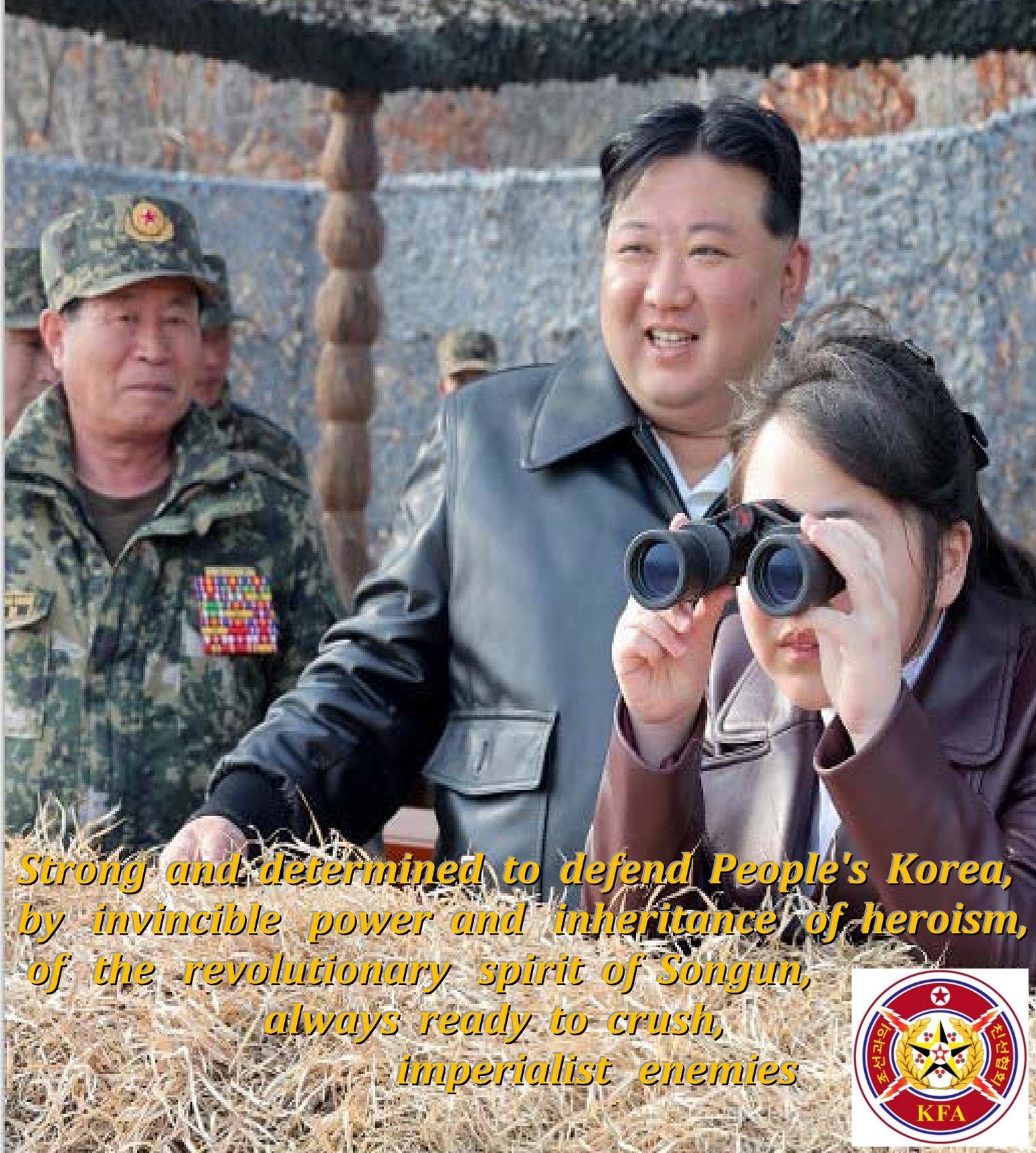




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'92 Years since the foundation, of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army, forerunner of the Korean People's Army'



On the 25th of April it will be 92 years since the Korean People's Army was originally founded as a revolutionary guerrilla force, the Anti - Japanese People's Guerrilla Army later known as the Korean People's Revolutionary Army. We Juche Idea and Songun idea followers and militant friends of People's Korea salute the anniversary of its foundation. Today the KPA is defending the independence of the DPRK and also peace and security in the Asia - Pacific region.

The foundation of the Anti - Japanese People's Guerrilla Army, in 1932, by the great leader comrade KIM IL SUNG, a gifted military strategist and ever - victorious iron - willed brilliant commander, constitutes the bedrock of the Songun revolution.

The Korean People's Army, under the wise leadership of the great leader Generalissimo KIM IL SUNG, took over and carried forward the traditions of the anti - Japanese armed struggle. It is based solidly on revolutionary comradeship. Moreover, a tradition of army - people unity was created and today flourishes in Juche Korea.

Under the wise leadership of the great generalissimo KIM IL SUNG and KIM JONG IL, the KPA grew into steel strong ranks each soldier being a match for a hundred enemy soldiers. The KPA inflicted a crushing defeat on the US imperialists in the great Fatherland Liberation War of 1950 - 1953. The KPA also defeated the US in the 'Pueblo incident', 'The EC121 incident', 'The Panmunjom incident' of 1976 and the

1994 helicopter shoot down incident.

The KPA became a truly Juche - orientated revolutionary armed force and is the army of the party, the working class and the leader. New theories of warfare have been created. Moreover, under the leadership of the great leader Generalissimo KIM IL SUNG, the KPA stuck to class and revolutionary principles, the revisionist and opportunist '*non - class*' theories were soundly smashed, The leadership of the party over the armed forces was maintained and enhanced, unlike some countries where socialism was frustrated. The KPA is truly an anti - imperialist, anti - revisionist army which defends socialism with the force of arms.

The might of the KPA was further strengthened under the leadership of supreme commander KIM JONG IL, who practised Songun politics giving priority to the KPA regarding it as the central pillar of the revolution. KPA under the Songun revolutionary leadership of the great leader the KPA grew stronger in terms of ideology and politics but also materially. It is now equipped with the latest weaponry and has its own independent deterrent force. The KPA under the command of the Songun supreme commander KIM JONG IL and respected general KIM JONG UN smashed the provocations of the south Korean puppets in November 2010 turning Yongphyong island into a sea of flames.

Respected Marshal KIM JONG UN has implemented the great revolutionary line of building the economy and nuclear force in parallel thereby strengthening the nuclear deterrent force of the KPA exponentially so that the DPRK became a strategic state.

The KPA which holds tight the arms of Songun has been ever - victorious over a period of eight decades. The KPA, the vanguard force of the Songun revolution, has defeated the imperialists many times, and under the leadership of supreme commander KIM JONG UN will defeat them again.

Today, the destiny of world socialism and peace depends on the rifles of the Korean People's Army headed by respected supreme commander Marshal KIM JONG UN. The DPRK is on the frontline of the struggle between socialism and imperialism. It stands guard over the independence of the DPRK and the people - centred socialism, authentic socialism. Under the command of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN, the Korean People's Army has been further strengthened as the mighty and invincible revolutionary armed force of Juche. We are convinced of the final victory of the KPA led by Marshal KIM JONG UN !

(Korean Friendship Association UK)

***'12 years since respected Marshal KIM JONG UN,
became Supreme Leader of People's Korea'***



12 years have passed since respected Marshal KIM JONG UN was elected to the positions of First Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea on the 11th of April 2012 and First Chairman of the former National Defence Commission of the DPRK (now the State Affairs Commission) on the 13th of April 2012. These momentous decisions placed dear respected comrade KIM JONG UN at the head of the state, party and army and at the helm of the Korean revolution, basically the supreme leader of the DPRK.

Dear respected Marshal KIM JONG UN was democratically elected as supreme leader of the DPRK. It was a profound manifestation of the support, trust, respect and affection of the masses of Korean people and members of the WPK for him. Seeing many documentaries and videos of the on - the - spot guidance of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN we can tell that he is the most popular leader in the world and that the entire Korean people are united rock - solid behind the dear respected Marshal KIM JONG UN and will win final victory under his masterly leadership.

During the eleven years of his Supreme leadership Dear respected Marshal KIM JONG UN has shown great energy, determination and dynamism in his roles. Project after project, such as Mirae Scientists Street has been completed. Prosperity is rising and the Korean people under the leadership of dear respected Marshal KIM JONG UN are rushing towards the goal of a thriving socialist country. He is a people's leader who always mixes with the people. Moreover, he made the people-orientated principle the order of the day.

Dear respected Marshal KIM JONG UN has led the struggle to consolidate the

monolithic unity of the WPK, to model it on Kimilsungism - Kimjongilism and defeated the anti - party counter - revolutionary factionalists. Now dear respected Marshal KIM JONG UN is now leading the struggle to implement to the letter KIM JONG IL's behests without an inch of deflection and without a step of concession.

Under the leadership of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN the line of building the economy and nuclear force in parallel was successfully concluded and the DPRK has embarked on self - reliant socialist construction.

Respected Marshal KIM JONG UN has also stressed the need for self - development and self - reliance thus rejecting imperialist slavery and is leading People's Korea along the path of militant anti - imperialism. The DPRK is the most independent country in the world, a fortress of independent Juche - based socialism. Respected Marshal KIM JONG UN fully adheres to the '*our state first*' principle.

Great achievements have been made in the work of Juche - oriented defence building. The DPRK has become a socialist nuclear power of Juche and an ICBM power. In the past year stunning achievements have been made in the field of missile technology and other weaponry.

Thanks to respected Marshal KIM JONG UN the DPRK was able to wipe out Covid 19 within 90 days without outside aid.

Dear respected Marshal KIM JONG UN has brilliantly followed in the footsteps of the great leaders' generalissimos KIM IL SUNG and KIM JONG IL and sticks to the line of independence, Juche, Songun and socialism.

The twelve years of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN's leadership over the state, party and armed forces of the DPRK have been twelve years of victory and glory . The Korean people will march onto further victories!

(**Korean Friendship Association UK**)



***'The Day of the Sun - 112th anniversary of the birth,
of the Great Leader President KIM IL SUNG !'***



On the 15th of April it will be the 112th anniversary of the birth of the great leader President KIM IL SUNG.

The birth of President KIM IL SUNG is celebrated by Korean people and true friends of People's Korea such as the Korean Friendship Association as the Day of the Sun (meaning that President KIM IL SUNG was like a bright sun bringing hope and liberation to the Korean nation).

President KIM IL SUNG was the greatest of great leaders. He was a true hero. The Korean people uphold him as their eternal President. He led the anti - imperialist national liberation struggle of the Korean people against Japanese imperialism and won independence for the Korean people. They became masters of their own destiny. President KIM IL SUNG authored the Juche Idea, the acme of progressive ideas of humanity.

Although he was to become a world renown statesman and a great philosopher, President KIM IL SUNG was actually born in humble circumstances in a straw-thatched hut, the son of a poor peasant.

President KIM IL SUNG founded the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), the homeland of Juche and a durable socialist state centred upon the popular masses. Also, he founded the Workers' Party of Korea, the supreme general staff of the Korean revolution. Also, he founded the Korean People's Army, the stalwart sentinel of Juche - based socialism.

Throughout his life President KIM IL SUNG was a tireless fighter for global independence and also against modern revisionism. President KIM IL SUNG was a

true internationalist who sent internationalist assistance to many lands of the world including Cuba, Egypt, Vietnam and many other countries.

President KIM IL SUNG was indeed a giant of the international communist movement and its elder statesman. Major Ernesto Che Guevara said that the DPRK led by the great leader President KIM IL SUNG was the socialist country he admired the most.



President KIM IL SUNG established an advanced socialist system in Korea centred upon the popular masses making Korea into the model country of socialism.

President KIM IL SUNG declared that: *'the people are my God'* and made sure that the people were put first in everything. The DPRK has neither unemployment nor homelessness and everyone enjoys the rights to free healthcare and free education.

KFA UK will play its part in honouring the birth of President KIM IL SUNG, the founder of People's Korea.

Glory to the eternal memory of the great leader President KIM IL SUNG!

Long live People's Korea!

Long live Juche!

Long live respected Marshal KIM JONG UN!

(Dr Dermot Hudson, Deputy Editor / Reviewer 'PKT',
General Chairman KFA UK)

'Embassy reopening in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea'



The 28th of February the news broke out: United Kingdom, Germany and Sweden are studying the possibility of reopening their respective embassies in the DPRK.

Most of these embassies closed up between March and May 2020 because of the global pandemic, since they wouldn't be able to rotate their staff nor send supplies.

Now, this may cause divided opinions, since these countries firmly support the unfair international sanctions forced upon the DPRK by the imperialist alliances, and keep insisting in their demands to make the DPRK abandon its nuclear program.

On the one hand, this could mean successful business opportunities for the DPRK by trading goods, maybe the chance to improve their relationships with these countries and, eventually, with the rest of Europe.

On the other hand, we must not ignore the pessimistic view that this could just be another Western attempt to filter venomous imperialist ideas in the DPRK or seek a way to betray the DPRK's trust by making up false information about this unique country.

German diplomats, along with their Foreign Affairs Minister, Martin Thummel, recently travelled to the DPRK to visit and check their former embassy, in order to make a decision.

Swedish diplomat Peter Semneby mentioned that Sweden is taking steps towards the possibility of sending their diplomats back to the DPRK, but did not give more information about it because of the confidentiality of the matter.

United Kingdom is organizing through the DPRK's embassy in London all the arrangements in order to plan a future visit to the DPRK with their diplomats on April 2024.

However, United Kingdom also demanded the DPRK's authorization to allow any international diplomats to cross their borders, along with representatives from the United Nations and NGOs. In my personal opinion, the DPRK knows well enough what's best for themselves and has no need to answer to these demands. They have proven over and over how well they manage without international intervention. It is also well known the United Nations and countries like the USA deliberately seek to harm the DPRK at any given chance, so it is only natural that the DPRK will not take any risks, specially while still at war against the USA.

UK, Sweden and Germany, among many other countries, already have DPRK embassies in their territories, though their activities are restricted because of the UN, EU and US sanctions.

In my country, Spain, the DPRK embassy closed for good in November 2023. This was due to the Spanish government's constant oppression on the DPRK diplomats, after demanding the expulsion of the former ambassador and several other diplomats back in 2017, when Spain decided to follow, as a good obedient puppet, the unfair commands of the NATO. Let's not forget also the assault the DPRK Embassy in Madrid suffered back in February 2019, when the terrorist group Free Joseon trespassed the building destroying and stealing items and documents, and violently attacking the people who were inside.

On the 5th of March, KFA UK held a Q&A Night event, where this matter was discussed. I exposed my intrigues about this situation, and KFA UK chairman and founder Dr Dermot Hudson kindly answered to my questions about it.

Dr Hudson shares my concern regarding the possible espionage activities, anti-socialist subversion and ideological and cultural infiltration. However, the DPRK knows this and is more than well prepared to deal with this. He agrees that this might increase the trade with the DPRK, though the unfair sanctions would greatly restrict these benefits. He also believes that the UK should had abandoned the unfair imperialist sanctions against the DPRK after the Brexit and massively expanded trade with them.

It seems that the DPRK might have greater interests in enhancing the already existing relationships with China and Russia, since both countries are open to find ways to cooperate to avoid sanctions. This could be considered an obstacle by the European countries mentioned above, considering the current geopolitical situation.

Time will tell the real intentions behind the reestablishment of the diplomatic relationships between the DPRK and these countries. Whatever the outcome is, we can rest assured that the DPRK will for sure overcome any challenges on its way.

(Paula Arzola, Korean Friendship Association Zone Delegate for Andalusia, Spain & Spanish Correspondent of the 'PKT')

**'Some More Thoughts on the superiority of Juche - based socialism,
or simply why People's Korea is right !'**



Various allegations of one kind or another are hurled against People's Korea by the media of the Western world as well as by so - called 'experts' etc, usually it is '*human rights abuses ... blah ... blah*' or '*dictatorship*' etc.

