

New York Post.- 13.10.2023

Caitlin Doornbos

North Korea has shipped thousands of weapons to russia: White House

Північна Корея поставила до росії тисячі одиниць зброї – Білий дім

Координатор зі стратегічних комунікацій Ради національної безпеки США Джон Кірбі проінформував, що за останні тижні Північна Корея надала росії понад 1000 контейнерів з військовою технікою та боєприпасами. Д. Кірбі зазначив, що США засуджує КНДР за надання росії цієї військової техніки, яка буде використовуватися для нападу на українські міста, вбивства українських мирних жителів і продовження незаконної війни росії. Представник Ради національної безпеки заявив, що ці постачання зброї прямо порушують низку резолюцій ООН, тому продовжиться робота з виявлення, викриття та протидії спробам росії придбати військову техніку у КНДР та будь-якої держави, яка готова підтримати її війну проти України.

<https://nypost.com/2023/10/13/north-korea-has-shipped-thousands-of-weapons-to-russia-us/>

WASHINGTON — North Korea has delivered thousands of weapons and other military equipment to Russia for use in Moscow’s ongoing invasion of Ukraine, US officials said Friday.

“Our information indicates that in recent weeks, North Korea has provided Russia with more than 1,000 containers of military equipment and munitions,” National Security Council spokesman John Kirby told reporters on a call.

It’s unclear exactly how much materiel and munitions each container holds, but photos released Friday indicate the vessels are full-sized shipping containers of the type often seen on rail cars or cargo ships.

“We condemn the DPRK for providing Russia with this military equipment, which will be used to attack Ukrainian cities, kill Ukrainian civilians and further Russia’s illegitimate war,” added Kirby, using the official acronym for North Korea.

It was then transported by train across Russia before arriving at an ammunition depot near Tikhorestsk — fewer than 300 miles east of the Crimean Peninsula — on Oct. 1.

“These arms transfers directly violate a series of UN [Security Council] resolutions, which is why we will continue to aggressively raise these arms deals at the UN alongside with our allies and partners,” Kirby said.

The burgeoning alliance among US adversaries is a worry for the Biden administration, with Kirby suggesting the North Korean assistance may be part of a quid pro quo.

“These arms transfers directly violate a series of UN [Security Council] resolutions, which is why we will continue to aggressively raise these arms deals at the UN alongside with our allies and partners,” National Security Council spokesman John Kirby.

Courtesy of the National Security Council

“We also are increasingly concerned about Russian assistance to the DPRK in return for support,” Kirby said.

“We assess that Pyongyang is seeking military assistance from Russia including fighter aircraft, surface-to-air missiles, armored vehicles, ballistic-missile production equipment or other materials and other advanced technologies.”

US intelligence assets are “monitoring closely” whether Moscow will provide Pyongyang with these materials, the NSC spokesman said.

“We have already observed that Russian ships are offloading containers in the DPRK, which may constitute the initial deliveries of material from Russia,” Kirby said.

“This expanding military partnership between the DPRK and Russia, including any technology transfers from Russia to the DPRK, undermines both regional stability and the global non-proliferation regime.

“We will keep working to identify, expose and counter Russia’s attempts to acquire military equipment from the DPRK and any state that is prepared to support its war on Ukraine.”