

Press Statement of DPRK Foreign Ministry Spokesman

Pyongyang, October 1 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK issued the following press statement on Sunday:

There was a grave terrorist attack on the Cuban embassy in the United States on September 24.

We strongly denounce the recent terrorist act as a wanton violation of international law and an undisguised infringement on the sovereignty of Cuba.

Lurking behind the incident is the sinister intention of the anti-Cuban forces in the U.S. to tarnish the international image of Cuba, with the final aim of overthrowing the social system of socialist Cuba.

Though the truth behind a shooting spree case against the Cuban embassy in the U.S. three years ago has not been probed yet, there took place again another case of throwing gasoline bottle bomb to threaten the lives of diplomats. This goes to prove that the above-said incidents were committed evidently at the tacit connivance of the U.S. administration.

The U.S. is keen only on putting those countries incurring its displeasure on the list of sponsors of terrorism, purposely turning away from the obligations of the receiving state stipulated in the Vienna Convention on diplomatic relations. This can never be justified in any case.

The U.S. arrogant and despicable anti-Cuban moves are facing the strong protest and denunciation by the international community aspiring after the respect for sovereignty of an independent and sovereign state and justice.

If the U.S., always clamoring for "observance of international law" and boasting of "law-governed state", has the slightest will to defend its "honor", it should, though belatedly, acknowledge the blame for not only the recent incident but also all the past terrorist cases and probe their truth to show its sincerity.

We have consistently and fully supported the just cause of the Cuban party, government and people for defending the sovereignty and socialism and will

always stand together with the Cuban people in the struggle against all sorts of terrorism. -0-