However, speaking to a friend the other day, I realised even more than before that People's Korea is far more superior to the decadent imperialist states than we can imagine. My friend told me about widespread drug use in a certain EU state, about how drugs damage families, relationships and whole communities. Of course, in People's Korea there are no drug addicts or drug dealers.

Over the past 50 - or 60 - years drugs have become an all - pervasive feature of society in the West. The damage caused by drugs in human and material terms is enormous and sometimes beyond calculation; suicide, early death, unemployment, mental impairment and many other effects. Huge sums of money have to be diverted into rehabilitating drug addicts.

People's Korea is without all these kinds of problems and knows only continuous advance.

Of course, Western countries cannot solve the problem of drug misuse or addiction. Firstly, illegal drugs bring big profits (much of the money from drugs ends up in banks), cracking down on drugs would eat into profits. Secondly, in Western countries there is an abstract concept of individual freedom, namely that

people should be allowed to do what they want. Thirdly, in Western countries, drugs function as a means of social control by the elite along with a number of other things.

People's Korea has achieved what Western countries have not achieved and can never achieve.

(Dr Dermot Hudson, Deputy Editor / Reviewer 'PKT',
General Chairman KFA UK)

***'About the abuse of characters,
from the animated series 'Squirrels and Hedgehogs'
from the SEK animation studio,
from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea,
by a group called 'Furries''***



My opinion concerns the issue of an animation from the DPRK.

This cartoon '*Squirrel and Hedgehog*' was created by the SEK animation studio from the DPRK, for citizens, young and old, to convey values and norms, morals and loyalty. A minority who call themselves '*Furries*' abuse these characters for their sick ideas and fantasies.

I started watching the series '*Squirrels and Hedgehogs*' and did not suspect anything bad until I started searching for some information about it on Google. I myself am a good cartoon connoisseur, and have always enjoyed watching cartoons since I was a child. I only got to know '*Squirrels and Hedgehogs*' through the KFA. I never thought anything bad of watching a cartoon with anthropomorphic animals, why should I think anything bad about it anyway?

Many topics and content can be presented much more clearly if, for example, incorporates a hard - working squirrel into the cartoon as a role model character. As such, using animals as characters is much more helpful in associating certain actions and portraying morals than using normal people as actors or characters. The viewer associates a certain stereotype with each animal species, per example

Fox = sneaky. Wolf = dangerous. Squirrel = hardworking etc.

For example, a small child in the city park sees a squirrel collecting nuts and hiding them for the winter. The child asks his parents, who then explain: '*A squirrel is very thrifty and hardworking, it is always working and preparing for worse times*'.

Now that this logic has been clarified, I come to the main reason for my Statement. People who have not understood this logic, such as these so - called '*Furries*'. People who consume a cartoon with animal characters and dream up sick and disturbing fantasies about it. People who suffer from disordered sexual preference and are sexually attracted to cartoon animals.

I do not need to explain further that this sort of thing is sick in all ways. These '*Furries*' should seek therapeutic treatment. When I started my research on Google on February 28, 2024, I found frightening images from USA, South Korean and German forums in which the characters of '*Squirrel and Hedgehog*' were traced, also called '*fanart*'. The animal characters are depicted naked or with exaggeratedly enlarged genitals and are shown in various sexual positions.

However, during my research, I was wondering how a minority called '*Furries*' from Germany even found out about this cartoon from the DPRK?

When I clicked on the name of the creator of this forum post, I saw that they were from South Korea. This creator even has his own website where several articles and pictures from this cartoon and other animated series and films are published. On his main page I was able to read several statements from him regarding the relationship between South Korea and the DPRK. He explained that he happened to see this cartoon '*Squirrel and Hedgehog*' from the DPRK and he hopes that soon South Korea and the DPRK will get along better so, that several such cartoons and films can be shared with each other. Since the creator is probably also in '*Furrie Discord groups*', which are even linked in these forums, I came to the conclusion that the Furrie community probably exchanges ideas on various platforms (Discord, Telegram, etc.), and thus their sick fantasies find confirmation from '*within their own people*'. That explains a lot about how a cartoon like '*Squirrels and Hedgehog*' from the DPRK ended up on a German furry forum. These pathological fanatics are already so strongly connected.

Without shame or remorse, these characters, lovingly created by their artists and creators to embody morals and values, were shamefully mutilated and abused by these '*Furries*'. In my opinion, there should be stricter copyright regulations that prohibit the creation of perverted - sexual '*fan art*' and that these sick artists should be caught and punished severely. It is best to give these creatures a long therapeutic treatment.

This statement shows how far imperialist decadence has progressed. People who are attracted to cartoon animals are already so much tolerated that they are allowed to hold events where such people come together, dressed as animals, to celebrate

decadent orgies under the influence of drugs. In many cases they have destroyed the hotel or the festival grounds and subsequently refuse to take responsibility for it. In the Netherlands and Germany, 'Furries' dressed as colourful animals, walk through the city centre, on all fours, and let small children pet them. Unfortunately, many people do not realise how dangerous and decadent this 'furry scene' is. These 'Furries' are mostly over 30, unemployed, men who sit in front of the computer all day and create or 'abuse', 'fan art' of cartoon animals. Something like that should not be practised openly in society. It influences the perception of minors and leads to complete, pathological, degenerate, behaviour.

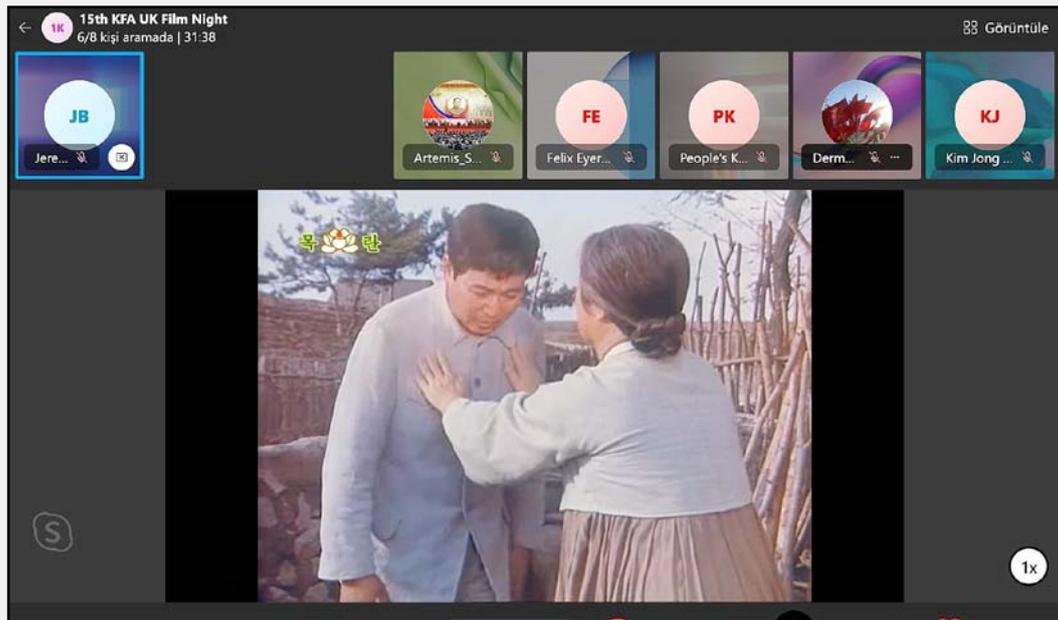
(Sara R., Korean Friendship Association Germany in personal capacity)



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Report of 15th Korean Friendship Association, film night 28th of March 2024



The Korean Friendship Association of the UK (KFA UK) held its 15th film night on the 28th of March at 1830 hours via Skype. The film night attracted the participation of KFA UK members and activists as well as participants from KFA Germany, the People's Korea Initiative of Poland and friends from Turkey.

The film 'The Lighthouse' was shown. It told the story of the patriotism some lighthouse keepers in the DPRK, against a backdrop of key historical events, such as Korea's liberation from Japanese imperialist rule and the Fatherland Liberation War against the US imperialists. A flashback in the film depicted the harsh

oppression of Japanese rule and the cruelty of the Japanese imperialists.

There was a most impressive scene in the film when President KIM IL SUNG sent a helicopter to save an ordinary lighthouse keeper from serious illness.

Participants said that the film showed that even the humblest jobs in People's Korea are valued.

The short documentary *'Father of the People'* about President KIM IL SUNG was screened.

The film night was concluded at 20.15 hours GM

(Korean Friendship Association UK)

***The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK,
the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea,
the Korean Friendship Association of the UK,
issued the following statement,
on the 50th anniversary of the abolition of taxation,
in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea***

50 years ago, the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK on the 21st of March 1974 passed the law on the Complete Abolition of Taxation thus the DPRK became the first state in the world without taxation, a truly remarkable feat. Since that day the people of the DPRK have been free from income tax and local taxation but at the same time have enjoyed free health care, free education and low - cost housing. Today young and middle - aged Korean people do not understand the meaning of the word *'tax'*!

After the liberation of Korea from Japan on August 15 1945, the predatory tax system of the Japanese imperialists was abolished and a popular and democratic tax system was established in the DPRK, thus putting an end to over 50 kinds of miscellaneous taxes and turning the taxation into a single one.

In 1955 the government of People's Korea again cut the income tax of the workers and office employees by 30 percent, sharply reduced the tax burden of the handicraft workers, entrepreneurs and merchants and decreased the agricultural tax in kind from 25 percent of the grain output to 20.1 percent on an average. From 1959 it reduced the agricultural tax in kind to 8.4 percent.

The agricultural tax in kind, which had been instituted right after the liberation, was eliminated in the period from 1964 to 1966 for good in accordance with *'Theses on the Socialist Rural Question in Our Country'* authored by President Kim Il Sung.

As a result, there remained in the country only the income tax of the working

people and the negligible local autonomy tax. The tax paid by the population amounted to two percent or less in the revenue of the state budget.

Thus, abolishing taxation became the order of the day. As the great leader comrade Kim Il Sung said:

'To abolish the tax system is a revolution to free the working people from these vestiges and a great change to meet the centuries - old desire of the people.'

'The system of taxation which came into being with the emergence of the state, has been used in a class society for thousands of years, as a means of preserving the ruling machine of the governing classes, and plundering the working people'

Taxation for centuries had been a great burden for the working people with people cursing taxation. There is an old saying that in there only two certainties - death and taxes. In the capitalist countries today, taxation is a very big problem. In recent years under austerity policies taxation has increased in several capitalist countries but at the same time public services have been cut. Many workers in the UK have to pay a big percentage of their pay in tax and national insurance, on top of that there is 20% VAT and council tax which rob people of their money. Even those who own their properties are hit by 'service charges'.

Abolishing taxation in the DPRK was a master stroke which improved people's living standards. At the same time thanks to increasing socialist production in the DPRK public spending has increased many times over. This is a miracle. It is amazing that People's Korea has had 49 years without taxation.

The DPRK is a real paradise for the working people thanks to the Juche idea, the advanced socialist system and the people centred policies of great generalissimo's Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il which are today carried forward by dear respected Marshal Kim Jong Un under the banner of self - reliance. The abolition of taxation in the DPRK is a great inspiration to the working people of Britain in their struggle against austerity, exploitation and oppression!

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, KFA UK, London 14th of March Juche 113 [2024])

A statement from Korean Friendship Association UK, on British participation in 'Freedom Shield'

The Korean Friendship Association of the UK issued the following statement;

We are appalled to learn that Britain is participating in the aggressive Freedom Shield military exercises in south Korea which are being staged by the US and south Korea. The exercises started on the 4th of March.

The Freedom Shield exercises are aggressive in intent. They are aimed at intimidating the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) as well as practising the invasion of the DPRK and overthrowing the socialist system in the DPRK.

Exercises such as Freedom Shield greatly heighten tension and increase the prospect of war breaking out on the Korean peninsula and the Asia - Pacific region.

The presence of British forces in these exercises make Britain complicit in both warmongering and aggression not to mention the insidious and toxic schemes of the US and south Korea for '*regime change*' and the colonisation of the DPRK.

It is a blatant waste of taxpayers' money to send British forces to the other side of the world! Britain should solve its own problems before interfering in other countries.

Britain should not be propping up the south Korean fascist puppet regime and US imperialism!

We demand an end to British involvement on the Korean peninsula and the withdrawal of British forces!

(Korean Friendship Association UK, 12th of March 2024)

***The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK,
the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea,
the Korean Friendship Association of the UK,
issued the following statement,
on the occasion of International Working Women's Day,
on the 8th of March 2024***

On the 8th of March it will be International Working Women's Day. The 8th of March, International Women's Day is celebrated throughout the globe, however, it only has real meaning in Juche Korea led by dear respected Marshal KIM JONG UN. In Juche Korea, women enjoy real equality. On the 30th of July 1946, the Law on Sexual Equality was passed and Article 77 of the DPRK Socialist Constitution states:

'Women are accorded equal social status and rights with men.

The State shall afford special protection to mothers and children by providing maternity leave, reduced working hours for mothers with several children, a wide network of maternity hospitals, creches and kindergartens, and other measures.

The State shall provide all conditions for women to play their full roles in society'

More legalisation guaranteeing women's rights was passed later on.

The great leader President KIM IL SUNG defined women as one of the two wheels of the revolutionary chariot, without them there can be no revolution.

In Juche Korea, prostitution was abolished in 1946, There is no pornography, no sex industry nor Western style 'sexual culture' that degrades women.

People's Korea is a model of true Juche-orientated women's liberation!

We congratulate all women friends of People's Korea on International Women's Day!

LONG LIVE INTERNATIONAL WORKING WOMEN'S DAY!

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, KFA UK, London 4th of March Juche 113 [2024])

***The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK,
the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea,
the Korean Friendship Association of the UK,
issued the following statement,
in support in the press statement,
of the DPRK Ministry of National Defence,
that was made on the 4th of March***

On the 4th of March the US imperialists and 'Republic of Korea' puppets started the 10 days 'Freedom Shield War' exercises which will last until the 14th of March. The exercises will be joined by troops from US vassal states such as Australia, Britain, the Philippines and Thailand. A total of 48 field drills are planned.

As the press statement of the DPRK Ministry of National Defence points out:

'The large - scale war drills staged by the world's biggest nuclear weapons state and more than 10 satellite states against a state in the Korean peninsula where a nuclear war may be ignited even with a spark, can never be called 'defensive''

The DPRK Ministry of National Defence denounces the Freedom Shield drill as it is a rehearsal for invading People's Korea and colonizing the northern part of Korea. Freedom Shield is aimed at overthrowing the socialist system of the DPRK.

