

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un pays congratulatory visit to Russian embassy in Pyongyang to mark Russia's Great V-day

He delivers a meaningful congratulatory speech



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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, paid a congratulatory visit to the Russian embassy in Pyongyang on May 9 on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Russia's victory in the Great Patriotic War.

He was accompanied by his dear daughter.

He was also accompanied by Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the DPRK, Jo Yong Won, Pak Jong Chon and Ri Hi Yong, secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK, No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of

the DPRK, and other leading Party, government and military officials.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was courteously greeted by Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK, and major members of the embassy.

Lovely Russian children presented fragrant bouquets to Kim Jong Un who was visiting the embassy with the warm feelings and comradeship of the Korean people for the fraternal Russian people.

Saying that he was visiting the embassy to convey the best wishes of our Party, government and people to the leadership of the Russian Federation and fraternal Russian people through the ambassador on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of victory in the war, he warmly

congratulated the embassy staff on greeting the most sacred and auspicious holiday of their country, and continued:

May 9 is the day of the precious victory won by the Russian people at the cost of their blood for the destiny of their motherland and mankind and for justice, and the day which etched immortal dignity and glory in the history of Russia and recorded great epochal significance in the world history of struggle against fascism and aggression. Our state and people regard this day as a holiday common to their country and Russia and share joy with the friends of the ally.

The ambassador and his embassy staff extended their heartfelt thanks to Kim Jong Un who visited the embassy on their great V-day to express his sincere

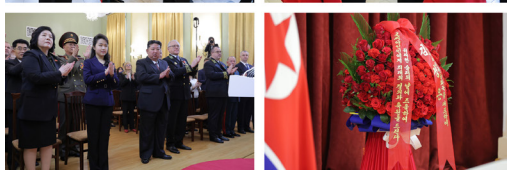
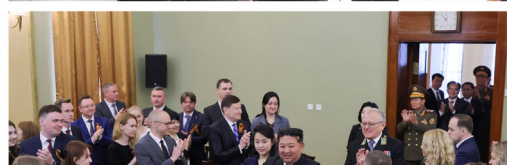
congratulations and full support and encouragement to their country, Russia, and its people.

A flower basket of best wishes sent by Kim Jong Un to the Russian people on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of victory in the Great Patriotic War was conveyed.

Written on the ribbon of the flower basket were the letters, reading "I pay the highest tribute and best wishes to the Russian people on the occasion of the great V-day. On behalf of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Kim Jong Un"

Kim Jong Un made a congratulatory speech.

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Speech the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un delivered during a congratulatory visit to the embassy of the Russian Federation in the DPRK

Esteemed Comrade Ambassador,

Dear Russian comrades and friends,

Today I am visiting the Russian Federation's embassy in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to congratulate Russia on the 80th anniversary of its victory in the Great Patriotic War, pay ennobling tribute to its heroic wartime generation and convey my best wishes to all the



Russian people on this V-day.

I feel pleased to have the opportunity for personally extending the Korean people's tender feeling and intention running towards the Russian people on the day of great victory and celebrating this historic day with the Russian friends.

First of all, I, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the government of the DPRK, the armed forces of the DPRK and all the Korean people, extend heartfelt congratulations to the respected Comrade President of the Russian Federation—my most intimate friend and comrade—the Russian leadership, the courageous Russian army and all the Russian people that are greeting the great V-day.

And I pay the most ennobling tribute to all the Russian war veterans and others who performed imperishable feats in the righteous war for eliminating fascism.

My warm congratulations also go to the esteemed Comrade Ambassador and all other comrades in the

Russian embassy in the DPRK.

Dear comrades,

I am visiting the Russian embassy for the first time on the occasion of the May 9 holiday.

It took me just over 80 seconds to come by car to this embassy, which is a stone's throw from the headquarters building of the Central Committee of our Party. It is such a short distance.

During those just over 80 seconds I was reminded of the history of the relationship between our two countries that have written countless and indelible chapters of friendship and solidarity over the past more than 80 years, its roots, the spiritual intimacy between Pyongyang and Moscow that surpasses the geographical concept, and the ever-deepening friendliness and fraternal feelings between the two countries.

And taking the first step in the compound of this Russian embassy, part of the sacred territory of great Russia, I strongly felt as if I was entering Red Square

in Moscow, where columns of victors will be parading in fine array.

Why should I not?

May 9 is a holiday of the Russian people, as well as a holiday common to mankind, a holiday of the Korean people and a holiday of mine.

In the do-or-die struggle fought in the 40s last century against brigandish fascism that was ruthlessly violating the destiny of mankind, the Soviet army and people, by courageously

overcoming all the unimaginable trials and pains, performed great, historic feats of firmly defending the sovereignty and safety of their motherland and saving the peace of this planet and human civilization.

In the grimmest years they defended at the cost of blood not only the dignity and sovereignty of their country but also global peace and security, put the dangerous current of world politics to rights and brought an epochal victory to mankind. These are the immortal feats the wartime generation of Russia performed, and herein lies the special and eternal historic significance of the feats which nothing can tar or cover up.

Had great Russia not destroyed fascist Germany, a brutal empire of evil, at the cost of lives of tens of millions of people, there would not have been modern civilization nor our happy life of today.

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Furthermore, had there not been May 9, V-day for Russia, there would not have been August 15, liberation day for Korea and the rest of the Eastern countries, and the historical course the Korean people have traversed would have been thornier and more arduous.

We must not forget that the destiny of mankind was decided at the battles of Moscow, Leningrad, Stalingrad and Kursk.

I say we must never forget that we are happy today thanks to the priceless, self-sacrificing struggle of Russia that saved the world.

The May 9, 1945 victory, which the Soviet army and people won at the cost of their precious lives, is not merely one of the many moments recorded in the human history of war; it is the hallmark of the precious tradition to be carried forward for ever in the future, too.

Russians are the last people to tolerate injustice and yield to any formidable enemy; they win final victory without fail by making incomparably persistent and inexhaustible exertions; their spirit commands universal praise from around the world, and their great spirit of defending their country at any cost serves as a spiritual model for our people.

Esteemed Russian friends,

The peoples of the DPRK and Russia have dedicated their blood and lives to defending and supporting each other in the struggle for their common ideals and purposes since a century ago. Through their life, not in words, they have experienced that their destinies are inseparably intertwined with each other, and they have got a clear idea that it is far more costly to defend their sovereignty and dignity than to build a place of comfortable life.

From this point of view, it is quite natural for me to be here today at the Russian embassy in the DPRK on the May 9 holiday, and I am sure this is also my duty as I have to give the world a fresh understanding of what the DPRK-Russia relations are like at present and should be in the future and of the spiritual value of the friendship between the two countries.

This is another moment for me to feel proud and honourable over the fact that we have set the great DPRK-Russia friendship on a footing of admirable alliance.

On June 19, 2024, nearly a year ago, I signed the treaty on comprehensive strategic partnership between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation together with Comrade President Putin. This was the clearest manifestation of the determination of the leaderships and peoples of our two countries to share weal and woe as eternally fraternal nations and allies and to make proactive contributions to global peace and strategic stability.

Thanks to Comrade President Putin's outstanding foresight and decision, the DPRK-Russia relationship has regained its original features befitting allies and made the choice which could not be substituted by anything else for all its fate.

I deem it a source of immense honour that I have President Putin, seasoned leader of a powerful state, as my closest friend and comrade. And my people also regard it as a source of the greatest pride and honour that they have fraternal relations with the great Russian people

and are in alliance with the great Russian Federation.

We are absolutely sure that the blood-sealed bilateral relationship will continue to be in its heyday in the future, making a perfect demonstration of its inexhaustible potential in all realms.

