



## Spokesman for DPRK Foreign Ministry Urges U.S. to Choose between Two Options



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Pyongyang, February 12 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the DPRK Foreign Ministry released the following statement on Tuesday:

The DPRK's third nuclear test is a resolute step for self-defence taken by it to cope with the U.S. hostile act against it.

Its successful launch of satellite Kwangmyongsong 3-2 in December last year was a peaceful one from A to Z which was conducted according to its plan for scientific and technological development for economic construction and the improvement of the standard of people's living.

The world including hostile countries recognized its application satellite's entry into orbit and greatly admired its development of space technology.

The U.S., however, again prodded the UN Security Council into cooking up a new "resolution on sanctions" against the DPRK, terming its satellite launch a violation of the UNSC's "resolution".

Encroaching upon the right to satellite launch is an unpardonable grave hostile act as it is an infringement on the DPRK's sovereignty.

By origin, the DPRK had neither need nor plan to conduct a nuclear test.

The DPRK's nuclear deterrence has already acquired the trustworthy capability strong enough to make a precision strike at bases for aggression and blow them up at a single blow no matter where they are on the earth.

It was the DPRK's goal to focus efforts on economic construction and the improvement of the standard of people's living by dint of nuclear deterrence for self-defence provided by the great Generalissimos **Kim Il Sung** and **Kim Jong Il** all their lives.

The DPRK exercised its maximum self-restraint when the U.S. fabricated the "presidential statement" over its satellite launch for peaceful purposes by abusing the UNSC in April last year.

But the DPRK's patience reached its limit as the U.S. intensified such hostile act as implementing before anyone else the UNSC's "resolution on sanctions", far from apologizing for its renewed wanton violation of the DPRK's right to satellite launch.

The main objective of the current nuclear test is to express the surging resentment of the army and people of the DPRK at the U.S. brigandish hostile act and demonstrate the will and capability of Songun Korea to defend the sovereignty of the country to the last.

The DPRK's nuclear test is a just step for self-defence not contradictory to any international law.

The U.S. has long put the DPRK on the list of preemptive nuclear strike.

It is quite natural just measure for self-defence to react to the U.S. ever-increasing nuclear threat with nuclear deterrence.

The DPRK withdrew from the NPT after going through legitimate procedures and chose the way of having access to nuclear deterrence for self-defence to protect the supreme interests of the country.

There have been on the earth more than 2 000 nuclear tests and at least 9 000 satellite launches in the UN history spanning over 60 years but there has never been a UNSC resolution on banning any nuclear test or satellite launch.

It is the U.S. that has conducted more nuclear tests and launched more satellites than any others. It, however, cooked up the UNSC's "resolution" banning only the DPRK's nuclear test and satellite launch. This is the breach of international law and the height of double standards.

Had the UNSC been impartial even a bit, it would not have taken issue with a sovereign state's exercise of the right to self-defence and its scientific and technological activities for peaceful purposes but with the U.S. policy for preemptive nuclear strike, a threat to global peace and security, to begin with.

The current nuclear test is the primary countermeasure taken by the DPRK in which it exercised its maximum self-restraint.

If the U.S. takes a hostile approach toward the DPRK to the last, rendering the situation complicated, it will be left with no option but to take the second and third stronger steps in succession.

The inspection of ships and maritime blockade touted by the hostile forces will be regarded as war actions and will invite the DPRK's merciless retaliatory strikes at their strongholds.

The U.S., though belatedly, should choose between the two options: To respect the DPRK's right to satellite launch and open a phase of detente and stability or to keep to its wrong road leading to the explosive situation by persistently pursuing its hostile policy toward the DPRK.

In case the U.S. chooses the road of conflict finally, the world will clearly see the army and people of the DPRK defend its dignity and sovereignty to the end through a do-or-die battle between justice and injustice, greet a great revolutionary event for national reunification and win a final victory. -0-



### Harlem Globetrotters Players Tour Various Places

Pyongyang, March 5 (KCNA) -- American basketball players of Harlem Globetrotters and their party visited the International Friendship Exhibition House.

The guests paid tribute to the wax replica of President Kim Il Sung.

Rise

**This Year DPRK Draws Increasing Number of Tourists**  
**Ryugyong Health Complex, People's Open-air Ice Rink, Skate Park Introduced by Chinese Paper**

**Folk Art Show Opens in Pyongyang**  
**KCNA Commentary Censures S. Korea's Moves to Block Tour of Mt. Kungang**



### Overseas Koreans

#### Japan Accused of Suppressing Chongryon

Pyongyang, March 7 (KCNA) -- The Association of Young Koreans in China on March 4 issued a statement titled "Japan should stop at once brigandish suppression of Chongryon and Koreans in Japan".

**U.S. Imperialists and S. Korean Warmongers Warned Not to Act Rashly**

**Koreans in Russia Protest against U.S.-S. Korea War Exercises**

**No War Drill in Korean Peninsula: Koreans in Germany**

**Japanese Authorities' Crackdown upon Chongryon Slammed**

**Japanese Authorities Denounced for Discriminating against Korean Schools**

**S. Korean Regime Slammed for Sowing Seeds of Discord between DPRK, China**

**Korean in U.S. Accuse Japan of Suppressing Chongryon**

**Japan Denounced for Discriminating against Korean Schools**

**Day of Shining Star Celebrated by Koreans in Russia**

**Japanese Reactionaries' Suppression of Chongryon Condemned**

### North-South Relations

#### Minju Joson Hails Statement Issued by Spokesman for KPA Supreme Command

Pyongyang, March 7 (KCNA) -- The Supreme Command of the Korean People's Army in a statement of its spokesman declared that it would take the second and third strong practical counteractions in succession to cope with the high-handed war acts of the U.S. and all other hostile forces and make the Korean Armistice Agreement totally nullified.

**KCNA Commentary Warns U.S., S. Korean Warmongers Not to Wage War Drills Targeting DPRK's Headquarters and Social System**

**Rodong Sinmun Blasts U.S.-South Korea Joint Military Drills**

**Papers Call for Defending Inviolable Sovereignty of Nation**

**KPA Intent on Combat Training**

**S. Korean Warmongers' Unabated Provocative Saber-rattling under Fire**

**KPA Supreme Command Spokesman's Statement Encourages DPRK People**

**Pyongyangites Hail KPA Supreme Command Spokesman's Statement**

**Servicepersons Hail Measures Taken by KPA Supreme Command**

**DPRK People Hail Statement of KPA Supreme Command Spokesman**

**KCNA Commentary on Crucial Measures of KPA Supreme Command**