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Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un inspects 2nd Corps Headquarters of KPA

He acquaints himself with combat readiness of its brigades which switched over to a combat readiness footing after being briefed on enemy situation



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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, inspected the headquarters of the 2nd Corps of the Korean People's Army on October 17.

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

WPK, and No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK.

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He was greeted on the spot by Ri Yong Gil, chief of the KPA General Staff, and the commander and other commanding officers of the large combined unit.

The moment he arrived at the headquarters, all the officers and men raised stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" looking up to the great iron-willed commander who has ushered in a great period of upswing in developing the revolutionary armed forces with his outstanding military strategy and ideas and unexcelled art of command and is strengthening ours into an ever-victorious and invincible revolutionary army.

Kim Jong Un sent warm greetings of encouragement to the officers and men of the large combined unit, who are reliably defending the territory of our state, always maintaining full combat readiness on high alert at the forefront near the border.

There was a ceremony of receiving the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of the DPRK.

Together with the officials accompanying him, Kim Jong Un looked round the room dedicated to the unit's history shining with the great feats performed in defending the country and the people.

He recalled with deep emotion the undying commanding feats of our Party recorded on the sacred, praiseworthy and glorious course of development of the unit.

Noting that the unit, organized during the hard-fought Fatherland Liberation War, produced more than 100 heroes of the DPRK, including a twice hero of the

DPRK, by displaying matchless bravery during the battles behind the enemy lines and the active positional defence, and has maintained its reputation as the birthplace of the slogan "A match for a hundred" from one decade to the next and from one century to the next, he said its history is the praiseworthy epitome of the brilliant military achievements and innumerable feats of the People's Army which is reliably supporting on the strength of arms the great cause of building a rich country with a strong army.

Saying that a sure guarantee for victory in combat and war lies in overpowering the enemy ideologically and spiritually, he stressed that when the unshakable Juche-oriented viewpoint and stand on the enemy and war is established and maintained, our army will always demonstrate its might as the most invincible one in the world.

Guided by the commander of the corps, he went to its command post.

After being briefed on the enemy situation by the commander, he acquainted himself with the combat readiness of the brigades under the corps, which have switched over to a combat readiness footing.

Meeting the major commanding officers of the corps, he went over important documents that reflect the unit's military action plans for coping with different types of developments, and said:

The serious security circumstances around us urgently demand that our army continue to concentrate all its efforts on bolstering up the war-fighting capability and take more perfect military measures

for reliably defending the security of the country through constant overwhelming combat readiness.

The impact of the changed nature of the ROK-US alliance and of the enemy's more developed different military manoeuvring of aggressive nature on our state's security highlights more clearly the importance of strengthening its nuclear deterrent and proves the validity of its efforts.

After going over the documents, he said that the corps worked out proper military action plans to cope with different possible circumstances. And he approved the determination of the corps. Then he said:

Our army should keep in mind once again the stark fact that the ROK is a foreign and indisputable enemy state. We completely blocked the roads and railways linked to the territory of the ROK two days ago through blasting. It means not only the physical closure but also the end of the undesirable relationship with Seoul, which persistently lasted century after century, and the complete removal of the useless awareness about fellow countrymen and unrealistic idea of reunification. It also means the last declaration that when our sovereignty is violated by the ROK, a complete enemy state, our physical forces will be used unhesitatingly without being tied to the conditions any longer. As we have already declared, if our offensive forces are used under the precondition of "if," it will be a lawful retaliatory action against the enemy state, not the fellow countrymen.

Only the peace defended with the

strength powerful enough to control and deter the enemy is a reliable, safe, lasting one, and herein lies a sure guarantee for the well-being and future of our state and people.

Then he reaffirmed that our army must grow more powerful and will become powerful without fail for such genuine peace.

That day, he had a photo session with the officers and men of the headquarters of the unit.

When he came to the venue of the photo session, the officers and men broke into enthusiastic cheers with great gratitude to the invincible and iron-willed commander who taught them ever-victorious tactics and instilled matchless bravery and confidence in them and is leading our army along the road of victory.

Kim Jong Un expressed the expectation and belief that all the officers and men of the large combined unit will reliably defend the southern border of the country by always remaining true to their mission and duty as honourable defenders and soldiers on the outposts for defending the sovereignty of the country and the safety of the people.

The shout of "Death-defying defence" let out by the soldiers looking up to him resounded far and wide in the sky of October.

All the officers and men pledged to fight death-defyingly for the great Comrade Kim Jong Un, our great country, our great Party and our great people. They were full of militant zeal for always decorating the glorious colours shining with the praiseworthy history of their unit with victorious feats.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un convenes consultative meeting on national defence and security

He expresses a tough political and military stand of the WPK and the DPRK government



KCNA

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, convened a

consultative meeting on national defence and security on October 14.

The meeting was attended by No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Jo Chun Ryong, secretary of the WPK Central

Committee, Ri Yong Gil, chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army, Ri Chang Ho, deputy chief of the General Staff and director of the General Reconnaissance Bureau of the KPA, Ri Chang Dae, minister of State Security, and commanding officers of the Artillery Bureau, Detection and Electronic Warfare Bureau and other major bureaus of the KPA General Staff.

The meeting heard a report of the director of the General Reconnaissance Bureau on the general analysis of the serious incident of the enemy's provocation of violating the sovereignty of the DPRK, a report of the chief of the KPA General Staff on the military counteraction plan, a report of the minister of National Defence on the measures for modernizing military technical equipment, a report of the WPK secretary in charge of munitions

industry on the production of weapons and equipment, and a report of the minister of State Security on the situation of intelligence operation.

Kim Jong Un made assessments and conclusions on the information and suggested measures specified in the reports of different defence and security organs.

After hearing a report on the relevant work done by the General Staff and the major combined units' combat readiness, he set forth the direction of immediate military activities and indicated important tasks to be tackled in the operation of the war deterrent and the exercise of the right to self-defence for safeguarding the national sovereignty, security and interests.

He expressed a tough political and military stand of the WPK and the DPRK government at the consultative meeting.

Press statements of Kim Yo Jong, deputy department director of WPK Central Committee

'ROK military will find it hard to evade its responsibility as the main culprit or accomplice in the grave infringement on DPRK sovereignty'

KCNA

Kim Yo Jong, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, released the following press statement titled "ROK military will find it hard to evade its responsibility as the main culprit or accomplice in the grave infringement on DPRK sovereignty" on October 12:

The most childish Republic of Korea which is utterly ignorant is resorting to a stereotyped method to suit the nature with which it was born in order to evade the responsibility for the recent drone intrusion case.

As soon as the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK issued a crucial statement, military gangsters of the ROK were busy trying to evade the responsibility while making a shameless and childish excuse, saying that they did not do it and have not yet grasped the

situation and the military did not send drones to the north and should confirm whether non-governmental organizations sent drones.

It is a miscalculation if the military thinks that it can easily pass the crucial infringement upon the sovereignty of our state, even though the military impudently asserts that they did not do it, and can avoid the apprehensive eyes of the international community.

It would be evidently problematic if the military could not identify the drones flown by a non-governmental organization, although they crossed the border without a permit.

The ROK military has always hyped its "watertight detection and tracking ability."

Has the military, which was sensitive enough to mistake a flock of flying birds for "drones from the north", become blind suddenly?

As it has asserted that even the fact that the drones from its region

crossed the border several times should be confirmed, I wonder what the ROK people would call the military.

Even the leaflet-scattering over the capital city of the other country will be regarded as a grave politically-motivated provocation and an infringement upon sovereignty, but the fact that the means which carried the leaflets is the very drones is the core of the seriousness of the recent incident.

If the military has connived at the fact that its people committed an act of openly infringing upon other's sovereignty by use of drones, recognized by the world as an undeniable military multi-purpose means, and at the fact that such infringement means that can be considered to be provocative crossed the border of the other belligerent country and can cause an incident fostering the danger of arms conflict, it is a deliberate connivance

and collusion and only provides clear proof that the linchpin in the drone infiltration case is none other than the military gangsters.