Comrades,

The international community, in the current turmoil of the world situation, is watching with great apprehension the rapid rise of the vicious reactionary group, a modern version of Nazism, which is trying to distort history while disparaging the precious achievements the heroic generation made at the cost of their blood and lives.

The revival of Nazism that attempted to reduce mankind to its slaves last century is a crucial problem that has a direct bearing on the destiny of mankind, a serious threat that can never be tolerated.

No one is allowed to distort or emasculate the heroic feats of the Red Army that saved the world from Nazism.

Today, I am celebrating with my Russian friends the 80th anniversary of the victory in the Great Patriotic War. This itself is the very expression of the unshakably strong will of our two countries to frustrate the challenge by neo-Nazism and contribute to peace of the world and safety of mankind.

Today the service personnel and other people of Russia, as descendants of the legendary victorious wartime generation, have again shouldered the heavy responsibility of defending global peace and security of their own accord, resolutely executing the special military operations against Ukraine.

As for the hostile forces' adventurous military moves of blatantly violating the sovereignty and security of Russia, our fraternal country, I promptly shared with Comrade President Putin my view of this as something tantamount to an invasion of our own state and my decision to discharge our treaty obligations with sincerity. Then I ordered the combat sub-units of our Republic's armed forces to join in the Russian armed forces' action to wipe out the neo-Nazi occupiers from Ukraine and liberate the Kursk area.

The most excellent sons of the Korean people, in answering the call of their homeland, fought shoulder to shoulder with the Russian soldiers in the same trenches, shedding blood amid the flames of battles against the common enemy, as they regarded the territory of our ally as that of their own country.

All these proud sons of our Korean people, who were involved in the Kursk operations, are heroes and supreme representatives of honour of this country, I think.

They proved the durability of the DPRK-Russia alliance at the cost of their blood, demonstrating the highest strategic level of the strong militant friendship, alliance and fraternal relations between the peoples of the two countries.

Even at this moment our government is closely watching Kiev's unreasonable behaviour.

A few days ago, the Kiev authorities committed a reckless and adventurous act of enlisting armed bandits in another heinous and dangerous assault on the territory of the Russian Federation.

We condemn this in most vehement and resolute terms as a hysterical action that can be taken only by the Kiev neo-Nazis with the transplanted genes of unreason and

inhumanity.

Those who are finding fault with our armed forces' involvement are advised to think it over.

And they need to examine what the openly declared, and not secret, treaty between the DPRK and the Russian Federation stipulates.

If they had not committed a heinous crime of encroaching upon the Russian territory, the invaders could have avoided the fate of becoming dead souls, hit by our swords and spears.

Our involvement in the war was justifiable, and this belongs to our sovereign rights.

Let us consider this.

If they are allowed to grow undisguised in their military actions against the territory of the nuclear power, the Ukrainian puppets will naturally become brazen enough to make more outrageous and daring attempts, and the troops in Seoul, who are most faithful lackeys of the United States, will likewise become increasingly reckless.

Such recklessness will spread like a highly infectious virus.

We should be responsible enough to perform the duty of putting these dangerous wrongs to rights.

If the henchmen of the United States and the West, with their tacky, defective munitions, attempt another assault on the Russian Federation, our fraternal country, instead of giving up their dangerous attempt for military invasion, I, according to the corresponding article of the DPRK-Russia treaty and its spirit, will unhesitatingly issue an order on using the armed forces of the DPRK in repelling the enemy's invasion.

I regard this as part of the sacred mission we must execute for our brothers and comrades-in-arms.

May 9—this is just the day that has been inscribed in history as a symbol of powerfulness and imperishability of the great Russian nation. Along with this, Russia will, in the future, too, exalt its prestige as a representative of justice advancing only along the road of victory and a strong defender of multipolarized world order.

My dear friend, respected Comrade President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin,

You and your Russia will for ever be called a representative and incarnation of great fame and glory.

The Russian people will certainly emerge victorious.

The history of the victor nation will surely be carried forward, and justice and victory belong to Russia.

Comrades,

Though we are in Pyongyang, far away from Moscow, our hearts are with Comrade President Putin, all the Russian people and the Russian army in Red Square, the venue for a military parade of victory.

Firmly convinced that the leadership of the Russian Federation and its people, under the outstanding guidance of Comrade President Putin, will surely accomplish the cause of building a great power, I sincerely wish the fraternal Russian people lasting prosperity and happiness.

I wholeheartedly hope that as they advance, the fraternal Russian people are always under a clear sky, and that happiness and prosperity are in store for them.

Long live the great day of victory!

Long live the eternal DPRK-Russia friendship!

Central Committee of WPK, State Affairs Commission of DPRK, Standing Committee of Supreme People's Assembly of DPRK and Cabinet of DPRK send joint congratulatory message to leadership of Russian Federation and all Russian people

Moscow

To the leadership of the Russian Federation and all the Russian people that are greeting the 80th anniversary of victory in the Great Patriotic War



The leadership of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and all the Korean people extend the most heartfelt congratulations to the leadership and all the people of the Russian Federation on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of victory in the Great Patriotic War of the fraternal Russian Federation.

We pay a great tribute to the generation of victors who devoted without hesitation all their precious things to winning the sacred war for the destiny of their motherland and the future of mankind, and extend a sincere militant salute to the officers and soldiers of the Russian armed forces who are writing a new page of defending the sovereign rights, security interests and justice of their state at the cost of their blood even at this very moment.

The victory in the Great Patriotic War holds the most prominent position in the history of the Russian people and the history of human liberation.

The holiday of the sacred liberators and honourable victors who defeated the aggressor forces that emerged as the most reactionary and barbarous entity on earth and brought freedom and peace to hundreds of millions of people in the world is a political and military event of weighty significance not only for the present and future of Russia but also for the destiny and future of the whole mankind.

With their unyielding and self-sacrificing struggle amid unimaginable ordeals and difficulties, the brave Soviet army and people smashed ambition for world domination of the fascist cliques, who had been driving mankind to death and ruin, thus putting the trend of history to rights.

These exploits and glory shining in history are sacred and absolute ones that no one can deny.

The despicable distortion of history, aimed at weakening the decisive role of the Red Army in winning the great victory and diminishing the Soviet people's historic contribution to the world, can never be tolerated.

Our people and progressive humankind are well aware that tens of millions of sons and daughters of Russia dedicated their youth and lives to this devastating war and that the Russian people paid dearly to win the precious victory.

History vividly remembers who really put the flag of victory on the citadel of Nazism and who saved mankind from the miserable war, bloodshed and the fate of slavery.

This truth of history will remain eternal and unchanged in the future, too, as it was in the past and is at present.

Ultra-nationalism, obsessed with the hatred for other nations and the greed for

conquest, can never prevail over patriotism full of fervent love for one's own country and the will to defend it. This immutable truth is being proved once again in today's special military operations the Russian army and people are conducting to check the revival of fascism.

On the battlefields where different ideologies, ideals, aspirations and aims clash violently, the Russian army and people are achieving strategic victory on the strength of ardent patriotism and matchless heroism. Their victory is steadily carrying on the fame and glory of 80 years ago to today and clearly demonstrating the mightiness of Russia and the validity of its cause.

Our Party, government and people are convinced that powerful Russia, their closest fraternal country and staunch ally, will fulfill its important mission and role in the struggle for permanently maintaining the dignity and honour of the victor nation and defending international justice and peace.

The WPK and the government of the DPRK extend warm congratulations once again to the leadership and people of the Russian Federation, who are most proudly and significantly celebrating the 80th anniversary of victory in the Great Patriotic War with the boundless dignity of being victors.

