

## **Press Statement of Secretary of WPK Central Committee Pak Jong Chon**

Pyongyang, April 3 (KCNA) -- Pak Jong Chon, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, made public a press statement on Saturday which said:

I open to public this press statement because it is absolutely necessary for our people and army to get to know about the south Korean military's hysteric pursuit for confrontation with the DPRK.

South Korean Minister of Defense So Uk reeled off a string of rhetoric at a ceremony for the reorganization of the "ground missile strategic command" on April 1.

There he bluffed that the south Korean army has lots of missiles with various missions whose firing range, accuracy and power have been dramatically improved. He, citing a sign of missile launch by the DPRK, said that the south Korean army has ability to make precision and preemptive strike at the origin of launch and command and support facilities and has adopted a posture for it.

He vowed to keep developing long-range, ultra-precision, high-performance and diverse ballistic missiles capable of containing the enemy in the future, openly revealing his intent to stoke up the military stand-off with the DPRK, whom he called an enemy.

He must be crazy or silly to speak of "preemptive attack" on the nuclear weapons state.

He is steeped in the mindset of stand-off to the marrows of his bones.

Now the Korean peninsula is technically at war. Any slight misjudgment and ill statement rattling the other party under the present situation where acute military tension persists may become a spark triggering off a dangerous conflict and a full-blown war. This is a fact known by all.

The provocative rhetoric made by the Defence Minister of south Korea against the DPRK under the present situation clearly shows the anti-DPRK confrontational frenzy of the south Korean military.

As he provoked us, touting a preemptive strike, I will make one short warning representing our army.

If the south Korean army engages in a dangerous military action as a preemptive strike against the DPRK, being guided by misjudgment, our army will mercilessly direct all its military force into destroying major targets in Seoul and the south Korean army.

The south Korean military must not ramp up the tension with its confrontational acts.

We know well that they are shaking in fear and uneasiness but are bluffing and making confrontational rhetoric to relieve its people of worries. It had better not bluff any more.