

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un meets leading commanding officers of overseas operations units of KPA

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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, met with

the leading commanding officers of the overseas operations units of the Korean People's Army, who returned home to participate in the ceremony of awarding the state commendations of the DPRK, at the headquarters building of the Central Committee of the WPK on August 20.

After receiving a detailed report on the military activities of the combat units of our armed forces in the overseas operational area from the commanding officers, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un highly appreciated their feats of leading to victory the combat units of our armed forces, which participated in the operations to liberate the Kursk Region of the Russian Federation.

Saying that the country assigned them and their combat units to carry out the most important duty, Kim Jong Un conveyed warm militant encouragement to all the commanding officers and combatants of the units who participated in the operations for liberating Kursk

and lived up to the trust of the country with the most faithful legendary military merits.

At the significant meeting, Kim Jong Un spoke highly of the KPA's heroic mettle, before saying:

"Ours is a heroic army. It is because our army is made up of the sons whose lives were given by our heroic people and who have been raised by them. Our army has fully demonstrated its unique qualities. Such a result has cemented its appellation and reputation as the most powerful army in the world, giving everyone a clear understanding of it. Our army is now doing what it ought to do and what needs to be done. It will do so in the future, too."

The first ceremony of awarding the state commendations to the generals, officers and soldiers of the KPA who performed immortal feats in the overseas military operations will be held at the headquarters building of the Central Committee of the WPK.

Highest glory to representatives of great honour of DPRK, admirable sons

Ceremony of awarding state commendations to commanding officers and combatants of KPA overseas operations units takes place

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The outstanding fighting spirit and bravery of the Korean People's Army reliably guaranteeing the ever-victorious tradition of the Juche revolution with invincible arms are writing a legendary biography of heroes unprecedented in history, raising the mightiness and sacred prestige of our state to the top of the world.

The combatants of the armed forces of the Republic who took part in overseas

military operations in hearty response to the order of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea demonstrated before the whole world the transparent and outstanding ideological and spiritual superiority and fighting mettle of the KPA which no army in the world can match and the indomitable spirit of Koreans by braving heavy gunfire in bloody life-and-death battles.

A ceremony of awarding state commendations to the commanding

officers and combatants of the overseas operations units of the KPA was held at the headquarters building of the Central Committee of the WPK.

Officials of the WPK Central Committee warmly greeted the brave soldiers who participated in the war, as they entered the yard of the Party Central Committee after travelling thousands of miles in response to the ardent desire and affectionate call of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un eager to glorify the life of the great successors and representatives,

who firmly carried forward into the new century the tradition of victory peculiar to our state, with the honour of gold star.

Secretaries and other senior officials of the WPK Central Committee warmly congratulated the laudable sons of the country putting garlands around their necks and giving them bouquets.

The venue of the ceremony was full of respect for the brave combatants boundlessly loyal to the order of the

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country.

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.

Present at the ceremony were commanding officers and combatants who performed distinguished feats in overseas military operations, and bereaved families of martyrs.

Present there were members of the Central Military Commission of the WPK, leading commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence and military and political commanding officers of the large combined units of the KPA.

The DPRK national anthem was played solemnly.

The solemn melody of the national anthem, which redoubled pride in being the sons of the powerful country and the ardent patriotic desire in every moment of their life in the days of the decisive battles and inspired them to be in the van of the

charge and to win immortal victories, made the hearts of the brave soldiers full of strong emotion.

Kim Jong Un made a significant speech.

Expressing his emotion of seeing again at the meaningful ceremony the proud sons, the heroes of the country, who are a source of great pride for the state and for whom all the people have waited and of awarding the title of Hero of the DPRK and other high commendations to them, he, on behalf of the Party and the government, extended heartfelt thanks and warm militant greetings to the commanding officers and combatants of the overseas military operations units, who fought bravely as befits Koreans and the Korean People's Army under a hail of bullets and bombs in the do-or-die battles in the alien land and have returned home with dignity.

He continued: Out of the desire to put forward in front of their country and fellow people the laudable heroes who have performed feats on the battlefields in the alien country in defence of the sacred prestige and dignity of their

motherland and to make the whole country hold them in respect and esteem, the Central Committee of our Party has arranged a grand ceremony of awarding state commendations to them at its headquarters building.

These are special and valuable commendations the country and people confer on the honourable victors for their great feats that can be performed only in a bloody struggle.

As we are holding the first awarding ceremony today, I am reminded of the combatants who must be totally engaged in their tasks, even at this moment, true to the order of their motherland, as well as of the martyrs; and I am sorely sorry for failing to share this place of honour with all of them.

Then he proposed a moment of silence praying for the eternity of the martyrs who laid down their lives in the overseas military operations.

At the proposal of Kim Jong Un, all the participants observed a moment of silence in memory of the martyrs who won the priceless victory with their indomitable fighting spirit and noble self-sacrifice.

Saying that all the combatants in the war are all great men, great heroes and great patriots as they performed great exploits to be etched in history for all eternity to bring lasting prosperity and strength to their country, Kim Jong Un proudly declared that the victory won by the combatants constitutes a great exploit that firmly defended the great honour of the Korean People's Army, which must never be allowed to be stained, and provided a sure guarantee for the existence of our state and its development, a victory worth being recorded as a miracle in the history of our army building and in the chronicles of anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle, and at the same time, an epochal event in the world history of wars, which reformulated the thousands-of-years-old logic of the strong.

Stressing that the combat actions, which the overseas operations units, representing the armed forces of our Republic, carried out on the battlefields in the limelight of the world, fully demonstrated the mightiness of the heroic Korean People's

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Army whose invincibility is based on the definite superiority of the ideological and spiritual preparedness and the Juche-oriented strategy and tactics, he continued that what the Party Central Committee prioritizes and appreciates with satisfaction before anything else is the fact that the prestige of the ever-victorious Korean People's Army has been verified most rigorously in its history of over 70 years, and that the true picture of our army fully prepared for war has been clearly confirmed.

Today's ceremony is an expression of gratitude and high praise of our Party, state and people for your historic feats of having carried out perfectly the political decision of the Party and the government for the destiny and future of the country and safeguarded the great honour maintained by all the generations of the Republic for decades, he added.

Referring to the outstanding valour and noble self-sacrificing spirit displayed by the service personnel in the operational area where bullets and bombs showered, he stressed that they deserve to be called model heroes, and the overseas operations units, heroic units and that the secret to victory in the recent overseas military operations lies not in the exploits

performed by some outstanding military commanders or heroes, but entirely in the mass character of heroism and the spiritual and moral traits, both ennobling and beautiful, which definitely dominated the thoughts and feelings of all the service personnel of the overseas operations units.

He continued: They were thoroughgoing in implementing the orders from their superiors, as they ought to be as soldiers, and every one of them cherished a high sense of patriotism, loved their comrades-in-arms so ardently and was strong in the spirit of devotion. They were all excellent in terms of morality, performing their duties with credit and choosing to act honourably as dictated by their conscience, even when they were facing death. Witnessing such exceptional, unique traits of yours, the world has come to realize why our army is so powerful and what the key factor is in guaranteeing its victory in whatever battle it engages in. This is a landmark event in which the concept of a powerful army and the law of war victory have been clearly inscribed in the annals of the times and history.

Having such an army as the pioneer and defender of their revolutionary cause is a source of pride and honour for the Workers' Party of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The country defended by this heroic

army will remain powerful forever, and the cause advancing forward with such an army standing in the vanguard will be ever-victorious.

Referring to the important measures to be carried out as a national undertaking to hand down forever the feats of the great war participants, he affirmed that the glorious path pioneered by the combatants at the cost of their blood on the battlefields in the alien land and the ennobling lives of the martyrs will not come to an end and that the blood-stained combat records inscribed with their names will shine their eternal brilliance in the most precious pages of the history of the country.

Then he added: Our state will remain dignified, powerful and strong forever as it has such great heroes as you. Our army will carry forward the great history of war victory for all ages by displaying its unique loyalty and heroic mettle. I wish immortal glory to the heroic officers and soldiers of the overseas operations units who have elevated our people's long history of victory and the absolute strength of our revolutionary armed forces to the highest and most glorious plane.

The speech of Kim Jong Un, full of ardent love and true heart of the great father, stirred up the hearts of all the participants.

All the participants expressed their greatest respect and boundless gratitude to Kim Jong Un, who clarified the clear strategy for victory in the battle with his outstanding military idea and extraordinary strategic and tactical wisdom, instilled the might and courage of annihilation into them with his warm parental affection and now puts them forward as great heroes and great patriots at the peak of honour.

A decree of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK on conferring the title of DPRK Hero, orders and medals on commanding officers and combatants who performed feats in overseas military operations was conveyed.

Kim Jong Un personally awarded the title of DPRK Hero to the skilled military commanding officers who led the combat sub-units of the armed forces of the Republic to victory and to the soldiers who performed distinguished feats.

He personally fixed the DPRK Hero Medal beside each of the portraits of the martyrs, recollecting with reverence the noble images and last moments of the martyrs, who sacrificed their youth and lives with their hearts pulsating with one faith and one will to thoroughly carry out

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Speech respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made at ceremony of awarding state commendations

Comrades,
Generals, officers and soldiers,

My beloved comrades-in-arms,

The moment has come, for which our Party and government, together with the numerous families in this country that sent their dear sons to the battlefields, have waited so eagerly.

The whole country has waited for it.

It is also a moment, for which I have waited counting on my fingers.

As I see again at this meaningful ceremony the proud sons, the heroes of the country, who are a source of great pride for our state and for whom all the people have waited, I can hardly describe my feelings.

I extend heartfelt thanks and warm militant greetings to the commanding officers and combatants of the overseas military operations units, who fought bravely as befits Koreans and the Korean People's Army under a hail of bullets and bombs in the do-or-die battles in the alien land and have returned home with dignity.

Comrades,
At the proposal of the Central Committee and Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea adopted a decree on awarding the title of Hero of the DPRK and other high commendations to the generals, officers and soldiers of our army who performed immortal feats in the overseas operations. I feel pleased to make the decree public here today.

These are the first commendations conferred on the combatants in the overseas operations, who are excellent sons of the Korean people and representatives of the great honour of their country.