May 9 is a holiday common to the peoples of the DPRK and Russia.

With the completion of the great historic cause of national liberation, our country emerged in the international arena as a full-fledged independent and sovereign state and is striving to build a prosperous and powerful socialist state. The valuable successes gained in this course are linked with the traditions of militant comradeship and friendship and cooperation between the peoples of the two countries.

The two countries successfully concluded the joint operations to liberate the Kursk region of Russia, which was temporarily occupied by the neo-Nazi

forces of Ukraine, in accordance with international law and the provisions and spirit of the treaty on comprehensive strategic partnership, thus defending the territorial sovereignty of the Russian Federation and boosting the unbreakable relations of comrades-in-arms and alliance to a higher level.

The DPRK-Russia alliance was pioneered in the struggle to accomplish the common cause of achieving people's freedom and liberation and is demonstrating its invincible might in the sacred war to repel the invasion by neo-Nazism. This is a valuable asset and source of strength for the two governments, armies and peoples.

Unshakable is our stand to steadily carry forward the comprehensive heyday of DPRK-Russia relations on the strength of the unity of the ennobling ideals and indomitable will.

The WPK, the government of the DPRK and the Korean people are invariably committed to the spirit of and their duty to the treaty on comprehensive strategic partnership between the DPRK and Russia, and will strongly support and encourage the Russian government and people in their cause of defending the sovereignty, security interests and territorial integrity of the state.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea will always be on the side of Russia, which is fighting and winning victory.

May eternal glory be with our brothers and friends!

Long live the 80th anniversary of the victory in the Great Patriotic War!

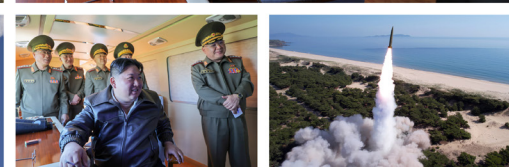
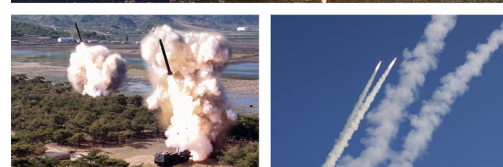
Long live the invincible DPRK-Russia friendship!

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State Affairs Commission of DPRK
Standing Committee of Supreme People's Assembly of DPRK
Cabinet of DPRK
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Pyongyang

Joint striking drill of long-range artillery and missile systems of sub-units of KPA on eastern front conducted

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un guides the joint striking drill of long-range artillery and missile systems



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The US and its vassal states are staging a series of nuclear operation drills on the Korean peninsula and in its vicinity after making a nuclear war against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea a fait accompli and opening to the public an extremely adventurous scenario for a nuclear war. This reckless act of aggravating the situation requires that the armed forces of the DPRK maintain a rapid reaction capability and thoroughgoing war posture.

A joint striking drill was conducted on May 8 to raise the fighting efficiency of long-range artillery and missile soldiers' sub-units on the eastern front amid intensive combat training at all levels of the Korean People's Army being organized and conducted to improve the whole army's overwhelming capability for countering a war true to the spirit of the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un

guided the joint striking drill of long-range artillery and missile systems.

He was accompanied by Pak Jong Chon, Jo Chun Ryong and Kim Jong Sik, senior officials of the WPK Central Committee, Jang Chang Ha, general director of the Missile Administration of the DPRK, and Kim Yong Hwan, president of the Academy of Defence Sciences.

Mobilized in the drill were 600mm multiple rocket launchers and tactical ballistic missile Hwasongpho-11 Ka.

The drill was aimed at making the sub-units master the procedures for the operation of the above-mentioned guns and missile attack systems according to the national combined nuclear weapons management system.

A spokesman for the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK, introducing the drill, said that it would be a sufficient measure of action to show the rapid counteraction posture and capability of the armed forces of the DPRK capable of coping with the change of the military situation aggravated by the enemy in the

sensitive region.

Prior to firing, the operational reliability of the Hackpangasoe system was inspected layer by layer.

There took place detailed trainings for making all the sub-units master the procedures and processes for rapidly switching over to the nuclear counterattack posture and a separate special lecture for the commanding officers on the operation of the counterattack system.

Then, the firepower sub-units fired simultaneously and in order, and separately or jointly, at different enemy targets in the assigned direction and distance.

The goal of the drill was achieved, and the reliability of the command and mobilization system capable of quickly reacting to any nuclear crisis was verified.

Stressing the need to steadily enhance the pivotal role of the nuclear forces in all aspects of the strategies to deter war and fight it, Kim Jong Un said that it is very important to constantly perfect the regular combat readiness of the nuclear forces.

He said that the DPRK should continue to direct efforts to steadily improving the long-range precision striking capability and efficiency of weapon systems, proceeding from the security environment of our state and the actual requirements of modern warfare.

He affirmed that the radical growth of the artillery forces, portending many changes in the practice of our future military actions, will provide greater and different possibilities for securing the operations capabilities of our army.

Saying that it is the consistent policy of the WPK on building up the armed forces to preferentially intensify the qualitative superiority of the artillery forces with an unshakable viewpoint that strengthening the artillery immediately means strengthening the fighting efficiency of the army and the nation's defence capability, Kim Jong Un set forth important tasks for further raising the combat reliability of the tactical nuclear weapon systems and steadily expanding their operations space in a combined way.

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He expressed his impression of having an opportunity to personally convey the tender feeling and intention of the Korean people running towards the Russian people on the occasion of Russia's great V-day. And on behalf of the Party and government, armed forces of the Republic and all the Korean people, he extended warm congratulations to the president of the Russian Federation, the leadership of Russia, the courageous Russian army, all the Russian people, war veterans and others who performed meritorious wartime service.

He mentioned the historic traditions of relationship between the two countries that have written countless and indelible

chapters of friendship and solidarity over the past more than 80 years, the immortal feats of the Soviet army and people who saved peace of the planet and destiny and civilization of mankind, the historic meaning of the May 9 holiday immutable along with those feats and the firmness of the DPRK-Russia alliance proved at the cost of blood. He expressed the belief that Russia will surely achieve the great cause of building a great power and wholeheartedly wished the Russian people lasting prosperity and happiness.

Amid the enthusiastic applause, Kim Jong Un personally conveyed to the Russian ambassador a joint congratulatory message sent by the Central Committee of the WPK, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the Standing Committee of

the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK and the Cabinet of the DPRK to the leadership of the Russian Federation and all the Russian people.

The ambassador, on behalf of the leadership of the Russian Federation and all the Russian people, paid the highest tribute to the head of state of the DPRK, who is adding lustre to the historic significance of Russia's victory in the Great Patriotic War with his speech of enthusiastic and meaningful congratulations and encouragement for further consolidating the DPRK-Russia alliance.

A flower basket in the name of Kim Jong Un was laid before The Eternal Flame, symbolic of the heroic lives and feats of the unknown soldiers.

Kim Jong Un paid high tribute to the martyrs, respectfully recollecting them who defended the dignity and sovereignty of their country and global peace and security at the cost of their lives in the grimmest years.

With boundless reverence all the Russian embassy staff warmly saw off Kim Jong Un who left a sacred footprint to be specially recorded in the history of the DPRK-Russia friendship and solidarity with a long history and good traditions.

