

Trump threats against North Korea benefit US deep state: Analyst

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An international lawyer believes US President Donald Trump has "given over the real authority" to the generals in the Pentagon, the CIA and the neocons, who benefit from advocating a very belligerent stance not only against North Korea but also against China, Iran, Venezuela, Cuba and Russia.

"This is certain people profit from this, because it escalates the arms race and provides a justification for massive expenditures in the United States and also provides a rationale to support arms sales to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and other countries. So there is a certain segment within the American political elite and economic elite that makes vast sums of money out of this," Edward Corrigan told Press TV in an interview on Friday.

The analyst further noted that Trump keeps trading barbs with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un because he is facing a lot of problems in the United States.

"This is part of a diversion because Trump is in big trouble politically at home... Whenever people have economic and political problems at home, they quite often resort to foreign policy adventurism or even wars," he said.

Trump warned Kim in a speech to the UN General Assembly on Tuesday that the United States, if threatened, would “totally destroy” his country of 26 million people.

Earlier on Friday, Kim said Trump is “deranged” and will “pay dearly” for threatening to destroy his country.

Corrigan further maintained that the US has lost a lot of its credibility, arguing that the only weapon it really has is “intimidation,” and it is using its military as a “threat” against different countries.

The analyst concluded by saying that North Korea’s “belligerent rhetoric” stems from its concern about US threats of regime change and the complete destruction of the country.