Out of the desire to put forward in front of their country and fellow people the laudable heroes who have performed feats on the battlefields in the alien country in defence of the sacred prestige and dignity of their motherland and to make the whole country hold them in respect and esteem, the Central Committee of our Party has arranged a grand ceremony of awarding state commendations to them at its headquarters building.

These are special and valuable commendations the country and people confer on the honourable victors for their great feats that can be performed only in a bloody struggle.

You are entitled to enjoy this glory and the highest respect.

Since the day when I dispatched our special operations units overseas, I have frequently received reports on the course of their battles and have been deeply moved by the ennobling spirit, matchless bravery and invaluable sacrifice of our officers and soldiers. And I have been eager to award high commendations to all of them when they return home after fulfilling the missions entrusted to them.

As we are holding the first awarding ceremony today, I am reminded of the combatants who must be totally engaged in their tasks, even at this moment, true to the order of their motherland, as well as of the martyrs; and I am sorely sorry for failing to share this place of honour with all of them.

My heart aches and breaks as I am facing the reality in which I have no other alternative but to



meet those, who dedicated their dear lives for the great victory and glory, by only seeing their photos on the memorial wall.

At the last moments of their lives of their own choice, they earned the most glorious eternity, leaving behind such feats and combat records as to be handed down through generations. My only thought is that how happy I would be if they shared this moment with me.

I have looked forward to hugging them warmly while every minute and every day wishing them safe and secure; I have been anxious to pin the Hero medal on their chests myself as they went through thick and thin with our glorious national flag in their bosoms. Now that all this is impossible, I feel really regretful.

As I am seeing the families of the fallen soldiers, I feel unspeakably sorry and chagrined for my failure to save the young lives, the invaluable sons they entrusted to us.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I express deep condolences to the families of the martyrs who laid down their precious lives in the overseas military operations, and propose a moment of silence praying for their eternity.

Our combatants in the war are all great men, great heroes and great patriots.

Through a staunch struggle and ennobling self-sacrifice, they performed great exploits to be etched in history for all eternity to bring lasting prosperity and strength to our country.

Kim Jong Un proudly said that the victory won by the combatants constitutes a great exploit that firmly defended the great honour of the Korean People's Army, which must never be allowed to be stained, and provided a sure guarantee for the existence of our state and its development, a victory worth being recorded as a miracle in the history of our army building and in the chronicles of anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle, and at the same time, an epochal event in the world history of wars, which reformulated the thousands-of-years-old logic of the strong.

Stressing that the combat actions, which the overseas operations units, representing the armed forces of our Republic, carried out on the battlefields in the limelight of the world, fully demonstrated the mightiness of the heroic Korean People's Army whose invincibility is based on the definite superiority of the ideological and spiritual preparedness and the Juche-oriented strategy and tactics, he continued:

What I prioritize and appreciate with satisfaction before anything else is the fact that the prestige of the ever-victorious Korean People's Army has been verified most rigorously in its history of over 70 years, and that the true picture of our army fully

prepared for war has been clearly confirmed.

The key to effectively coping with possible war and guaranteeing victory in it is to break the enemy's will to fight it.

Now it has become an established theory that the army of any country will be doomed to death and ruin if they fight against our army.

It can be said that though you fought on the alien land and held trenches outside our territory, you have built high walls for the defence of your country.

In this sense, you have performed feats more precious and priceless than the victory in a war we might have fought on this land.

Today's ceremony is an expression of gratitude and high praise of our Party, state

and people for your historic feats of having carried out perfectly the political decision of the Party and the government for the destiny and future of the country and safeguarded the great honour maintained by all the generations of the Republic for decades.

Comrades,

The traces of fierce battles in the liberated region of the alien land where bullets and bombs showered will disappear and everything will change in the near future, but the memories of the outstanding valour and noble self-sacrificing spirit displayed by our service personnel will be neither erased nor buried in oblivion.

Their greatness and immortality are vividly enshrined on this land thousands of miles away from the hard-fought battlefields.

I greatly revere the spiritual world of you comrades who contributed to liberating the Kursk region, because the ennobling fighting spirit of heroes, which we have put forward so far, has become that of all the service personnel of the overseas operations units.

The heroism displayed by the service personnel of our overseas operations units gave rise to the feelings of both admiration and apprehension in many countries, and it was not confined to some specific performers of feats.

The overseas military operations produced a great number of heroes, all surpassing Ri Su Bok, Kang Ho Yong and Jo Kun Sil.

To be frank, the number took me by surprise, before anybody elsewhere in the world.

Our service personnel, be they military, political and medical officers, interpreters and even supply service soldiers, fought bravely, and all of them shared mind and purpose with one another under whatever circumstances.

They fought heroically and self-sacrificingly, irrespective of rank, age, career or exploit.

It was around the age of 18 that soldiers blocked the enemy's gun muzzles with their chests. Contrary to this general belief, it was the officers in their thirties and forties who did so in the battles. Some, though aware that no remains of themselves would be left, unhesitatingly chose to blow themselves up, and some others shielded their superior officers with their bodies to protect them from bullets. I was strongly impressed by these facts.

Please look at that memorial wall in this hall of the Party Central Committee building.

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These numerous officers, so stout and good-looking, stood in the vanguard and died a heroic death.

They deserve to be called model heroes, and the overseas operations units, heroic units.

The deeds of the individual heroes, which we put forward as paragons in the past, have now developed into a mass-based movement.

Countrywide, 600 or so holders of the title of Hero were produced during the three-year-long war of over seven decades ago, whereas, during the overseas military operations launched by the armed forces of our Republic, all the service personnel of an entire army group performed heroic exploits in a little more than six months.

The secret to victory in the recent overseas military operations lies not in the exploits performed by some outstanding military commanders or heroes, but entirely in the mass character of heroism and the spiritual and moral traits, both ennobling and beautiful, which definitely dominated the thoughts and feelings of all the service personnel of the overseas operations units.

They were thoroughgoing in implementing the orders from their superiors, as they ought to be as soldiers, and every one of them cherished a high sense of patriotism, loved their comrades-in-arms so ardently and was strong in the spirit of devotion. They were all excellent in terms of morality, performing their duties with credit and choosing to act honourably as dictated by their conscience, even when they were facing death.

Witnessing such exceptional, unique traits of yours, the world has come to realize why our army is so powerful and what the key factor is in guaranteeing its victory in whatever battle it engages in.

This is a landmark event in which the concept of a powerful army and the law of war victory have been clearly inscribed in the annals of the times and history.

I say this with certainty.

Whichever unit of our Army was to fight in the recent war and whichever arm it might belong to, its service personnel would have fought as bravely as you did and performed feats on a par with your heroic exploits.

I am most pleased and satisfied that, through you, I have reconfirmed the degree our service personnel's spiritual and moral qualities have reached. Having such an army as the pioneer and defender of their revolutionary cause is a source of pride and honour

for the Workers' Party of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

As it has always done, in the present era, too, our army is adding lustre to its honourable appellation as a symbol of the heroic Korean people, as a representative of the great Korean people.

The country defended by this heroic army will remain powerful forever, and the cause advancing forward with such an army standing in the vanguard will be ever-victorious.

As it hardens such conviction, today's ceremony is particularly significant and weighty.

At this meaningful ceremony, I, on behalf of the Party and the government, once again extend heartfelt thanks and militant salute to the officers and soldiers of the overseas operations units, who have demonstrated the great honour of the Korean People's Army by living up to the Party's and motherland's trust in it, displaying unprecedentedly heroic fighting spirit and performing undying feats in the fierce flames of battles.

And availing myself of this opportunity, I would like to tell our brave combatants what I have repeated hundreds of times in my mind.

As it is defended by you and other heroic soldiers, this country is formidable.

Comrades,

Our Party will surely find out all the feats the combatants of the overseas operations units performed at the cost of their blood in every decisive battlefield in the alien land and proudly show them to their parents, wives and children and to the country, people and posterity.

We will tell the people, the KPA officers and soldiers, their sons and daughters and other children all those precious combat experiences you gained in the bloody struggle, your genuine camaraderie and absolute love for your motherland, the heartbreaking sacrifices you had to endure shedding tears of blood, your delight in winning invaluable victory at such a cost, and your beautiful life filled with optimism about a bright future.

In a prominent part of the capital city, a combat feats memorial museum and a monument to combat feats will be erected to hand down the great feats performed by the combatants, and the whole country will respect and learn from the heroes' noble soul and mettle for all eternity.

The motherland will confer the highest and most brilliant honour on all the officers and soldiers of the overseas operations units and at the same time

bring all the glory to their parents who raised their children well and readily sent them to the scared war for the country.

Today's ceremony is the beginning of these all.

The glorious path pioneered by the combatants at the cost of their blood on the battlefields in the alien land and the ennobling lives of the martyrs will not come to an end. The blood-stained combat records inscribed with their names will shine their eternal brilliance in the most precious pages of the history of the country.

Comrades,

Frustrating all challenges that threaten the sovereignty and security of the state and providing a firm military guarantee for its peace and development is the invariable mission of our revolutionary armed forces.

Now in the international arena, very serious and unpredictable security crises are being created by excessive use of military force by the fanatical forces buoyed by war fever, and our enemy states are becoming ever more undisguised in their dangerous attempt to undermine the prestige and superiority of our state which is maintaining the balance of the security situation in and around the Korean peninsula.

This environment leaves us no room for feeling at ease, and it demands that our army maintain a higher level of perfect and overwhelming preparedness.

Kim Jong Un advanced important tasks for developing the armed forces of the Republic into an elite and strong army and winding up its war preparedness to cope with the prevailing situation and the military provocations by the enemy states.

He said that officers and soldiers of the overseas operations units who are still performing their honourable combat missions in the alien land should keep in mind that their beloved parents, wives and children and their motherland are waiting for the day when they will come back in good health, and continued:

Our state will remain dignified, powerful and strong forever as it has such great heroes as you.

Our army will carry forward the great history of war victory for all ages by displaying its unique loyalty and heroic mettle.

I wish immortal glory to the heroic officers and soldiers of the overseas operations units who have elevated our people's long history of victory and the absolute strength of our revolutionary armed forces to the highest and most glorious plane.

Long live the heroic Korean People's Army!



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the order of the country.