Even though they boasted that they are the "strong ROK army", talking about "together with the people" on the "ROK army day" some days ago, they are using the people as a shield without hesitation at a blind alley. Their sordid wordplay only reveals the meanness and baseness of the military of the ROK.

Their assertion is as good as the claim that even if our non-governmental organizations, not the army, scatter political agitation leaflets in the sky over the presidential office in Seoul with drones, it would be no problem.

I'd liked to watch how the government of the ROK and, in particular, the military gangsters will respond if such an event really happens.

In conclusion, the ROK military

directly committed the drone infiltration case or the provocation of infringing upon the sovereignty of the DPRK was committed under its positive fostering and connivance.

In actuality, the minister of National Defense of the ROK, when his petty excuse aimed at shifting the blame to the non-governmental organization did not work, expressed his ambiguous attitude, saying that "it is impossible to confirm it strategically and from the point of view of national security and operations security."

Such attitude of neither denying nor admitting the case is a revelation of its mental state that it will not admit the case as it is unable to deny it and proves that the military admitted by itself that it is the chief criminal or accomplice of the current incident.

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declaration that even though a provocation of infringing upon the sovereignty of the DPRK that "cannot be confirmed" is repeated or it leads to the outbreak of war, they have no responsibility for it.

As we have already foreseen and the world has witnessed at all times, this time, too, the ROK is trying hard to distort the truth and deceive the world people with the groundless assertion it invented with its habitual excuse and deformed thinking.

Revealed before the world once again are the snobbish nature and astonishing real picture of the dangerous clan intent on gambling with the lives of the people.

We state explicitly that it is the ROK scum that conducted a rubbish

balloon campaign with provocative nature for the first time and it is also the ROK gangsters that have steadily aggravated the situation, far from abandoning their dirty bad habit despite our warning.

The ROK is claiming that we had flown "dirty balloons" 28 times so far just like a guilty party filing the suit first, but it is well advised to make public first how many times the organizations of defectors from the DPRK did such acts.

All our acts are inevitable measures taken strictly on the principle of counteraction.

No matter how desperately the ROK may try to mislead the public as if our counteraction has been taken without reason, it will not come up to its intention.

We are not interested in the least

in who is behind the recent drone incident and who committed the provocation.

We only look squarely at the fact that they are just the shameless ROK clans, irrespective of whether they are the military gangsters or an organization of human scum who defected from the DPRK.

As we repeat our clear stand, in case drones carrying anti-DPRK political agitation rubbish infiltrate again into the airspace of the DPRK across the border from the ROK, we will take a strong retaliatory action in disregard of their ingredients.

This is the exercise of the sovereign state's right to self-defence that is beyond any consideration.

Those, who fail to take any proper stand to check escalation of tension and armed conflict but

make a bluff and lame excuse with reckless courage, even though they made Seoul Municipality and the whole of the ROK a target and put their people on the kitchen board, will certainly hear only the people's voices of criticism.

They are well advised to worry about the immediate price for repeated provocation and cope with that.

Even though the ROK military is racking its brain to evade the responsibility for their infringement upon the sovereignty of the DPRK with incoherent impudence and senseless sophism, they will certainly pay a dear price in any way for violently infringing upon the inviolable sovereignty of our state and doing a serious harm to its security.

I hope that the people will judge whether the strong and brave recklessness and bold attitude of the ROK military, which jumps from the frying pan into the fire, could defend the genuine safety of the ROK.

As I reaffirm once again, as clarified by the DPRK Foreign Ministry, our attack time for destroying Seoul and the military force of the ROK has not been defined in our military action plan at present.

That time is not set by us.

However, the moment that a drone of the ROK is discovered in the sky over our capital city once again, a horrible disaster will certainly befall the ROK.

I, for one, wish that such thing will not happen.

'Reckless challenge hysteria will hasten the miserable end of the ROK'

KCNA

Kim Yo Jong, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, released the following press statement "Reckless challenge hysteria will hasten the miserable end of the ROK" on October 13:

The Ministry of Defense of the puppet Republic of Korea, which went busy shirking responsibility after perpetrating an extremely dangerous politically-motivated

military provocation by using even drones, world-recognized major military attack means, has finally and fully betrayed its true colours as chief provocateur and culprit.

Much upset by the frosty public gaze and media hype, the puppet Ministry of Defense slipped off its veil of ambiguity just within 24 hours and made public what it called a statement of its stand on October 13, in which it let out a string of impudent rubbish turning black into white that branded our

just will to exercise the right to self-defence as "a typical trick to breed discord in the south and turn the tide of situation" and held the DPRK "wholly accountable for the current situation." Worse still, it officially announced its reckless suicidal choice, disgustingly and impudently touting once again the "end of regime" in the DPRK.

This is just an unpardonable, malicious challenge to our state and people that offered with maximum patience an opportunity once again

to it as an ultimatum, and a hideous crime of seeking to light the fuse for the outbreak of a war at any cost.

The world should correctly know those silly, stupid and dangerous clans.

They are weird mutations going beyond human knowledge and imagination in recklessness.

They defend their country and people with bluffing and tongue-lashing.

They will be in a fit of hysteria until their miserable deaths.

Such scum should be thrown into a dumping ground.

It seems that the gangsters of Seoul persist in bluffing, still failing to properly judge the circumstances and misjudging the current situation as a trade of insults.

The military gangsters of the ROK should refrain from acting rashly.

They should immediately opt for guaranteeing the prevention of recurrence of such provocation as violating the airspace of another country.

Press statement of spokesman for DPRK Ministry of National Defence

'Gambling with the lives of people will result in miserable ruin'

KCNA

A spokesman for the Ministry of National Defence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea released the following press statement "Gambling with the lives of people will result in miserable ruin" on October 13:

The Republic of Korea persists in letting out lame excuses and impudent rubbish despite the fact that it perpetrated a grave provocation of violating the sovereignty of the DPRK.

The national security office chief of the puppet presidential office spouted such rubbish that "ignoring" the warning is "the most correct answer," far from seriously

reflecting on the case and making efforts to prevent recurrence.

The territory of the ROK will be mercilessly plunged into a terrible disaster in case of recurrence. However, he asserts ignoring is the correct answer. It seems that he has secured an assurance of recurrence prevention although he says he doesn't know who is behind the case.

The world must have clearly heard such absurd remarks unhesitatingly let out by a guy responsible for the security of the ROK.

Any tiny spark may trigger an armed clash on the Korean peninsula physically in a state of hostilities.

So it is needless to say that the infiltration of drones playing a primary striking role on current

battlefields into the airspace above the capital city of a belligerent country undeniably constitutes an act of war provocation.

Now a hair-trigger situation, in which a war may break out any moment, is prevailing on the Korean peninsula due to the reckless bravery of the ROK's military.

Now that powerful attack means might be used according to our judgment and decision and the whole ROK might turn into piles of ashes, the man with the title of security office chief only busies himself with face saving, bluffing with nasty language and gambling with the lives of his people. We are curious about the follow-up rating of his behaviour.

Then, let us consider once again the stand of the ROK's minister of defense taking an ambiguous stand without denying or admitting the current situation.

The drone that had infiltrated into the sky above the capital city of the DPRK is not the one that can be flown by a non-governmental organization from anywhere.

It is the one that can be flown with a special launcher or runway, so such excuse that it was flown by non-governmental organizations cannot work.

Then, let's assume that the drone provocation was committed by a non-governmental organization used as an excuse, as claimed by the Ministry of Defense of the ROK.

Can it be understood that its military and police, which they claim are put on "high alert", failed to notice non-governmental organizations flying drones across the border by using a launcher or a runway?

We have already judged that the military of the ROK is behind a series of drone infiltrations. And we warn repeatedly that we will take action according to our judgment, regarding any drones coming again as the ones from the ROK and deeming it a declaration of war.

They had better interpret the meaning of the words "complete ruin" and judge what choice we could make according to our declaration about the complete ruin.

KPA General Staff issued a directive to relevant units to get fully ready to open fire, says spokesman for Ministry of National Defence

KCNA

Grave touch-and-go military tensions are prevailing on the Korean peninsula due to the ROK's wanton violation of the sovereignty of the DPRK through infiltrations of drones into its capital city of Pyongyang.