The sacred common cause of the peoples of the two countries for building powerful states and achieving international justice is sure to emerge victorious, and the great DPRK-Russia friendship that has been put on the basis of the most wonderful alliance will be everlasting.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives field guidance at major munitions enterprises under Commission of Second Economy

He expresses great satisfaction over the unparalleled growth speed of production capacity of shells, assigns the task for launching practical processes for the technical upgrading of the general machine-building enterprise at the world level



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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, gave field guidance at major munitions enterprises under the Commission of the Second Economy to learn about the production of artillery shells and the actual state of the machine-building industry.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was accompanied by Jo Chun Ryong, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Hong Yong Chil, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and Kim Yong Hwan, president of the Academy of Defence Sciences.

He was greeted by the officials of the relevant enterprises on the spot.

Going round various places of the general artillery shell production enterprise, he learned in detail about the state of production and the expansion of production capacity and

modernization.

The workers, scientists and technicians of the enterprise, who have turned out as one in the campaign to attain the goal of modernizing the defence industry set forth by the Party, have perfectly carried out the stage-by-stage tasks for modernization by waging a technical revolution and dynamic drive for increased production with high enthusiasm for struggle and spirit of creation, thus attaining a remarkable growth speed of increasing the shell production four times the average-year level and nearly twice the peak-year level.

Expressing great satisfaction over the fact that modernization of the enterprise, which plays a core role in bolstering up our artillery, has reached a high level, followed by an unparalleled growth speed of production capacity of shells, he appreciated that it serves as clearest proof of the correctness and validity of the orientation of the WPK's policy on modernizing the munitions industry.

He said that this remarkable growth

of productivity, which has been achieved through the combination of the production structure updated in a modern way and innovative technology and the fighting stamina peculiar to our munitions industry workers, has a very important meaning in realizing the Party's strategy for the development of national defence, affirming that this will serve as an important factor in improving the main fighting efficiency of our armed forces.

Noting that the soaring enthusiasm of the munitions industry workers and the campaign for increased production at the production sites will provide further momentum to the struggle in all fields of the national economy towards the fulfilment of the five-year plan for national economic development, he warmly encouraged the workers of the enterprise, hoping that they will produce more shells to contribute to the increase of the combat power of our armed forces, mindful of the fact that bolstering up the artillery immediately means strengthening

the fighting efficiency of the army and winding up its combat preparedness.

He stressed that the major munitions enterprises, whose construction is to be launched or which are to be commissioned, should introduce the experience gained in the modernization of this enterprise so as to accelerate the significant change in bolstering up our armed forces.

He visited a general machine-building enterprise, and discussed with the accompanying leading officials the new modernization goal of the enterprise and the long-term development of the country's machine-building industry.

He underlined the need to turn the enterprise into a model mother base which plays a pivotal and leading role in the development of the machine-building industry of the country by carrying out on an annual basis the stage-by-stage goals for attaining the general goal specified by the report on the development strategy

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for the machine-building industry of the Commission of the Second Economy deliberated by the Tenth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK.

Noting that this important task serves as a decisive guarantee for making the country's defence industry leap forward

to a world-class, advanced industry and constitutes an important work of strategic significance in cultivating the prospective potential of the machine-building industry, he stressed once again the steadfast determination of the Party Central Committee to make sure that this historic task is strictly carried out by the appointed time.

He asked the enterprise to concentrate



its efforts on developing and producing a larger number of intelligent, high-speed, precision and multi-functional machine-building equipment for raising the production and technical power of the munitions industry and various fields of the national economy of the country.

Pointing out the shortcomings latent in some issues specified in the report on the

development strategy for the machine-building industry and the core policy orientation for the machine-building industry to be consistently held fast to, he assigned the task for launching practical processes for the technical upgrading of the general machine-building enterprise at the world level, and took important measures to this end.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives field guidance at major tank factory

He highly appreciates that the idea and policy of the WPK Central Military Commission on further perfecting the core technology of the main battle tank are being carried on through steady development and production success



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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, gave field guidance at a major tank factory.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was accompanied by Jo Chun Ryong, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Jong Sik, first deputy department director of the WPK Central Committee, and other senior officials of the Party Central Committee, and Kim Yong Hwan, president of the Academy of Defence

Sciences.

He was greeted by the officials of the factory on the spot.

Going round various places of the factory, he learned in detail about the state of production and modernization at the factory and the implementation of the research tasks for core technology of tank.

The Academy of Defence Sciences and the workers and technicians of the factory, that have made single-minded efforts to carry out the tasks put forth at the Eighth Congress of the WPK on setting it as the pivotal goal of the



munitions industry to put the military hardware on an intelligent, precision and highly-efficient basis and on orienting all the processes of research, development and production to its implementation, are making remarkable progress and successes in developing our-style tanks and armoured weapons and improving their combat performance.

Kim Jong Un highly appreciated that thanks to the role of the guidance team of the Party Central Committee and the correct and expert guidance of the Academy of Defence Sciences, more development-oriented prospect has been

opened up in the field of the tank industry and, in particular, the idea and policy of the WPK Central Military Commission on further perfecting the core technology of the main battle tank are being carried on through steady development and production success.

He stressed that to replace the armoured weapons of the last century in our ground forces with latest tanks and armoured vehicles is the most important task in building up the armed forces and modernizing the ground forces.

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He expressed satisfaction over the fact that the field of the tank industry upgraded the structural design of our-style tanks and composition of their firepower system to improve the service convenience of the tank crew, proved the scientific accuracy and reliability of the design of high-thrust engine and provided a firm guarantee for serial production.

Saying that the travelling and different other manoeuvring characteristics of tanks were improved through the development of integrated power transmission device and the new-type active protection system, passive protection means and electronic warfare system were updated in a more innovative way, and that all these successes mean great progress in the core technology of our-style tanks, he highly praised the scientists and technicians for their feats.

Saying that today when the subjective

and objective environment has changed, it is impossible to build the armoured forces properly unless we give a correct definition of the military functions and role of tank and direction of its development in modern warfare and reconsider the viewpoint on the tank design first of all, he clarified the main orientation of the modernization of tanks and the tasks and ways for it.

He said that to create a large-scale capacity for producing state-of-the-art tanks and self-propelled guns and upgrade the overall armoured weapon systems of our armed forces in a short span of time by stepping up the modernization of this munitions enterprise and relevant enterprises is an important task for realizing the far-reaching idea and strategic plan of the Party Central Committee for bringing about a second revolution in the armoured forces.

Saying that he supports the plan for modernizing all production lines of the



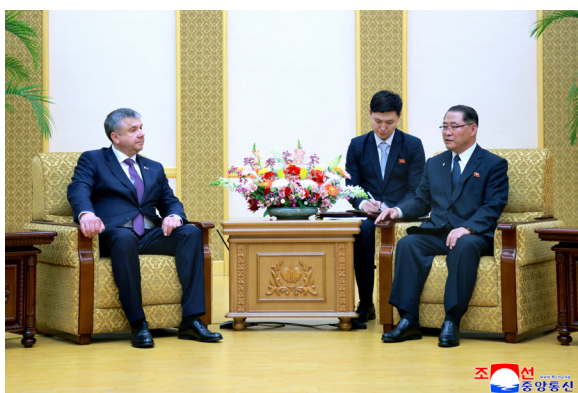
factory in particular, he noted that the plan will be deliberated in real earnest.

He said that the factory, which occupies a key position in developing tank and armoured forces, should make steady technological progress and bring about

an upsurge in production and, at the same time, become a model in establishing the culture of the munitions industrial sector in the new century by paying due attention to improving the labour and production environment on an advanced basis.

Belarus government delegation visits DPRK

Premier Pak Thae Song meets Yuri Shuleiko, deputy prime minister of Belarus, who paid a courtesy call on him at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on May 8.