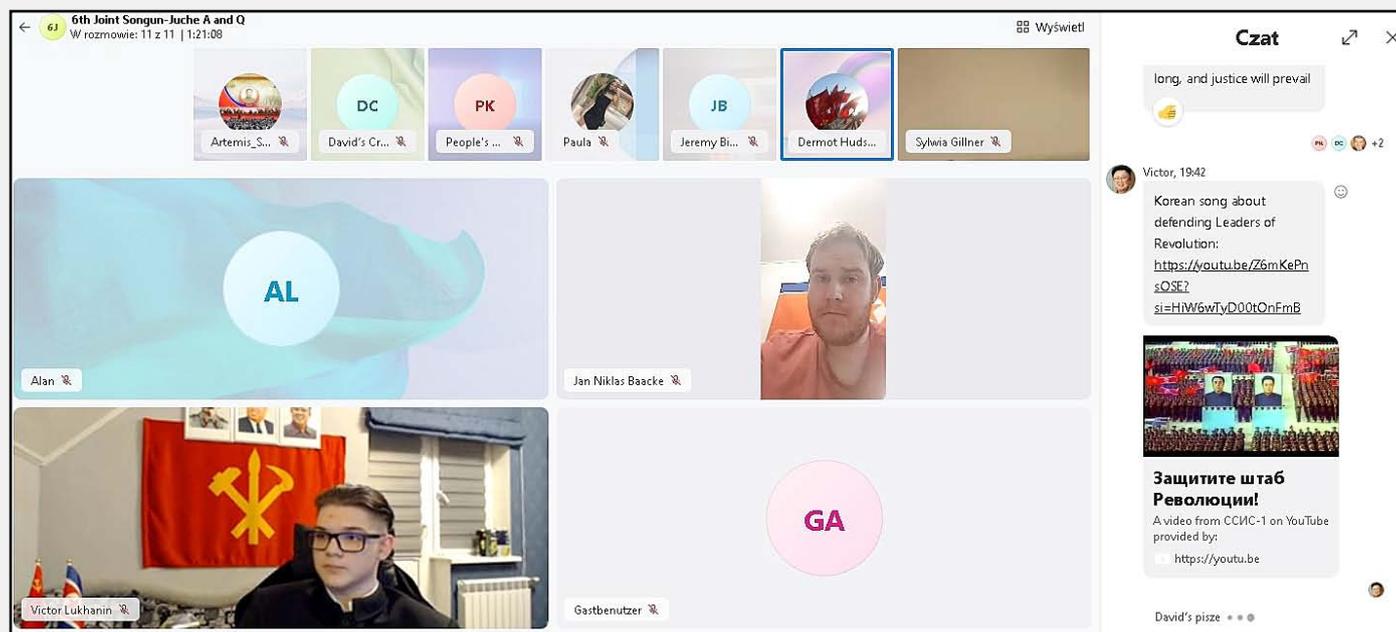
Moreover, the DPRK Ministry of National Defence warns that the US imperialists and south Korean puppets will pay a high price for their adventurous and bellicose actions.

We also condemn the US imperialists and south Korean puppets. We feel ashamed that British forces are taking part in Freedom Shield and denounce it. British forces should not participate and should be withdrawn.

We call for Freedom Shield to be stopped and cancelled at once !

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, KFA UK, London 5th of March Juche 113 [2024])

Report of Korean Friendship Association UK, and the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea, 6th Joint Songun - Juche Q and A Study Session, held 5th of March 2024



The Korean Friendship Association of the UK (KFA UK) and British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea held its 6th Joint Songun - Juche Q and A / study session at 1830 hours via Skype on the 5th of March. Participating were members of KFA UK and the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea from London, West of England and Oxfordshire. The meeting was joined by international guests from KFA Germany, KFA Spain, the People's Korea Initiative of Poland, KFA Poland and Russia.

A minute's silence was observed for the victims of genocide in Gaza.

A number of questions covering diverse topics such as the Juche idea, travel, old age pensions, switching jobs in the DPRK and the re - opening of Western embassies in the DPRK.

Comrade Alan Bolon, KFA UK Organisation and head of KFA UK West of England in response to a question about independence, creativity and consciousness said that in part that: *' ... in a socialist society in DPRK, which provides all the basic needs for a man's development, for his development at higher levels: intellectual. Creativity develops in connection with the consciousness that grows in conditions favourable to this development, that is, conditions when a person can, as a free and independent being, be the master of his own life without enslavement and consciously direct it, change the world and adapt world to his needs and aspirations just like his wants as a human being, for him and mutual relations to others ...'*

Dr Dermot Hudson Chairman of KFA UK and Chairman of the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea in his response to the question said that: *'Whilst independence, creativity and consciousness are intrinsic features of human beings it*

does not mean that man is automatically born with them, far from it. The Juche idea is a philosophy that is firmly rooted in materialism and not idealism. Such qualities are the attribute of a social being. In other words they formed only in society as a result of social interaction. Here is an example: there are several different accounts of feral children or wolf boys, who were raised by animals as a result they walked on all fours, ate with their hands or simply bit into the food and could not speak. It is correct to say that independence, creativity and consciousness have developed throughout history, although such not always in a smooth and steady manner. They have developed as a result of the struggle of humans to master nature and in the struggle against different exploiting systems, such as slavery, feudalism and capitalism ...'

In answer to a question about overseas travel of DPRK citizens Dr Hudson said that the right of travel is guaranteed by the DPRK Constitution and that in fact DPRK citizens do travel abroad.

In response to a question about pensioners in the DPRK Dr Hudson said that, in the DPRK pensioners receive extra benefits in addition to their pensions. Dr Hudson gave his views on the prospects for the re opening of Western embassies in the DPRK.

Additional questions were asked about the DPRK and BRICS and also the DPRK's media coverage of the Aaron Bushnell case.

The session concluded at 19.50 hours.

(Korean Friendship Association UK)





***Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un,
Inspects Central Cadres Training School,
of Workers' Party of Korea under Construction***



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, gave field guidance to the construction site of the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK nearing completion.

Accompanying him were secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK and officials of the units in charge of designing and building.

The Eighth Congress of the WPK and the second, fourth, sixth and ninth plenary meetings of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK set it as an important requirement for strengthening the Party at present to systematically and well train the reserve cadres of the Party and thoroughly arm them with the revolutionary ideas of Kim Jong Un and the Party - building line in the new era, and decided on rebuilding the training school into an advanced and modern political school in all aspects, including the scale, capacity, educational conditions and environment, and the WPK has powerfully pushed forward with this project.

Kim Jong Un, who has clearly set forth the immortal guidelines and fighting strategies for strengthening the WPK with his outstanding ideological and theoretical wisdom and extraordinary leadership and led it to victory, stressed that it is an issue related to the long-term development of our Party for training its successors and furthermore an important issue directly linked to the succession of the revolution to spruce up the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK and train excellent Party officials. He personally chose the site for the construction of the school, and meticulously indicated the principal tasks concerning the designing while energetically guiding the work to turn the training school into a better university than others.

Thanks to the vigorous struggle of the builders who have worked 24 / 7 with high consciousness and will to carry out with devoted practice the Party Central Committee's plan for turning the training school into a prestigious university, the construction of a '*pedigree farm*' for training the backbone of the WPK is nearing completion in a matter of one year after its ground - breaking ceremony in April last year.

The training school with a total floor space of over 133 000 square meters will be equipped with advanced educational systems and have a high level of educational conditions and environment.

Going round various places of the construction site, Kim Jong Un learned in detail about the building work.

Seeing with a broad smile on his face the school which vividly showed its dignity as a prestigious educational institution symbolizing the absolute prestige of our Party and the invincibility of our cause, he said that a perfect Kimilsungist - Kimjongilist school, a Juche idea school, has been built up.

Expressing great satisfaction over the fact that administration section, cultural and sports section, living section and all other sections have been built in a weighty, modern and practical way to suit the character, mission, function and purpose of a Party cadres training base, he highly appreciated the efforts of the officials and builders in the field of design and construction.

Pointing out some shortcomings and irrational factors revealed in the construction of the educational section, he indicated in detail the practical ways for eliminating them and gave instructions to dynamically accelerate the last - stage project for completing the school at the highest level.

The school, which is successfully being built as another masterpiece of the Juche-oriented architecture under the wise guidance of the Party Central Committee, is expected to be completed in mid - May and a ceremony for its inauguration held with splendor on the occasion of its founding anniversary.

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***Press Statement of Vice Department Director of Central Committee,
of the Workers' Party of Korea Comrade Kim Yo Jong***



Kim Yo Jong, vice department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, issued the following press statement on Monday:

Last month, I gave my view on the fact that Japanese Prime Minister Kishida expressed his desire for DPRK - Japan summit talks at the Diet.

Shortly ago, Kishida, through another channel, conveyed his intention to personally meet the President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as soon as possible.

As already mentioned, what is important in opening a way out for the improved DPRK - Japan relations is for Japan to make its political decision in actuality.

The history of the DPRK - Japan relations gives a lesson that it is impossible to improve the bilateral relations full of distrust and misunderstanding, only with an idea to set out on a summit meeting.

If Japan is mulling interfering in the exercise of our sovereign right as now, being engrossed in the abduction issue that has no further settlement and way to know, the prime minister can not but meet a criticism that his design is little short of a bid for popularity.

What is clear is that when Japan infringes upon the sovereignty of the DPRK, doggedly standing hostile to it, the former will become a target of the latter, being regarded as its enemy, never a friend.

If Japan truly wants to improve the bilateral relations and contribute to ensuring regional peace and stability as a close neighbor of the DPRK, it is necessary for it to

make a political decision for strategic option conformed to its overall interests.

The DPRK's strengthened self-defence capability will never be a threat to the security of Japan, if the latter respects the former's sovereignty and security interests in a fair and equal stand.

The prime minister should be aware of our government's clear stand.

He should not think that it is possible for him to meet our state leadership when he has wanted and decided or such request for summit can be accepted.

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Press Statement of DPRK Permanent Mission, to UN Office and International Organizations in Geneva

The DPRK permanent mission to the UN Office and International Organizations in Geneva issued the following press statement on March 24:

Recently, the EU submitted again the '*resolution*' slandering the DPRK's genuine policy of protecting and promoting human rights and its actual situation to the 55th Session of the UN Human Rights Council.

The submitting of the anti - DPRK '*resolution*', which has become an inveterate evil practice of the EU, is nothing but a clearly politically-motivated plot utterly contrary to the purpose and principle of the UN Charter which stipulates respect for sovereignty and non - interference in other's internal affairs and to the efforts of the UN member states to protect and promote human rights through dialogue and cooperation.

It is the core of the '*resolution*' of the EU to insist on the infringement upon sovereignty under the signboard of '*protecting human rights*'.

The DPRK permanent mission to the UN Office and International Organizations in Geneva brands the recent '*resolution*' submitting of the EU as a grave political provocation pursuant to the U.S. hostile policy toward the DPRK to bring down its social system, and vehemently denounces and rejects it.

Today the fair international community is sneering at the shamelessness of the EU countries, in which all sorts of human rights abuses are rampant as malignant cancer, as they are styling themselves the '*human rights founders*' and '*human rights model*' and trying to teach others.

Many member states of the UN Human Rights Council maintain their stand that the '*human rights resolutions*' against specific countries are nothing but politicized documents which are not recognized by relevant countries.

It is the European countries where typical human rights abuses such as racial discrimination, maltreatment of immigrants, flesh traffic, police violence and sexual abuse are rampant and children, disabled persons and old people who deserve social protection are forsaken as victims of all social evils.

The EU is the very one that brought about the worst humanitarian crisis by destroying the stability and creating discord among the Middle East and African countries and is taking a cold attitude being unrelated to innocent refugees whether they drown in the Mediterranean Sea to death or suffer from coldness and diseases in refugee camps.

The EU is besmirching the sacred UN human rights arena by fabricating someone's non - existing '*human rights issue*' though it could not properly settle even its existing and urgent human rights abuses. This is not because it is truly interested in protecting and promoting human rights.

It is the main purpose of the '*improvement of human rights*' touted by the EU to justify its interference in the internal affairs of sovereign states under the pretext of '*human rights and democracy*', distorting the universal definition of human rights and preaching its '*values*'.

No one or no international law did not give the EU an authority to interfere in internal affairs of independent sovereign states and impose its principle on them.

The '*strategic independence*' and '*independence*' advocated by Europe will only highlight the true nature of the EU which is strategically subordinated to the U.S. policy of hegemony.

The protection of human rights and the defence of sovereignty are inseparably related.

The DPRK regarding the people - first principle as its state policy will as ever fulfill its responsibility and role to defend the sovereign right of the state and protect and promote the human rights of the people.

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***Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un,
Guides Test of Solid - fueled Engine,
for New - type Intermediate - range Hypersonic Missile***



A ground jet test of a solid - fueled engine for a new - type intermediate-range hypersonic missile, which is of another strategic value, was successfully conducted in the era when eye - opening sci - tech achievements have been successively made in the course of the steady development of the national defence capability.



The DPRK Missile Administration and its affiliated engine institute conducted the test of a multi - stage solid - fuel engine for intermediate - range hypersonic missiles at the Sohae Satellite Launching Ground on Tuesday morning and afternoon according to the schedule of a new - type weapon system program.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, guided the test on the spot together with leading officials of the missile development sector.



A timetable for completing the development of the new - type intermediate - range hypersonic missile weapon system was set through the great success in the important test.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that the military strategic value of this weapon system is appreciated as importantly as ICBM in view of the security environment of our state and the operational needs of the People's Army and that enemies know better about it.

Kim Jong Un expressed great satisfaction over the fact that the strategic weapons programs of the five - year plan set forth at the Eighth Congress of the WPK have been successfully completed



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Russian Delegation Tours Pyongyang



A delegation of the Russian Maritime Territory led by Oleg Kozhemyako, governor of the Maritime Territory Administration, visited the Kangdong Greenhouse Complex.

Accompanying it were Yun Jong Ho, minister of External Economic Relations of the DPRK, and Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK.

The members of the delegation went round modern, advanced, convenient and unique greenhouses.

The delegation also visited the Jongbaek Church after touring the National Gifts Exhibition House, the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace, the Russian Language Center of Pyongyang University of Foreign Studies, etc.

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***Great Socialist Wealth Born,
of Devoted Service for People's Wellbeing
Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un,
Attends Commissioning Ceremony,
of Kangdong General Greenhouse Farm***



The world's biggest vegetable farm has been successfully built and inaugurated in the Kangdong area of Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPRK, at a stirring time when a new world of socialist cultural efflorescence and a new era of grandiose changes - the Korean people's long - cherished ideal - is being brought under the guidance of the great Party Central Committee.

The Kangdong General Greenhouse Farm, where vegetable production is put on an advanced intelligent and intensive footing with its modernity, culture and practical efficiency surely guaranteed, is a monumental edifice born of the political idea of

believing in the people as in Heaven and the spirit of making selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) that lavishes funds on promoting the rights, interests and wellbeing of the people, regarding it as the most important state affair, and a model entity representing the country's rapid development.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un unveiled a far - reaching plan for building a number of modern greenhouse farms in different parts of the country, even made sure that important military bases were dismantled for greenhouse farms, and has put his heart and soul into their construction. He unfolded a blueprint for building a large - scale greenhouse farm in the Kangdong area at the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK and energetically guided the whole process of the building project.

The service personnel of the Korean People's Army (KPA), who responded with single-minded loyalty to the special order of the Party Central Committee, successfully built a new - generation general greenhouse farm whose size and production capacity are much bigger than the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm, public buildings and terraced dwelling houses harmonizing with the surrounding natural landscape in a matter of one year with their strong offensive spirit and mettle of Korean - style creation, thus laying out a fairyland - like '*greenhouse town*', '*farm town*' in the suburbs of the capital.

The spectacular Kangdong General Greenhouse Farm with modern greenhouses of peculiar styles, including a cylindrical greenhouse for vegetable cultivation and a dome - shaped glass hydroponic greenhouse, will produce and supply various kinds of vegetables to the citizens of Pyongyang.

A commissioning ceremony of the Kangdong General Greenhouse Farm was held with splendor on March 15.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the ceremony together with leading cadres of the Party and the government.

The venue of the event, where the birth of the large - scale greenhouse vegetable production base would be declared to add another brilliant page to the new era of comprehensive national rejuvenation being dynamically opened up by the WPK, a great motherly party which takes warm care of the people's happiness and destiny, was full of great emotion and joy of the participants.

All the participants in the event were waiting for the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, a great guide and artist of epochal changes who glorifies the country where the people's desire is realized as an ideal one under socialism, as befitting its prestige and status as a power, with his untiring efforts and devotion.

When Kim Jong Un and his beloved daughter arrived at the venue of the ceremony

amid the playing of welcome music, all the participants broke into stormy cheers of 'Hurrah!'.

All the participants enthusiastically cheered, looking up to Kim Jong Un, the pioneer of great change and the great artist of creation.