On October 12, the General Staff of the Korean People's

Army, estimating that there is a high possibility of the ROK's additional drone infiltration into our airspace above the border and the capital city, conducted relevant undertakings to get units at all levels fully ready for coping with any developments of situation, presupposing the circumstances in which strikes should be made on specific enemy targets immediately

after the confirmation of the recurrence of provocation and in which it is impossible to rule out the possibility of an ensuing extended armed conflict.

A spokesman for the Ministry of National Defence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made public a statement in this regard on the afternoon of October 13.

The spokesman also made public

that the General Staff of the KPA issued a preliminary operation directive on October 12 to the combined artillery units along the border and the units taking on an important firepower task to get fully ready to open fire.

According to the spokesman's statement, the General Staff's preliminary operation directive specified an instruction to place

eight artillery brigades fully armed at full wartime strength on standby to open fire and complete various operational supply undertakings until 20:00 of October 13.

The General Staff instructed units and sub-units at all levels to intensify monitoring on full alert.

Anti-aircraft observation posts have been reinforced in the capital city of Pyongyang.

Roads and railways to ROK completely blocked

KCNA reported on October 16 that the roads and railways connected to the ROK in the eastern and western parts of the southern border of the DPRK have been completely blocked.

The report says: Under order No. 00122 of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, the General Staff of the Korean People's Army on October 15 took a measure to physically cut off the DPRK's roads and railways which lead to the ROK through the eastern and western sections of the southern border of the DPRK as part of the phased complete separation of its territory, where its sovereignty is

exercised, from the ROK's territory. A spokesman for the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK said that in the daytime of October 15, the 60-metre-long sections of the roads and railways in Kamhori, Kosong County, Kangwon

Province, and the 60-metre-long sections of the roads and railways in Tongnac-ri, Panmun District, Kaesong City have been completely blocked through blasting. This is an inevitable and legitimate measure taken in keeping with the requirement

of the DPRK Constitution which clearly defines the ROK as a hostile state and in consideration of the serious security circumstances running to the unpredictable brink of war owing to the grave political and military provocations of the hostile

forces. A spokesman for the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection of the DPRK confirmed that the blasting had no negative effect on the surrounding ecological environment and that the routes linking the

DPRK to the ROK have been completely separated. A spokesman for the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK said that the DPRK will continue to take measures to permanently fortify the closed southern border.



Truth about ROK's serious provocation of violating DPRK's sovereignty uncovered: spokesman for DPRK Ministry of National Defence

KCNA A spokesman for the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK said on October 18 that the ROK military gangsters' involvement in the serious provocation

of violating the DPRK's sovereignty was clearly proved through the discovery of decisive material evidence and an objective and scientific investigation into it. According to him, the Pyongyang Municipal

Security Bureau of the Ministry of Public Security of the DPRK on October 13 discovered the remains of a crashed drone in the area of neighborhood unit No. 76, Sopho-dong No. 1, Hyongjesan District,

while intensively searching the districts of Pyongyang Municipality. A joint investigation group of the Ministry of National Defence, the Ministry of State Security and other relevant specialized institutions was organized to technically examine the remains of the drone.

As a result, it was scientifically proved that the drone came from the ROK. Through the technical examination and analysis, the experts judged that the drone was a "light drone for long-range reconnaissance" equipped with by the "Drone Operation Command" of the ROK military and that it is the same type as the vehicle-carried one opened to public at an event marking the "ROK army day."

From the remaining battery power and fuel of the drone, they inferred that the drone might have been used at least five to seven days ago. In light of the drone's shape, the presumptive period of flight, the leaflet-

scattering box fixed to the underpart of the drone's fuselage and others, it is quite likely that the drone is the one which scattered leaflets over the centre of Pyongyang Municipality. But the conclusion has not yet been drawn.

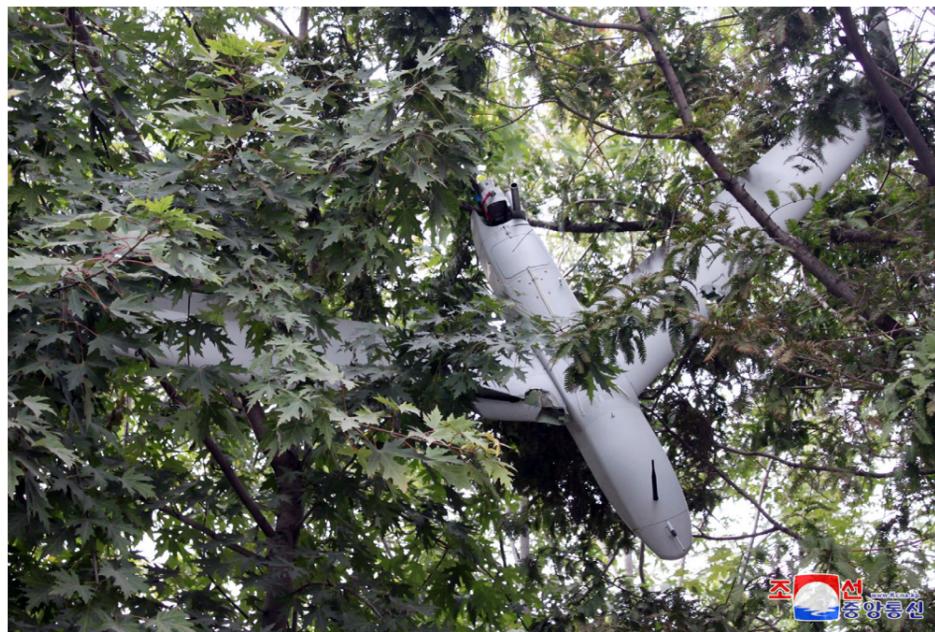
If the drone's involvement in the recent leaflet-scattering incident is denied, it will be evidence of another wanton violation of the airspace of our country by a military means of the ROK and it will be taken more seriously as an example of a series of provocations by the military gangsters of the hostile country.

Despite the shameless excuses made by the ROK military, the objective evidence and scientific analysis go to clearly prove the ROK committed a hostile act of provocation of violating the DPRK's sovereignty.

Explicitly speaking again, the DPRK is not interested in the chief culprit and perpetrators of the drone provocation but focuses on the fact that the

criminals, whether they are military gangsters or scum of out-of-border fugitives' organization, all belong to the clan of the hostile country. The Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK and the General Staff of the Korean People's Army gave all units in the capital city and near the border instructions to reinforce anti-aircraft observation posts. The General Staff decided to keep the combined artillery units and the units with important fire duties near the border in full combat readiness, and this decision has been approved.

The spokesman for the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK warned that if the violation of the DPRK's territory, airspace and territorial waters by the ROK's military means is detected and confirmed again, it will be regarded as a grave military provocation against the sovereignty of the DPRK and a declaration of war and an immediate retaliatory attack will be launched.



The crashed enemy drone when it was discovered.



Photos of the "light drones for long-range reconnaissance" opened to public by the enemy.



Photos of the crashed enemy drone.



Photos showing the "light drone for long-range reconnaissance" equipped with by the "Drone Operation Command" of the ROK military gangsters.

All DPRK citizens vent rage at ROK's provocation upon receipt of FM's crucial statement

By Choe Yong Nam PT

"It made my blood boil when I received the news about the crimes puppet ROK scum committed at dead of night in October. Even the dirty dead bodies of the puppets should not be left, but be squashed in the crusher of our workshop." Chae Song Il, worker of ore-dressing workshop No.