At the venue of the ceremony, the Song of Comradeship, reflecting the sacred history of the Korean revolution pioneered, advancing and emerging victorious on the strength of comradeship, resounded. And a touching scene to be immortal in the history of the country was unfolded conveying the warm blood ties

between the leader and the soldiers.

Kim Jong Un laid a flower before the memorial wall and paid silent tribute, wishing that the noble life of the martyrs who participated in the war to defend the dignity and honour of the great state with their precious lives would shine forever as a star of eternal feats in the memory of the country and the people.

Members of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK,

commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence, military and political commanding officers of the large combined units of the KPA and the bereaved families of the martyrs laid flowers before the memorial wall.

Kim Jong Un met the bereaved families of the martyrs and consoled them, sharing the pain of loss with them.

Army Colonel General Kim Yong Bok, commander of the special operations units, made an oath-taking speech on behalf of all the officers and men of the overseas operations units.

Expressing his impression on having the greatest honour of receiving the highest commendation of the DPRK at the headquarters building of the Party Central Committee, the general staff of the Korean revolution, he said that the officers and men of the overseas operations units more keenly felt in the foreign battlefield the good fortune of soldiers of being led by the great brilliant commander and kept as their faith the iron truth that they would surely win if they fight only as taught by Kim Jong Un.

All the commanding officers and combatants of the overseas operations units, faithful soldiers of Kim Jong Un, guards of the Republic and sons of the heroic Korean people, will devotedly

defend the authority of the Party Central Committee and firmly safeguard the honour of the country, the KPA and the Koreans till the day of returning home, he said, solemnly pledging to remain faithful to the mission and duty as the army of the Party, the people and the Supreme Commander, cherishing today's valuable commendations as absolute trust.

Kim Jong Un once again extended sincere thanks and noble tribute to all the officers and men of the overseas operations units who defended the trust of the Party and the country in the KPA and fully displayed the great honour of the KPA, braving the fierce battle fire with the glorious national flag kept in their hearts, and to the heroic martyrs who laid the foundation of sure victory of our state and army with great feats and biographies to be handed down to generations to come.

The indomitable fighting spirit, mass heroism and immortal feats displayed by the combatants of the overseas operations units of the armed forces of the DPRK will shine forever in the history of building a rich country with a strong army as an example of the absolute loyalty to the Party and the revolution peculiar to the KPA and a symbol of the eternal victory of our great state and our cause.

Artistic performance given in honour of commanding officers and combatants of overseas operations units of KPA



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The venue of the performance was full of boundless respect and ardent praise for the brave soldiers who participated in the war to demonstrate to the world the mettle of the Korean people who do not compromise with injustice and win only victory in every battle and the immortal appellation of our army by fully displaying the peculiar ideological and moral superiority of remaining absolutely loyal to the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea, matchless bravery and heroic self-sacrificing spirit.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, enjoyed the performance together with the commanding officers and combatants of the overseas operations units.

After arriving at the venue of the performance, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un laid a flower before the memorial wall erected in the central hall and paid noble tribute to the martyrs who

are immortal in the memory of the country and the people as the eternal stars.

Saying that the patriotic deeds of the brave soldiers who participated in the war to fully demonstrate to the whole world the mightiness of the KPA in the overseas military operations would be conveyed long through generations, he had a photo taken with the leading commanding officers who skillfully led the units to victory in overseas military operations.

Among the audience were bereaved families of the martyrs, officials of the Party Central Committee, commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence, military and political officers of the large combined units of the KPA, officials of ministries, national agencies and Pyongyang Municipality and working people.

When Kim Jong Un appeared in the auditorium, all the participants broke into stormy cheers of "hurrah!", looking up to the iron-willed brilliant commander who trained our People's Army into the strongest revolutionary armed forces in the world that are overwhelming

any formidable enemy ideologically, mentally, militarily and technologically with his outstanding military strategic idea, extraordinary commanding art and great trust and love and put it on the highest level of the times.

The performers paid high tribute to the combat heroes of the era of Kim Jong Un who demonstrated the fame of the motherland and set a good example of indomitable heroic mettle and fighting spirit of our army with legendary military feats while enthusiastically singing songs about the motherland that they had never forgotten even in their dreams and songs about the invincible revolutionary army.

The numbers representing the soul of loyalty and patriotism of the heroes who devoted their lives to our great Party, the inexhaustible might of our great state and the peace and happiness of our great people highly demonstrated the fact that the brilliant world-shaking war results of the KPA are the gains of the great ideological firmness, the precious tradition of the Korean revolution which was pioneered with ideology and has emerged victorious with ideology.

The participants were filled with solemn emotion, watching a video showing the feats of the brave soldiers who proved iron faith with the unheard-of legendary tales of miracles that peace is defended only by absolute strength and the representative of justice should possess the matchless strength to resolutely wipe out all injustice and showed with heroic choice what life a soldier of the Korean People's Army should live for the country and what to leave before the country.

When the songs "Stars of the Motherland", "We Will Remember"

and "Only Victory" in memory of the brave soldiers who participated in the war resounded, all the audience warmly recollected with deep emotion the indomitable images of the brave soldiers who warmly loved their motherland and made the enemies shudder with mass heroism and the matchless self-sacrificing spirit which no army in the world has ever had, seen or heard by dedicating themselves to the call of the motherland.

The performance pulsating with firm faith and indomitable stamina of the service personnel of the People's Army to continuously write a proud heroic biography for all generations to come by developing the heroic spirit of the generation of army building and the victorious wartime generation onto a higher level in the new era of building a powerful army when our revolutionary armed forces are demonstrating the greatest heyday of their development was acclaimed by the audience.

When the performance was over, the audience broke into enthusiastic cheers again, looking up to Kim Jong Un.

Kim Jong Un warmly shook hands with brave soldiers cheering at the top of their voices with great emotion one by one and encouraged them.

The performance given to congratulate the commanding officers and combatants of the overseas operations units of the Korean People's Army impressively showed the boundless praise of the Party, the country and the people for the heroic soldiers who glorified the great era of Kim Jong Un with the victory won at the cost of their blood, and the pride and honor of having an invincible and powerful army.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits destroyer *Choe Hyon* and learns about training and life of sailors

He sets the goal of military and technical qualifications to be attained by the sailors for the operation of the new-type destroyer and expressed his view on the training mode for its realization

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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, visited the destroyer *Choe Hyon* on August 18 and acquainted himself with the course of the integrated operation test of the weapon systems of the



qualifications to be attained by the sailors for the operation of the new-type destroyer and expressed his view on the training mode for its realization.

After receiving a report on the course of the sectional tests of the various weapon systems of the warship and the composition of the integrated operation system, he expressed satisfaction

destroyer and the training and life of the sailors of the destroyer.

of the Korean People's Army, greeted the respected Comrade

destroyer *Choe Hyon* and acquainted himself in detail with the training and living conditions of them. And he

over the fact that the major tasks for making the navy high-tech and nuclear-armed are progressing on a stage-by-stage

Senior Vice Admiral Pak Kwang Sop, commander of the Navy

Kim Jong Un on the spot. Kim Jong Un met the sailors of the

set the goal of military and technical

basis as planned.

He underlined the need to complete the tasks slated for August and September and move on to the next stage, the process of assessing the performance and capability for conducting operations of the ship, in October as planned.

That day, he received a report on the third *Choe Hyon*-class new-type multi-mission destroyer being built at the Nampho Shipyard and its long-term plan. And he had an important conversation with technicians and experts in the field of the shipbuilding industry.

He said that it is the most important state affair from the viewpoint of the development of the DPRK armed forces



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and in view of the military theory based on the geopolitical peculiarities of the DPRK to extremely rapidly develop the capability for operations of our Navy which is performing its duty in the major space of national defence.

He said that, as he had stressed before, the security environment around the DPRK is getting more serious day by day and the prevailing situation requires us to

make a radical and swift change in the existing military theory and practice and rapid expansion of nuclearization.

Labeling the US-ROK joint military exercises being staged again from now as a clear expression of stand of openly revealing their intention to remain most hostile and confrontational to the DPRK, Kim Jong Un said that the US-ROK intensified military nexus and the muscle-flexing are the most obvious

manifestation of their will to ignite a war and the source of destroying the peace and security environment in the region.

He said that the US-ROK military exercises which had become habitual practice from long ago have always been provocative and dangerous in their nature but the gravity is increasing from the characteristics that they are recently plotting military nexus with the nuclear element involved. And such changing situation requires us to take counteraction with proactive and overwhelming changes, he stressed.

He said that the DPRK will continue to bring about important and eventful changes in the position and activities of the DPRK Navy defending the core of the national sovereignty with unstoppable struggle and strenuous efforts and that the Navy will become a reliable force firmly performing a part in the composition of

the state nuclear forces and the realm of nuclear use in the near future. It means that the combat strength of the DPRK Navy is growing more adaptable to the fulfillment of the national defence strategy and the use of war deterrent, he added.

The most reliable and steadfast way and guarantee for controlling and keeping the security environment of the region and firmly defending the sovereignty and security of the DPRK is only to make enemies afraid of the DPRK, he said, adding that such view of the DPRK on controlling the situation and the national defence strategy will remain unchanged.

He affirmed that important measures for the accelerated growth of the national defence capabilities will surely be taken continuously and the firm will and capabilities of the DPRK to defend the sovereignty and security of the country will be expressed through practical actions.



Banquet given in honour of commanding officers and combatants of KPA overseas operations units and bereaved families of martyrs

KCNA

A grand banquet was given at the Mokran House in honour of the commanding officers and combatants of the overseas operations units of the Korean People's Army and bereaved families of the martyrs.

The banquet hall was filled with boundless emotion, joy and excitement of the commanding officers and combatants honoured with high glory and happiness of their lives under the care of the motherland and the great brilliant commander they have yearned for even in a dream.

Senior officials of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and

leading commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence attended the significant banquet together with the commanding officers, combatants of the overseas operations units of the KPA and bereaved families of the martyrs.

Pak Jong Chon, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK and secretary of the Party Central Committee, made a speech at the banquet.

At the decisive battlefields for defending the absolute authority of the Party Central Committee and safeguarding the dignity and honour of the DPRK and the appellation and tradition of the KPA, officers and men of the KPA wrote the immortal combat

records at the cost of their blood, created a new great history of the KPA with their militant courage and legendary military merits that would pale the heroic stories in the human history of wars and added a new glorious page to the history of war victory of the DPRK in gold letters, the speaker said.

The revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK will always emerge victorious in the sacred war they have to face in the future regarding the brilliant and heroic life of the brave soldiers who participated in the war as an example, he said, stressing that all divisions, brigades, regiments and battalions and service personnel of the whole army will

courageously advance along the road of victory won by the brave soldiers who participated in the war.

The commanding officers and combatants of the KPA

overseas operations units pledged to keep glorifying the dignity and honour of the KPA with the priceless military feats of the present generation in the militant

journey of opening up a new era of building a rich country with a strong army, regarding the trust and love of the Party as the lifeline of their destiny and the spirit of their courage.



A grand banquet at the Mokran House honours commanding officers and combatants of the overseas operations units of the KPA and bereaved families of the martyrs.

Plenary meeting of SPA Standing Committee held

KCNA

The 37th Plenary Meeting of the Standing Committee of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was held at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on August 19.

Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the SPA, presided over the plenary meeting.

Present there were vice-chairmen Kang Yun Sok and Kim Ho Chol, secretary general Ko Kil Son and other members of the

Standing Committee of the SPA.

Present there as observers were officials of the SPA Standing Committee, the Secretariat of the Cabinet and relevant organs.

The plenary meeting discussed as agenda items the issue on convening the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK and the issue of deliberating and adopting the Law of the DPRK on the Protection of Marine Ecological Environment, the Law on Saving Credit, the Law on Technological Trade and the Law on Preferential Treatment of Families with Many Children.

First, a decision of the SPA Standing Committee on convening the 13th Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK was

adopted by a unanimous approval.

Then, there was a report on the main contents of the draft laws examined at the Legislation Committee of the SPA.

On the basis of the study and discussion of the draft laws, the plenary meeting adopted with full approval the decree of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly "On adopting the Law of the DPRK on the Protection of the Marine Ecological Environment", "On adopting the Law of the DPRK on Saving Credit", "On adopting the Law of the DPRK on Technological Trade" and "On adopting the Law of the DPRK on Preferential Treatment of Families with Many Children".



The 37th Plenary Meeting of the Standing Committee of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK is held at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on August 19.

NEWS IN BRIEF

UAWK officials start study tour of Mt Paektu area

Officials and primary information workers of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea from across the DPRK started a study tour of the revolutionary battle sites in the area of Mt Paektu.

A meeting took place to start the study tour at the plaza before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il in Hyesan City on August 18.

The participants laid a flower basket and bouquets before the statues of the great leaders and paid tribute to them.

The speakers at the meeting said that all the participants should harden their determination and will to

follow the road of revolution to the end generation after generation, experiencing how arduous the road of struggle covered by the forerunners despite manifold difficulties and trials under the leadership of the President was.

At the end of the meeting, the officials and primary information workers of the UAWK visited the Monument to the Victorious Battle of Pochonbo and left for Pochonbo, flying the flags of the DPRK and expedition.

National sci-tech exhibition of nanotechnology sector-2025 opens in DPRK

The national sci-tech exhibition of nanotechnology sector-2025 opened with due ceremony at the central

light industrial sample products hall on August 19 under the sponsorship of the nanotechnology association of Korea of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Science and Technology of Korea.

Presented to the exhibition are more than 210 proposals and products of great scientific and technological significance and with great possibility for introduction and high economic effectiveness from dozens of units including Kim Il Sung University, Kim Chaek University of Technology, the Nano-engineering Branch of the State Academy of Sciences, the Agricultural Nanotechnology Institute of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

During the exhibition, a lecture will be given on the recent development trends of nanotechnology.

A speech was made at the opening ceremony.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un receives greetings from chairman of Central Committee of Russian Communist Party

KCNA

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, received a message of greeting from G. A. Zyuganov, chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation, on August 15.

In the message, Zyuganov, on behalf of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation, extended warm congratulations to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and all the DPRK people on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japan's colonial rule.

The message said that on September 9, 1948, the DPRK, a state free from foreign oppression, appeared on the world map.

The birth of a new socialist sovereign state is the result of the self-sacrificing struggle waged by the DPRK people for a long period under the

leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea, the message said, and went on:

Thanks to the indomitable will of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the great leader Comrade Kim Jong Il, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea became an influential independent state recognized by the whole world.

You are honourably carrying forward the cause of the great preceding leaders.

The prospering DPRK has achieved great successes in the work for bolstering up the defence capability and developing industry, education and the national economy.

By annihilating the Japanese imperialists in August 1945, the eternal unity of the fraternal peoples of the two countries was achieved and a solid foundation of militant friendship was laid.

Since then the two countries have been staunchly following the road of struggle for opposing imperialism, establishing a just world order and displaying internationalism.

The present situation

of war has made the two countries unite more firmly, and as in the days of 80 years ago the two countries are fighting against fascism shoulder to shoulder.

The Communist Party of the Russian Federation and the patriotic left-wing forces of Russia highly appreciate the principled stand of the DPRK supporting Russia in its special military operations.

The Communist Party of the Russian Federation expresses its sincere thanks to you for helping liberate Kursk Region.

Russia will never forget the feats of the heroic DPRK soldiers who shed their blood for the just world and the common freedom of the two countries.

I am confident that the genuine friendly relations and beneficial cooperation between the Communist Party of the Russian Federation and the Workers' Party of Korea will continue to grow stronger in all aspects.

The message wished the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and all the fraternal DPRK people success and prosperity.

On occasion of 80th anniv of national liberation

DPRK embassy in Moscow hosts reception

KCNA

The DPRK embassy in Moscow hosted a reception on August 14 on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

Present there at invitation were Minister of Natural Resources and Ecology Alexandr Kozlov, Vice Foreign Minister Sergei Lyavkov, Vice-Minister of Defense Alexandr Fomin and other personages of the government, political parties, organizations and institutions of Russia, including the Foreign Ministry, the Ministry of Defense, the Ministry of

Interior, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Science and High Education, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Culture, the Party for Peace and Unity and the Russian Association for Friendship with the DPRK and the Railway Co. Ltd.

On hand were DPRK Ambassador to Russia Sin Hong Chol and staff members of his embassy.

The participants laid a flower basket and bouquets before the art work depicting President Kim Il Sung and Chairman

Kim Jong Il standing together and paid tribute to them.

Then they looked round the photos showing the noble revolutionary careers and exploits of the President and the Chairman, the immortal exploits performed by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un for the development of the DPRK-Russia relations of friendship, immortal classic works of the peerlessly great men, and photos showing the invincible national power and proud development of the DPRK.

Speeches were made at the reception.

Russian embassy members visit monuments to Soviet Army in different parts of DPRK

KCNA

Members of the Russian embassy in Pyongyang visited the monuments to the Soviet Army in different parts of the DPRK from August 16 to 18 on the occasion of the 80th

anniversary of Korea's liberation.

Minister-councillor Vladimir Topcha and other members of the Russian embassy laid flowers before the monuments to the Soviet Army in Wonsan, Sinuiju, Uiju and Tongnim and paid

tribute to the martyrs.

Meanwhile, members of the Russian consulate general in Chongjin laid bouquets before the liberation tower and graves of fallen fighters of the Soviet Army in Chongjin City.



History resplendent with victory and glory

On the occasion of 80th anniversary of Workers' Party of Korea

Three years of war, bloody victory

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Banner of victory

For the revolutionary countries and people, the party is the beacon of guidance and the banner of invincibility.

The DPRK people proved this truth with the most brilliant victory in the crucible of the grim three-year Fatherland Liberation War (1950-1953).

War was a horrible ordeal for any country and people, but the Fatherland Liberation War was truly too bitter a confrontation for the state and people of the DPRK. The people and army of the newborn country, which had resounded with the sound of hammer for creation and construction for five years after national liberation, were short of too many things including bullets and weapons. On top of it, the Workers' Party of Korea, which should lead this unprecedented confrontation to the victory of the Korean people, was founded only five years ago.

At the meeting of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea held on June 26, the day after the outbreak of the war, and other important Party meetings held in the flames of the war Comrade Kim Il Sung said that the war required the WPK to strengthen itself organizationally and ideologically and enhance the militant function and role of the Party organizations more than ever before and specified that only when the Party was strengthened and its role enhanced, could the final victory be won in the war.

He, who formulated a new revolutionary theory centred on the popular masses, put an end to the weapon-everything idea which had been established as a law of war and created a new history of victoriously advancing on the strength of ideology.

In the grim years of the war when the US imperialists shipped in

large quantities of lethal weapons and other military hardware by staking their fate on tanks, guns and planes, he firmly believed in the Korean people and army and put great efforts into bolstering up their political and ideological might.

The US imperialists ignited the fuse of the war of aggression, foolishly calculating that they would end it in one stroke. As they suffered ignominious defeats repeatedly from the first stage, they mounted a desperate offensive, with large forces armed with latest military hardware being hurled into the narrow Korean front.

After organizing and commanding the operation to deal a heavy blow to the aggressors through a powerful counteroffensive, he convened the first plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee after the outbreak of the war. At this meeting, the successes the Korean people had achieved under the leadership of the WPK for six months after the war began were reviewed, a policy for strengthening the Party into an invincible rank was put forward and a plan was unfolded to turn the enemy's desperate offensive into a downfall.

Party plenary meetings were held regularly every year for the three years of the war. The Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Party Central Committee was held in November 1951, making it possible for the Party, which might have been weakened in the special circumstance of war, to timely remove the ultra-leftist tendencies that had appeared in the Party and consolidate the Party ranks organizationally and ideologically. The Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Party Central Committee in December 1952 set forth a decisive policy and way of concluding the war with the victory of the DPRK, marking an epochal turning point in maintaining the unity of the

Party and its organizational and ideological purity.

Outstanding idea and leadership are sure to produce eye-opening events and miracles.

The might of the Party, which grew stronger day by day under the guidance of Comrade Kim Il Sung, led to the political and ideological superiority of all the Korean

people and army, providing a sure guarantee for victory in the war.

As the Party was firmly defended and developed into an ever-victorious banner in the three years of the war, the period shines as the great years when the most precious guarantee of victory was provided for the country, the revolution and the posterity of this country.