KCNA

At the invitation of the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, a government delegation of the Republic of Belarus led by Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Shuleiko visited the DPRK between May 6 and 9 to attend the third meeting of the DPRK-Belarus intergovernmental joint committee for trade and economic cooperation.

The DPRK government hosted a reception at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on May 7 to welcome the visiting Belarus government delegation.

Invited to the reception was the Belarus government delegation.

Present there were Jong Myong Su, vice-premier of the DPRK Cabinet, Kim Jong Gyu, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, and officials concerned.

Jong Myong Su made a speech at the reception.

He warmly welcomed the delegation, saying that its visit to Pyongyang will contribute to further developing the friendly and cooperative relations between the DPRK and Belarus.

He noted that the third meeting of the DPRK-Belarus intergovernmental joint committee for trade and economic cooperation will serve as an important occasion in producing an actual result for promoting the well-being of the peoples of the two countries.

Then, Deputy Prime Minister

Yuri Shuleiko made a speech.

Belarus and the DPRK have maintained the traditional relations of friendship based on mutual respect for state sovereignty and the right to independent development, he said, adding that Belarus would further activate cooperation and contact for the well-being of the peoples of the two countries in the future.

Premier Pak Thae Song met Yuri Shuleiko, deputy prime minister of Belarus, who paid a courtesy call on him at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on May 8.

The third meeting of the inter-governmental joint committee for trade and economic cooperation between the DPRK and Belarus took place at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on May 8.

The meeting discussed in detail the practical matters for bilateral cooperation in various fields including agriculture, machine-building, public health, trade and education between the two countries.

A protocol of the third meeting of the inter-governmental joint committee for trade and economic cooperation between the DPRK and Belarus was signed on the same day.

During their stay in Pyongyang the delegation visited the Tower of the Juche Idea, the e-library of Kim Il Sung University, the Okryu Children's Hospital, the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace and other places.

Russian embassy in Pyongyang hosts reception to celebrate 80th anniversary of Russia's victory in Great Patriotic War

KCNA

The Russian embassy in Pyongyang hosted a reception at Yanggakdo International Hotel on the evening of May 8 on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Russia's victory in the Great Patriotic War.

Present there at invitation were Pak Jong Chon, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the DPRK, No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence, and other senior Party and government officials and officials of ministries, national agencies and armed forces organs.

Also invited there were members of the diplomatic corps in the DPRK and leading members of the Belarus government delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Shuleiko.

Present there were Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK, Alexei Bartusov, military attache of the Russian embassy, and its staff members.

Alexandr Matsegora made a speech at the reception.

Referring to the historic significance of the victory in the Great Patriotic War that defeated fascism, he said that many service personnel and people of Russia sacrificed their lives for this victory.

Criticizing the West for its moves to deny the history of the Second World War, revive Nazism and bring a strategic defeat to Russia, he noted that Russia can never be defeated in the future, too, as it could not be in the past.

He said that Russian President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin highly appreciated the bravery, self-sacrificing spirit and fighting efficiency of the DPRK comrades-in-arms who played a very great role in the operation to liberate the Kursk area, expressing deep thanks to Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, the DPRK leadership and its people.

The liberated cities, villages and squares in which beautiful monuments will be built to the memory of heroes of the DPRK who performed feats to be engraved upon the hearts of the Russian people would be named after them, he said, adding that the operation for liberating the Kursk area proved that the Russian Federation and the

DPRK are the comprehensive strategic partners and allies.

Then No Kwang Chol made a speech.

He paid high tribute to the victorious wartime generations who had brought great victory and glory to Russia, sending a militant salute to the officers and men of the Russian army who are fighting by devoting their all to the sacred war to defend the dignity of the country and well-being of the people and realize international justice.

Russia's victory in the Great Patriotic War is a world event which not only defended the dignity and honour of the country and saved mankind from the fate of destruction, but also made a great contribution to making the trend towards freedom and peace prevail on the planet, he said.

He noted that the excellent tradition of the DPRK-Russia friendship with long historical roots is now developing day by day on a remarkably high level, fully demonstrating the invincibility and vitality peculiar to it under the special care of the top leaders of the two countries.

Expressing belief that the Russian army and people would win victory again this year, the "year of defenders of the country", he stressed that the KPA would invariably support the Russian army's action to defend the national sovereignty and security and the territorial integrity of the country in the future, too.

The participants toasted the health of Comrade Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, and Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, and the great victory.



The Russian embassy in Pyongyang hosts a reception at Yanggakdo International Hotel on the evening of May 8.



Citizens move into new flats in Hwasong area of Pyongyang

KCNA

Pyongyang has greeted another "season of moving into new houses" in the spring.

The new super-high-rise and high-rise apartment houses and various neighbourhood-serving networks boasting of their appearances and majestic

figures as a splendid urban quarter are in harmony in a distinctive way. This large architectural group is seething with people moving into their new flats every day.

Trucks carrying household goods are arriving at different parts of the new street amid the joy and songs.

The owners of the new

houses were deeply moved to receive the licences for using houses and the builders extended warm congratulations, sharing the joy. Such images can be only witnessed in the fairyland of the great socialist family whose happy life is brought into full bloom day by day in the era of the Workers' Party.

The people enjoying happiness are seen at every window of the houses like a picture of the beautiful scenery of Pyongyang where a new era of prosperity and cultural efflorescence is being ushered in and their cheers and excited voices reverberate through the vast Hwasong area.

The new and wonderful

street in the Hwasong area is a pride of our Pyongyang."

"I admired the dwelling houses in Hwasong Street and Rimhung Street, but here I can feel the magnificence of our Pyongyang which is developing beyond recognition every year and see the future of a prosperous and powerful

country."

The people's laughter is growing louder day by day with the beautiful spring season when all kinds of flowers are in full bloom. This laughter has turned into all the people's hurrah for the Workers' Party and socialism, reverberating across the country.



Pyongyang citizens move into new houses filled with joy.



Aesthetic symposium held in fields of land and environmental protection and urban management

KCNA

The 2025 spring aesthetic symposium in the fields of land and environmental protection and urban management took place at

the Sci-Tech Complex in Pyongyang on May 7.

Present at the symposium were officials and scientists in the fields of land and environmental protection and urban management and

relevant fields.

The participants watched videos on river improvement and ecological environment.

Speakers referred to the successes made in the work to improve all the rivers to

thoroughly prevent damage from floods and preserve natural scenery in response to the policy of the Workers' Party of Korea on land management and its Juche-oriented idea on aesthetics.

International Day of Midwife marked

KCNA

An event took place at the Taedonggang Diplomatic Club on May 5 to mark the International Day of the Midwife 2025.

Present there were officials of the Ministry of Public Health, officials concerned and

medical workers of the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital and others in Pyongyang.

At the event there was a speech.

And announced there were the ways for the health care of pregnant women and nursing mothers and infants at a time when disaster occurs.



An event takes place at the Taedonggang Diplomatic Club on May 5.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pyongyang Department Store No. 1 commodity show closes

The 16th Commodity Exhibition at Pyongyang Department Store No. 1 closed.

A closing ceremony took place at the department store on May 6.

Present there were officials concerned, officials of ministries and national agencies and officials and workers of production and commercial service units.

The speaker at the closing ceremony stressed the need for the officials and workers of the consumer goods production units to produce larger quantities of world-famous quality goods favoured by the people, true to the intention of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Diplomas, February 2 Products certificates and prizes were awarded to excellent units and products.

Graduation and opening ceremony of vocational training school for disabled persons held

A ceremony for the 11th-term graduation and 13th-term opening of the vocational training school for disabled persons of the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled was held on May 2.



Present there were Jon Chol Hi, chairman of the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled, teaching staff, graduates, new students and parents.

