



## **Epidemic Prevention Campaign Intensified in DPRK**

Pyongyang, May 17 (KCNA) -- A party-wide and nation-wide emergency epidemic prevention campaign is intensified in the DPRK to reverse the spread of the epidemic at an earliest date possible under the energetic guidance of the great Party Central Committee.

Urgent measures have been taken to immediately rectify the deviations in the supply of medicines, true to the spirit of the emergency consultative meeting of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK).

On the special orders of the WPK Central Military Commission, the military medical field of the People's Army urgently deployed its powerful forces to all pharmacies in Pyongyang City and began to supply medicines under the 24-hour service system.

Senior Party and government officials, including Choe Ryong Hae, Kim Tok Hun and Pak Jong Chon, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, visited pharmacies and medicament management offices in several districts to learn in detail about the demand for medicines and their supply.

They called for establishing a more strict order in keeping and handling the medical supplies, maintaining the principle of prioritizing the demand and convenience of the people in the supply and thoroughly ensuring the hygienic safety of service environment.

Public officials of the Cabinet and leading officials of the power organs across the country in direct charge of medicine transport have made sure that medicines are preferentially supplied to relevant pharmacies, clinics and neighborhood units and taken practical measures to eliminate unfairness in the supply of medicines and treatment of patients even in far-flung villages in northern mountainous areas and areas along the demarcation line, to say nothing of cities.

All provincial, city and county Party committees and basic Party organizations including primary Party committees have conducted meticulous organizational and political work for swiftly curbing the spread of the epidemic and stabilizing the people's life in the principle of fully bearing the responsibility for inhabitants and

working people in their regions and units.

In line with the steady growth of persons with fever in the metropolis, the Pyongyang City Party Committee has scrupulously launched a campaign for scientific and intensive examination and treatment and its officials have visited hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, food depots and grain agents to take timely measures for medical examination, supply of medicines and living conditions.

The central emergency epidemic prevention sector has directed efforts to curbing and rooting out the spread of the epidemic so as to prevent re-infection among those who had recovered from the disease, while taking account of persons with fever and conducting scientific examination of those with abnormal symptoms. Meanwhile, efforts are concentrated on informing the masses through media of the common sense on infection of the stealth Omicron variant to make them deeply understand the scientific treatment methods and epidemic prevention rules.

The field of public health has built up database while grasping in detail the clinical experience, secret method, effect and adverse reaction of medicine, period of recovery and treatment method to properly treat patients. It has worked out and issued the standard treatment guideline specifying the selection and use of medicines and nursing methods according to the situation of patients.

Amid the intensified work for expanding the ranks of medical workers, some 11 000 officials, teachers and students of the medical worker training institutions across the country took part in the intensive medical examination of all inhabitants for finding fevered persons and treating them on May 16 alone.

Pharmaceutical factories, Koryo medicine pharmaceutical factories and medical appliances factories across the country have increased their production by directing efforts to the production of medicines and medical supplies in urgent need in keeping with the maximum emergency epidemic prevention situation.

Various sectors of the national economy are pushing ahead with the production and construction while strictly keeping a closure step and taking thoroughgoing epidemic prevention measures. -0-





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### **KPA Surgeons Launch Campaign for Supplying Medicines to Pyongyangites**

Pyongyang, May 17 (KCNA) -- On the special orders of the Party Central Committee expecting the Korean People's Army to play the role of the main force in defending the country's safety and people's lives in the present public health crisis, a powerful force of the military medical field was immediately dispatched for the supply of medicines vital to the ongoing anti-epidemic campaign.

Surgeons met at the Ministry of National Defence on Monday to vow to discharge their honorable mission in the struggle for defusing the public health crisis prevailing over the capital city of Pyongyang.

Attending the meeting were those of the military medical field of the Korean People's Army who were to be involved in the supply and transport of medicines in Pyongyang City and officials of the Ministry of National Defence.

Pak Jong Chon, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, conveyed the special order of the

WPK Central Military Commission on urgently dispatching the military medical force of the KPA to the anti-epidemic front of the capital city.

Speeches were made by Colonel General Kwon Thae Yong, first vice-minister of National Defence and director of the KPA General Logistics Department, officer Ryang Chung Sok and non-commissioned officer Choe Tong Ju.

Recollecting the love for the people of General Secretary **Kim Jong Un** who took an important measure unprecedented in the history of the army-building while guiding in the van the anti-epidemic campaign since the grave situation caused by the inroad of COVID-19 into the country, the speakers expressed their determination to devotedly safeguard the security of the capital city as fortresses and bulletproof walls.