Heroic people trained by Workers' Party of Korea

For the WPK, which was only five years old, the war was a stern trial and a rigorous test as well.

"The Americans mistook the Korean people," said Premier Kim Il Sung as he came out to the venue of the emergency Cabinet meeting when the world was watching the development of the sinister war that broke out in Korea with deep concern and fear.

Korean people—it was a call for those who had been wandering in the dark and ignorance, suffering maltreatment and subordination for a long time.

He took care of the people in his embrace and put them forward as the masters of the country and their destiny. And then he believed in them and inspired the people to work a miracle, victory in the war.

When the war situation was unfavourable for the country due to the grave crimes committed by worshippers of big powers and dogmatists, he left the Supreme Headquarters and came out to the battlefield. He said that it was most important in crushing the enemy's new offensive to make a strong resolution to defeat the enemy by our own efforts, noting that if we fight by believing in our own strength, we can defeat any formidable enemy, and that as long as we have the Workers' Party of Korea, the people and the People's Army firmly united around the Party, we can smash any large-scale

offensive of the US imperialists.

War is a synonym for fierceness, but in the country no people starved or were frozen to death, and there were no war sufferers who wandered about begging.

This was one of the many miracles created during the Fatherland Liberation War and the truth that could be established only by the WPK whose sacred ideal is the people-first principle.

A series of measures were taken to stabilize the people's livelihood in the flames of the war, including the Cabinet decision on the relief measures for war victims, the Cabinet decision on the measures for stabilizing the people's livelihood in the liberated area, the Cabinet decision on establishing schools for the sons and daughters of the officers and men of the People's Army and the guerrillas and patriotic martyrs who fell in the Fatherland Liberation War, and the Cabinet decision on the enforcement of a universal free medical care.

For General Kim Il Sung, the war was a bloody battle against the hordes of vicious aggressors who tried to harm the beloved people and a life-and-death battle that must be won without fail for their dignity, destiny, bright future and happiness.

He made sure that a master plan for the reconstruction of Pyongyang City was worked out at the height of the war and students fighting

at the front were recalled to their universities to continue their study. He also founded the Academy of Sciences and opened a new history of reclamation of the Paektu plateau.

"It is a wonder that the DPRK rises up from the fire," and "Pyongyang is alive. ... Every day and every hour Pyongyang is reviving in the ruins like a golden bird in a legend," said the participants in a meeting of the world architects held in an East European country in 1952, after seeing the master plan for postwar reconstruction displayed by the DPRK architects. They were also a tribute of the world people, who realized, though little, how the miracle of the DPRK defeating the ringleader of imperialists was performed on the strength of great love.

The WPK was founded only a few years ago, but in the flames of the fierce war it rose up as an invincible party which struck roots deep in the minds of the people and enjoyed their absolute support and trust.

A peasant from Poptong told General Kim Il Sung that only when he followed him, could he find a way to make a living and the DPRK win the war and a woman Party member in Ragwon said to him that if the country fought and won the war, reconstruction would not matter.

The indomitable spirit and will of the heroic people, that neither the fierce flames of war could block nor the enemy's barbarous bombing and shelling could put down, were the faith given by the great Party and a precious spiritual legacy left by the victorious wartime generation to posterity by cherishing it as their crucial experience and formulating it.

The heroic people are the single-minded people who follow with one mind and one intention the great Party which has adopted and is invariably carrying forward the sacred ideal of the people-first principle.

Immortal exploits of defending socialism

By Choe Song Jun PT

The 1990s was the period of severe trials for the DPRK and its people.

In the period, the moves of the imperialist allied forces to stifle socialism of the DPRK reached extremes.

At this juncture, Chairman Kim Jong Il held high the arms of Songun, a treasured sword for shaping the independent destiny at the crossroads of history, in which the country and people had to decide whether they would safeguard their independence or be reduced to the slaves of imperialism.

With the will that if the country and nation had weak military power, they could not defend the national sovereignty and the cause of socialism

they had won at the cost of blood, he administered the original Songun politics of strengthening the driving force of the revolution and victoriously advancing the overall socialist construction with the Korean People's Army as the core and main force.

The untiring efforts and continued long journey of devotion of the Chairman for bolstering up the defence capabilities of the country cannot be explained with only a few words. Among them are his field inspection tour along the road across the sharp cliff to Mt Osong which is called the mountain of Songun, through the high waves to Cho Island, along the rugged path to Chol Pass in heavy snowstorm and those of the training grounds of the People's Army units

full of determination to annihilate the enemy.

The People's Army was further strengthened as an army strong in ideology and faith and the invincible revolutionary armed forces and the country's defence industry was turned into a Juche-oriented and modern one.

Thanks to Songun politics, the dignity and security of the country and people were reliably defended and Korean-style socialism won victory after victory.

The Chairman named the ideological spirit, displayed by the KPA service personnel who remained faithful to the country and people, were strong in revolutionary spirit and had a strong sense of organization and discipline, the revolutionary spirit

of soldiers and made sure that the People's Army would perform undying feats in socialist construction as well as in national defence.

The work to learn from the revolutionary soldier spirit was widely conducted throughout society and the unity in ideology and fighting spirit was achieved between the people and the army to boost the army-people unity, the mainstay of the Songun revolution. As a result, the Kanggye spirit was created and the torch of Songgang was kindled in such a hard time, bringing about an upswing and turn on all fronts of socialist construction.

The exploits of Chairman Kim Jong Il who defended and added brilliance to socialism by dint of Songun will be immortal.

Mt Osong tells

By Kim Yong Chan PT

Mt Osong is counted on fingers as a high and rugged mountain among the heights in the frontline of the DPRK. To reach its top along the road on steep slopes and cliffs, visitors should turn 152 bends, each one of which is so sharp that one misstep may lead them to a fall over a precipice.

Chairman Kim Jong Il climbed Mt Osong again and again to meet his soldiers in the frontline during the Arduous March and forced march in the 1990s when the imperialist allied forces made desperate attempts to stamp out socialist Korea in all directions.

When he climbed Mt Osong one day in August 1998, the path was too rough because of the continued rain in the wet season. But he pressed on with his field guidance tour of the KPA units.

He got on his field car without hesitation, saying that he could not give up climbing the height where the soldiers were and the supreme commander should cross such rugged passes at the front in such bad weather as of that day to know

well about his soldiers' life.

When the field car nearly arrived at the peak of Mt Osong, it began to slip towards the steep cliff. At that critical moment, the Chairman got off the car and pushed the slipping car with his shoulder. Whenever the car exerted its strength, muddy water was splashed all over his clothes. In this way, he climbed the path along the rugged, dangerous cliff to reach the peak of Mt Osong, showed warm love for and affection to the soldiers and encouraged them.

Not only Mt Osong, but also Chol Pass he crossed in the face of strong snowstorm to meet the soldiers, Cho Island to which he made his way through the wild sea on board a boat and other frontline army posts for national defence are all closely associated with the Chairman's continued long journey of devotion.

Because it was the way to defend the destiny of the country and nation and socialism.

Mt Osong is called the mountain of Songun until today, telling forever all the stories in the history of the Songun revolutionary leadership of Chairman Kim Jong Il.



The place where Chairman Kim Jong Il pushed his car with his shoulder on the way to the top of Mt Osong.

Miraculous force brings change and leap forward

By Jo Chol Ju PT

A brilliant heyday of the overall development of socialism is being ushered in on this land.

It would have been unthinkable without the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea that the Korean-style socialism has achieved epoch-making changes and a steady leap forward and made all-round development without any stagnation or standstill for the past five years since the Eighth Congress of the WPK.

In the course of the struggle for implementing the decision of its Eighth Congress, the WPK convened important

Party meetings regularly to lead the Korean-style socialism confidently to a new victory.

Plenary meetings of the Party Central Committee were convened on important occasions for accelerating the victorious advance of socialist construction to review the successes and experience gained in the course of the struggle for implementing the five-year plan, discuss the shortcomings to be corrected as soon as possible and measures to be taken in time and set forth correct fighting strategies and policies, thus instilling confidence and courage in fresh victory into the people.

All the ideas and lines put

forward by the Party are the banner of struggle displaying great attraction and vitality in the revolution and construction and a powerful weapon enabling the actual development and change in national prosperity.

As a result, the overall work of the Party and the state proceeded at a clear moment and with dynamic power, and the leadership authority and fighting efficiency of the Party increased remarkably.

The Party's leadership, which skilfully organizes and mobilizes the people's enthusiasm and creativity, is a fundamental source of bringing about eye-opening successes and outcomes in all

fields of social life.

It is the truth proved by the history of the Korean revolutionary struggle that if you believe in the people and rely on them at all times, you shall always emerge victorious, but if you keep away from them and are forsaken by them, you will always fail.

Whenever ordeals and difficulties stood in the way of advance, the Party aroused the inexhaustible spiritual strength of the masses and thus achieved good results in the struggle for implementing its decisions.

The Party's leadership, which frankly opened up and discussed the specific circumstances and the

subjective and objective factors that hindered the advance of the Korean revolution and led the masses to turn out purposefully and consciously in the courageous struggle to overcome the existing difficulties and make a dynamic advance and leap forward, was the source of the miracles and feats performed in the whole of socialist construction.

The revolutionary spirit of the Korean people, who absolutely support whatever the Party plans and decides and uphold them in thorough practice, is continuously producing world-startling miracles.

In the first half of the year alone, the Korean people have

achieved proud successes in all fields of socialist construction including politics, the economy, culture, science, education and national defence in order to glorify 2025 as an eventful year of perfectly implementing the decision of the Eighth Congress of the Party and as a year of epochal change in opening up a rising phase towards the new stage of development.

The leadership of the WPK is a miraculous force that brings about epoch-making changes and leap forward as it puts forward the scientific path and clear practical strategy and dynamically leads to thorough and perfect implementation.

Exhibition of sci-tech achievements in field of furniture and finishing building materials held

The exhibition shows progress in the domestic production of furniture and the improvement of their quality

By Kim Il Jin PT

The National Exhibition of Sci-Tech Achievements in the Field of Furniture and Finishing Building Materials-2025 took place at the Sci-Tech Complex between August 5 and 12.

The exhibition, which was held on the theme of "Progress in ensuring domestic production and improving quality", was aimed at contributing to the construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang and the implementation of the regional development policy by further promoting the domestic production of furniture and finishing building materials.