Present at the ceremony were Premier Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, and secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK, officials of armed forces organs, ministries, national agencies and Pyongyang Municipality, soldier - builders and officials and employees of the Kangdong General Greenhouse Farm and Pyongyangites.

The national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played.

Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, made a commissioning speech.

The speaker said the farm, the third proud creation in the history of building modern greenhouse farms in the new era ushered in by the Party, has been successfully built in a matter of one year and its significant inauguration would be declared. He pointed out that the completion of its building project and the start of full - scale vegetable production, which will greatly contribute to bettering the citizens' diet, constitute another successful fruition of the gigantic creative struggle which the Party determined and has put big efforts to for the good of the people, and an inspiring event that convinces them of bigger and new successes this year when the whole country makes leaps forward for development and change.

He stressed that the commissioning of the greenhouse farm vividly represents the boundless pride of creating new things in our own way so that we wouldn't envy others and a substantial change that has reached the people, not by lip service and wishful thinking but by a reality, and at the moment, not in the distant future.

Upon authorization by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, the speaker extended warm thanks and congratulations to the service personnel and all other builders who successfully built the Kangdong General Greenhouse Farm as the people's wealth adding luster to our era and fully demonstrated the absolute advantages and inexhaustible vitality of Korean - style creation with the steadfast spirit of devotedly implementing the Party's resolutions and through indomitable and strenuous struggle.

He recalled that the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un, who had always cherished and matured the idea of supplying fresh vegetables to the citizens of the capital all the year round, along with the construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang Municipality, as important plans in his mind, had planned and energetically led the construction of a greenhouse farm for the citizens of Pyongyang since he opened up a bright prospect for building modern greenhouse farms all over the country. The Kangdong General Greenhouse Farm is a precious socialist asset born of the warm

sincerity and wise leadership of the General Secretary, who devotes his all to promoting the people's well - being only, he stressed.

He said that the modern, advanced, convenient and unique greenhouses and one thousand and hundreds of dwelling houses at the farm are associated with the devoted efforts made by the soldier - builders who dedicated their pure conscience and efforts to every process and every part of construction displaying the irresistible might of the Korean People's Army out of their absolute loyalty to the leader, and by the families of service members who added to militant enthusiasm of the officers and men staying overnight at the construction site in hot summer and cold winter.

The speaker referred to the intense loyalty and devoted efforts made by the scientists and technicians who studied and introduced an intelligent integrated production system for actively controlling the production environment and process and various new technologies in conformity with the actual conditions of our country while continuing tireless inquiries with extraordinary creative spirit, citizens who carried out river improvement and greening, and officials and working people of ministries, national agencies and relevant units who provided planned materials and equipment in a responsible manner.

He said that our own way and strength are a fundamental guarantee for building up wonders, rare to be found in other parts of the world, at will and that when all the people work hard in the high spirit displayed in the general greenhouse farm construction, the day when the whole country prospers and the people enjoy an affluent and civilized life would be brought earlier. He ardently called upon all the people to make firm and courageous advance toward a new great victory in 2024 that will witness another change and progress and toward eternal prosperity of the beloved country.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a significant address encouraging the service personnel of the KPA who successfully built the Kangdong General Greenhouse Farm to realize another cherished desire of the Party.

He made the following speech of encouragement:

*'Comrades,
Dear officers and men of the air force units,
Teaching staff and cadets of military academies at different levels,
You have taken much trouble indeed.*

*As we see today,
you have built in a matter of a year this advanced
and splendid asset at a miraculous speed.*

I cannot find enough words to express my gratitude to you and my happiness.

The traces of your hard - fought struggle in this transformed Kangdong area

have already disappeared.

*However, your staunch revolutionary spirit,
outstanding wisdom and strenuous efforts buried under this creation
will live as a model for the coming generations, I believe.*

Seeing it, everyone will say that something has been created from nothing.

*You have set up a large creation as a present for the people in the place
that bears the imprints of your military service and militant feats.*

*Whereas all the challenges and difficulties facing the state
are our army's primary targets for annihilation,
the accomplishing of the cherished desires of our Party
and people is its first goal to attain.*

This is the invariable essential nature of our army.

*Heroic officers and men of our army who are always thoroughgoing
and powerful in defending the state and the people
and legendary and almighty in creating the wealth of the country
and the happiness of the people,*

*As it has always been with you,
you are just given the priceless honour of leading the effort
to effect a world of transformation in the coming years,
a world which our ideals and our style of creative struggle will surely lead to.*

*Officers and men,
Let us continue to advance and achieve victory, singing the song of creators under the
uplifted banner of defenders.*

*"Availing myself of this opportunity, I, on behalf of our Party and government,
once again extend thanks to our laudable and heroic army.*

Thank you'

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un finished his address, stormy cheers of 'Hurrah!' raised by all the participants resounded across the sky of March.

All the soldier - builders, who received the deepest trust and the highest honor from the great Party Central Committee, were filled with enthusiasm to add luster to the noble prestige of the ever - victorious heroic army and genuine people's army at the outpost of the sacred struggle for accelerating the comprehensive development of our thriving nation by steadily giving full play to the fighting spirit and creative mettle displayed in the construction of the Kangdong General Greenhouse Farm.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un cut the tape for commissioning of the farm.

Fireworks were set off to the sky above the venue filled with surging excitement as a witness to a touching scene to be recorded in the great journey of devotion to the people.

Kim Jong Un waved back to the soldier - builders and other people enthusiastically cheering for a long time.

The great persons of guidance, together with cadres of the Party, the government and the military, went round the farm.

Kim Jong Un visited greenhouses of different types to learn in detail about the advanced technical devices for cultivating greenhouse vegetables domestically introduced for the first time, their economic efficiency and technical features.

He expressed great satisfaction over the highly intensive, optimized and intelligent production processes to be operated by our own efforts and technology with world-level insight.

He said that new sphere and level of greenhouse vegetable production have been pioneered thanks to the completion of the plot - and labor - saving general greenhouse farm which guarantees radical increase in productivity in comparison with the conventional cultivation method while providing the growth environment of various kinds of tasty and nutritious vegetables in a scientific and balanced way. He added that the eye - opening change in the Kangdong area is an epitome of the worthwhile struggle of creation of our own style growing intense in the spirit of self-reliance and self - existence.

To expand the proud successes and experience gained in the construction of the general greenhouse farm, which will serve as another great engine for improving the people's living standard, is the sacred work for further enriching and beautifully cultivating the new socialist life, he said, giving precious instructions for accelerating the large - scale modern greenhouse farm construction on a nationwide scale and surely turning the vegetable production into a creation - oriented industry.

He looked round the dwelling houses built for the working people who would enjoy a worthwhile working life at the farm, and wished them happy future.

The commissioning of the Kangdong General Greenhouse Farm serves as a significant occasion for adding to the confidence and optimism about a new great victory being brought about by the Workers' Party of Korea, whose unquestioned mission is to achieve the prosperity of the country and promote the people's well - being, and for inspiring the all - people grand advance toward the future of a highly civilized powerful country in the Korean - style mode of struggle and way of creation.

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Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, Guides Tankmen's Training Match



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, guided a training match between the large combined tankmen's units of the Korean People's Army on March 13.

He was accompanied by Pak Jong Chon, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK and vice - chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK.

He was greeted on the spot by Kang Sun Nam, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Ri Yong Gil, chief of the General Staff of the KPA, the vice-minister of National Defence in charge of equipment, the director of the tank department of the KPA General Staff and commanding officers of the large combined tankmen's units of the KPA.

Commanding officers of the tank and mechanized units of the KPA watched the match.

The training match was aimed at strictly inspecting tankmen's actual combat capabilities and making them get familiar with combat action methods on different tactical missions.

Tank crews selected from the combined units competed in the match.

The tank crews, who came out to the training ground with the joy and pride of showing their combat actions to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, were full of

militant confidence to give full play to their wisdom and courage as a - match - for - a - hundred tankmen who have tenaciously prepared themselves as fully - fledged riders of iron horses amid the flames of a revolution in training kindled by the Party.

Kim Jong Un mounted the observation post, where he received a report on the plan for the match.

When the beginning of the match was signaled, the tanks started making dashes reflecting the bravery of tankmen fully armed with the fighting spirit to annihilate the enemy.

Swiftly negotiating the various worst combat circumstances, the heavy tanks hit targets at once with powerful strikes and broke through strong defense lines with high maneuverability.

Watching with satisfaction the fierce advance of tanks dashing ahead like wind, Kim Jong Un said with pleasure that it was quite spectacular and the grandiose looks of tanks seemed to mirror the bravery and audacity peculiar to the KPA.

The match fully demonstrated the perfect capability for actual war and matchless fighting spirit of the gallant tankmen who have grown to be strong combat ranks equipped with high mobility and striking power and the reliable performance of the tanks, one of the powerful means for fighting war and their full combat preparedness.

The Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division won the match with its overwhelming fighting efficiency.

Congratulating the division on its success, Kim Jong Un said with great satisfaction that the tankmen of the division are really well prepared, adding that he has so far guided the training of units of different services, arms and core and sub - units of the KPA many times but none of them satisfied him more than the tankmen's preparedness displayed at the match. He repeatedly expressed his great satisfaction, saying that if all the units and sub - units of the entire army are well prepared like the sub-units of the 105th Tank Division which participated in the match, he would never worry about the preparations for war.

Recalling that the Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division is a unit with the proud history and tradition of having occupied the enemy capital, he highly praised the brave tankmen of the division, adding that he was really happy to see the indomitable soul and heroic mettle of the wartime guard tankmen still pulsate in the fighting spirit of the tankmen of the new generation.

He expressed great satisfaction over the fact that the new-type main battle tank successfully demonstrated its very excellent striking power and mobility, displaying its amazing combat capability for the first time in the tankmen's match. He said it is

something we can be proud of that the KPA is equipped with the most powerful tanks in the world.

He highly appreciated once again the untiring efforts the officers and men of the combined units have made to gird themselves for war while keeping highly alert, and set forth important tasks for making leaps forward in rounding off the preparations for war by giving fuller play to the elated fighting spirit.

Stressing the importance of the role and duty of tankmen in modern warfare, he underscored the need to organize intensive exercises simulating an actual war and training matches for enhancing combat capability so that they can carry out any combat mission promptly and accurately under various circumstances in contingency, and to take revolutionary measures to dynamically conduct the movement for becoming versatile tank crew and other mass movements, thoroughly subordinating and orienting the movements to perfecting war preparations.

It is most important to prepare all tankmen of the army to be strongest in mental power like the wartime heroic tankmen who performed proud feats with matchless bravery, he said, calling on the tank units and sub - units at all levels to consistently conduct ideological education among them in combination with their practical activities so that they would fully display the heroic spirit of the preceding generations on battlefields.

He expressed expectation and belief that the brave tankmen of the KPA would always remain loyal to the struggle to prepare themselves to be one-match-for-a-hundred iron fists with a firm will to annihilate the enemy and thus fully demonstrate as ever the valiant spirit of the powerful iron - clad ranks.

He reviewed the tank crews involved in the match and encourage them.

The tankmen who were greatly encouraged by the great brilliant commander's inspection, an expression of his deep trust, alongside their glorious colors on the training ground, extended deep gratitude to him.

After reviewing the tank crews, he mounted a new - type main battle tank, took the control lever and drove the tank himself, adding to the high militant spirit of the tankmen and instilling in them thoroughgoing outlooks on the enemy and war.

All the officers and men of the tank units raised stormy cheers of hurrah, looking up to the invincible and iron - willed brilliant commander.

They vowed to more firmly prepare themselves to be stalwart fighters who make a breakthrough in the van of advance with their invincible iron horses, deeply cherishing the matchless pluck and courage provided by him.

Then Kim Jong Un had a photo session with the tankmen of the Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division who won the match.

Commanding officers of the KPA and participants in the match made a pledge to remain always loyal to Kim Jong Un who guided their match on the spot and bestowed great honor and deep trust upon them and added to their militant spirit and courage, and to make selfless, devoted efforts for the country and its people.

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***Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un,
Guides Artillery Firing Drill of Korean People's Army,
Large Combined Units***



The large combined units of the Korean People's Army (KPA) conducted an artillery firing drill at a time when the high fighting spirit of the entire army has been boosted day by day to dynamically usher in a new heyday of bolstering up the military capability for self - defence.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), guided the artillery firing drill of the KPA large combined units on March 7.

Accompanying him was Pak Jong Chon, secretary of the WPK Central Committee and vice - chairman of the WPK Central Military Commission.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was greeted at the training ground by Kang Sun Nam, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Ri Yong Gil, chief of the KPA General Staff, and commanders of the KPA large combined units.

The drill was aimed at increasing the combat readiness posture and actual war

capability of artillerymen by inspecting and evaluating the firepower strike capability of the artillery units under the KPA large combined units in the way of power demonstration and competition.

The drill started with the power demonstration firing of the long - range artillery sub - units near the border who have put the enemy's capital in their striking range and are fulfilling important military missions for war deterrence. The artillery sub - units selected from the large combined units were to take the firing positions according to the order of firing set by lot and fire at the targets and then to be ranked by summing up the number of hits and the time taken for fulfilling their firepower missions.

The artillerymen, who had the honor of conducting the drill under the guidance of Kim Jong Un, were filled with the ardent desire to fully display their fighting efficiency which they have developed as the world's strongest branch of the army, of which everybody else is afraid, under the guidance of the great brilliant commander who clarified the unique outlook on attaching importance to the artillery and the philosophy of the artillery and continues devoting his great efforts to developing the Juche - based artillery force.

Kim Jong Un mounted the observation post and was briefed on the plan for the drill and guided the drill.



In the drill, the commanders of the KPA large combined units took charge of fire control over the artillery sub - units of their units and decided on the method of firing the artillery pieces according to their determination.

The moment the commanders gave the order to fire, the artillerymen opened fire.

The valiant artillerymen involved in the drill fully displayed their rapid and accurate marksmanship they have steadily refined in the days of actual war drills for the mobilization of artillerymen for war, always aware of their mission for defending the country, and thus strikingly demonstrated the high combat capability of the all-round artillerymen prepared as a - match - for - a - hundred fighters.

Kim Jong Un expressed his great satisfaction over the fact that all the artillery sub - units involved in the drill are fully ready for constant mobilization for battle.

He personally went to the firing position and warmly congratulated the brave artillery combatants who fully displayed the might of the KPA and the honor of a - match - for - a - hundred artillerymen.

He stressed the need to train all the artillerymen of the whole army into experts in artillery engagement and a - match - for - a - hundred crack gunners by further boosting their enthusiasm for training and emulation and thus prepare them to rapidly and accurately fulfill any combat mission assigned to them in actual battle as in the present drill, and set forth important tasks for rounding off the artillery war preparations.



He said that it is necessary to push forward more vigorously the work for making preparations for regular combat mobilization so that all the artillery sub - units can take the initiative with merciless and rapid strikes at the moment of their entry into an actual war and organize more effectively the actual drill for remarkably increasing the combat capability of the artillerymen with realistic and scientific training goals envisaging different situations and thus continue to increase the might of the artillery, the pride and core of the KPA, in every way.

On receiving his great trust and important instructions, the commanding officers

of the KPA and all the artillery combatants who took part in the drill were filled with the strong will and revolutionary enthusiasm to bring about a great innovation in this year's struggle for increasing their combat efficiency without fail by making strenuous efforts for the new year's training, renewing their faith in the Party's policy on effecting a revolution in training and its idea of attaching importance to the artillery.

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Korean Central News Agency)

***Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un,
Inspects Major Operation Training Base in Western Area***



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), visited a major operational training base in the western area of the Korean People's Army (KPA) on March 6 to make rounds of training facilities and guide the actual maneuvers of units.

Accompanying him was Pak Jong Chon, secretary of the WPK Central Committee and vice - chairman of the WPK Central Military Commission.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was greeted on the spot by Kang Sun Nam, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Ri Yong Gil, chief of the KPA General Staff, the deputy chief of the KPA General Staff, the director of the combat training department, commanders of units for major missions and other commanding officers of the KPA.