2 of the Musan Mining Complex

"The noxious insects irritating humans should completely be exterminated for the healthy development of humankind." Ri Jong Hui, researcher at Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences

"If those brutes don't want to live any longer, our coal miners will finish them

off by beating them to pulp and throw their bodies into disused mines." Ri Jong Ho, manager of a pit at the Kogonwon Coal Mine under the Kyongwon Area Coal-mining Complex

"It is sickening and disgusting even to talk about the loathsome pack of dogs. I want to turn their stronghold into a sea of flames." Ju Jae Song, department director

of the Ministry of Machine-building Industry

"I eagerly wait for the day of condemning the ROK puppets to the most gruesome and horrible death." Ri Song Mi, staffer at the Pyongyang Jonghyang Building-materials Factory

"The unparalleled human rejects playing with fire should be given, not ultimatum, but the most

terrible shower of shells at once." Workers of the Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex

"The harshest punishment should be meted out to the enemies actually, not by word of mouth." Kye Yong Gil, workteam leader of the Samyang Farm in Sonchon County

"At present, the whole university is burning with

resentment. The enemies we are confronting are the wicked foes we should surely exterminate." Ju Kyong Sang, student of the forestry science faculty of Kim Il Sung University

Even elderly persons and Children's Union members say they want to take up arms to destroy the enemies by reducing their stronghold to ruins at once.

1.4m youth and students in DPRK volunteer to join or rejoin KPA

KCNA

The whole country is full of the will to annihilate the scum of the ROK who violated the inviolable sovereignty and security of the DPRK.

Millions of young people have turned out in the nationwide struggle to wipe out the ROK scum who committed a serious provocation of violating the sovereignty of the DPRK through drone infiltrations

into its capital city to push the tense situation to the brink of war, which precipitates their self-destruction, and are now making impudent remarks like a guilty party filing the suit first.

According to data available, more than 1.4 million youth league officials and youth and students across the country volunteered to join or rejoin the Korean People's Army on October 14 and 15.



Youth league officials and other young people and students gather to sign petitions for joining or rejoining the Korean People's Army across the country on October 14-15.

What they say

Puppets must be thrown into blast furnace

the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex

I also want to express my condemnation of the ROK puppet clan.

They are surely rats to see that they keep sneaking and gnawing on the sly, though they know they would be trapped and killed.

Such dirty rats can never become good even if they are educated, but will return to gnaw at anything even if they are driven away.

It makes my blood boil merely to think about them and I feel a strong urge to beat them to death. And I want to throw their corpses in flames, not burying them in the ground.

Those fools who behave frivolously without daring to do anything, the dregs of the world who commit only evil, must be swept up to throw into blast furnace.

Yu Hyon Su, smelter at

The scum should be completely annihilated

I can hardly suppress the surging indignation at the news that the puppet ROK scum dared to commit such an indelible crime of scattering dirty rubbish over the sky of our capital city.

Merciless annihilation is the only medicine for the puppet ROK scum, the clan of nasty pieces of work.

For what they do, it is more than they deserve to liken the ROK puppets to flesh flies that blow everywhere.

The dirty harmful insects afflicting people should be clearly exterminated for the healthy development of humankind.

Ryu Song Il, lecturer of Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences

Overseas Koreans criticize ROK's scum

KCNA

Overseas Koreans' organizations issued press and other statements to condemn the scum of the ROK for their serious provocation of violating the sovereignty of the DPRK.

Cha Sang Bo, vice-chairman of the General Association of Koreans in China (GAKC), in a press statement on October 14 said that the GAKC and all the Koreans in China are filled with the surging anger and revengeful thought against the puppet ROK scum's thrice-cursed reckless act of infiltrating drones into the sky over the capital city of the DPRK to scatter the dirty political agitation rubbish.

Kim Kyong Ryol, vice-chairman of the Central

Association of Korean Nationals in Russia, in a press statement said that the provocative act of the dolts unaware of their miserable position is aimed at tarnishing the image of the DPRK at any cost and maintaining their regime which is as good as dead.

The Social Confederation of Koreans in Far East of Russia in a statement said that the puppet ROK clan is trying to evade the responsibility through all sorts of sophisms after committing a rogue-like act without hesitation by violating the airspace of the DPRK. The group of gangsters taking no account of international law clearly showed that they are the wreckers of peace, the statement noted.

Intellectual Property Development Exhibition-2024 held

By Kim Il Jin PT

The Intellectual Property Development Exhibition-2024 took place by way of virtual exhibition through the national data communications network Hyoksin (innovation) website between September 18 and October 11 and by way of product show at the Sci-Tech Complex between October 2 and 11.

“We displayed those registered as intellectual property at the recent exhibition to ensure that knowledge of intellectual property and experience of intellectual property management were exchanged among all sectors and units and diffuse scientific, technological and cultural information, so as to raise public awareness and interest in intellectual property and further promote the atmosphere of creation of new intellectual property, thus making the exhibition help strengthen the intellectual property protection system both in name and reality,” said Ri Hyang Sun, a staffer of the Intellectual Property General Bureau of the DPRK.

The exhibition, which was held on the theme

of “Innovation and Prosperity”, included valuable inventions in the fields of the economy, science and technology and culture like invention, patent, trademark and industrial design rights, copyright and others, as well as excellent works created by schoolchildren.

The exhibition enabled visitors to know well that the results of the application of intellectual property are economic profits through information articles as well as actual products.

“Near-infrared polarizer and polariscope” is about a treatment device for purifying blood and removing inflammation by using polarized light. A polarizer polarizing high-precision wavelength light was made by a new method for a highly efficient near-infrared polariscope. This polariscope, which obtained a patent this year, is now popular among users as it ensures polarizability from 85 to 100 percent and can be used up to 10 years.

Among the products, which won the attention of visitors for their practicality, there is a carbonation nutrient fertilizer activator. The product is a practical technology patented one

which was developed to put the production of carbonation fertilizer on an industrial basis, apply nanotechnology to the production of microelement fertilizer and remarkably

improve soil fertility based on fermenting carbonation compost. It won first place at different national sci-tech festivals, exhibitions and shows.

The experience-sharing

meeting at the exhibition drew the attention of many people. Among the good experience was the one gained by an IT development unit which has brought considerable

profits to the state and always taken the top place in the country’s IT products sales by making a good use of intellectual property right with a single IP product.



The Intellectual Property Development Exhibition-2024 is held by way of products show at the Sci-Tech Complex between October 2 and 11. RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

‘One in four farmers are college graduates’

By Han Jong Ho PT

The number of university and college graduates is increasing among agricultural workers thanks to the study-while-you-work educational system.

“One in four farmers of our farm are university and college graduates,” said Yun Chun Hwa, manageress of the Chongsan Farm of Kangso District, Nampho. “They make steady efforts to improve their ability as required by the developing reality and it inspires all others to scientific farming.”

According to her, farm officials, leaders and technical assistants of workteams and sub-workteam leaders are all university and college graduates and there are many other technicians including agricultural and farm machine engineers in workteams and sub-workteams.

They play a pivotal role in ensuring that all kinds of farm

work, including improving soil fertility, sowing, transplanting, manuring and cultivating crops, are done to meet the scientific and technical requirements.

For example, a workteam technical assistant, who is well-known for his high sense of responsibility for manuring and cultivating crops, fixed a rational mixing ratio of herbicide to sand to suit the characters of sand loamy soil and used them to increase the weeding effect to the maximum, thereby reducing the amount of agricultural chemicals to be used without mobilizing farmers for weeding paddy fields.

The technical assistant of the mechanized workteam made dozens of farm machines of different kinds including manual wheat and barley sower to increase the proportion of mechanized farming. And another technical officer analyzed various raw materials for the production of substitute agrochemicals in a responsible manner to

lower the production cost while enhancing the effect of exterminating harmful insects.

Dozens of farmers of the Changso workteam of the Sinhung Fruit Farm under the South Hamgyong Provincial Rural Economy Committee are also students or graduates of universities and colleges.

“It is easier said than done to study at colleges while growing fruit trees. But our workteam members study and work hard to bring in a rich fruit harvest with scientific farming,” said Jong Kum Chol, leader of the workteam.

Among them are an old sub-workteam leader, a married woman and a young man who has just begun to work at the workteam.

Though they are different in age and life history, the workteam members joined efforts while working and studying to overfulfil its fruit production plan last year.

University and college graduates of farmers continue to grow in number across the country.

Industrial establishments successful in boosting production

By Jong Chol PT

The Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex, an iron producer in the northern part of the country, is making innovations to increase the production of rolled steel every day.

The oxygen blast furnace and oxygen converter of the complex continue to produce large quantities of molten iron and its high-temperature air combustion heating furnace keeps turning out steel plates.