On display at the exhibition were over 3 600 multipurpose and functional furniture pieces, finishing building materials, architectural lighting and light decorations in hundreds of kinds.

It was largely divided into categories of furniture, finishing building materials and architectural lighting and light decorations.

The examination of the exhibits was divided into



Participants of the exhibition look round the exhibits. WON TONG CHOL/THE PYONGYANG TIMES



appraisal by experts, that by the masses and evaluation of booth building and technical exchange.

On display were also miniatures of production processes presented by building-materials production units carrying on production by relying on raw materials available in provinces.

A colour plastering mortar production process and construction method using waste materials from stone processing presented by North Phyongan Province drew the attention of experts. The province developed a

method of colouring natural or artificial sand by a coating method and completed a method of making colour mortar for plastering walls and floors and a relevant construction method. This construction method reduces the cost by one-third as compared to that of tiling walls.

North Hwanghae Province exhibited many products including various kinds of decorative tiles which protect structures from the effects of different aggressive mediums while beautifying their indoor environments, household goods of value as

handicrafts, stoneworks and wooden craftworks that can be used as ornaments for indoor decoration, garden lamp poles, various kinds of metal hooks, wall sockets and sockets.

Pyongyang Municipality presented many building materials with a very high proportion of domestic production and excellent technical specifications, including different kinds of plastic pipes, artificial turf, coating materials for interior and exterior for different uses, functional filling materials and inorganic foam lagging materials.

Meanwhile, the Taean Friendship Glass Factory presented hollow glass, bronze glass, blue glass and so on. Among them was multipurpose double-clad glass that can be used for the outer walls and floors of structures and as windshields of vehicles.

The Chollima Tile Factory presented over 170 articles in nine kinds. Among them were picture tiles depicting natural scenery which drew the attention of many visitors. And dressed brick was praised by experts as it is a new finishing building material which has

ornamental effects while retaining heat insulation and classic beauty.

Light pink cement based on brown coal debris and kaolin, earthquake-proof and non-conducting pillar material used for the construction of tall structures for special uses and mineral-wool lagging decorative composite wallboards presented by the State Academy of Sciences were favourably commented upon by experts as they were made with domestic materials 100 percent.

"The products we developed are featured by the fact that they are convenient for the execution of construction and cost low," said Kim Chol Nam, researcher of the State Academy of Sciences.

The show also drew many other building parts made by recycling waste materials, highlighting the great zeal of provincial areas for turning waste into treasure.

During the exhibition there took place a sci-tech presentation along with various technical exchanges between the participating units.



Some of furniture items on display at the exhibition.

Innovations made in furniture design and manufacture

By Ri Sang Il PT

Knockdown, collapsible and suspended furniture items were much sought after at the recent national exhibition of sci-tech achievements in the field of furniture and finishing building materials-2025.

The multi-functional bookcase presented by the Hyongjesan District science and technology committee in Pyongyang makes effective use of space and is very

convenient for use.

The height of the bookcase can be adjusted to suit the user's need and its parts can be knocked down so that it can be installed in a narrow space.

In particular, its wheels make it easy to move and handle and the manufacture cost has been reduced by recycling wood left from furniture making and interior construction of dwelling houses. Another characteristic of the furniture piece is its simple and

robust structure compared to conventional bookcases.

The living-room furniture pieces including a wardrobe, display cabinet, knockdown bed, desk and armchair presented by a woodworking factory looked so elegant and comfortable that they attracted many visitors.

The factory's products are of very high quality, so that many furniture pieces have been installed in the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area, a world-level coastal tourist resort.

The booth of the Pyongyang Timber Processing Factory was crowded with technicians in the furniture-making field who were hope for technical exchange with the factory as its kitchen furniture including combined cupboard, dining table and chairs had a high rate of saving wood.

Many orders were made during the exhibition for sofas, beds and other furniture presented by the Yonggwang Furniture Joint Venture Company, which

were more luxurious and refined than those of other units and could be expanded and reduced to change their purposes.

The far-infrared carbon-nano heater and its applied products, including carbon-nano radiator, household sauna and treatment chair, presented by the State Academy of Sciences were highly appreciated by visitors.

These energy-saving and eco-friendly products are used for healthcare and

prevention of diseases and have remarkable effects in the medical treatment based on far-infrared rays ideal for human body.

The furniture modelling in interior decoration of dwelling houses, the styles and composition of furniture in office buildings, the furniture modelling in the educational sector and many other furniture designs presented by the National Design Administration attracted the attention of experts.



Scenes of the music and dance performance based on real-life story "Our Father". RYU KWANG HYOK/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Sensational Performance of Art Troupe

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

The music and dance performance based on real-life story "Our Father", which was created and produced by the North Phyongan Provincial Art Troupe, was staged at the Pyongyang Grand Theatre from July 14 to 24.

The performance, composed of prologue, epilogue, four chapters and seven scenes, touched the heartstrings of the audiences.

Sensation

"We have never imagined that our performance would create such a great sensation in Pyongyang from the beginning to the last," said Choe Chol Hak, head of the North Phyongan Provincial Art Troupe.

The music and dance performance based on real-life story "Our Father" deals with the self-sacrificing devotion of the respected

Comrade Kim Jong Un, who directed the operations to rescue the residents of the northwestern tip of the country which was hit by flood in July last year and took special measures of love and benevolence unprecedented in history in order to defend the destiny of the people to the last, and with impressive happenings of those days.

The creators and performers are all eyewitnesses of those events.

They had originally planned to give eight rounds of performance, but they actually gave 20 rounds.

At the repeated request of Pyongyang citizens, they increased the round of performance from one to two or three a day and the theatre had a full house each time.

Audiences and performers weep together

"We projected onto the screen the images of the

respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un who had overcome the natural disaster together with us. It is the first of its kind in the stage drama of our country," said Ri Nam Hyon, director of the North Phyongan Provincial Art Troupe.

Ri Pom Sun, an usher of the Pyongyang Grand Theatre, said with deep emotion that the entire audience burst into deafening applause when the images of the General Secretary were projected onto the screen.

"No one saw the pictures with dry eyes. I could not hold back tears since I recollected those days as I saw again the photographs of the respected General Secretary, who looked round the submerged area on a rubber boat, though it was dangerous, after sending the flood victims to a safe refuge and who made his way by car through the deep muddy water flowing in rapids," said Jang Sun Il, an old woman living in Sohung-

dong, Moranbong District, Pyongyang.

The audience kept using their handkerchiefs throughout the performance. Other pictures of him projected onto the screen included those showing him visiting the makeshift tents, in which flood victims were staying, in sultry weather to take meticulous care of them with paternal affection. The audience said that, watching the images of the General Secretary, they could not calm their mind at the thought that there would be no such a leader like him elsewhere in the world.

Choe Chol Hyok, staffer of the Rungna People's Recreation Ground, said that without the General Secretary, it would have been impossible even to imagine the happiness enjoyed by the flood victims and their children in the capital city of Pyongyang and the sea change undergone by the Amnok riverside which

turned into a world of wonders of civilization lined with modern dwelling houses, with no trace of flood damage.

The performers also gave performances in tears.

Performance breaks convention

It was a usual practice for the art troupe to involve only professional artistes.

But this time, there are many officials, blue- and white-collar workers, sportspersons, students and children of North Phyongan Province among those involved in the performance.

They volunteered to take part in the performance and became actors and actresses. Their life experience made them wonderful actors and actresses who are by no means inferior to professionals.

"This work is never a story about disaster relief. It is the story about the campaign to

defend the afflicted people waged by the General Secretary who embraced those who suffered a misfortune and made his way through the raging waves to protect their destiny. His devotion and love for the people just became the seed and theme of the work," said writers Ham Kwi Yong and Ok Song Il.

The creators unanimously say that the work could be completed ideologically and artistically as it reflects all people's absolute trust in and reverence for the General Secretary and their sincere loyalty to him.

"There are many other stories about love and benevolence shown by the General Secretary for flood victims. I am regretful for having failed to contain all of them in this work. We will continue our creative activities out of the desire to convey the stories of love to the people," said Choe Chol Hak.

SHAVED ICE RELIEVES MIDSUMMER HEAT



A shaved ice stall of the Central District Restaurant Group serves shaved ice to customers. WON TONG CHOL/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Pang Un Ju PT

As the boiling hot weather persists, shaved ice stalls in different parts of Pyongyang are always packed with customers.

Among them is the shaved ice stall of the Taesong District Restaurant Group.

The taste and flavour of the shaved ice change according to what kind of subsidiary ingredient is used, such as red bean, tomato, melon and watermelon.

As ice-cream and different kinds of jams are scooped onto the shaved ice, customers spontaneously shout "Wow, it looks refreshing".

"Among different varieties,

the red bean shaved ice is the best. When the refreshing ice and sweet red bean jam melt in the mouth, it tastes really delicious," said a middle-aged woman who bought red bean shaved ice at the stall.

As if to agree with her, the stallholder said that red bean contains many nutritive substances, including proteins, fat, vitamins and sugar, so eating it after sweating is good for health.

Customers say that shaved ice is the best food they go for in the sweltering midsummer heat.

The stallholder told the customers, who were savouring different kinds of shaved ice with smile on their faces, that shaved ice

not only relieves heat but also replenishes nutritive substances consumed through sweating according to the nutritional characteristics of subsidiary ingredients.

For instance, the shave ice added with apple and black chokeberry is effective in raising the function of the cardiovascular system, the one with fruits of matrimony vine and grapes helps improve the nutrition of human body and the one with honey and grapes is good for children and old people with weak immunity.

The shaved ice stalls are attracting a constant stream of customers with the mouthwatering cold foods and good service.

Long-term development of regions ensures far future of country

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

Gigantic projects are going on vigorously for long-term development of the regions.

It is the plan of the Workers' Party of Korea to make the capital envious of regions, make the rejuvenation of the regions represent the advance and development of the state and make the ideal appearance of the regions the true image of the Korean-style socialism in the new era.

To renovate the appearance of cities, counties and rural villages, which are regional bases and lowest local units that form the whole territory of the state and support the state system, and to rebuild the regional economy on a completely

new and advanced basis and on a nationwide scale—this is the overall development of socialism and the overall rejuvenation of the state.

