (KCNA) -- Kang Jin Song, an international affairs analyst of the DPRK, made public the following article "The Korean peninsula is not an operational theater of the U.S. strategic assets" on June 24:

The U.S. strategic assets are expanding the scope of their maneuvers in the air and sea and under water around the Korean peninsula.

Since the beginning of the year, the U.S. has deployed a huge amount of strategic assets, including B-1B strategic bomber, F-35 stealth fighters and the nuclear carrier Nimitz, simultaneously and continuously, saying that it would steadily increase the frequency and intensity of the deployment of strategic assets on the Korean peninsula. And it brought its nuclear-powered submarine Michigan to its operation base in Pusan of south Korea in the period between June 16 to 22.

Advertising Michigan as the world's biggest submarine carrying over 150 Tomahawk cruise missiles with a range of 2 500 km, the U.S. is openly making threatening remarks against the DPRK.

As known, such reckless expanded deployment of strategic assets targeted at a belligerent country on the Korean peninsula, where a touch-and-go nuke-for-uke dynamical structure exists, presupposes irretrievable catastrophic consequences to peace and security in the region and the rest of the world.

The U.S., aware of this fact, has brought the nuclear-powered submarine to the Korean peninsula right after the end of the "combined joint fire annihilation drill" which started on May 25 with involvement of the south Korean warmongers and the joint army, navy and air forces. This is a clear proof of the hostile forces' hysteria for military aggression getting serious as days go by.

What can not be concealed is that the nuclear-powered submarine Michigan's entry into Pusan Port is a rehearsal for the future deployment of U.S. strategic nuclear submarines on the Korean peninsula.

It is a unanimous comment at home and abroad that the U.S. has brought Michigan to the Korean peninsula to gain operational experience needed for deployment of U.S. strategic nuclear submarines around the Korean peninsula according to the "Washington Declaration".

We pay deep attention to what Michigan's entry into Pusan Port means and what intention lurks behind it.

As a prelude will be followed by a subject, it is a matter of time that U.S. strategic nuclear submarines are deployed on the Korean peninsula following Michigan.

The reality in which the U.S. and its followers' worrying military activities are expanding from time to time in their scale and manner urgently requires the DPRK to take more preemptive

defense measures to protect the security interests of the state with clear actions which the hostile forces can perceive.

It also presses the DPRK to trace and judge the ever-renewing security environment on the Korean peninsula in the most scientific and real-time way and attain at full speed the main goals for the development of the defence capabilities to cope with the immediate military threat and the long-term security challenge.

The closer the target is, the greater and clearer it looks.

The righteous nuclear powers in Northeast Asia including the DPRK will never remain onlookers to the persistent moves of the U.S. imperialists to deploy nuclear strategic assets as they are bringing thermonuclear storm to the region.

Now is not the time for the U.S. to be keen on satisfying its stooges.

The U.S. should not forget that the Korean peninsula is too dangerous for its strategic assets to come and go at will and that such moves will only result in triggering off the DPRK's measures for bolstering up its nuclear force which the U.S. is most unwilling to see.