He learned in detail about the facilities and training grounds in the base.

He appreciated the fact that all the elements have been built in a practical way so that various trainings can be conducted in a high intensity under the circumstances like an actual war, true to the important military policy tasks set forth by the Party Central Committee before the army. And he stressed the need to make positive use of them so as to practically contribute to strengthening the combat capability of the People's Army, further consolidate the material and technical foundation and properly conduct the maintenance work for them.

He mounted the observation post and received a report on the program for actual maneuvers of the units planned that day before guiding the drill.

Taking part in the drill were combat units at all levels recruited according to the plan.

In the drill, the valiant combatants, who have bolstered matchless strength with their unsparing sweat in regular trainings for strengthening the combat capability, being boundlessly loyal to their noble mission of defending the security of the country and the safety of the people, fully displayed their actual war capability in full readiness to fight and surely defeat the enemy, staking the honor of their units.

Expressing his great satisfaction over the training of servicepersons, Kim Jong Un highly praised the strong revolutionary spirit and the indomitable fighting spirit of the combatants who are keeping their perfect battle readiness.

Saying that it is very glad and heartening to see the soldiers display to the full the brave stamina of a stalwart fighter in the training environment little different from actual war, he encouraged the servicepersons with ardent patriotism who are fulfilling their duty always with battlefield in their mind.

Stressing the need for the KPA to further intensify the training at present, he set forth the important tasks for intensifying the practical actual-war drills ensuring the victory in a war.

To contain the constant threat of the enemies with overwhelming force, successfully control even the slightest attempt to ignite a war and correctly carry out the important mission in contingency, our army should always make more exact demands on itself in keeping with the aspect of changing and developing modern warfare and steadily intensify the actual war drills aimed at rapidly improving its combat capabilities for perfect war preparedness, he said, underscoring the need for the units at all levels of the entire army to dynamically usher in a new heyday of intensifying the war preparations in line with the requirements of the prevailing situation.

The country is secure and its people's safety is defended and their happiness created thanks to our army, the genuine defender and servant of the people that dashes forward in the van of the era, taking charge of both national defence and socialist construction, he said, adding that our army should continue to reliably play the leading role in our great era, bearing deep in mind the trust and expectation of the Party and the people.

That day he had a significant photo session with the dependable combatants who strikingly demonstrated the a - match - for - a - hundred fighting efficiency in the drill with their strong will and courage.

Commanding officers and all the combatants of the KPA pledged their intense loyalty to Kim Jong Un, who guided their training and gave them great trust, encouragement and matchless courage and pluck, and hardened their strong will to fully discharge their honorable duty as the army of the Party and the people in the sacred struggle for the security of the country and happiness of the people.

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Spokesman for Ministry of National Defence, of Democratic People's Republic of Korea Issues Press Statement

A spokesman for the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK released the following press statement on March 4:

The U.S. and the ROK kicked off again the provocative large - scale joint military drills to boost the unpredictability in the situation in the area of the armistice state. The drills included a plan for outdoor mobile one which doubled the number of last year and even the armed forces of 11 satellite countries under the so - called: '*UN Command*' without any justification for existence were mobilized.

The frantic war drills by the ROK puppets and vassal forces led by the U.S. make a clear contrast with the reality of the DPRK mobilizing large - scale military forces into economic construction for the promotion of the people's well - being, confirm again the source of regional instability and more clearly show who is the arch criminal threatening the mankind with nukes.

The large - scale war drills staged by the world's biggest nuclear weapons state and more than 10 satellite states against a state in the Korean peninsula where a nuclear war may be ignited even with a spark, can never be called '*defensive*'.

The Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK strongly denounces the reckless military drills of the U.S. and the ROK for getting more undisguised in their military threat to a sovereign state and attempt for invading it and severely warns them to stop the moves further causing provocation and instability.

The armed forces of the DPRK will continue to watch the adventurist acts of the enemies and conduct responsible military activities to strongly control the unstable security environment on the Korean peninsula.

The U.S. and the ROK will be made to pay a dear price for their false choice while realizing that it causes their security uneasiness at a serious level every moment.

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SOUTH KOREA NEWS

South Korean fined for publishing Democratic People's Republic of Korea historical novels

S. Korean convicted for bringing in and selling NK books

The south Korean puppet 'Korea Herald', reported on the 17th of March as follows:

' ... The Seoul Central District Court handed down a verdict of guilty to the chair of a civic organization who had been accused of bringing in and selling North Korean novels, officials said Sunday.

The court found Jung Ik - hyeon, 60, chair of the South and North Korean Economic Federation Unification Farming Cooperative, of breaching the Inter - Korean Exchange and Cooperation Act, sentencing him to pay a fine of 3 million won (\$2, 250) ...'

It is indeed as ridiculous as it is repressive to fine someone simply for publishing historical novels.

This shows the reality of south Korea as an extreme fascist state with no freedom of speech or thought!

(Dr Dermot Hudson, Deputy Editor / Reviewer 'PKT',
General Chairman KFA UK)

More repression in the liberal 'human rights paradise' of fascist south Korea

An unnamed south Korean man was jailed for 6 months recently.

South Korean puppet media reported that:

'Ulsan District Court found the defendant in his 50s guilty of violating the National Security Act, which bans any activities that are seen to be compromising the safety of the state.

'The defendant wrote posts of anti - state sentiments that present a clear threat to the existence of South Korea and its democratic order' the court said in its verdict, saying that the man had intended to threaten the

country's democracy by praising the communist country to the north.

The defendant started an online cafe in January 2011 that praised North Korea, writing 26 posts in the following two years that glorified its system and its leader'

So, not only can south Koreans be jailed for supporting People's Korea but also for things that they wrote over 10 years ago.

South Korea is a fascist shithole !

(Dr Dermot Hudson, Deputy Editor / Reviewer 'PKT',
General Chairman KFA UK)

81st Candlelight Rally in Seoul

81st candlelight rally and demonstration were staged in Seoul on March 16 to demand the resignation of puppet Yoon Suk Yeol, who has escalated the tension through the reckless moves to provoke a nuclear war in collusion with the U.S. while getting engrossed in the fascist dictatorship and misrule.

A great number of people from all walks of life attended the rally held under the theme of *'Let's unite and punish through voting by dint of unity of forces demanding the impeachment!'*

Speakers at the rally noted that the Yoon Suk Yeol puppet group is making its last - ditch efforts to escape defeat in the puppet parliamentary elections in April, while getting hell - bent on the joint military exercises with the U.S. and on the fascist dictatorship.

They called upon all social standings to struggle in unity so as to prevent a war with the impeachment of Yoon, put an end to the dictatorship and punish him without fail.

At the rally a video was screened to show the course of organizations of various circles forming a joint struggle front and staging an emergency protest action against the reckless war drills of the U.S. and puppet Yoon Suk Yeol, a warmonger.

A resolution was adopted at the candlelight rally, declaring that all the participants would struggle in unity to liquidate all the forces seeking war and resorting to the dictatorship based on prosecution.

Many citizens in Seoul encouraged the participants in the demonstration demanding the impeachment of Yoon.

Meanwhile, media in the puppet ROK have carried articles every day condemning the U.S. and the puppet warmongers for their aggressive war maneuvers.

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79th Candlelight Rally and Demonstration, Held in Puppet ROK

Various circles in the puppet ROK are getting fiercer in their struggle to impeach puppet Yoon Suk Yeol who has escalated the danger of war by kicking off the reckless confrontational racket and military provocations against the DPRK.

A large number of people turned out in the 79th candlelight rally and demonstration on March 2, in demand of the impeachment of Yoon and the halt to war drills.

At the rally held in Seoul on the theme of *'Let us bring to justice the regime protecting Kim Kon Hui through voting !'*, speakers said that the war drills with the U.S. have become a daily occurrence due to Yoon Suk Yeol who seeks to tide over the ruling crisis and disturb the special investigation into Kim Kon Hui - related scandal by escalating the danger of war.

Saying that the large - scale ROK - U.S. joint drills launched on March 4 spark off greater concern, they strongly denounced Yoon for turning the puppet ROK into a nuclear war zone as a war shock brigade of the U.S., remaining indifferent to the people who are living in uneasiness and horror due to the war drills.

Then its participants staged a demonstration march toward the U.S. embassy and the Japanese embassy in Seoul and the puppet presidential office, chanting such slogans as *'Let us impeach Yoon Suk Yeol who kills the people and protects Kim Kon Hui only!'*.

A candlelight rally demanding the impeachment of Yoon took place in Kwangju, too, under the slogan *'Let us build the impeachment 'National Assembly' by dint of the general unity of the democratic forces!'*

Meanwhile, organizations of various circles including the People's Action are staging an emergency protest action against the reckless war drills with the U.S., while expanding the joint struggle front.

Press conferences and rallies were held in Taejon and Incheon cities and other parts of the puppet ROK. Saying that the present situation has reached the brink of a dangerous nuclear war because of the joint military drills with the U.S, speakers accused the regime of lavishing funds on staging large-scale military exercises every year to trigger a military clash and invite a nuclear war. They called for stopping that war machine and punishing war maniac Yoon, expressing their will to launch anti - U.S., anti - war and anti - Yoon actions in solidarity with organizations of various circles.

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LIFE AND CULTURE in PEOPLES KOREA

Kindergarten and Primary School Pupils Learn at College

Sinuiju Teachers Training College gives extracurricular education to kindergarten and primary school pupils.



Guessing English words

In the multi - functional kindergarten classroom the college students give children education on mental abacus calculation and foreign language education as suited to their juvenile psychology. And they help the children improve their creative and thinking abilities by encouraging them to conceive different kinds of intelligent robots and assemble them.

In the primary school classroom, the college students teach the pupils the contents of subjects in the primary school curriculum with the help of modern means of education, thus improving the pupils' abilities to study various subjects such as mother tongue and maths.

Through such lessons, the students deeply grasp the psychological features of the children and explore new teaching means, techniques and methods'



Fostering abilities to conceive while playing with toys



Learning English in combination with maths and mother tongue

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Triplets and Quadruplets in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

In the Democratic People's Republic of Korea there are children who become famous from the very day when they are born. They are triplets and quadruplets.



**Triplets grow in incubators until they attain normal weight
in the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital.**

When they are born, the country gives wide publicity to them through TV, radio and newspapers, and awards gold rings and silver daggers to them as well as their parents - gold ring to a girl and silver dagger to a boy.

The triplets and quadruplets grow up under the care of the state from their mother's pregnancy and birth to their growth until adulthood.



Triplets grow under the care of nurses at a baby home.



On their way back home with their mother after school



Triplets at Pothonggang Primary School in Pothonggang District, Pyongyang



Silver daggers and gold rings awarded to the triplets and their parents

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Russian Ballet 'Sleeping Beauty' Given



A ballet '*Sleeping Beauty*' was given by an art troupe of the Maritime Territory Branch of the Mariinsky Theatre of Russia at the Mansudae Art Theatre here on March 20.

Among the audience were DPRK Minister of Culture Sung Jong Gyu, officials of ministries and national agencies, officials concerned, artistes, teachers and students in the field of art education and the members of the delegation of the Russian Maritime Territory led by Oleg Kozhemyako, governor of the Maritime Territory Administration, and the delegation of the Russian Ministry of Culture headed by Vice - Minister Andrei Maluishev, and Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK, and staff members of his embassy.

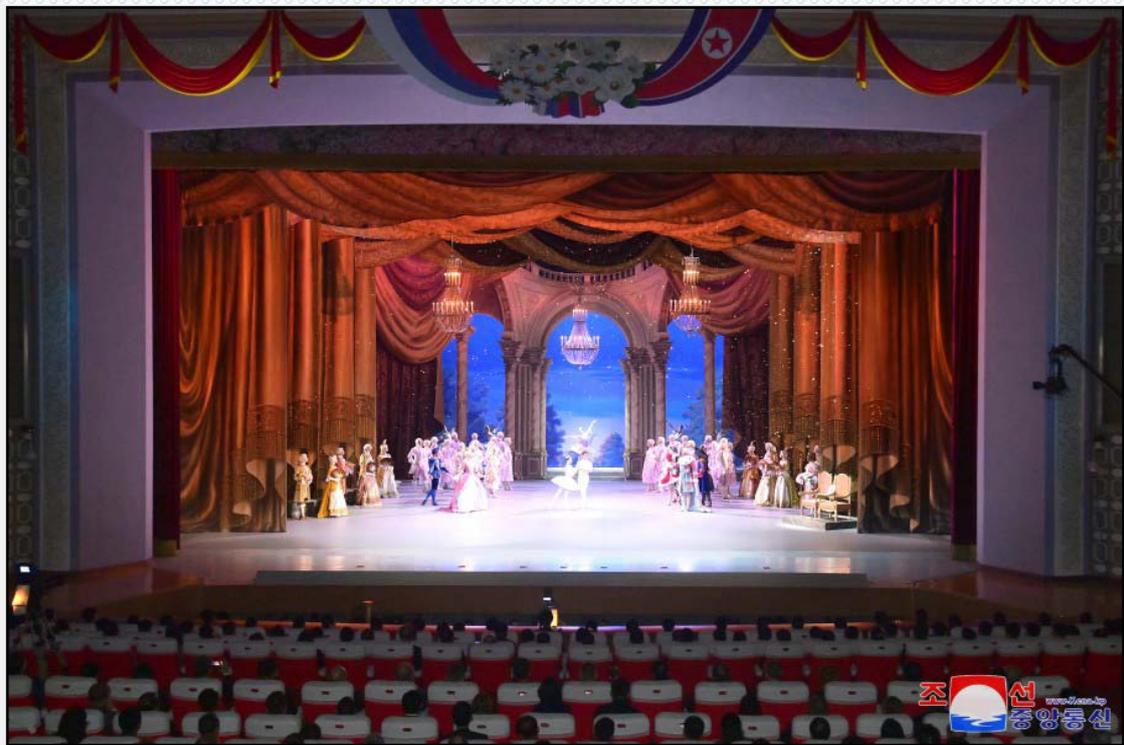
Members of the diplomatic corps in the DPRK were invited to watch the performance.

Prior to the performance Oleg Kozhemyako and Andrei Maluishev made congratulatory speeches.

They said that the performance was given under the deep care of Russian President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Kim Jong Un who saw the ballet '*Sleeping Beauty*' during his visit to Vladivostok City last year.



They expressed belief that the performance would mark an important occasion in promoting the cultural exchange and the bilateral relations between the two countries, noting that the Russia - DPRK friendship has been consolidated for the past 75 years since the conclusion of the agreement on economic and cultural cooperation between Russia and the DPRK.



The performers began their performance, recollecting with deep emotion the time when they gave performance before the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un. They showed their beautiful, elegant, delicate and experienced dances in the ballet '*Sleeping Beauty*', a typical ballet piece of Russia.

The performers were loudly applauded and presented with bouquets by the audience for their impressive performance.

Floral baskets were conveyed to the performers to congratulate them on their successful performance.

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New Means of Public Transport in Pyongyang



The number of new indigenous means of public transport is on the increase in the streets in Pyongyang, the capital city of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The exterior of the double - and single - decker buses, trolley buses and trams look modern, and their fittings are fashionable and convenient for use. Last year members of the Korean Children's Union prepared buses by conducting various do-good-deeds movements and donated them to the relative units.

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Weightlifters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

All the eleven men and women from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea won gold medals at the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2024 held in February.