Speeches were made at the ceremony.

Ideal streets of people, Pyongyang transforms into cradle of happiness

New streets and monumental structures have been built in Pyongyang over the past decade transforming it into a world civilized city with characteristic imposing appearance.



Mirae Scientists Street



Ryomyong Street



Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District



Songhwa Street



Hwasong Street (First-stage 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area)



Jonwi Street



Rimhung Street (Second-stage 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area)



Third-stage 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area

Most important state affair

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The Workers' Party of Korea set forth the struggle tasks of putting the country's educational foundation on a new high level in the shortest possible period by channelling national efforts at the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of its Eighth Central Committee held in December last year with the aim of building a country which gives top priority to education and whose education is the most advanced in the world.

It is the intention of the Party Central Committee that the state should take full responsibility for the problems related to school things and fixtures and educational equipment and materials and make steady efforts to provide educators and students with the best working and studying conditions.

The plenary meeting also adopted measures to push ahead with the renovation of schools, which takes the biggest part in strengthening the educational foundation, without delay as a national

undertaking, set a bold goal of giving a total facelift to all schools across the country in the coming ten years and pursue the goal perseveringly to carry it through.

It also stressed the need for the education sector to fully accomplish its objective and mission.

In retrospect, the WPK has paid close attention to the educational issue since the outset of its founding.

The first central government organ established by the Korean people after national liberation discussed the pencil production problem at the historic meeting to signal the start of its work.

During the Fatherland Liberation War against the US imperialists' armed invasion in the 1950s, measures unheard-of in the world history of war were taken to transport textbooks for children with vehicles for carrying war supplies and recall university students from the front to make them continue their study and a factory college was set up to originate the study-while-

you-work educational system.

In the 1970s, the universal 11-year compulsory education at state expense was introduced in the DPRK for the first time in the world.

It is the will of the Party that the proud course in which the validity and vitality of the idea of attaching importance to education have been fully displayed should not be allowed to remain as mere history.

Over the past decade, too, the DPRK took many measures for the development of education, bringing about a series of successes.

The universal 12-year compulsory education was enforced, schools have been built first in the areas hit by natural disasters and a large number of schools, branch schools and kindergartens were built and renovated and multi-functional classrooms above medium level were set up across the country. Under the slogans "Let us entrust our future to education!" and "Let us make education an education which can take charge of our future!" the

educational structure has been changed into the one capable of providing advanced education and the teaching contents and methods have steadily been improved.

It has become a national policy to provide students with school uniforms and school things at state expense, a nationwide distance education system has been established to lay a foundation for everyone to study and it has become a national trait for all the people to give active support to the educational work as students' parents would do.

The special measure taken to bring all the students in the flood-hit areas to Pyongyang in August last year for their education clearly showed how much importance the DPRK attaches to the education of students and the provision of educational conditions.

It is the consistent policy of the WPK and the DPRK government that the education work is the most important state affair to which top priority should be given and greatest efforts should be directed.

'US arms buildup will be unwise option adding to uncertainty of its mainland security'

The author is a military commentator of the DPRK.

Recently, the fact that an interceptor drill simulating the so-called ICBM attack of an enemy state was conducted under the inspection of the US secretary of the Army at the Fort Greely military base in Alaska of the US was disclosed.

The drill, which was conducted under the signboard of "defense of the mainland", is, in essence, a military action of an offensive nature that made a nuclear war with the DPRK a fait accompli.

If the US does not seek a nuclear war with the DPRK, such a thing that the strategic nuclear force of the DPRK targets the US mainland will not happen and there is no need to talk about the so-called "interception".

The fact that the DPRK's ICBM was designated as an intercepting target proves that the US has made preemptive nuclear attack on the DPRK a fait accompli and is trying to master counteraction to retaliatory strike.

The US arms buildup for attack to secure military edge in the region has recently been conducted more intensively and openly on the Korean peninsula and in the region.

The US 7th Air Force announced a plan to move 31 F-16 fighters from the Kunsan Air Force Base in the ROK to the Osan Air Force Base to form the second "super-powerful wing" and is examining the plan for constantly deploying 20 F-35A stealth fighters in Kunsan. This proves that the appearance of the ultra-modern attack means of the US Air Force specializing in preemptive strike has entered the stage of countdown near the southern border of the DPRK.

Earlier, the US

additionally deployed F-35A stealth fighters at the Kadena Air Force Base in January and F-35B stealth fighters at the Iwakuni Air Force Base in March. Shortly ago, two B-1B strategic bombers were stationed for a long time at the Misawa Air Force Base under the pretext of rotational deployment.

As a result, the surrounding area of the Korean peninsula has turned into a huge sortie base where the strategic assets of the US Air Force, including B-1B strategic bombers, F-22 stealth fighters and three kinds of stealth fighters of F-35 series, are massively assembled.

The US air combat power buildup is a revelation of its extremely dangerous military intention both in name and reality to ensure the superiority of the command of the air in contingency and enhance the promptness and efficiency of the nuclear preemptive attack capability against the DPRK through the operational combination of strategic bombers and main fighters.

All the circumstances prove that the US arms buildup to raise the level of war preparations in all aspects of attack and defense has entered the stage of mastering practical action, far beyond the level of demonstration.

The building of the strongest offensive and defensive power capable of overwhelmingly suppressing any form of military threat posed by the US arms buildup directly aimed at the DPRK is the best option for deterring the danger of the outbreak of a nuclear war and ensuring the balance of strength on the Korean peninsula.

The US arms buildup which made military attack on the DPRK a fait accompli will be an unwise option adding to the uncertainty of its mainland security.

Land administration leads to economic construction



Kim Chang Nam, department director of the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection

Land administration is a patriotic undertaking for the everlasting prosperity of the country and an important one for protecting the lives and health of the people and beautifying the country.

The importance and urgency of land management is further highlighted under the circumstances that the extreme weather conditions have worsened worldwide and our country has been affected by them every year.

Only when priority is given to land management and the greatest deal of energies are directed to it, can substantial progress be made in economic construction and the improvement of the people's living standards and the appearance of our country

be further improved.

Land management leads to economic construction.

Land is the material basis of economic growth. The basic means of agricultural production is land and the raw and other materials needed for light industry also come from land and forests. If land and forests are washed away or damaged as land is not properly protected, forests are not properly planted and rivers are not properly improved, it is impossible to increase agricultural production and the production of consumer goods, and the overall economic construction will be affected by it.

Land administration will be a blessing if great importance is attached to it, but a misfortune if it is neglected.

In particular, it is important to properly conduct land management, such as the planting of forests and improvement of the rivers to suit the natural and geographical features of our country with many mountains and rivers.

It is also important to carry out forest restoration scientifically and in a far-sighted way.

Forests should be planted in full consideration of how to prevent landslides, and mixed forests should also be created in a rational and far-sighted way by taking into account the commensal relation of trees, climate and soil conditions of the related areas, purpose of creating forests and others in detail.

It is possible to ensure the sustainable development of the national economy when land and other natural environment are actively

protected and rationally exploited.

The frenzies of nature have a destructive force, but effective land management with a long-term plan will minimize the damage caused by them.

In recent years, many cities and counties across the country, including Unsan and Kilju counties, have pushed ahead with river improvement projects in succession under the phased plans to protect the farmland and bring a large area of land under the plough.

Land administration is a noble patriotic undertaking on which a great deal of efforts should be concentrated not only for the prosperity and development of our state, but also for the lives of the people and for the younger generations. It is also a job for one's own self, one's unit and one's region.

BYWORD

Architecture based on people-first principle

Architecture in the DPRK is based on the people-first principle.