While solving problems that would arise in increasing the production of rolled steel, including the supply of fuel and raw materials and the introduction of new technologies, the complex concentrated the powerful engineering, repair and maintenance forces on major production units in order to raise the operating rate of equipment and

thereby increase the daily outputs. In particular, it has taken necessary measures promptly, while keeping up with the ongoing production at production processes through the real-time monitoring system.

The complex introduced advanced technologies into different systems of the high-temperature air combustion heating furnace to raise its operation rate much higher than previously and ensure the daily output of steel plates at a high level.

Its technicians researched and introduced technical innovation plans and rational proposals for shortening the melting time and increasing the daily number of charges and developed and applied technical proposals for boosting the production of oxygen that is decisive in iron production.

As a result, the complex more than doubled the production of rolled steel as

compared to the same period of last year.

The Ranam Coal-mining Machine Factory has also registered good results in production.

The factory introduced a technical innovation plan for reducing the present tap period by half and double the production of steel castings, irrespective of existing formula and capacity, in order to keep the production of steel castings up with the fast processing and assembly rates.

Technicians devised and introduced efficient jigs, apparatuses and tools to mechanize the desanding operation in keeping with the mass production of steel castings, thereby increasing the speed of processing and assembly.

As a result, the factory has turned out new-type 300 hp winch, ore concentrate pulp pump and other ordered equipment as scheduled.

'Plant resources in the DPRK'



A national exhibition of plants "Plants in DPRK-2024" takes place at the Central Botanical Garden from September 25 to October 13. RI RYON SONG / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Pang Un Ju PT

A national exhibition of plants "Plants in DPRK-2024" took place at the Central Botanical Garden at the foot of Mt Taesong in Pyongyang.

The exhibition on the theme of "Plant resources in the DPRK" was aimed at protecting and increasing the country's plant resources and widely spreading

and generalizing sci-tech achievements made in the breeding of plant varieties, their cultivation techniques, afforestation, protection of forests and landscaping.

Present at the opening ceremony were a vice-premier of the Cabinet and other officials concerned, scientists, technicians and field officials.

Kim Kyong Jun, minister of Land and Environment

Protection, in his opening speech, stressed the need to develop the technologies for breeding and cultivating plant varieties of high economic and ornamental value in line with the world developing trend and elevate the level of the country's civilization a step higher by diffusing and generalizing the achievements made in afforestation, forest protection and landscaping.

After the ceremony, the participants looked round the exhibition hall.

The event drew central- and local-level units concerning the creation, protection and increase of plant resources, including the Central Botanic Garden, educational and scientific research units like Kim Il Sung University and the State Academy of Sciences and individual plant fanciers.

It was held by way of displaying exhibits in the indoor and outdoor exhibition areas.

On show there were such exhibits as rare and indigenous plant species in relevant areas, new good varieties in the forest, landscaping and fruit farming sectors, ground-cover plants of high ornamental value, plant growth stimulants, IT products, processed

goods made by using forest resources, botanical specimens, potted plants and flowering and ornamental plants.

During the exhibition, there were a scientific symposium on the theme of "Study on tourist features of forests in the City of Samjiyon" and a presentation of sci-tech hits made in cultivation and management of plants.

By Song Kwang PT

Kim Jong Hak and his wife Jang Hye Gyong and their daughter Kim Jin A are riding enthusiasts living in Pothonggang District, Pyongyang.

According to Kim Jong Hak, his family go riding at the Mirim Riding Club on rest days like Sunday and holidays.

Horse riding is very good for exercising the whole body and relieving mental fatigue, he said, adding that their connection with riding began for his daughter's hobby.

One day in 2015, Kim and his wife went to the Central Zoo with their four-year-old daughter. But as she rode a horse to have a photo taken, she did not want to dismount from the horse.

Afterwards, they usually spent rest days at the Central Zoo with Jin A and two years later they found pleasure at the Mirim Riding Club.

At first, the couple enjoyed seeing the lively looks of their daughter absorbed in riding with satisfaction, but were gradually charmed by the sport and jumped into it.

Their horsemanship



Family of amateur jockeys

improved year after year and they took part in the riding competitions in celebration of lunar New Year's Day and March 8 International Women's Day in 2022, attracting public gaze.

"When I ride on horseback, I feel as if I am flying in the sky," said Jang Hye Gyong, expressing her gratitude to the country for the benefit it provided to promote the sport among the ordinary working people.

"The riding exercise injected a new lease of life, fresh vigour and love of family into me and gave my daughter the great honour

all the Korean people want to have. On December 7 2019, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attended the ceremony to inaugurate the Yangdok Hot Spring Resort and posed for a photograph with schoolchildren enjoying horse-riding as he looked round the horse riding park and training ground. Among them was my daughter, Jin A," said Kim Jong Hak.

His family, called a "family of riding enthusiasts" by many people, cultivate their life more beautifully along with the riding exercise.

Distinctive methods of education in mother's classroom



By Pang Un Ju PT

Pyongyang Teachers Training College, which trains kindergarten and primary school teachers, has a mother's classroom which cannot be found in other universities for training middle school or university teachers.

"It is very important to combine school education closely with family education with motherly character together with high qualifications as educators, in order to bring up rising generations properly," said Ri Yun Hui, department chief of education faculty No. 1 of Pyongyang Teachers Training College.

In the mother's classroom that simulates family environment by equipping itself with toys, kitchen and others, students learn the combination method

of school and family education.

According to Ri Yun Hui, learning the method of family education is an important process for helping students become teachers and successfully educate children in close contact with their parents in the future.

She said that teaching students the method of educating children under various family circumstances wins popularity among students.

"Today at the mother's classroom I came to know how parents should teach children when they tell them a lie or take other's thing and how teachers should consult with parents and educate children when the parents ask them for help as they could not find a way to educate them. This will be very helpful for me as I have to be a teacher," said Kim Un Byol, student of the college.

Ri Yun Hui says that all household goods including furniture, clock and electronic products can be used as good educational means for children.

Therefore, at the mother's classroom students are also taught how to educate schoolchildren in the family environment.

The college encourages students to take an active part in the development of methods of family education through the mother's classroom.

Teachers guide in a scientific and pedagogical way students to conceive, design and publish new educational methods by themselves and complete them through discussion.

In the course of this, significant new educational methods were proposed among students.

The college diffused several presentations for

mothers to educate children, which have proved highly effective.

It also pays great efforts to generalizing the methods of education through the mother's classroom to colleges at all provinces.

These days, the lecturers of the college are conducting research into the methods of educating and edifying children for fathers, as well as for mothers, in keeping with the global trend of educational development.

The college has built up a large database and is pressing on with research into fathers' methods of educating children according to their vocational characteristics.

Students unanimously say that in the mother's classroom, they feel once again that parents should use scientific methodology to educate and edify their children well.

Students discuss education methods based on family environment in the mother's classroom at Pyongyang Teachers Training College.

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A promising boy of literary talent

By Kim Hak Chol PT

Pak Ryong Hyok (pictured), a third-year student of the senior course of Moranbong Middle School No. 1, is very fond of literature.

"Literary creation is a very pleasant part of my life," he says.

According to his mother Pak Jong Sil, her son began reading books when he learned Korean language at the age of three. It was so praiseworthy of him that she bought many children's books including picture books to her son and Ryong Hyok read them avidly.

From the kindergarten days, he would record in his diary what he felt after reading books and they were fairly good, she said.

On the day when he entered a primary school, he wrote a poem in his diary expressing his joy of entering the gate with floral decorations for learning, amazing his parents.

His unusual literary talent was further cultivated in the literature group of the school later.

Ju Ryo Hwa, teacher in charge of the literature group, also encouraged Ryong Hyok to write various kinds of literary works based on the seeds on various themes in the reality as he visited different places of the capital city and developed high faculty of imagination and expression in the course of this.

"Once, he visited Chairman Kim Jong Il's birthplace in the Paektusan Secret Camp with his parents. At that time he presented several children's songs and poems before the group members. I was surprised to see his outstanding talent for expressing his thoughts and feelings vividly in concise poetic language," said Ju.

