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FM Accuses U.S. of Again Pulling up DPRK over Its Satellite Launch for Peaceful Purposes

Pyongyang, June 13 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the DPRK Foreign Ministry Friday gave the following answer to the question put by KCNA as regards the U.S. accusation against the DPRK's satellite launch for peaceful purposes:

The U.S. State Department let its senior advisor on strategy and communications cry out for international pressure on the DPRK, terming its satellite launch a violation of the UNSC "resolutions" which ban all lift-offs by use of ballistic technology.

The U.S. accusation against the DPRK over its just and legitimate satellite launch under the pretext of violation of the "resolutions" is a wanton infringement and challenge to its sovereignty.

The DPRK's satellite launch for peaceful purposes is inviolable as it is an exercise of a legitimate independent right of a sovereign state publicly recognized by international law, which is above UNSC resolutions.

Among UN member states the U.S. is the only country which takes the lead in taking issue with the DPRK's legitimate satellite launch, another example clearly proving the U.S. extreme hostile policy toward the latter.

The U.S. asserts that all its satellite launches are legitimate but the DPRK's all satellite launches are illegal. This robber-like insistence is the height of the U.S.-style double standards and a revelation of ill-intentioned inveterate repugnance toward the DPRK.

The DPRK's status as a satellite manufacturer and launcher can never change no matter how desperately the hostile forces negate it, and its space development is not something which can be given up because of someone's opposition.

It is the firm resolution and will of the DPRK to push back the frontiers of latest science and technology in the field of space development, too, in order to protect the self-esteem and dignity of the nation.

The U.S. and other hostile forces will have no alternative but to watch the DPRK's satellites soaring into the outer space one after another till they will come to realize how illegal and foolish their attempt to check the DPRK's legitimate satellite launches by dint of the above-said "resolutions" is. -0-