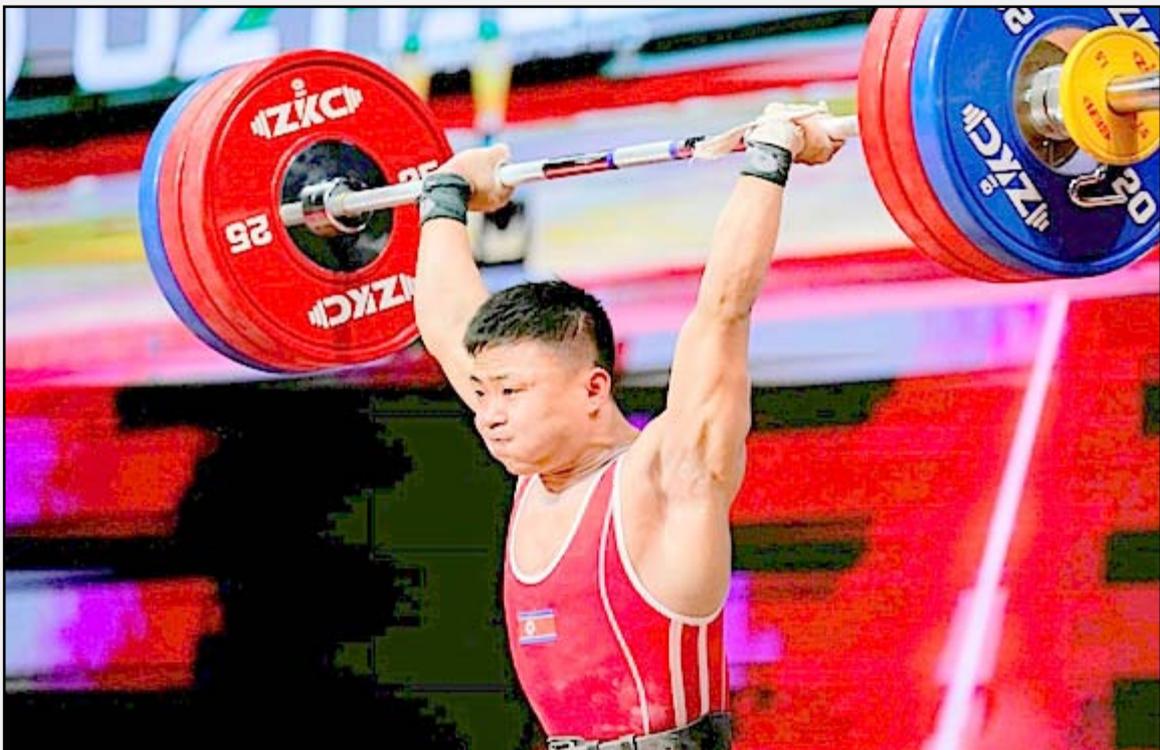
At the championships, which drew more than 190 contenders from over 30 countries and regions, the DPRK weightlifters set seven new world records, and bagged 32 golds and one silver, 33 in total.

After the 19th Asian Games held last year, the DPRK sportspeople were thrust into the limelight of the world's weightlifting circles at the championships, too.

In particular, they set new world records in 12 events in the women's category, and the DPRK ranked first in the medal standings at the championships.



Kang Hyon Gyong bagged three golds in the women's 55 - kg category event, lifting 104kg in snatch (world and Asian records) and 123kg in jerk, 227kg in total.



Pak Myong Jin won three golds in snatch and jerk and in total in men's 61 - kg category.



Ri Song Gum won three gold medals by lifting 95kg in snatch and 125kg in jerk (world and Asian records), 220kg in total (world and Asian records) in women's 49 - kg category.



Weightlifters who participated in the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2024

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**CLASSIC WORKS
OF THE GREAT KOREAN LEADERS**



KIM IL SUNG

'With The Century'

'The Years of Trials'

(May 1932 - February 1933)

Chapter 6 - 'The Years of Trials'

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' Joy and Sorrow '

When the Anti - Japanese People's Guerrilla Army was moving to south Manchuria, Commander Yu also dispatched a 200 - strong detachment under the command of Liu Ben - cao to the Tonghua area. Commander Yu was sending his chief of staff Liu Ben - cao, his right - hand man, to south Manchuria for the purpose of cooperating with the self - defence army led by Tang Ju - wu and obtaining weapons from him, the shortage of weapons being a serious problem for Commander Yu. The self - defence army in south Manchuria, whose headquarters was in Liaoning Province, was better equipped than Commander Yu's army.

On hearing about our expedition, Liu Ben - cao had visited Xiaoshahe. Saying that he had received an order to march to south Manchuria, he asked me to go together since we were moving in the same direction. He added that he would help me to get in touch with Tang Ju - wu and that we would probably be able to obtain weapons from him.

I accepted Liu's proposal with pleasure. Frankly, we were badly in need of weapons. The joint operation with his detachment on our march to south Manchuria could avoid any clash with Chinese nationalist anti - Japanese army units on our way and guarantee our safety.

Tang Ju - wu had been the commander of the 1st regiment of the eastern frontier defence force. He had organized the Liaoning people's self - defence army in their professed cause of anti - Japanese national salvation after the September 18 incident. He had approximately 10,000 troops under his command. Being stationed in the Tonghua area and operating mainly in south Manchuria, his army was fighting, against heavy odds, with the Japanese Kwantung Army stationed in Shenyang. In the course of this it organized combined operations with the Korean Revolutionary Army which was under Kukmin - bu.

The Liaoning people's self - defence army, in its early days, had enjoyed high morale and achieved fairly good battle results. But when the tide turned in favour of Japan and when he found himself in manifold difficulties, Tang Ju - wu began to vacillate.

In spite of the fact - finding investigation of the September 18 incident by the Lytton commission to Manchuria from the League of Nations, the Japanese army continued its invasion into a wider area, experiencing little restraint from the commission. The Japanese imperialists occupied Jinzhou early in January 1932, and on January 28 the same year provoked the Shanghai incident in a conspiratorial and brigandish way. Seizing upon the violence done to five Japanese monks in Hongkou, Shanghai, they destroyed Chinese factories and shops and killed some Chinese policemen; they further launched a large - scale armed attack on Shanghai by mobilizing marines. Japan provoked the Shanghai incident in order to make the city a bridgehead for her aggression on the mainland of China. The Japanese military leadership miscalculated that, if they occupied Shanghai in a blitz attack, they would be able to follow up their success and seize the whole territory of China at a stroke.

The soldiers and people of Shanghai launched a heroic counterattack and dealt a heavy blow to the Japanese invaders. Nevertheless, their resistance failed because of the treachery of the reactionary government of the Kuomintang led by Jiang Jie - shi and Wang Jing - wei, and the Shanghai incident ended in the concluding of the humiliating, counterrevolutionary Songhu Agreement.

The failure of the resistance in Shanghai dampened the spirit of the patriotic soldiers and people, particularly the Chinese national salvation army and self - defence army who were eager to fight against the Japanese.

As the Shanghai incident and the signing of the Songhu Agreement showed, the reactionary, traitorous policy of the Kuomintang government was the greatest obstacle in the way of the Chinese anti - Japanese national salvation forces. The reactionary Kuomintang clique not only refused to assist the Shanghai people to resist, but hindered their resistance, regarding it as criminal. Jiang Jie - shi and Wang Jing - wei intentionally suspended the sending of supplies to the 19th route army and seized the financial aid sent to Shanghai from various parts of China, while ordering their naval forces secretly to supply the Japanese army with foodstuffs, including vegetables. This was a shameful act of treachery.

The Kuomintang reactionaries not only avoided fighting the Japanese invaders but also prevented the people from resisting the enemy. Their guns were always levelled at the people who were fighting against the Japanese invaders. People who spoke in favour of resistance against Japan fell victims to terrorism or died on the gallows.

Jiang Jie - shi went so far as to say that if China was conquered by imperialists, the people could survive, though as slaves, but that if she was ruined at the hands of communists, they would not survive even as slaves. This shows that Jiang Jie - shi and his reactionary clique feared and guarded against the people's revolution more than the imperialist forces of aggression, and that they themselves had been faithful vassals and stooges of the imperialists.

Jiang Jie - shi's treachery had a bad ideological influence on the upper levels of the Chinese national salvation army and self defence army which had been related to the Kuomintang in one way or the other and which were representing the interests of the former warlords, bureaucrats and politicians.

The ever - expanding sphere of Japanese military operations also badly affected the morale of the national salvation army. In its report the Lytton commission proposed that Manchuria be placed under an international condominium, not Japan's monopoly control, but Japan ignored this and continued her military action. The Japanese armed forces pressed upon Shanhaiguan and north Manchuria. They gradually occupied the vast area of north Manchuria and concentrated their forces in the Rehe area.

Prior to their campaign in north Manchuria, the Japanese imperialists had set the

intelligence services of the Kwantung Army in motion in order to break up the Northeast Army politically and disrupt its brigades by bribing them or plotting against them so as to make them suspect one another and fight for power. When attacking Ma Zhan - shan, they drew Su Bing - wen to their side; and, after defeating Ma Zhan - shan, they crushed Su Bing-wen; in this way they destroyed piecemeal the Chinese nationalist anti - Japanese army units in north Manchuria.

The disintegration of these units in north Manchuria affected Wang De - lin in east Manchuria and Tang Ju - wu in south Manchuria.

Even though he had raised the banner of anti - Japanese national salvation under the influence of the people's revolutionary advance, Tang Ju - wu was acting cautiously, tending to swim with the tide.

Several of the commanders of the Chinese nationalist anti - Japanese army units such as Ding Chao, Li Du and Xing Zhanqing were under the illusion that they could solve all their problems by relying on the League of Nations, and refrained from active resistance to Japan. They even said, 'Zhang Xue - liang does not resist the Japanese army because he wants to wipe out the communist rebels. We can drive out the Japanese army only when we have wiped out the communist bandits. The communists invited the Japanese'.

In the spring of the year when we were moving to south Manchuria Zhou Bao-zhong was taken captive by the Chinese self - defence army. At that time he asked the commanding officers of the army why they called their unit the self defence army.

They answered, 'Self - defence means defending oneself. How can we fight against the Japanese when it is difficult to preserve our own strength? If the Japanese do not attack us, we do not attack them. That is self - defence'.

That was the way of thinking and political view of the self defence army. Tang, who had been wavering without confidence in himself, neglected the control of his unit. It was a timely measure for Commander Yu to send Liu Ben - cao to the headquarters of the national salvation army.

Our guerrilla army left Xiaoshahe on the afternoon of the 3rd of June intending to march a short distance on the first day. Guided by the head of the Peasants Union in Shahe (Xiaxiaoshahe), we crossed the River Erdao and proceeded to the village of Liujiafenfang. We had planned to stay there overnight to conduct political activities.

The village had been known by this name from the time when a man with the surname Liu had set up a flour mill there.

After supper we lighted a campfire in the wide yard in front of the mill. At the news of the arrival of the guerrilla army, even the people from neighbouring villages came to Liujiafenfang. The organization heads of the village collected straw mats from several houses and brought dead trees and rafters for the people from the neighbouring

villages to sit on. The people gathered in the yard numbered several hundreds. We huddled around the campfire and talked to them until midnight. They asked us many questions. I have conducted organizational and political work among the people all my life, but I cannot remember being showered with such a heavy barrage of questions as I was at that time. I talked to the people until I was hoarse.

The first question they asked me was what type of army our guerrilla army was and what the difference between it and the Independence Army was. They knew that an Anti - Japanese People's Guerrilla Army had been founded in Xiaoshahe a month before. It seemed a simple, straightforward question, but it indicated their expectations of the new - born army and their uncertainty about its strength. If both the AJPGA and the Independence Army were fighting for the liberation of Korea, what was the need to complicate things by forming a separate guerrilla army? Does the newly-formed guerrilla army stand a fair chance of defeating the Japanese army when the Independence Army has failed? If so, what is the guarantee? I think these were essentially what the people of Liujiafenfang wanted to know, the people who were exhausted with looking after the Independence Army and were filled with crushing despair when they witnessed its failure.

I tried to speak in as simple and concise language as possible. I said, 'The Anti - Japanese People's Guerrilla Army is not an extraordinary army. True to its name, it is an army of the people fighting against the Japanese imperialists. It is formed of the sons of workers and peasants like you as well as other young people, students and intellectuals. Its mission is to get rid of Japanese colonial rule and realize the independence and social emancipation of the Korean nation. It is an army of a new type which differs from the Righteous Volunteers and the Independence Army. Its guiding ideology is communism, whereas the guiding ideology of the Independence Army is bourgeois nationalism. To put it in simple terms, communism is the idea of building a society where everyone, irrespective of rank and wealth, leads a free and equitable life. The idea of the Independence Army is to build a society in which rich people are the masters; the ideal of the AJPGA is to build a society in which the toiling people are the masters. The Independence Army has regarded common people such as you as its supporters and sympathizers; we regard you as the masters in carrying out the anti - Japanese revolution. The Independence Army has expected a great deal from outside forces and tried to liberate the country by drawing on their strength; we are going to liberate the country with greater confidence in ourselves and by our own efforts. While it is true that the Independence Army, following the Righteous Volunteers' struggle, has borne the brunt of the bloody fight against the Japanese aggressors in Manchuria and the northern area of the homeland for the last ten or so years, its strength has waned to the point where its very existence is now threatened. That is why we have formed a new army. We have formed the AJPGA with the determination to accomplish the noble cause of national liberation, which the Independence Army has failed to do'.

When I finished the speech, a young man from the village asked me how many thousands of soldiers there were in our army.

I told him that the number did not amount to thousands but to a few hundreds, for it was still young, and that sooner or later it would amount to tens of thousands. He asked me what procedures he should follow to join the AJPGA.

I answered that there was no special procedure or formality, and that any young person who was determined to fight and was physically strong enough could join it. I emphasized that one could join it either by being recommended by one's revolutionary organization or by reporting to the army to volunteer in person.

Several young men surrounded me and asked me whether I would accept them there and then if they volunteered.

What luck!

'Yes, I will', I said. 'But you'll have to do without guns for the time being. You must obtain guns for yourselves on the battlefield. If you still wish to join, we will accept you right now'.

They agreed, and we recruited them. This batch of young men was a surprise gift from the village of Liujiafenfang to our young guerrilla army. We were beside ourselves with joy. Just imagine how we rejoiced over the recruiting of nearly 10 young men, at a time when we sometimes had to sacrifice two or three comrades to gain one revolutionary comrade.

We revolutionaries who tread a thorny path, allaying our hunger by licking a snowball and sleeping in the open, can feel pleasure that the bourgeoisie and philistines can never feel. It is the spiritual fullness we experience when we gain new comrades in arms. When new comrades joined us, ready to lay down their lives, and when we helped them put on their uniforms and shoulder their guns, we felt an ennobling and thrilling joy that could never be experienced in the mundane world. We believed the joy to be unique to us.

That night we put on an entertainment in honour of our new comrades. Cha Kwang Su and I sang a song.

That piece of good luck came to us because the AJPGA had been the focus of public attention after the September 18 incident. Since Japan swallowed up Manchuria and the Korean people could not live in peace there, either, young Korean people in general were determined to fight a do - or - die battle with the enemy.

We sat up talking until the small hours, and spread straw mats around the campfire towards daybreak to sleep in the open for the first time since the founding of the AJPGA.

The villagers chided us, saying that it would be a disgrace for them if they let the guerrillas sleep outdoors in a Korean settlement, but we slept in the open, declining with thanks to be billeted on them as the organization heads had arranged. We

declined their kind offer out of our moral sense of duty, that we must not encroach on the people's interests, but I think we preferred a bivouac to a warm room out of a romantic feeling as revolutionaries.

On our way back from south Manchuria we slept overnight again at this village. There was an old potato cellar by the house of an old Chinese man named Lu Xiu - wen. We covered the walls of the cellar with corn straw, built a fire and slept there.

Seeing that we had eaten in the open and were going to sleep outdoors, the old man had told me that at least the commander, if not the whole unit, should sleep in his house.

'It would be a different matter if you, Mr. Kim, and I were strangers to each other, but we have known each other since the days in Jiuantu, haven't we?' the old man said in persuasion.

I declined, and he said how sorry he was that I was so obstinate. True, he and I were old acquaintances. When my family had been living in a room at Ma Chun Uk's inn in Jiuantu, I had seen him now and then. The lively and passionate temper he had shown in those days had left a strong impression on me.