He produced children's songs and poems in succession to be awarded the April 15 Mangyongdae Production Prize of Loyalty in 2017 when he was ten years old and "Our Classroom" Literature Prize the following year.

In the days when he cultivated his talent to the full, he was honoured



"Books are a silent teacher. You can find stories and the world of good ideas in books. My creation of literary works will continue in the future."

Pak Ryong Hyok, a third-year student of the senior course of Moranbong Middle School No. 1

to present his collection of literary works, titled "Hill of Yearning", to the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un, giving pleasure to him.

He also created several instructive yet interesting fables including "After bragging of his ability" and "Who is stupid", and even presented an energy-saving house model to the national exhibition of children's science fiction and models, attracting the attention of the participants.

All the classmates like and follow him, who is good at amusing friends and telling stories attractively with rich expression and humour.

"Books are a silent teacher. You can find stories and the world of good ideas in books. My creation of literary works will continue in the future," said Ryong Hyok when he received praise from the people.

Many people look forward to the bright future of Ryong Hyok, who will graduate from the middle school next year.

Experience of literary enthusiasts

By Ri Myong Jun PT

Many people in the DPRK take part in the annual national mass literary work prize contest to show off their creative talents and passion through a variety of lifestyles and feelings they experienced in reality.

Introduced here are some experience of mass literary correspondents.

Writing diary

Ri Ryo Myong, a farmer of the Kuhung Farm in

the city of Hamhung who is concurrently a mass literary correspondent, has a voluminous diary book.

Even late at night after a day's hard work, he surely records the day's most impressive event in his diary before going to bed.

Whenever his literary works, including lyric poem "An inch of land", won the national prize contest and were carried on magazines, people would say that he was a gifted writer like his father.

Then he would say: "Writing something in diary

is precisely a process of producing a work and of bracing oneself up to achieve a higher goal. Strenuous efforts are the secret of success."

Ordinary life a source of material

Han Kyong Su, a worker of the Central Tree Nursery under the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection, resolved to do his work well when he was appointed a mass literary correspondent. He would compose poems with the thoughts that

came into his mind on the occasion of national events and anniversaries and visit professional writers even at night to get help.

But even his workmates would shake their heads as his poems were so poor.

Then, he would feel very frustrated.

One day afterward, when he was weeding a nursery garden, he heard one of his workmates smilingly say to an 18-year-old girl:

"How nice of you to devote yourself to the tending of tree saplings.

You look like the mother of the young trees."

So, Han Kyong Su looked at the girl who, with tears in her eyes, was anxiously stroking the drying leaves of a young tree in the sultry weather. This motivated him to write a poem.

The lyric "I am a nursery girl" he wrote thus won a national mass literary work prize contest to receive high

appreciation.

This became his first precious step for the creation of works.

Later, he brought out several works truthfully reflecting the mind of nursery workers to win national prize contests.

He says that the materials for good works can be found in our ordinary life, just beside us.

DIU programme carried forward for nearly a century

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The Workers' Party of Korea celebrated its 79th founding anniversary with splendour on October 10.

Though the WPK was founded 79 years ago, its historical roots can be said to go back about 100 years.

Its historical roots are the Down-with-Imperialism Union (DIU) which was formed on October 17 1926.

After the Japanese imperialists occupied Korea militarily, the Korean people waged a fierce national liberation movement, but their every effort was doomed to failure and setback.

The cause lay in the ideological and leadership limitations of bourgeois nationalists and communists of the early years who styled themselves the leaders of the movement. Obsessed with sycophancy and national nihilism, they were hell-bent on factional strife and scramble for hegemony, while advocating different isms and doctrines in disregard of the people's zeal and the urgent demand of the revolution, and incited the masses to reckless struggles without any correct guiding ideology and scientific strategy and tactics.

Typical examples are the March First Popular Uprising and June 10 Independence Movement which stained the Korea with blood.

One of the main causes of failure in the popular uprising was the idea of big-power worship of bourgeois nationalists, whereas the root cause of failure in the independence movement was the factional behaviour of the early communists.

At this juncture, the DIU was formed as the first genuine communist revolutionary organization of Korea.

It was a pure and genuine political organism of a new type created in the throes of history by young people of the new generations aspiring after socialism and communism for realizing national liberation and class emancipation under the ideal of the anti-imperialist, independence and sovereignty.

The immediate task of the DIU was to defeat Japanese imperialism and achieve Korea's liberation and independence, and its ultimate goal was to build socialism and communism in Korea and, furthermore, to destroy all imperialism and build communism throughout the world.

The members of the DIU were clean and pure young people of

a new generation, not those who had joined any factional group or had been in an organization in exile.

Comrade Kim Il Sung founded the DIU.

Though he was a teenager at that time, he continued to speculate and search and conduct political activities to pioneer a new road for the Korean revolution, different from that of the preceding campaigners, thereby forming a genuine revolutionary organization of a new type.

The DIU was developed into the Anti-Imperialist Youth League and the Communist Youth League of Korea later. The Korean People's Revolutionary Army was organized with young communists who were trained there as hardcore members and waged the anti-Japanese armed struggle, thus finally achieving the historic cause of national liberation.

The programme of the DIU served as the basis of the programme of the WPK after liberation, the principle of independence set forth by the DIU became the principle of party building and activities, and the revolutionaries of the new generation trained by the DIU became the backbone for founding the Party.

'Right to foods for a better life and a better future'

By Ri Myong Jun PT

October 16 is World Food Day. It is also the day when the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) was established.

The 20th Session of the Conference of the FAO held in November 1979 designated October 16 as World Food Day and decided to commemorate the day every year.

The designation of World Food Day by the FAO is aimed at giving a correct understanding of the importance of food problem to all countries and peoples of the world and, at the same time, encouraging international discussion on the solution to the worldwide food problem, including the elimination of poverty and hunger by boosting food production.

Forty-five years have passed since World Food Day was instituted, but the food crisis worsens with the passage of time.

Now about 28.9 percent of the world population are suffering from food shortage. According to the recent survey results released by the UN, the number of people in the grip of famine is increasing every year worldwide and it reached hundreds of millions last year.

There are several factors that cause the global food crisis, but it is largely attributable to the fact that ever-worsening natural disasters have a serious negative impact on the agricultural sector.

This year alone, natural disasters caused by El Nino hit hard the

agricultural sector.

According to information available, the damages generated by disasters on agricultural production from 1992 to 2021 amount to about US\$3.8 trillion. This means that 5 percent of the world gross annual agricultural output value, or about 300 million tons of agricultural produce, was lost annually. Of them the average annual loss of cereals is at least 69 million tons, that of fruits, vegetables and sugar crops 40 million tons respectively and that of meat, dairy products and eggs about 16 million tons.

Many countries strive to take strong and appropriate measures to increase agricultural productivity in order to cope with extreme weather conditions.

The DPRK has made notable achievements in agricultural production by pushing forward with the policy of rural development.

In particular, it steps up the introduction of a scientific and technological farming system and methods to provide for disastrous abnormal climate and the work to prevent damage from it. It holds fast to the securing of good strains of seed, establishment of scientific cultivation techniques, completion of the irrigation system and supply of sufficient farming materials as the main link of the whole chain for producing high and stable yields while overcoming the effects of extreme weather conditions.

The theme for this year's World Food Day is "The right to foods for a better life and a better future".

'Why are clean hands still important?'

By Song Kwang PT

October 15 is Global Handwashing Day.

It is an annual global advocacy day dedicated to advocating handwashing with soap as an easy, effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.

The first Global Handwashing Day was commemorated in 2008, when over 120 million children washed their hands with soap in more than 70 countries around the world.

The 2024 Global Handwashing Day theme is "Why are clean hands still important?"

The World Health Organization estimates that 50% of cases of child undernutrition are due to repeated diarrhoea and intestinal infections caused by poor sanitation and hygiene conditions or lack of safe water.

That's why handwashing with soap is a critical determinant for preventing life-threatening infections

and maintaining nutrition.

Many illnesses start when hands become contaminated with disease-causing bacteria and viruses.

Touching different things the most often, even a hand usually carries dozens of thousands of bacteria or viruses, and the bacteria last long to damage people's



health, once they stick to hands.