Last year, the Party adopted the Regional Development 20×10 Policy, which marked a significant start and important occasion in turning all cities and counties into rich and civilized areas with their distinctive features and developing the national economy in a diversified way and, at the same time, a meaningful event in achieving the prosperity of the state.

Now that the great change of rural development is being effected through a tremendous struggle, the simultaneous accomplishment of another gigantic revolutionary stage called the comprehensive

development of the regional industry is a revolutionary decision arising from the requirement of the turning point in opening up the period of overall development of socialism.

With the formulation of the new regional development policy, a bright blueprint was drawn up to ensure the long-term development of regions and the task for the first year of the Regional Development 20×10 Policy was successfully carried out.

A product show of the regional-industry factories newly built in 20 cities and counties was held in Pyongyang last April.

The visitors understood the meaning of making the capital envious of the regions through the fact that products of regional-

industry factories are on a par with those of central factories in terms of quality standards such as hygienic and nutritional indices and it is hard to distinguish between central and regional products if it were not for the trademarks.

When regional-industry factories with modern and advanced character are built and a development environment which flourishes with advanced civilization by dint of the progress in science, education and public health is established in all cities and counties of the country, the economic foundations of the regions will be firmly laid and a remarkable stride will be made in improving the people's standard of living along with the economic growth of the country.

Japan deprives Korea of its sovereignty through fraudulent document

By Choe Song Jun PT

After depriving Korea of the rights of diplomacy and home administration by fabricating the Ulsa five-point treaty and the Jongmi seven-point treaty in succession, the Japanese imperialists in July 1909 drew up an aggressive document which specified the method of fully occupying Korea and the mode of colonial rule after occupation.

In the document, they decided to dispatch more troops and military and other police forces to Korea in order to "annex Korea at an opportune time" and "build up Japan's real ability" there.

Externally, they hatched all sorts of plots to "legalize" its occupation of Korea and internally, they schemed to realize "annexation" by brigandish means by sending aggression forces.

From May 1910 they deployed lots of aggression troops on major points to be on high alert, and surrounded the place of residence of Kojong of the Korean feudal government and Emperor Sunjong to control government officials who had frequented the royal house. They also mobilized huge aggression forces to throw a strict cordon around the country and banned all rallies. They harshly clamped down on those who violated the ban.

On August 22 1910, they cooked up an "annexation treaty" by dint of threat, blackmail and high-handedness and proclaimed it on August 29.

The "annexation treaty", the result of heinous terrorist acts, is an illegal and fraudulent document which the Japanese imperialists unilaterally fabricated and proclaimed to the world.

The Korean and Japanese texts of the document were written by the

same handwriting. The documents were actually written by a person at the Korean Residency-General, a colonial ruling machine of the Japanese imperialists. This shows that the feudal government of Korea had been unable to participate in drawing up the treaty.

The Japanese king's royal edict made public on August 29 had the affixing of the state seal and his signature, but the Korean Emperor's royal instruction had only the affixing of the royal seal without his signature. This also proves that Emperor Sunjong did not sign the royal instruction in opposition to the Japanese imperialists' "annexation" of Korea.

Later, dwelling on the Japanese imperialists' crime of depriving Korea of its sovereignty, Sunjong said that the aggressors declared at will the ratification of annexation together with traitors and that he had nothing to do with all the things.

All the facts clearly prove that the "annexation treaty" is a fraudulent document which has no elementary status as an international treaty.

With the fabrication of the "treaty", the nominal feudal Joseon dynasty collapsed and Korea was reduced to a colony of the Japanese imperialists. The whole country turned into a prison without bars owing to the Japanese imperialists' doctrine of rule that "Koreans should obey the Japanese law or die".

The Japanese imperialists turned Korea into their complete colony and enforced brutal colonial rule over it for decades, inflicting untold misfortunes and pains on the Korean people. Their crimes can never be tolerated despite the lapse of age and the shift of generations and Japan will surely have to pay for the crimes.

Environmental protection a national undertaking



Ho Un Ju, official of the Central Committee of the Nature Conservation Union of Korea

The abnormal climatic phenomena and natural disasters that are now becoming increasingly prevalent in the world have deadly consequences for mankind, further highlighting the importance of the protection of ecological environment with each passing day.

The protection of ecological environment does not produce significant results overnight. Therefore, it requires constant efforts.

In our country the protection of ecological environment has become an all-nation and all-people undertaking.

It has set a long-term goal to afforest and landscape

the whole country and steadily increases the areas of afforestation. Strict measures have been taken to prevent forest fire while raising the rate of rooting of trees and creating economic, protective and landscape forests in a large area and protecting them.

River improvement, road-keeping and landscaping projects are also being dynamically pushed ahead.

Many green areas are created in the streets, villages and parks and trees of good species and beautiful flowers widely planted in them. Among them are those called "city in forest", "factory in park" in the country and their number is increasing

continuously.

In recent years, electricity-saving technologies for making effective use of solar energy, geotherm and renewables and green architectural technologies such as roofing- and wall-greening technology have widely been introduced into the newly-built streets of Pyongyang.

Public service facilities with specially designed natural lighting conditions and skyscrapers with flowering shrubs and lawns planted on roofs and ground floors add beauty to the green streets.

Socialist fairyland villages, called "farm town" and "greenhouse city", now

spring up in different parts of the country.

Scientific research institutions in the field of environmental protection have made valuable achievements in the research into solving scientific and technological problems arising in environmental management, preservation and creation of natural environment and prevention of environmental pollution.

A sci-tech presentation and exhibition for the improvement of ecological environment in the capital city took place at the Sci-Tech Complex from late March to early April, attracting great interest of experts and the public.

The better the ecological environment gets, the more beautiful our life will become and the rosier our future will grow.

BYWORD

The Korean people are studying hard with an ardent wish to contribute to building a powerful socialist country with science and technology.

The atmosphere and trend of studying to learn modern science and technology, expertise and advanced experience and

achievements have become a tendency of the whole society and a national trait.

The study culture is being established throughout

society amid the steady increase in state measures and benefits enabling everyone to study all their life.

Study culture

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US-ROK joint military drill will only highlight fact that enemy is enemy: KCNA commentary

The US-ROK large-scale joint military drill Ulji Freedom Shield officially started on August 18.

Earlier, the enemies, while spreading such false rumours as the so-called adjustment, postponement, and reduction of the drill on a large scale, misled the public opinion as if they were contributing to peace and security on the Korean peninsula and in the region by intentionally adjusting the level of the current war drill "in consideration of the security environment in the region".

The adjustment farce is not the first time in the 70-odd-year history in the US-ROK war drills for aggression against the DPRK, and every time there were such ear-piercing words as "computer simulation training mode and the "minimization of the level of participation and the reduction of scale".

However, such a silly jargon has never played a practical role in defusing the tension on the Korean peninsula nor had a tinge of influence on the enforcement of provocative and aggressive anti-DPRK war drills.

Under such deceptive and embellishing trick of diverting the public attention of the world

people elsewhere, the enemies have renewed the worst and highest records in history and steadily increased the scale, form, method and intensity of the US-ROK joint military drills and their provocative and violent nature.

This is an objective fact that no one can deny and a stark reality that is being confirmed again through this year's drill.

The drill is bringing together the US forces in the ROK and the forces of the ROK in the main, and the expedition of the US marines and armed forces of the "UN Command" member states outside the region. And more than 580 000 persons from over 4 000 institutions and organizations across the ROK are participating in the drill. The scale of the drill is very enormous and the number of planned field mobile exercises is also at the highest level.

The drill scenarios have been practised in all-round domains including the ground, sea, air and cyber while steadily updating and applying new manuals and methods of modern warfare. In particular, the preemptive strike elements under the signboard of the "deterrence of nuclear use" of someone have been set as the main item of the drill as in the past. This is another vivid expression of the hostile nature of

the Freedom Shield this year.

The enemies are claiming that some items of the field mobile exercises will be postponed to next month, but the basic exercises reflected in the US-ROK joint drill plan are carried out as they are. Only the dirty drills to be staged by the ROK army alone will be carried over. The fact proves once again that the drill adjustment farce being staged by the present US and ROK authorities as if it was a measure different to the preceding drill is nothing but a deceptive trick.

No matter what kind of trick the enemies may use, they can never cover up the immutable nature of the US-ROK joint military drill as the one with the longest history on the earth, the largest ever war drill in the Asia-Pacific region and the most undisguised war rehearsal for aggression in hostility.

In view of the facts in the past and present, the aggressive and provocative nature of the US-ROK large-scale joint military drill and its negative impact on the situation on the Korean peninsula and in the region remain unchanged.

The world people should know clearly.

Where is the source of disaster harming the security of the Korean peninsula and the region and

why do we call enemies are also enemies?

No matter how many years may pass and the regime may change, the US has not changed its hostile policy toward the DPRK, the policy to persistently deny the constitutional position of the DPRK and stifle it by force of arms. The same is true in the wild ambition of the ROK that openly stipulated in its constitution the DPRK as its main enemy and mark the inviolable territory of the DPRK as its territory and is dreaming a pipedream of "unification by absorption".

As long as the hostile entity against the DPRK remains unchanged, there will be no change in the thoroughgoing and merciless will of our armed forces to counter the military provocations of the enemy states, and the trustworthy strength of the DPRK racing for lasting peace settlement on the Korean peninsula and in the region will steadily increase.

The firm will and ability of the DPRK to defend the sovereignty and security of the country against the US-ROK joint military drill which is immutable in hostility will be clearly expressed as practical actions, and it is clear that the DPRK's counteraction will be proactive and overwhelming.

KCNA: War 'outing' of old 'British Empire' will not end in pleasant journey

An escort ship belonging to the carrier task force Prince of Wales of the British Navy, which was involved in the US-led multi-national military drills in the west Pacific region, recently entered the Pusan operation base in the ROK.

The day before the escort ship came into the base, the British replenishment tanker Tidespring entered Pusan Port, and in September the Prince of Wales itself will reportedly enter the waters off the ROK to conduct a naval and air demonstration drill.

Britain claims that it will be an important milestone showing its firm will towards the "security and prosperity" of the Indo-Pacific region.