Asking us how he could sleep under a quilt with a light heart when the soldiers on their way back from an anti - Japanese campaign were sleeping in the open, he kept us company until late at night.

He was responsive to the trend of the times, as were most of the villagers in Liujiafenfang. He knew that the Japanese army after the September 18 incident had invented a puppet state called Manchukuo, made Changchun its capital, renaming it Xinjing, and put Pu Yi on the throne.

I still remember what he told me about An Jung Gun. He said the great man he respected most of all the martyrs of Korea was An Jung Gun.

'An Jung Gun is a great man of the East', he said. 'Even Generalissimo Yuan Shi - kai composed a poem in praise of his heroic deed'.

His words impressed me very much. An Jung Gun's shooting of Ito Hirobumi made him a legendary hero among the Chinese people of Manchuria. Some public - spirited Chinese people hung his portrait on the walls of their houses and worshipped him as a god. As the old man was speaking with so much affection for An Jung Gun, I asked him casually: 'You are not a Korean, so how do you know so much about An Jung Gun?'.

'There is no one in Manchuria who doesn't know of him. One man even proposed to build a bronze statue of martyr An at Harbin Railway Station. I still say to my children that they should become such a revolutionary as Sun Yat - sen and such a great man as An Jung Gun. Commander Kim, now that you have formed an army,

why not slay such bigwigs as the commander of the Kwantung Army?'

I could not help smiling at his naive suggestion. 'What is the use of killing a man like him? As a new Ito Hirobumi appeared after Ito Hirobumi was slain, so a new Honjo will emerge if we kill Honjo. Terrorism cannot serve a great cause'.

'How, then, are you going to fight?'

'They say that the Kwantung Army numbers 100,000, and I will fight them all'.

The old man was moved deeply by my answer; he gripped my hands and would not let go of them.

'Wonderful, Commander Kim! You are another An Jung Gun'.

With a smile on my face, I said:

'Thank you, but I am not worthy of your compliment. I am not as great as An Jung Gun; but I will not live as an enslaved Korean'.

When our unit was leaving the village the next day Lu Xiuwen, sorry to be parting with us, followed us a long way to see us off. Whenever I think of Liujiafenfang, I recollect with emotion my talk with the old man.

After leaving Liujiafenfang, we bivouacked overnight near Erdaobaihe. Then on our march along a highway we encountered a scouting party from a Japanese army unit moving from Fusong in the direction of Antu. As usual we had posted a scouting party of three or four ahead of the main body on our march. The two hostile parties began to exchange fire.

Frankly speaking, I was confused, for it was our first encounter with the Japanese enemy since the founding of the AJPGA and, furthermore, an encounter with the Japanese army which boasted of its victories in battle. During the Xiaoyingziling battle we had had a detailed plan for attacking our enemy in an ambush, so we had been able to destroy them by surprise, but things were different here. Here the enemy was not the slovenly puppet Manchukuo army, but the shrewd, well-trained Japanese army with vast fighting experience. By contrast, we were beginners who had fought only one battle. We did not know how to handle the encounter. In view of the purpose of our campaign and the basic principles of guerrilla warfare, it was advisable to avoid, as far as possible, an unprofitable engagement which might have an unfavourable influence on our long - distance expedition. An ancient book on the art of war said that one should avoid a strong enemy and attack a weak enemy.

What was to be done? The whole unit turned to me with a tense look. They were waiting for my decision. It flashed across my mind that occupying the vantage ground before the main force of the enemy could close in on us was the best way of seizing the initiative in battle; I quickly moved my unit up to the northern ridge of the hill

where the skirmish was going on and some of the unit to the south of the road. We mowed them down in a fusillade from both sides.

Soon a column of fully - equipped enemy soldiers appeared on the road. We estimated the enemy as being well over company strength. On learning that his scouts had been destroyed, the enemy was trying to encircle us.

Having ordered the men not to fire until I gave a signal shot, I watched the battlefield, waiting for the enemy to come within the range of our fire. We had not much ammunition. When I let off a signal shot, the whole unit opened fire. As I listened to the gunshots coming from all sides, I tried to imagine the men's mental state. Each gun report revealed their excitement and high morale as well as their extreme nervousness.

The enemy quickly dispersed in battle order and, relying on his numerical superiority, made a fierce attack on our position from both sides, in spite of having suffered heavy casualties.

I moved part of our main force posted north and south of the road to our two flanks. As soon as they had taken up their position they destroyed the flanking enemy with prompt and accurate fire.

However, the main force of the enemy continued to close in upon us. We held our position stubbornly, even rolling rocks down the ridge, but the enemy continued his charge.

During a lull in the enemy's attack, I gave the order for a counterattack. While the bugle call resounded, all the guerrillas fell upon the enemy, pursuing and destroying those who retreated. Only a few of the enemy's company escaped. Kim Il Ryong never stopped shouting the war - cry, 'Another has fallen!' at the enemy soldiers.

We lost several men. After burying our dead comrades on the nameless hill, we held a funeral ceremony before their graves. As I looked at the sobbing soldiers, with their caps in their hands, I made a farewell address in a trembling voice. I can't remember what I said. I only remember that when I raised my head after my speech I saw the men's shoulders heaving up and down violently and that a shudder passed over me when I saw that our column was shorter than when we were leaving Liujiafenfang.

After a while I ordered the men to resume the march. All the comrades lined up along the road, but Cha Kwang Su was lying prostrate on a grave. He could not leave the graves no one would keep, the rough graves in which his dead comrades had been buried without coffins.

I rushed up to the ridge and shouted to him, shaking him by the shoulder: 'Kwang Su, what's this? Won't you stand up?'

I shouted so loudly and so violently that he rose abruptly to his feet. I whispered to

him: 'The men are watching us. Where has your indomitable spirit gone?'

He wiped away his tears and walked silently to the front of the column.

Later I long regretted my behaviour that day. When I received the sad news four months after the battle on the border between Antu and Fusong Counties that Cha Kwang Su had been killed in battle, I was immediately reminded of what had happened that day. Why had I spoken to him in that way? Could I not have told him to rise in a kinder tone of voice?

After losing those comrades - in - arms I myself didn't feel like eating or sleeping for several days. They were core elements and the backbone of our army who had shared joy and sorrow with me since the days of the DIU.

There would be no battle without sacrifice. The revolution always requires sacrifice. A loss of one kind or another is inevitable even in the peaceful effort to transform nature, so how can one avoid sacrifice in the armed struggle in which victory is won by employing all the weapons and other means available? However, we regarded the sacrifice in that battle as too cruel and too unfair. Granting that merciless sacrifice was inevitable in a revolution, how could we tolerate such an indiscriminate loss to our army which had just taken its first step - these were my feelings at that time.

One might say that the loss of less than 10 men was not a heavy loss numerically. Such a loss might seem next to nothing in a modern war which takes a toll of tens of thousands of lives in a single battle. But we did not count the loss of our comrades numerically. For us numbers were not a criterion for estimating the value of a man.

Each of the fighters who had trodden the path of the struggle with us was a priceless being to which nothing in the world could be compared. We believed that we would not barter one of our guerrillas for 100 enemy soldiers. The enemy could recruit tens of thousands of soldiers in a single day by enforcing state laws and military mobilization orders and hurl them onto the battlefield, but we had no such physical or legal power. Even if we had it at our disposal, each one of our revolutionary comrades was worth his weight in gold. It needs painstaking efforts to gain comrades who have the same idea and purpose with us or to recruit comrades - inarms who will share life and death with us and to rally them in an organized force.

Therefore, throughout the whole period of the anti - Japanese revolutionary struggle I did not take pride in a victory in a battle in which we killed 100 enemy soldiers if one of us was killed.

Historians speak highly of the battle on the Antu - Fusong border as a successful battle in which we destroyed an enemy company by an adroit counterattack. Of course, it was undoubtedly victory. The battle was significant not only because the young AJPGA destroyed a company of a regular army but also because we smashed the myth of the Japanese army's invincibility for the first time in our guerrilla war. This battle gave us the conviction that the Japanese army, though formidable, was

neither matchless nor indestructible nor unretreating, and that we would be perfectly able to defeat the powerful Japanese army with a small force if we skilfully applied tactics suited to the characteristics of guerrilla warfare.

Nevertheless we paid very dearly in this battle, losing nearly 10 of the first sons of the DIU. When leaving the battlefield over which gunsmoke lingered, I thought, as I looked back at the hill where my dead comrades lay buried, 'We have lost nearly 10 of our comrades - in - arms in annihilating a company of the enemy; so, how much sacrifice do we have to make to defeat more than 100,000 Japanese invaders in Korea and Manchuria?'

After the first battle, we all realized that we would suffer much and pay dearly in the future course of the guerrilla war. The war against Japan we fought for more than ten years after the battle on the Fusong - Antu border was accompanied with suffering, difficulties and sacrifice which can never be measured by man's conventional concept of war.

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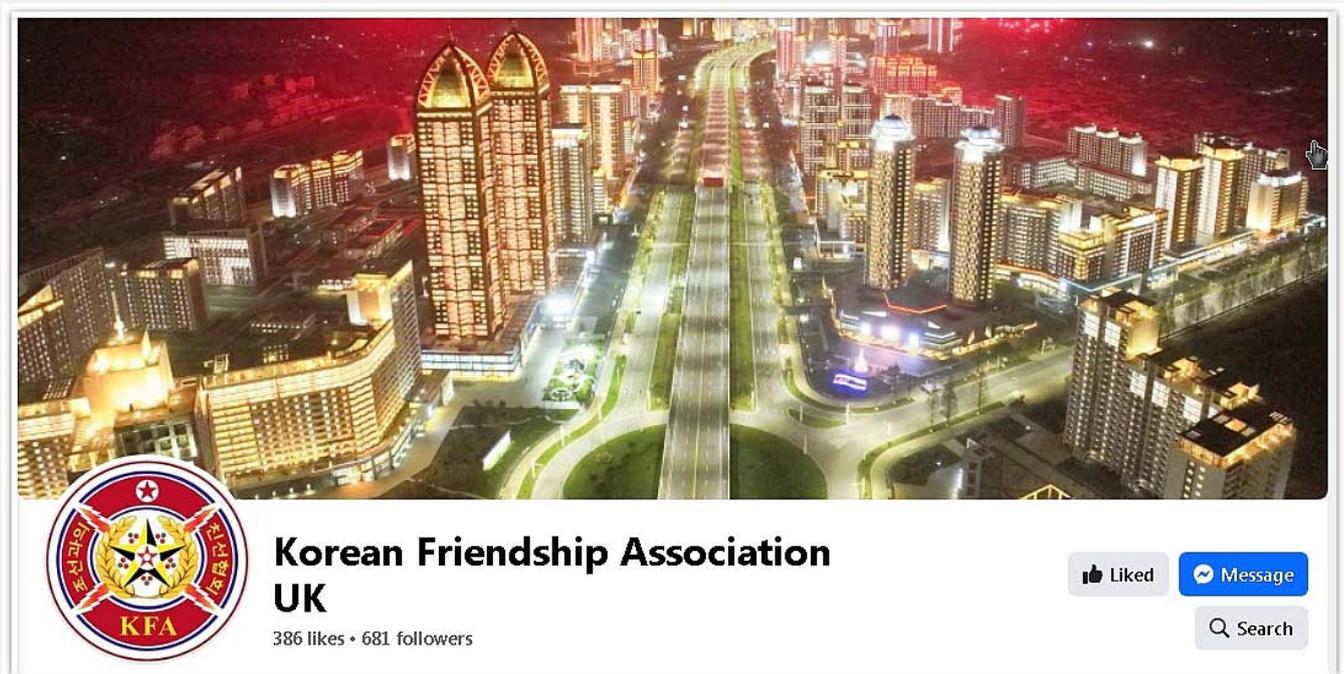
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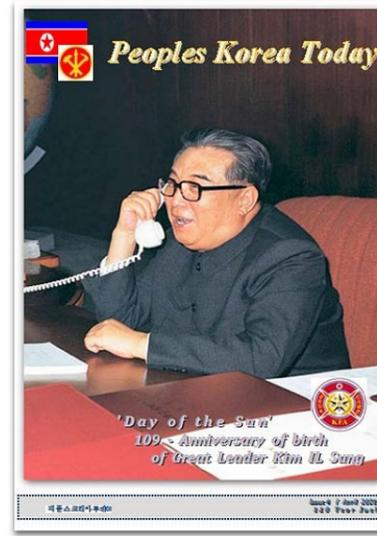
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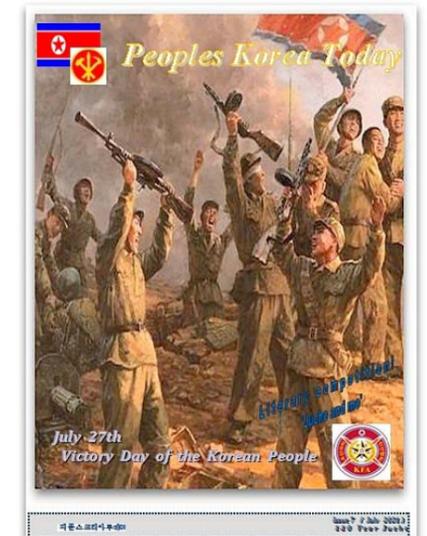
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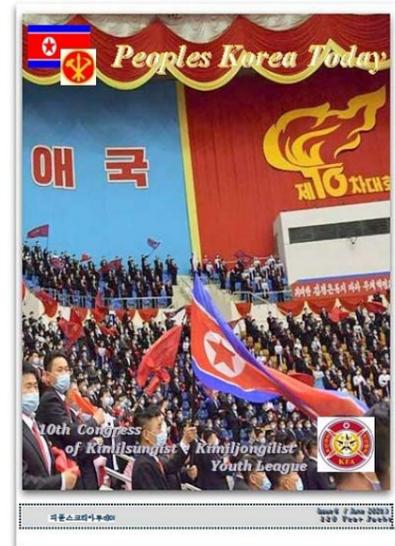
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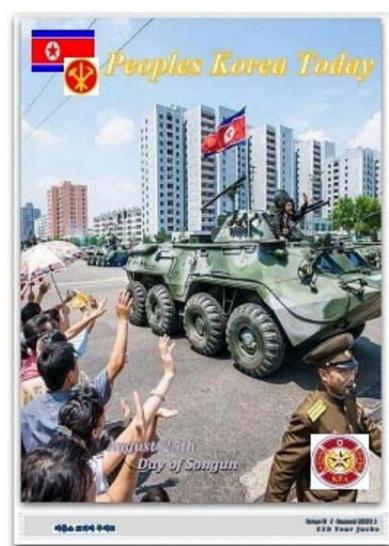
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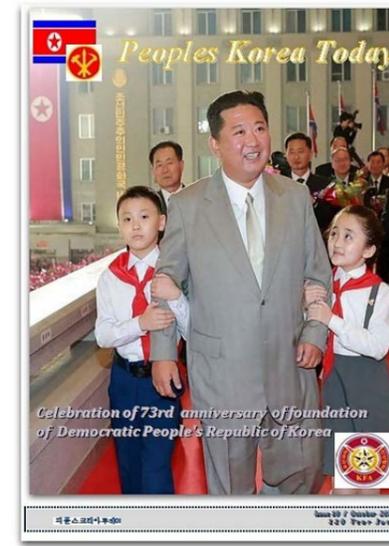
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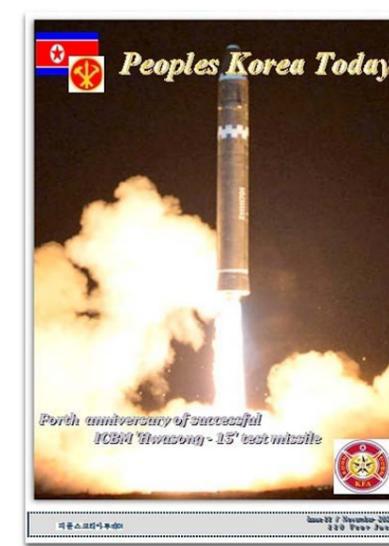
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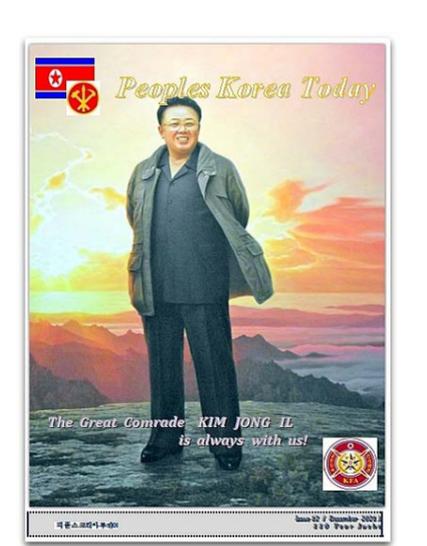
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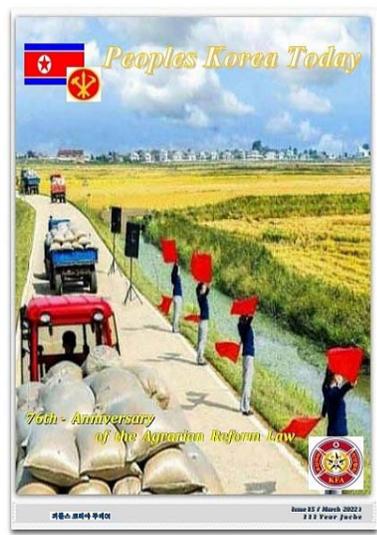
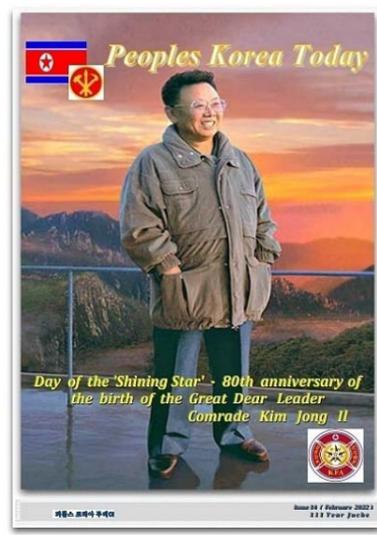
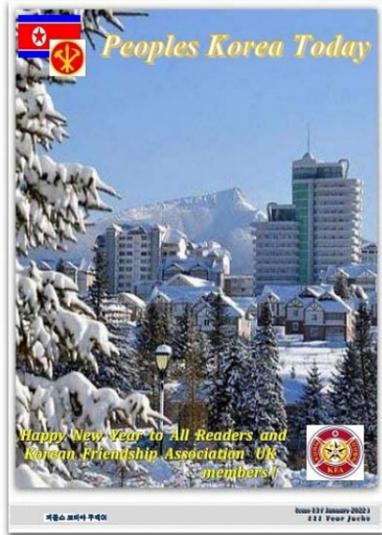