Two major illnesses that are transmitted through the hands are diarrhoea and pneumonia. And they cause more than 20% of deaths of children under five. Most of these deaths can be prevented by handwashing with soap.

According to data, approximately 525 000

children die from diarrheal diseases every year.

Good handwashing with soap can prevent almost all cases of childhood diarrhoea.

It is also estimated that drinking clean water and handwashing with soap can prevent the loss of nutrients through diarrhoea and reduce stunting by up to 15% in children under 5.

Handwashing reduces the rate of respiratory infections by removing respiratory pathogens from hands and preventing them from entering the body or passing on to other people.

Proper handwashing also helps prevent the spread of cold and flu and highly contagious enteric bacterial infections.

Handwashing and hand disinfection are the key to stemming the spread of various world-sweeping epidemics.

A variety of activities are conducted in the DPRK to mark the day every year, raising the public awareness of the importance of handwashing with soap.

Standardization work improves



Ryang Song Gum

Staffer in charge of science of the National Institute for Standardization

Today standardization work constantly expands and develops, promoting economic growth and the improvement of material and cultural life.

Many countries are now moving toward the wide spread of new technologies through standardization.

The DPRK also works to improve standardization work in keeping with the development of the economy and science and technology and the improvement of the people's material and cultural life.

It steadily improves standards by focusing on if they suit the practical situation of the country and meet the scientific and technological requirements and international standards and if they fully reflect the people's material and cultural demands, advanced sci-tech hits, economic

profitability and convenience in social life.

This year alone, the DPRK introduced international and foreign standards in different fields to suit the local situations including ISO 16000 series (room air), ISO 55000 series (property management) and ISO 9241 series (human engineering on the interaction between humans and systems) and set them as national standards so as to improve quality indices and expand objects for standardization.

Along with this, it works out a table for sectoral standardization system to standardize all objects and elements of the economy and social life in comparison with the development trend of international standardization, and systematically standardizes new objects and elements.

Meanwhile, it set a dozen regional industry sectoral standards including those for garments and daily necessities to suit the regional characteristics and actual conditions. In addition, several books on standardization have been brought out to help people have a good understanding of standards. October 14 is World Standards Day.

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Japan's 'reinvansion' ship doomed to sinking: international security analyst

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Kim Ryo Won, an international security analyst of the DPRK, issued the following article titled "Japan's 'reinvansion' ship is doomed to sinking":

Being preoccupied by the ambition for reinvasion with the confrontation current of a "new Cold War" brought by the US, Japan gets hell-bent on the reckless moves for turning itself into a military giant, escalating the military tension in the region.

The latest attack submarine Chogei (giant whale) to be officially commissioned as a main warship of the Japanese Maritime "Self-Defense Force" revealed its shape on the sea on October 4.

This submarine is the fifth of those eight attack submarines of Taigei (big whale) type planned to be built till 2030. Reportedly this ship has been improved further than existing ones in terms of displacement, underwater cruise capability and search function and it was also

designed to launch heavy torpedoes and anti-warship missiles.

Japan, which is draining the marine resources by hunting for food at random such whales under international protection, now launches into the sea menacing entities transformed into "monster whales". This is another dangerous act of harming the regional security environment.

Japan has built attack submarines one after another since it established a system of 22 submarines in 2022. Such moves were prompted by its intention to increase the promptness and effectiveness of preemptive attack by loading on those submarines long-range missiles and guided missiles to be newly developed and, at the same time, to enhance the naval operation capability and thus seize the naval supremacy.

This goes to prove that Japan is still seeking its ambition for the "Greater East Asia Co-Prosperty Sphere".

Japan is hell-bent on the possession of aircraft carriers, new-type Aegis

warships and latest submarines, the development of various kinds of missiles and new-generation fighters and the deployment of such ultra-modern offensive weapons. The military expansion of Japan extending into all spheres such as outer space, sea and cyber, arouses serious concern not only in the international community but also in Japanese society.

The Japanese reactionaries give their newly-built warships such names of notorious warships as Taigei involved in the aggressive war in the last century. The fact vividly shows the present nature of the Japanese Maritime "SDF" closely resembling the old Japanese navy and their yearning for the past and revanchism.

The final aim of Japan's stereotyped clamour about "threat from its neighbouring countries" is also to cover up its extremely adventurous and provocative moves for arms buildup, which have systematically disrupted the regional geopolitical security balance, zealously pursuant to the

US policy.

Japan, a war criminal state, is running headlong along a reinvasion track, throwing away the veil of "pacifist country" and "exclusive defense", with the wild ambition to become the "leader" of the region again. Its arms buildup comes to the surface as the biggest threat seriously disturbing the regional peace and stability.

It is gradually widening the radius of its military operations in the Asia-Pacific region while talking about "the harshest and most complicated security environment after the war". Such action will only invite serious distrust and antagonism of regional countries and, inevitably, be led to the geopolitical and strategic isolation of the island country.

Japan's "reinvansion ship" which is making the ocean dirty by toeing the line of the US, which is trying to use its junior allies as the puppets dashing even at the jaws of death and as bullet shields for maintaining its hegemony, is doomed to sinking.

The end of the imperial Japanese army teaches it.

Japan keeps expanding armaments under pretext of 'exclusive defence'

By Choe Song Jun PT

Japan's *Tokyo Shimbun*, in an editorial recently published on the occasion of the ninth anniversary of the adoption of the security-related law, said that though the possibility for Japan to enter war has become seriously stronger as it has become able to exercise the right of "collective self-defence" and the possession of the capability for striking enemy bases has been added to the law, the government continues to expand armaments under the signboard of "exclusive defence", still talking about "within the range of exclusive defence", and asserted that such a move must not be allowed any longer.

"Exclusive defence" is the favourite phrase that the successive Japanese authorities have chanted whenever they argued for the policy on building a military power.

The annual defence white papers, which have been issued since 1976, have specified that exclusive defence means the posture of passive defence strategy, based on the spirit of the constitution, with which Japan uses its defence capabilities only when it has been militarily attacked by other country and confines the use of the capabilities to the minimum needed to

defend itself, and that the Self-Defence Forces shall not possess long-range missiles, strategic bombers, aircraft carriers, etc. to this end.

The three documents related to security the Japanese authorities adopted in late 2022, including the national security strategy and the national defence strategy, contain the expression "exclusive defence". And the then Prime Minister Kishida repeatedly emphasized that "exclusive defence is the basic idea of Japan's military security policy".

But Japan's much hyped "exclusive defence" is a mere show.

After 1980, Japan abandoned the "three principles of tanker planes" that do not allow inflight refuelling, the possession of tanker planes and tanker plane drills and installed refuelling equipment in main fighters like F-15 and F-2. At first, it had four tanker planes and increased the number to seven and expanded its air operation radius to over 1 000 to 1 500km away from the mainland.

In addition, under the pretext of "defence of marine traffic routes" it expanded the marine operation radius to 1 000 to 2 000n miles.

It is well-known that Japan has dispatched its troops overseas in real earnest on the occasion of aggressive wars

started by the US and disputes in different regions since the end of the Cold War.

Especially, it enacted the security-related law in 2015 and legalized the overseas dispatch and activities of troops as the main mission of the SDF. In recent years, it has fully enforced the war policies consistent with the pre-emptive strike in an aggressive way, including the steady and radical increase in war funds, possession of different kinds of long-range missiles and remodelling of an escort ship into an aircraft carrier.

It has also put spurs to the modernization of military hardware.

For example, the latest attack submarine Chogei (giant whale) to be officially commissioned as the main warship of the Japanese Maritime SDF was launched on October 4. It is the fifth of eight attack submarines of Taigei (big whale) type planned to be built till 2030. Reportedly, this ship has been improved further than existing ones in terms of displacement, underwater cruise capability and search function and it is also designed to launch heavy torpedoes and anti-warship missiles.

It is as clear as day what mission the SDF, which is transformed into an "all-out attack" type, not an "exclusive defence" type, will have.

United States society of extreme bipolarization

By To Kyong Chol PT

The bipolar division of the rich getting ever richer and the poor getting poorer has been dramatically aggravated in the United States, which clamours for the "equality of all people" and "welfare for all", and such phenomenon is emerging as a serious issue leading to social division.