They said they would devote themselves to the transport and supply of medicines with the political awareness that the supply of medicines is not a mere practical work for medical treatment, but a noble patriotic work for conveying the warm sincerity of the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** to the people.

They also expressed their will to convey the precious medicines, elixir of life, associated with the great love of **Kim Jong Un** for the people to the Pyongyangites, regarding the posts in their charge as frontline trenches as befits those dispatched by the Party Central Committee.

They ardently called for dynamically defusing the public health crisis created in Pyongyang and becoming honorable victors by working heart and soul so that the revolutionary surgeons in the great era of **Kim Jong Un** can review with pride how they devotedly implement the combat order of the Party in the war against the malignant virus.

A letter of pledge to **Kim Jong Un** was adopted at the meeting.

The letter reflected the resolution of loyalty of all the participants in the meeting to surely emerge victorious in the anti-epidemic campaign by successfully implementing the special order of the WPK Central Military Commission.

At the end of the meeting, certificates of dispatch in the name of the KPA committee of the WPK were awarded to the officers and non-commissioned officers who were to be urgently dispatched as members of the group for treatment and medicine supply to defuse the public health crisis in Pyongyang City.

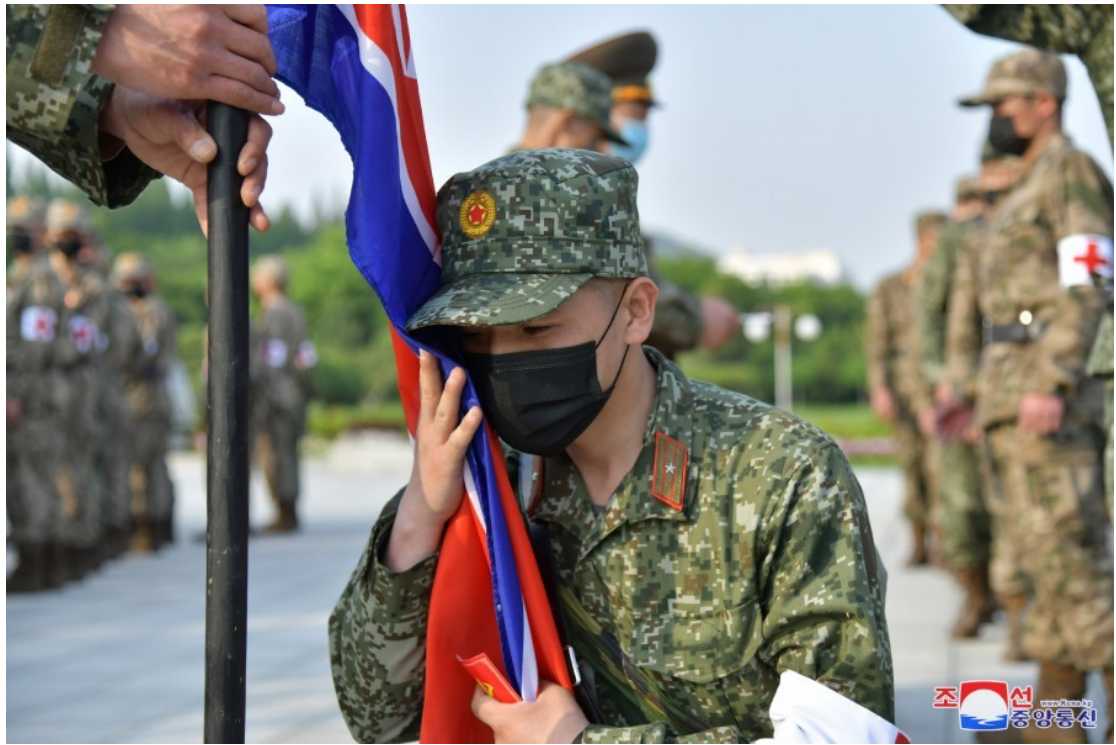
The officers and non-commissioned officers were warmly seen off by officials of the

Ministry of National Defence, service personnel and their families.

They started the supply of medicines immediately after arriving on the spots with the enthusiasm to faster and more correctly convey the warm love of the mother Party to the citizens. -0-













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### **Spread of Epidemic and Result of Treatment Informed**

Pyongyang, May 17 (KCNA) -- According to the information of the state emergency epidemic prevention headquarters, over 269 510 persons with fever, some 170 460 recoveries and 6 deaths were reported from 18:00 of May 15 to 18:00 of May 16 throughout the country.

As of 18:00 of May 16 since late April, the total number of persons with fever is over 1 483 060, of which more than 819 090 have recovered and at least 663 910 are under medical treatment.

The death toll stands at 56. -0-

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