The main warships of the British Navy, which left the distant Atlantic Ocean and conducted a war rehearsal in the west Pacific Ocean, advanced into the hotspot waters of the Asia-Pacific region. This is by no means a matter to be overlooked.

The port access of the warship of the old "British Empire" on the eve of the US-ROK large-scale joint military drill Ulji Freedom Shield against the DPRK is a war "outing" of pushing the situation on the Korean peninsula and in the region to the worst phase from A to Z.

It is no secret that Britain, which dispatched the largest number of troops to the Korean war following the US in the last century, has actively aligned itself with the hostile policy toward the DPRK, acting as the first agent in the most reactionary military bloc led by the US.

In April 2024, the British Ministry of Defence bluffed, saying that it would conduct regular joint military exercises with the US and Japan in the region from next year under the pretext of "tightening

security in the Indo-Pacific region" and it would be a powerful signal for those trying to undermine the "international order based on rules."

Last year, the British ambassador to Japan said that the actions of the DPRK and China were a geopolitical danger that harms the "international rules" and in June this year the British prime minister noted that "it would be a core goal of the army to restore the readiness for fighting a war."

Britain, which has justified military intervention while talking about the security relationship on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean and in the Asia-Pacific region, is finally advancing into the Korean peninsula for its full-scale implementation.

The British carrier task force, which had already conducted powder-reeking war drills frantically in the Indo-Pacific region with the US, Japan and other allies for several months, entered the base on the eve of the US-ROK large-scale joint military drill Ulji Freedom Shield in which new manuals and methods of modern warfare are applied and even the practical nuclear war situation is simulated. Its purpose is as clear as noonday.

At a time when the situation on the Korean peninsula is developing to the phase of dangerous conflict due to the ceaseless provocations of the US and other hostile forces, the war "outing" of the old "British Empire" joining the provocations is a clear action measure of the anti-DPRK confrontational stand and, at the same time, an adventurous act to realize the unique military hegemony of the Anglo-Saxons not only in the region but also on a global scale.

The war "outing" of the old "British Empire" will never end in a pleasant journey.

Corrupt crime-ridden society

By Choe Yong Nam PT

Crimes are rapidly increasing in Western society.

According to the recent data issued by the Metropolitan police authorities of the UK, the total number of crimes committed in London from April to June this year reached 234 523. And according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS), knives or other sharp tools were used in over 8 of 10 murder cases caused by young criminals in England and Wales, a further increase than before.

In Scotland, the juvenile crimes such as violence against teachers and other employees of schools are becoming more and more commonplace.

In May 2023, a 13-year-old schoolboy knocked a teacher down to the floor of a corridor at a school and a pupil beat a pregnant teacher to have a miscarriage and finally become disabled at a primary school. The local authorities reportedly have taken measures for the extermination of juvenile crimes, including providing the police with much money, but the crime rate is rising on and on.

In an area of England in July 2024, a 17-year-old man rushed into a drill hall where children learn how

to sing and dance to injure two adults and 11 children and kill three little girls by stabbing them with a knife.

Meanwhile, there was a shooting incident at a school in Austria in June this year, killing 11 persons and wounding 12. Nine of the dead were school kids and the criminal was a 21-year-old man. In this country more than 30 out of 100 persons legally possess such firearms as pistol and rifle.

In Germany, a woman stabbed persons to death at random in a public place and about two weeks later, another woman stabbed several persons with a knife on a road before being shot to death by police.

In Japan, there occur killings in succession. For example, a man assaulted his 3-year-old son to death, a 72-year-old man strangled his wife and a middle-school student stabbed an old woman to death on a road.

Such crimes occur ceaselessly in the Western world because people there are steeped in the misanthropic logic that "human must be brutal to others", "I can survive only when I kill you" and "I need no one except me".

People are devoid of human love and affection and their moral corruption intensifies—this is the reality of Western society.

Briefly

India

PM calls for strengthening self-reliance

The Indian Prime Minister called for strengthening self-reliance in a speech delivered on the occasion of Independence Day on August 15.

The present era calls on the country for producing everything ranging from fertilizer to jet engine and electromobile battery by itself, he said.

The government gives priority to farmers, fishermen and pasturers, he said, adding that it would resolutely counter the acts of infringing their interests and never make a concession.

China

FM urges Japan to have correct understanding of and atone for its history of aggression

A spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry demanded that Japan see its history of aggression squarely and reflect on it in a press conference on August 16.

On August 15, Japanese Prime Minister Ishiba made an offering to the Yasukuni Shrine and the Minister of Agriculture, Forest and Fisheries and Minister of Finance of Japan visited it. In connection with this, China expresses deep dissatisfaction with Japan's open challenge to the justice of history and human conscience, he said.

Islamic world

Reckless remarks of Israeli politicians blasted

More than 30 Arab and Islamic countries, the League of Arab States, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Gulf Cooperation Council released a joint statement on August 15 to denounce the Israeli politicians for their reckless remarks.

The statement branded the Israeli prime minister's claim to build a "greater Israel" as a wanton violation of international law and relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council and said that any measures or decisions to legalize its occupation including settlement activities in the occupied Palestinian territory are null and void.

Japan

Group visit to Yasukuni Shrine

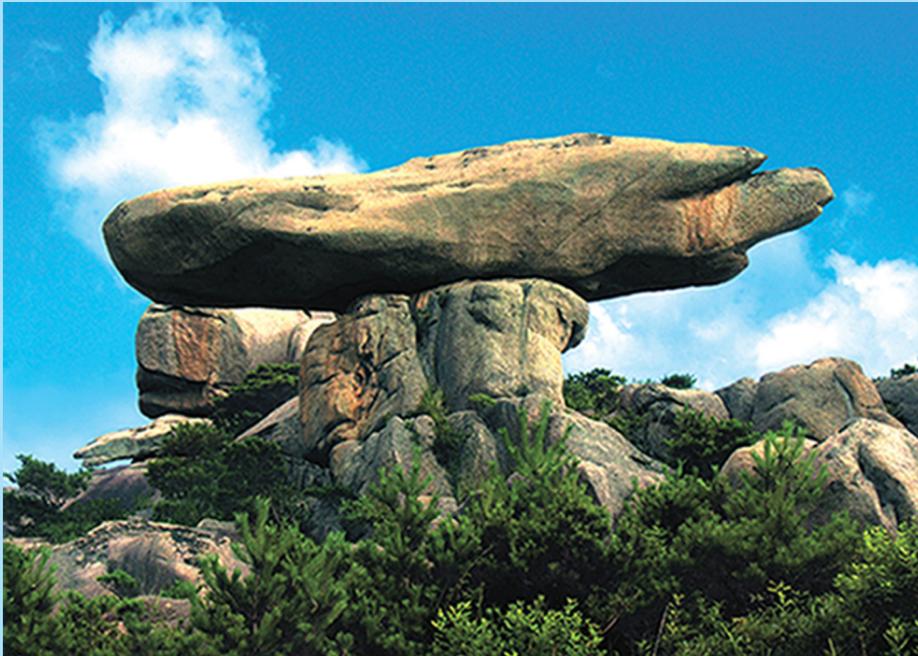
The Japanese group of suprapartisan lawmakers "Association of dietmen for visiting Yasukuni Shrine" visited the shrine en masse on August 15.

Fifty-two dietmen belonging to the Liberal Democratic Party, Japan Innovation Party, National Democratic Party and others thronged to the shrine keeping the name tablets of A-class war criminals.

That day, Prime Minister Ishiba reportedly made offerings to the shrine.

Their rash acts are arousing protest and denunciation from the international community.

Fantastic Rocks in Mt Kumgang



A fantastic rock in Chonbul valley



Pae (ship) Rock in Tongsok valley

Fierce game between two strong teams

By Kim Hak Chol PT

Shortly ago there was the second leg of group league match between the men's April 25 and Rimyongsu teams belonging

to group D of the Hwaepul Cup soccer tournament which started at Kim Il Sung Stadium on August 1.

The first leg of group league match between the Rimyongsu and Ryomyong

teams ended with a 1-1 draw, but the April 25 team won a similar match by beating the opponent 3-2.

"Our team which has made careful preparations since last year will register good results in the current contest for the Hwaepul Cup. In the first leg of the group league matches, our team ended in a draw the match with the Ryomyong team, winner of the 2023-2024 DPRK Premier League. I think it started well," Pak Song Chol, head coach of the Rimyongsu team, said before the second leg.

Kim Yong Su, head coach of the April 25 team, said that though the stable staff of his team and the spirit of its players made him confident of victory, they should stay alert and do their best. They

intend to lift the Hwaepul Cup again after last year, he added.

The match between the two teams started with the Rimyongsu's kick-off.

Experts and fans quite attentively watched the match as it was the one between local powers.

The match in which both teams played in a 4-4-2 formation was quite fierce from the beginning. The Rimyongsu was the first to threaten the goal of the opponent.

The first half ended in a goalless draw, but at that point of time the Rimyongsu was remarkably ahead of the April 25 in terms of the ball control rate, the number of attacks and the attempt at goal-in.

In the second half, the April



Scenes of the second leg of group league match between the April 25 and Rimyongsu teams.

Natural monument—

Sciadopityaceae, Wonsan

A needle-leaf tall tree belonging to the family Sciadopityaceae, Wonsan Sciadopitys verticillata grows in the compound of Wonsan University of Agriculture.

As an androgynous plant, it develops unisexual flower without perianth between March and April. This tree is planted mainly as a garden tree and used as a timber resource.

The present-day tree was transplanted around 1890 when it was 30 years old.

It is over 19m high, 2.2m

round at the root neck, 1.9m round at the chest height and about 6.4m wide at the crown.

It grows straight, and its branches stretch out almost horizontally in a spiral way so that its crown presents a cone-shaped appearance no matter what direction it is observed in.

It is in good health and is the largest among other trees of the species in the country.

The old and tall tree adds much to the scenic beauty of its surroundings and is of academic significance.



25 made fierce attacks, being the first to threaten the goal of the opponent, but in vain by the opponent's resolute defence and sudden and continuous counterattacks.

Both teams played hard, without slowing down the pace to the end in order to score a goal, but the match

ended in a 0-0 draw.

Experts said that although the game finished scoreless, it deeply impressed the spectators as both teams played well.

They added that in case the two teams compete in the final, they are eager to see how the match will end.

