

Kim Yo Jong, Vice Department Director of C.C., WPK, Issues Press Statement

Pyongyang, September 25 (KCNA) -- Kim Yo Jong, vice department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, made public the following press statement on Saturday:

I have carefully watched the moves of the south Korean political circle yesterday and today after the release of a press statement reflecting our transparent view and due demands.

I felt that the atmosphere of the south Korean public desiring to recover the inter-Korean relations from a deadlock and achieve peaceful stability as soon as possible is irresistibly strong.

We, too, have the same desire.

There is no need for the north and the south to waste time faulting each other and engaging in a war of words at present, I think.

If south Korea sincerely wants the inter-Korean relations to be recovered and to make sound development, it should think twice to make a right choice before saying anything.

For instance, it had better stop spouting an imprudent remark of "provocation" against us that may trigger a war of words.

Explicitly speaking once again, we can never tolerate double-standards.

The U.S. and south Korean-style double standards towards the DPRK by which the DPRK's actions of self-defensive dimension to cope with the military circumstances and possible military threats existing on the Korean peninsula are dismissed as threatening "provocations" and their arms buildup are described as the "securing of a deterrent to north Korea" are illogical and childish, and are a blunt disregard of and challenge to the sovereignty of the DPRK.

South Korea must not try to upset the balance of military force on the Korean Peninsula with such illogical and childish absurd assertion just as the U.S. does.

I only hope that the south Korean authorities' moves to remove the tinderbox holding double standards bereft of impartiality, the hostile policy toward the DPRK, all the prejudices and hostile remarks undermining trust are shown in visible practice.

I think that only when impartiality and the attitude of respecting each other are maintained, can there be smooth understanding between the north and the south and, furthermore, can several issues for improving the relations - the reestablishment of the north-south joint liaison office and the north-south summit, to say nothing of the timely declaration of the significant termination of the war - see meaningful and successful solution one by one at an early date through constructive discussions.

Here, I would like to emphasize that this is just my personal view.

I made my advisory opinion for south Korea to make a correct choice known in August.

I won't predict here what there will come-a balmy breeze or a storm.