Even one dot or line of architectural design reflects the aspirations and demands of the masses of the people. All structures thoroughly embody the people-first

principle that top and absolute priority should be given to serving the interests of the people and providing them with convenience and that the buildings should be given pass marks by the people. There are many buildings whose names have the word

"people", for example, the Grand People's Study House, the People's Palace of Culture, the People's Theatre and the Chongnyu People's Open-air Ice Rink.

Over the past decade, construction has been in a great golden age in

the DPRK and thereby its appearance has been enhanced dramatically.

All this is attributed to the people-first politics of the Workers' Party of Korea which makes selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people.

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History of war victory faithfully maintained and inherited

By Choe Song Jun PT

May 9 is recorded in the history of Russia as the day of victory in the Great Patriotic War. On the day every year the Russian people look back on the history of victory with great pride and self-esteem. At dawn of June 22 1941, Nazi Germany abrogated the USSR-Germany nonaggression pact and launched a sudden military invasion of the Soviet Union by mobilizing huge armed forces. At that time when

the country was at the crossroads of life and death, the heroic Soviet people courageously turned out in the struggle against the aggressors. The officers and men of the Soviet army and other people of the Soviet Union fought the death-defying battle of Stalingrad to defend the city for more than 120 days, marking a turning point for the country to launch a decisive counterattack on all fronts. They also fought bravely to defend their beloved native places and city in the battle to defend Leningrad for about 900 days.

As they cherished the firm belief in the justness of their cause and the spirit of boundless love for the Soviet country, the Soviet people could fight bloody battles for years to finally accept the surrender of Nazi Germany on May 9 1945 and win victory. As a result, they not only defended their country honourably, but also contributed greatly to the victory of the anti-fascist forces in the Second World War. After the war Russia directed efforts to increasing its defence capabilities to maintain and add glory to

the history of war victory in the face of the desperate attempts at reviving fascism. In recent years, in particular, they have carried out resolute retaliatory strikes against the dangerous anti-Russian policy of the West and the reckless military moves of Ukraine which serves the West as a minion and shock brigade. It is the stand of the Russian government that maintaining and adding brilliance to the history of war victory is not the work for merely making

a fair and correct estimate of the past history, but an essential undertaking for safeguarding the sovereignty of the country and building a powerful Russia. No force on earth can check the aspirations of the Russian people for finally eradicating neo-Nazism and defending freedom, justice, peace and security. The DPRK people extend warm congratulations and firm solidarity to the Russian people on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the victory in the Great Patriotic War.

Murderers will be unable to avoid punishment of history

By Ri Myong Jun PT

Voices denouncing Israel’s unethical crimes are continuously rising. On April 11 the chairman of the International Committee of the Red Cross said that the Gaza Strip turned into a veritable hell as humanitarian materials failed to be introduced into the region due to the continuous blockades by Israel, expressing concern that it would run out of medicines needed for operating hospitals weeks later. The public health authorities in the region also expressed their anger, saying that various diseases occur among people, more than 600 000 children are in weak states owing to the lack of vaccines and hospitals are on the verge of collapse. A spokesman for the Iranian Foreign Ministry in a statement on April 25 denounced Israel’s blockade of Gaza, interception of humanitarian material transport and increasing attacks on refugee camps and tents as clear war crimes and unethical crimes. He then called on the international community to take a resolute measure to indict and punish the chiefs of the Israeli regime for massacres and war crimes. A n t i - I s r a e l i demonstrations are growing stronger in different countries.

The masses from all strata taking part in the demonstrations condemn the Israeli army for blockading Gaza and resuming military attack, chanting slogans expressing solidarity with the Palestinian people. International law and war-related laws and regulations stipulate that civilians should not be targeted. They also prohibit military operations against hospitals and other medical facilities. But Israel does not pay heed to world opinion but is further expanding and intensifying the killing of Palestinians. It kills civilians indiscriminately and competitively and makes hospitals targets of military attack. It even murders and detains medical workers for torture. According to the local public health authorities on April 15, the number of Palestinians killed and wounded by Israel since October 2023 has increased to 51 000 and over 116 300 respectively. Despite all these facts, the Israeli authorities are desperately trying to underreport their war crimes and justify them, saying that they will not yield to any pressure or threat. This proves that the Israeli authorities intend to exterminate the Palestinian nation. Murderers should be punished by law in the international arena.

Grave crisis facing mankind due to global warming

By Song Jong Ho PT

“The earth sends out an SOS.” It is not a line from a film. It is a dire warning reiterated at the UN and other international arenas and by many experts. The World Meteorological Organization recently released the shocking news that the global mean temperature rose by 1.55 degrees Celsius in 2024 over the pre-industrial revolution period, breaking the 1.5 degrees Celsius ceiling set forth by the Paris agreement on climate change ten years ago.

Vanishing island country and glaciers

Aerospace experts of a country published a surprising research result that Tuvalu, a Pacific island country, is in danger of being submerged within several decades due to the sea level rise caused by climate change. Only two metres above sea level on average, it would be the first country in the world where man cannot live, it said. It is not the only island country that is vanishing from the world map. Glaciers, a major source of water for domestic and agricultural use billions of people regard as the life-giving water, are rapidly melting in different parts of the world. Glaciers account for 68.7% of the total amount of fresh water on the earth, but they are rapidly disappearing under the influence of global warming. Last year alone, 450

billion tons of glaciers reportedly melted worldwide and about 9 trillion tons of glaciers have disappeared in 50 years since 1975. According to data available, nearly 40% of glaciers over the Alps in Europe have melted in the 21st century.

Dying ‘lung of the earth’

The “lung of the earth” which cleanses the air to provide a fresh and clean environment has been seriously damaged by the effects of global warming. According to information available, over 400 million hectares of forests have been lost on the earth in recent three decades. In the famous Amazon tropical forest of South America, 35 percent of the vegetation area disappeared, with the result that more than 8 000 species of plants and 2 300 species of animals living there are now in danger of extinction. Over 22 million hectares of woodland there were devastated in nine months in 2024. A scientific research report co-authored by 200 scientists of the world said that the Amazon tropical forest is emitting more carbon dioxide than it absorbs.

World’s agricultural production in crisis

Climate change has made a tremendous impact on agricultural production in the world. The recent report “Impact of disasters on agriculture and food security” published by the

UN Food and Agriculture Organization said that the incidence of disasters in the world was less than 100 a year in the 1970s, but in the recent 20 years it increased to nearly 400 a year, causing damage to hundreds of millions of tons of agricultural products every year. It also had terrible consequences on fruit farming. In some countries the output of seasonal fruits and vegetables for day-to-day cooking gradually decreased due to abnormal weather conditions last year and thereby they have become “rare fruits” and “rare vegetables”. Caused by the rapid increase in carbon dioxide emission, all these disasters constitute a serious challenge facing mankind. To prevent global warming and protect ecological environment is an undertaking for maintaining the existence of mankind. Therefore, the international community set March 21, 22 and 23 as World Glacier Day, World Water Day and World Meteorological Day respectively and calls on all countries to make concerted efforts to control the emission of carbon dioxide, a major contributor to disastrous climate change. Many countries, particularly the United States and other Western countries, still turn their faces away from this appeal, giving priority to their immediate economic profits, but no specific country will be an exception in the face of global calamities.

Briefly

Russia

President stresses need to treasure and preserve historical memory Russian President Vladimir Putin emphasized the need to treasure and preserve historical memory in a recent congratulatory message sent to the organizers of and participants in the international music festival “Road toward Yalta”. Referring to the fact that the festival taking place just before V-Day has contributed to preserving historical memory of the Great Patriotic War, he said that wartime songs and truthful songs dedicated to militant friendship, loyalty and intense love for the country and native places have again resounded in different languages. He stressed that these songs created decades ago still encourage and unite the Russian people and that they constitute the historical and spiritual assets everyone should cherish and hand down to their children.

