

On the military position of the DPRK

Statement from Pyongyang

Dear friends,

Warm greetings from Pyongyang!

As you know well, today, the DPRK is known to the international community as a military strong country which no imperialist power dares to invade.

At the beginning of the previous century, Korea could not help but be deprived of its sovereign rights and compelled to suffer the fate of colonial slavery by the foreign aggressors as it had no military capacities to speak of.

But now it has become an object of admiration among the people of the world. It can be said that this is a natural result brought about by Songun Politics.

Living in a peaceful world free from war is a unanimous desire of mankind.

But the reality of today shows well that the peace does not come of its own accord.

It means that it is the world of today that if a country is weak in strength, it is harassed by another country's invasion and is compelled to suffer the ravages of war.

As they devoid of strength powerful enough to defend themselves, Afghanistan collapsed like an earthen wall drenched with water and Iraq passed into American occupation without bloodshed after several gunshots.

Historical experience shows that for each country to have the powerful strength of its own is the best way for coping with the imperialists' threat and aggression. The Korean people have more keenly experienced than anybody else the truth that if peace is to be defended military strength should be powerful.

The Korea, from its importance of geopolitical location in the northeast Asia, has historically been the arena of competition of the big countries.

Especially, the Korea was under the colonial domination by the Japanese imperialist for about 40 years from the beginning of the last century because it has no enough military power to protect itself.

It was nothing but the Korean had not strong power to protect itself.

President **Kim Il Sung**, the founding father of socialist Korea, founded the truth that the only way to liberate the country from the military occupation of the Japanese imperialist is to repel the Japanese with the arms.

Based on this, he, in the early days of his revolutionary struggle, created the Songun idea, founded the Korean People's Revolutionary Army on April 25, 1932, and led the 15-year-long arduous anti-Japanese armed struggle to victory, thus rescuing the Korean people from the bitter fate of a ruined nation.

After the liberation of the country, President **Kim Il Sung** held fast to the line of giving priority to arms, to military affairs. This enabled the Korean people to inflict a serious defeat on the US aggressors in the Korean war for the first time in the history of the United States which had been boasting of being the "mightiest" in the world, and to safeguard the dignity and sovereignty of their country.

The Songun idea created by the president is brightly being inheriting by the Leader **Kim Jong Il**.

Leader **Kim Jong Il** has began his Songun-based leadership by inspecting Seoul Ryu Kyong Su 105 Guards Tank Division of the KPA (Korean People's Army) in August 25, 1960.

By keenly realized the truth that the destiny and dignity of a nation, as well as peace, are guaranteed by force arms, leader **Kim Jong Il** strengthened and developed the KPA into a

perfect army prepared not only in the political and ideological aspects but also in the military and technical aspects.

The 1990s has a great significance in the history of his Songun-based leadership.

At the time, when imperialist forces, availing themselves of the collapse of socialism in several countries, were directing the spearhead of anti-socialist attack against Korea, he formulated the principles of Songun that the army is just the Party, the state and the people, and advanced Songun politics as the basic mode of socialist politics.

In Korea, the army is in charge of both national defence and important and yet difficult fields of the socialist economic construction, and today, it is striving to effect a new revolutionary upsurge to widely open the gate of a great, prosperous and powerful nation in 2012, the centenary birth anniversary of **Kim Il Sung**.

The Songun politics is a shield which renders it possible to reliably safeguard the peace of the country by frustrating the ambition of foreign forces for aggression and war beforehand.

In fact it can be said that there is no region where the situation is as strained and acute as on the Korean peninsula. Even though the acutest confrontation has continued for several decades, peace has been maintained on the Korean peninsula. This can be hardly be thinkable apart from the DPRK's Songun politics.

We express our firm believes that the world progressive people, by knowing well about the DPRK's Songun politics, will send their strong support and solidarity to the Korean people in their just struggle for the peace and stability of the Korean peninsula.

With best regards,

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