

## **Press Statement of Russian Affairs Department Director General of DPRK Foreign Ministry**

Pyongyang, October 2 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Gyu, director general of the Russian Affairs Department of the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK, issued the following statement on Oct. 2.

One year has lapsed since the "Nord Stream" pipelines explosion case broke out to greatly shock the international community.

The international community still clearly remembers the irrational behavior of the U.S. and the West which groundlessly shifted the blame onto Russia to incite hostility toward the country right after the outbreak of the case.

Germany, Denmark and Sweden, involved in the on-going investigation, have not yet presented any convincing results and the politicians of the U.S. and the West, who were loudmouthed about "Russia's deed," now evade their comment on the case. This casts serious doubt on the hidden circumstances behind it.

It has already been fully proved in detail by influential media and experts of the world for the past one year that Russia has nothing to do with the case.

Meanwhile, it is alleged that frogmen of the U.S. navy carried out a special operation to destroy the pipelines under an order from Biden, along with the declassified data proving that the U.S. and some European countries had been notified of the Zelenskiy regime's sabotage plan three months before the outbreak of the case. Such undeniable evidence, proving the U.S. and the West were behind the case, has come to light one after another to evoke worldwide repercussions.

As a result, the significance of "Russia's deed", once hyped up by the Western media, is getting shrunken as days go by, and the international community has focused their sharper eyes on the U.S., the Zelenskiy puppet clique and other anti-Russia forces.

Against this backdrop, the U.S. and the West flatly rejected Russia's just proposal to conduct an international joint investigation, involving Russia as a directly related party, under the observation of the UN. Furthermore, they have never informed Russia of their investigation results.

This is just a petty trick to cover up the traces of their involvement in the sabotage crime.

The present situation brings to light the impudent double-standard policy and black-hearted design of the U.S. and the West working hard to demonize the independent countries by painting a black picture of them, frequently talking about "fairness" and "objectivity."

The pro-justice, pro-truth international community should voice support for the fair and reasonable demand of Russia and never pardon the unjust and outrageous arbitrary and tyrannical practices of the U.S. and the West. -0-