<u>KPA to Take Thousand-fold Revenge on Lee Myung Bak Group:</u> <u>Spokesman for KPA General Staff</u>

Pyongyang, June 3 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the General Staff of the Korean People's Army issued the following statement Friday in denunciation of the hideous crimes committed by the south Korean group of traitors recently:

The Lee Myung Bak group of traitors kicked up much fuss after hurling puppet military hooligans into drill grounds in various parts of south Korea including Yangju and Inchon City, Kyonggi Province, to display slogans and posters slandering the socialist system in the DPRK. Not content with this, they staged such rowdyism as setting up a target and daring fire at it, a thrice-cursed criminal act of hurting the supreme dignity of the DPRK.

This is nothing but hysteric spasm hard to imagine with a normal brain and a height of confrontation with compatriots, action shocking all the Koreans.

Last year the group instigated hooligans to shell at a DPRK flag as a target, sparking off a strong uproar. The recent hideous provocation is a never-to-be pardoned treason.

There were in the south "Yusin" dictator who earned an ill fame for escalating confrontation with fellow countrymen and a military fascist man-hunter who made the nation shudder. But they dared not hurt the supreme dignity of the DPRK.

They knew very well that everything between the north and the south including the bilateral relations is bound to collapse if they challenge the DPRK as its people consider its supreme dignity as the dignity and honor common to the nation and turn out as one to protect it even if the sky falls and the earth breaks apart.

The Lee group betrayed without hesitation its true colors as maniacs keen on confrontation with fellow countrymen who would make even the successive fascists blush and as gangsters ignorant of even elementary ethics and morality.

Upon hearing the news of the above-said rowdyism, different social circles of south Korea are stunned by the extremely awful hideous provocation committed by the group which no longer wants to remain human beings and are branding it as "a blatant challenge" unprecedented in the history of inter-Korean relations and "an unheard-of politically motivated provocation" to spark off resistance of all Koreans.

Much upset by this, the Lee group is pretending to know about it for the first time and the puppet military warmongers are staging such poor farce as floating the story that "it was an "individual action." The group, however, can never shirk the responsibility for its treason.

The General Staff of the KPA clarifies the following stand, reflecting the towering resentment of the KPA and people against the hideous provocation committed by the group and their unanimous will to take a thousand-fold revenge upon it:

The south Korean puppet authorities should take a measure for immediately meting out a stern punishment to the prime movers who committed the abovesaid most hideous crimes against the nation. There is no room in this land for those who did harm to the absolute authority of the supreme headquarters of the DPRK even a bit.

The puppet authorities should take an immediate step to punish in the name of the nation traitor Lee Myung Bak who spearheaded the campaign for inciting hostility toward the DPRK as soon as he came to power, Kim Kwan Jin, puppet minister of Defense, who issued an order to strengthen the "view on security" and "the view on the principal enemy" as guidelines for training the units of the puppet army this year and committed the above-said hideous crimes as part of the moves for implementing it and other military hooligans.

The DPRK will follow with high vigilance the attitude of the south Korean puppet authorities towards the recent hideous crimes.

2. The south Korean puppet authorities should make a formal apology to the whole nation for the hideous provocation and provide an official guarantee for thoroughly preventing its recurrence.

There can be neither excuse nor empty talk about the thrice- cursed crimes.

Today when the determination of the enraged KPA and people to make retaliation is running high, the puppet authorities should apologize to the nation for the evil deeds committed by traitor Lee Myung Bak and the puppet army hooligans and take a responsible step for their prevention.

3. From now on the units of the three services of the KPA and the Worker-Peasant Red Guards will launch practical and overall retaliatory military actions to wipe out the group of traitors at a stroke.

It is the final conclusion drawn by the DPRK that there is no need to sit face to face with the Lee group of traitors hell-bent on the confrontation with fellow

countrymen and that it is necessary to settle accounts with it only by force of arms.

The despicable true colors of the group have already been laid bare.

All the units of the three services of the KPA and the Worker-Peasant Red Guards will escalate the practical and overall retaliatory military actions till the puppet authorities have taken measures to punish the prime movers for the recent cases and make an apology for them.

The world will clearly witness what are the retaliatory actions to be taken by the whole army and all the people to protect the supreme dignity of the country and nation and what destiny will await Lee Myung Bak, the traitor for all ages, and the puppet military warmongers running wild without any fear. -0-