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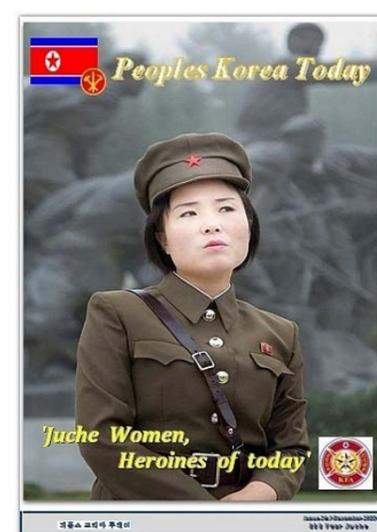
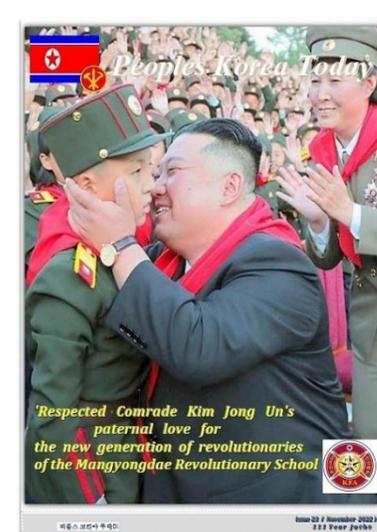
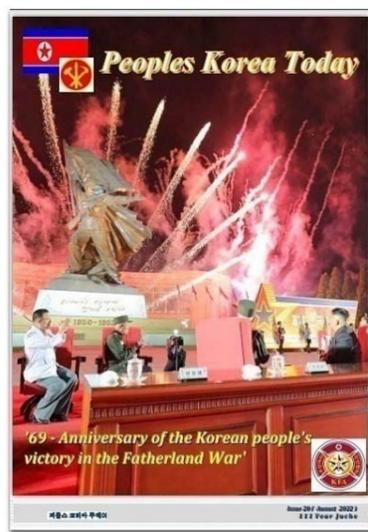
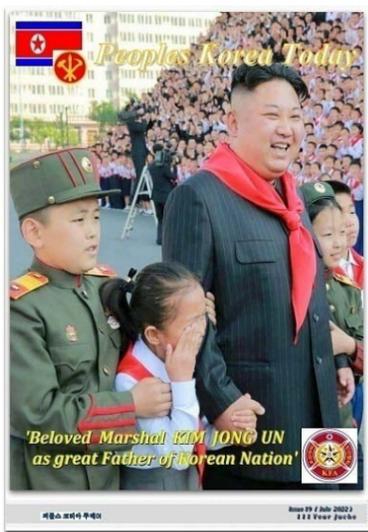
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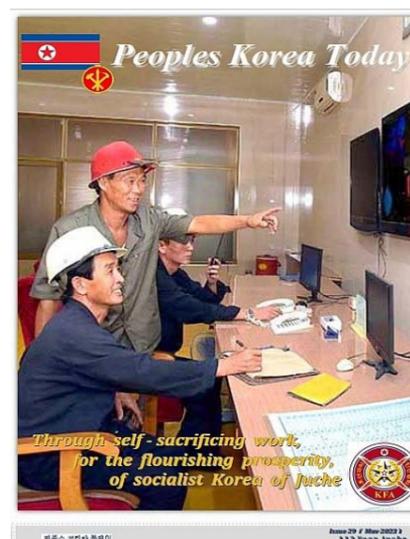
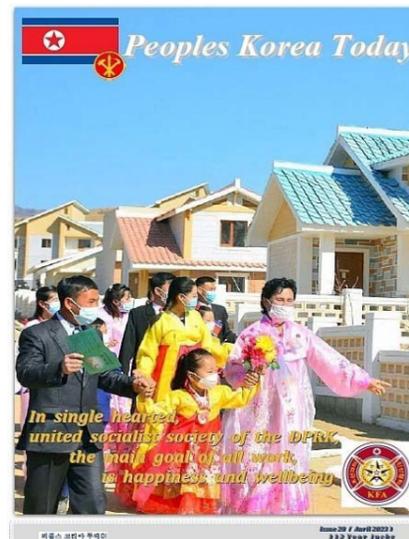
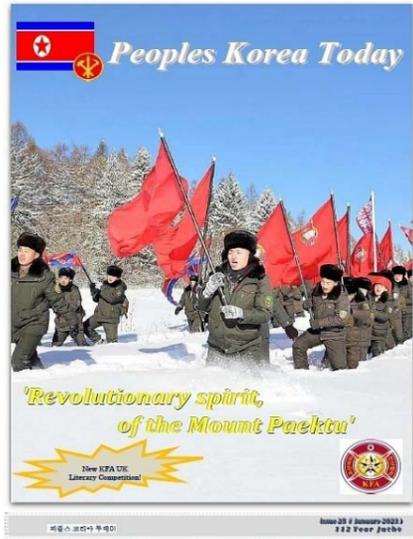
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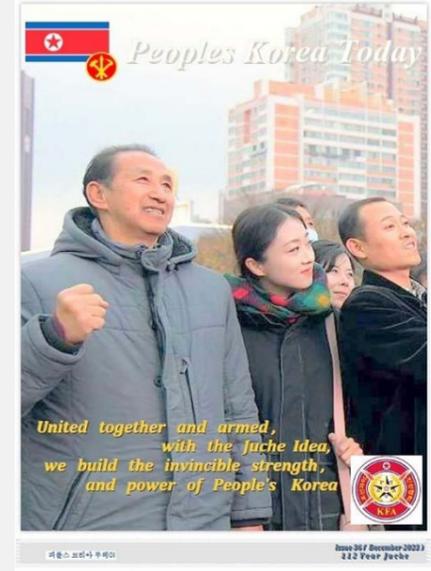
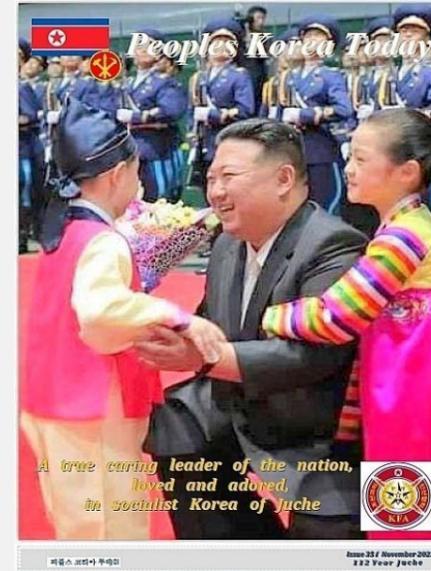
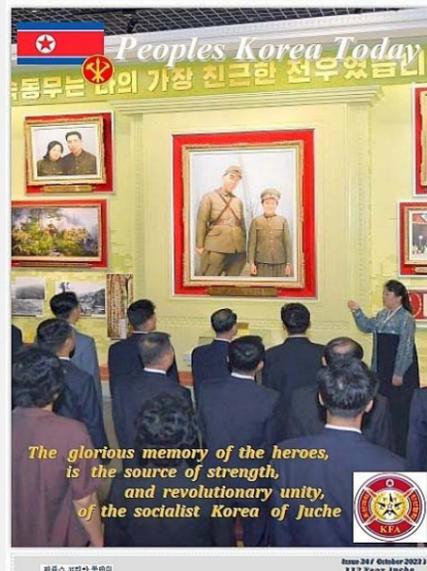
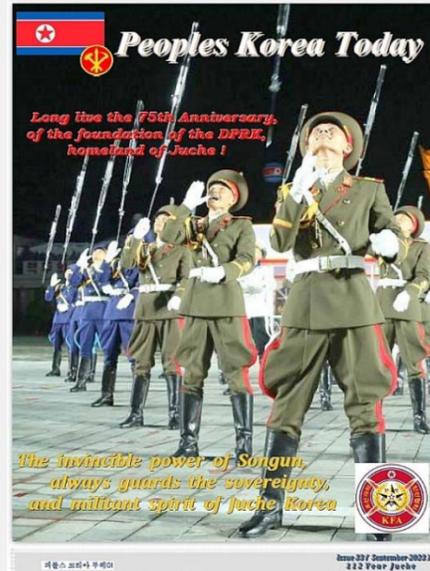
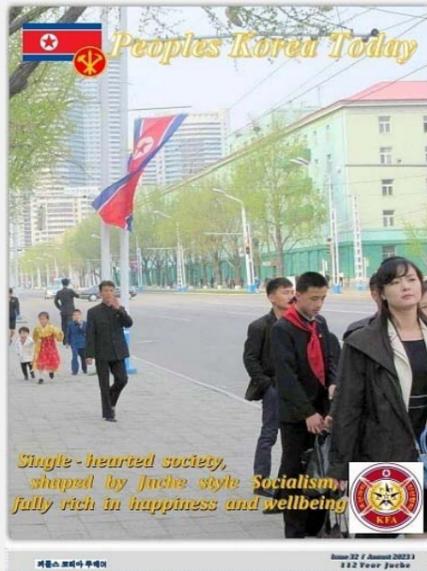
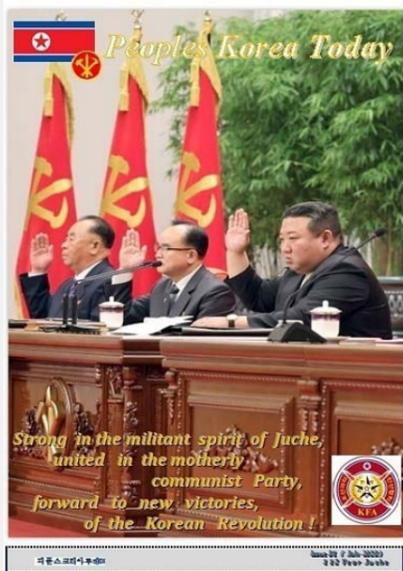
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POEM OF THE MONTH

Inheritance - We are Descendants of Partisans

Snowstorm ... Snowstorm on Mount Paektu.

**Watching the snowstorm blowing over Mount Paektu today,
I respectfully endure the weight of the great inheritance,
that has been handed down from generation to generation,**

**No enemy can ever set foot on the Geumsunsan River in this country,
that holds the name of General Kim Il Sung in the heart of every Korean.**

**The Japanese imperialists bastards will surely be defeated and we will surely win.
'... I have no more eyes, but I see the victory of Revolution ...'
(said by Korean woman tortured by Japanese occupiers)**

**I hope that the revolutionary ideas of the communists,
led by Comrade Kim Il Sung keep alive the spirit of the glorious revolutionary tradition achieved by them.**

The spirit of the anti - Japanese partisans, the noble aspirations of the partisans run through our blood and souls.

We are the descendants of partisans.

Extremely cold roads beyond human imaginations ...

Robust offensive spirit to charge head - on without hesitation to break through in the face of difficulties.

And indomitable spirit that perseveres to the end without the slightest disturbance.

Its strength and indomitability are pulsating thorough our bodies.

Anti - Japanese partisan spirit to be passed on from generation to generation.

**Its spirit is the great demonstration of defending the Leader to the end,
glorifying our dignified nation, and protecting the wellbeing of the people.**

Partisan spirit is the eternal revolutionary spirit of the invincible and victorious Korean People's Army.

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**LIST OF KEYNOTE DPRK ANNIVERSARIES
DURING THE YEAR**

January

8th of January
Marshal KIM JONG UN's birthday

April

25th of April
'Day of the Sun' anniversary of the birth of the Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG
Foundation of the KPA as the Korean Revolutionary Army

July

8th of July
Anniversary of the passing away of the Great Leader KIM IL SUNG

October

10th of October
Party Foundation Day

February

8th of February
Foundation of Korean People's Army as a regular and standing revolutionary armed force

May

1st of May
'International Worker's Day'

August

15th of August
'Day of Songun'
(start of the Songun revolutionary leadership of the Great Leader Comrade KIM JONG IL)

November

13th of November
Not a DPRK anniversary but anniversary of the foundation of the Korean Friendship Association
29th of November
Anniversary of 'Hwasong - 15' test fire

March

5th of March
Anniversary of Agrarian Reform Law
8th of March
International women's Day

June

25th of June
Anniversary of the provocation of the Fatherland Liberation War by the US imperialists

September

9th of September
Foundation of the Republic Day
22nd of September
Anniversary of the passing away of the anti - Japanese Heroine and Mother of Korea, Madame KIM JONG SUK

December

17th of December
Anniversary of the passing away of the Great Leader Comrade KIM JONG IL
as a Korean People's Army Supreme Commander

24th of December
Anniversary of the Birth of Madame KIM JONG SUK
Anniversary of the appointment of the Great Leader Comrade KIM JONG IL

30rd of December
Anniversary of the appointment of Marshal KIM JONG UN as a Korean People's Army Supreme Commander