The US Department of Agriculture has recently reported that 18 million families, or 13.5 percent of the total number of households in the US, suffered from starvation last year.

This is the largest number in the past ten years, and 6.8 million families are in a very serious state. In particular, food shortage worsened among low-income citizens during the world-sweeping pandemic. Last year, the gap between the rich and the poor in the US reached the most serious level since the Great Economic Depression in 1929.

In the third quarter of 2023, 66.6 percent of the US total wealth was possessed by 10 percent of people earning the highest income. The wealth owned by low-income earners accounting for 50 percent of the population was only 2.6 percent of the total wealth.

Though many working people are subjected to backbreaking labour all day

long, their wages are so low that they find it hard to eke out their living.

Low-income families cannot pay for their basic living, including food, rent and electricity tax, and therefore they are burdened with heavy debts.

The sky-rocketing prices of goods make people's life more difficult. According to an opinion poll, 74 percent of respondents asserted that the increase in food prices is worsening their financial situation.

Many homeless people wander about streets that are said to be flourishing and luxurious, and their number is increasing day by day.

According to information published in December 2023, American vagrants numbered more than 650 000, a record high since statistics collection started in 2007. Forty percent of them live in streets, abandoned buildings or other places with poor conditions.

Many people who can no longer live in the abject reality are seized with extreme pessimism and despair and commit suicide. The number of suicides in the country reaches about 50 000 every year.

Even though productivity grows, broad working masses cannot be freed from poverty, but polarization of the rich getting ever richer and the poor getting poorer is becoming more serious.

Briefly

Russia

President refers to agricultural development

Russian President Vladimir Putin referred to the tasks facing the agricultural sector on October 13 on the occasion of the holiday of agricultural workers.

Noting that the tasks facing the agricultural sector set forth in the May government ordinance are to increase agricultural production by over 25 percent and the volume of exports up to 1.5 times until 2030, he said that it is a priority affair for the government to develop the rural communities and improve the living standards of the people.

FM spokeswoman decries Israeli air raid on Syria

Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova criticized Israel's air raid on Syria in a press conference on October 9.

It causes casualties among innocent people to make an air raid on a crowded residential area of a third country, she said, expressing indignation over such atrocities that are being ceaselessly committed against Syria, Iran and the Gaza Strip.

The recent attack assumes an extremely irresponsible and dangerous character, she disclosed.

Russia opposes any use of armed force aimed at aggravating disputes in the Middle East and strongly demands once again that Israel respect the sovereignty of states and observe the elementary norms of international law, she noted.

Iran

President criticizes US, West for protecting Israel

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian in an interview on October 11 censured the US and the West for shielding Israel.

He urged Israel to discontinue bombing houses and bare-handed people, saying that the Israeli authorities have violated different international agreements.

The US and the EU stand behind Israel's acts which are committed in the Middle East, he added.

FM spokesman brands UK claim as groundless

A spokesman for the Iranian Foreign Ministry on October 9 dismissed the accusation of a British intelligence official.

The high-ranking official of a British intelligence agency argued that 20 plots hatched with the backing of Iran have been thwarted in the UK since January 2022. The Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman dismissed the argument as groundless.

Censuring the British official for repeatedly spreading groundless assertions against Iran for the past two years, he urged the UK not to cause problems that may give a wrong understanding through such acts, but exercise its influence to stop Israel's aggression and criminal acts.

Kim Kum Yong wins gold medal at Asian Table Tennis Championships

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DPRK player Kim Kum Yong came first at the women's singles of the 2024 Asian Table Tennis Championships.

The championships, held in Astana of Kazakhstan from October 6 to 13, brought together more

than 200 men and women players selected from over 20 countries and regions, including the DPRK, China, Thailand, Uzbekistan and India.

Kim Kum Yong beat her Chinese opponent 3-0 in the last sixteen, a player of the puppet ROK 3-1 in the quarterfinals and a Chinese Hong

Kong player 3-0 in the semi-finals and advanced to the final match.

In the final held on October 13, she defeated her Japanese opponent 3-1 and bagged a gold medal.

Meanwhile, Ri Jong Sik and Kim Kum Yong came second and Ham Yu Song and Pyon Song Gyong third in the mixed doubles.



Scenes from the women's singles of the 2024 Asian Table Tennis Championships.

Most popular team

By Song Jong Ho PT

The National Inter-provincial Games-2024 in Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Sports Day opened in Pyongyang on October 13.

Among the preliminaries which started on the opening day, the best crowd-pullers were a men's volleyball match between the South Hwanghae and North Hamgyong provincial teams and a tug-of-war between the South Hwanghae provincial and Rason city teams which both took place at Pyongyang Indoor Stadium on the following day.

The volleyball players of the South Hwanghae and North Hamgyong provincial teams

showed excellent playing scenes by dint of skills and diverse tactics on a par with those of professionals.

It was difficult to judge which team was superior because the two teams were contending for victory neck and neck by a margin of merely one or two points, but when the team of North Hamgyong Province was ahead of its rival 2-1, the spectators began to think the former would win.

But the team of South Hwanghae Province won the fourth round of the match to go to the fifth round, making even the spectators tense.

The team of South Hwanghae Province finally broke into cheers by winning the fifth round which

proceeded in an atmosphere of uneasiness, anxiousness and tension.

The team's players did not lose heart on unfavourable ground but remained highly calm and displayed a dogged fighting spirit.

The match was followed by a tug-of-war between the teams of South Hwanghae Province and Rason City which revved up the atmosphere of the stadium.

What was interesting was that the leaders of both teams skilfully used body language instead of signal flags to prevent each other from perceiving their own tactical guidance of their teams.

The role of the leaders is very important in a tug-of-war, a national sport in which

two groups of equal numbers compete in a fixed time by pulling a rope against each other.

The whistle of the referee announced the start of the game, and the players of both teams waited for their leaders' signals.

The team of Rason City first put forth all their strength, according to a signal of their leader who stamped one foot.

The leader of the South Hwanghae provincial team, who was watching the movement of the rival with his hands folded behind his back for a while, gave a signal for his players to get ready, shaking his flag calmly.

Then the leader of the Rason city team who was trying to employ a countermeasure tactic in time, his players and all the spectators sharply watched the flag of the leader of the other team.

But the latter suddenly took the action of heading a football with his head instead of using the flag.

Then, his players powerfully pulled the rope all at once without letup.

The team beat its rival 2-0 thanks to the role of its leader who skilfully applied body language throughout the game.

Many people recognized the ability of the South Hwanghae provincial team through the volleyball match and tug-of-war.



A snapshot from the men's volleyball match between South Hwanghae and North Hamgyong provincial teams at Pyongyang Indoor Stadium on October 14.

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Historical relic Ryongwang Pavilion

By Jong Chol PT

The Ryongwang Pavilion is located in Taedongmun-dong, Central District, Pyongyang.

It was built in the mid-6th century in the period of the Koguryo Kingdom (277 BC-AD 668) and rebuilt several times afterwards.

In the period of the Koryo dynasty (918-1392), when the Walled City of Pyongyang was renovated and named Sogyong, the pavilion was rebuilt in the same place and named Sansu Pavilion in 1111.

Later, it was repaired several times and rebuilt in 1670 in the period of the feudal Joseon dynasty and renamed Ryongwang Pavilion.

From olden times, it has been known as one of the eight scenic spots in the northwestern part of Korea for the beautiful scenery

around it.

The pavilion has a unique plane structure.

It stands on the large rock protruding on the shore of the Taedong River and the cliff just beside it, going well with the surrounding natural environment.

The bottom of the pavilion is covered with stones before the cornerstone. For levelling, large wooden pillars were erected on the comparatively high rock facing the Taedong River and the square stone pillars, about 1.4 metres high and 0.56 metre wide each, on the lower western side. The pavilion is supported by them and decorated with *morutan-chong*, a moderate form of traditional colourful painting of Korea.

It is now under good preservation as a national treasure and serves as a cultural recreation site for the people.



Ryongwang Pavilion in Central District, Pyongyang.