Iran

Defence minister warns against US’ threat The Iranian minister of defence and armed forces logistics warned against the US’ threat to his country at a press conference on May 4. Recently the US Defense Secretary said that Iran will have to pay for anything. In connection with this, he said that it is a contradictory behaviour for the US to threaten the other side in every way while talking about negotiations. He emphasized that if the US and Israel start a war against the Islamic Republic, the Iranian armed forces will carry out retaliatory strikes on the military bases and targets of the enemies without hesitation.

UN

Agency expresses concern over humanitarian situation in Gaza The UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East on May 4 expressed concern over the worsening humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip. As Israel bans the shipment of humanitarian materials by blockading the Gaza Strip for 60-odd days, more than 70 000 children are suffering from extreme malnutrition, over 3 500 children under five are in danger of starvation and the situation is unimaginably desperate, the organization said. The organization called on the international community to take measures for achieving ceasefire in Gaza as soon as possible and making humanitarian materials reach there.

China

Satellite sent into orbit China launched a carrier rocket loading a “satellite internet low earth orbit 03” satellite at the Wenchang spaceport on April 29. The satellite was reportedly sent up into the designated orbit.

DPRK's top weightlifting coaches for 2024



Ri Song Hui



So Un Hak



Kye Song Il

By **Kim Hak Chol** PT

Kim Il Gyong, Kang Hyon Gyong and Ri Song Gum put on the list of the top ten players of the DPRK for 2024 are world-class female weightlifters.

Behind their honour are proficient coaches.

Weightlifting ace, competent coach

This is the first time for Ri Song Hui, weightlifting coach at the Amnokgang Sports Club, to be selected as one of the top ten coaches of the DPRK.

She can claim to be a successful sportsperson both as a player and a coach.

She was once a world-renowned weightlifting ace.

During her playing career, she won three Asian championships and two world championships, renewed world records five times and achieved good results in the Olympic Games.

As a result, she was awarded the titles of Labour Hero and People's Athlete.

She has been working as a weightlifting coach of the Amnokgang Sports Club since 2012 and led her players to success by dint of scientific organization of training, remarkable ability to control their psychology

and feminine delicacy and humanity.

Under her guidance, Kang Hyon Gyong won several international games to be a weightlifting champion. In particular, she emerged victorious at three international events in succession last year to bag nine gold medals and to be chosen as one of the top ten players of the country for 2024.

Ri Song Hui qualified as an international referee was active at the 2024 Asian Weightlifting Championships and the 2024 IWF world championships.

Able weightlifting coach

So Un Hak is a weightlifting coach of the April 25 Combat Sports Team.

With his good skills for a coach, he has trained many players of the national team for more than 20 years and contributed to making them exalt the honour of the country.

The jewel in his crown is Kim Il Gyong.

Thanks to So's efforts, Kim made an international debut just four years after she started playing and achieved good results.

She took part in the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships

in 2018 and 2019 and won gold medals in all sub-events.

Looking back upon that time, Coach So boasted that the three world junior records Kim set in 2019 have not yet been broken.

The coach made steady efforts without resting on his laurels.

Under his instruction, Kim won victories at the 19th Asian Games, 2023 IWF Grand Prix, 2024 Asian Weightlifting Championships and 2024 IWF World Cup. Especially, she established a new world record at the 2024 IWF world championships and received the best player award.

He was awarded the title of Merited Athlete just five years after he became a coach and was selected as one of the top ten coaches of the DPRK for 2009, 2011, 2022 and 2024.

A coach attaching importance to developing special skills

Kye Song Il, weightlifting coach of the April 25 Combat Sports Team, was awarded the title of Merited Athlete in 2013 and has been chosen as one of the top ten coaches of the DPRK four times in a row since 2021.

As a coach, he prioritizes

the development of special skills of players while giving them training.

It is unthinkable apart from his guidance over training that Ri Song Gum has been able to consolidate her position as a world weightlifting ace in the international arena.

When she was picked as a weightlifter, Ri was naturally good in physical preparedness, but had many problems to solve in different aspects including basic techniques.

Based on a scientific training plan for the development of her special skills, Kye set a daily training task and made increasingly exact demands.

With jerk as her forte, Ri Song Gum won successively at international and national events and set new records, thus becoming a world weightlifting ace.

She collected three gold medals in the women's 44kg category of the 2014 Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships, with a new world record in jerk.

She also renewed world records in jerk and total in the 49kg category of the women's weightlifting event of the 19th Asian Games in 2023, the 2024 Asian Weightlifting Championships and the 2024 IWF World Cup.

DPRK weightlifter wins 2025 IWF World Youth and Junior Championships

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DPRK weightlifter Kim Yong Ju came first at the 2025 IWF World Youth and Junior Championships held in Peru.

Kim Yong Ju won three gold medals in the junior

women's 81kg category on May 4 by lifting 110kg in snatch, 142kg in clean and jerk and 252kg in total.

Meanwhile, Kim Ju Phyong finished runner-up in the junior men's 61kg category by lifting 124kg in snatch.

Spring amateur golf contest held

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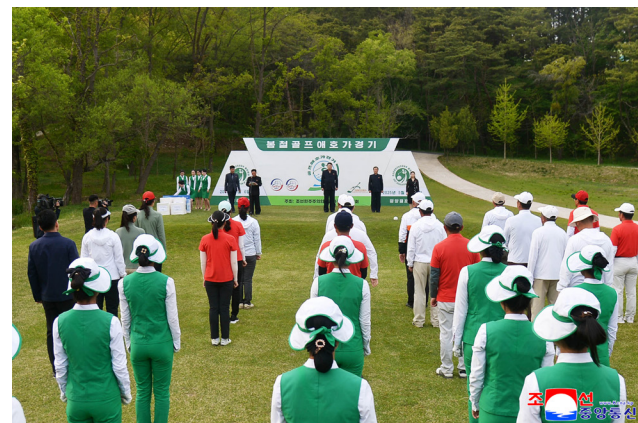
The spring amateur golf tournament took place at the Pyongyang Golf Course from May 6 to 8.

Over 30 amateurs took part in the contest which was held in the mode of team event (men's and women's singles and men's and mixed doubles).

The contestants unfolded impressive scenes as they showed off refined striking skills and diverse tactics.

A prize-awarding ceremony took place on the spot on May 8.

It was attended by relevant officials, players and employees. Medals and diplomas were awarded to excellent players.



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Natural cave discovered in Kowon County

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Shortly ago, an unusual natural cave was discovered in Iryong-ri of Kowon County, South Hamgyong Province.

The cave, located on the hillside about 7.4km away from the seat of Iryong-ri, is a karst cave formed

under the influence of underground water in the limestone area. The main cave is over 240m long and it consists of four short side caves and three vertical caves.

It unfolds a spectacular view as there are masses of yellow, white and black stalagmites and stalactites of various shapes and sizes in

five sections.

Officials, teachers and researchers of the Bureau for the Protection of National Cultural Heritage, Kim Il Sung University, Kim Chack University of Technology and the State Academy of Sciences made a joint survey and unearthing of the cave. As a result, it was appreciated

to have greater ornamental and academic value than the Rakchon Cave in Kowon County and the Chonryong Cave in Yodok County of South Hamgyong Province registered as natural monuments.

The cave named Iryong Cave was registered as State Designated Natural Monument No. 256.

