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H. E. Generalissimo Kim Jong Il and the World

H. E. Generalissimo Kim Jong Il, Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, was born on February 16, 1942, 76years ago. This was of great significance in the destiny and development of not only the Korean people but also the progressive peoples in the world.

Standard Bearer for the Cause of Global Independence

H. E. Generalissimo **Kim Jong Il** was born as the son of guerrillas in a secret camp on Paektu, the highest mountain in Korea, when the arduous armed struggle was being waged by the Korean revolutionaries under the leadership of H. E. President **Kim Il Sung** to liberate their country from the military occupation by Japan.

At that time the guerrillas wrote many slogans on trees in the forests declaring that the Shining Star of Paektu was born to add brilliance to Korea in the future.

True to the predictions of the guerrillas, H. E. Generalissimo **Kim Jong Il** became the lodestar of the era, taking charge of not only the future of socialist Korea but also the destiny and prospect of the cause of independence of mankind by succeeding the ideas and cause of H. E. President **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK.

He elucidated the road ahead for the cause of global independence.

Through outstanding and energetic ideological and theoretical activities he published many works including *On the Juche Idea*, in which he synthesized and systematized in a comprehensive way the Juche idea created by H. E. President **Kim Il Sung**, and scientifically resolved various theoretical and practical problems arising in implementing the cause of independence of mankind. This provided the progressive peoples of the world with a powerful ideological and theoretical weapon for building a new, independent and peaceful world free of aggression and war.

In late 20th century, when the imperialists were clamouring about the end of socialism availing themselves

of the successive failure of socialism in various countries, H. E. Generalissimo **Kim Jong Il** made public many works such as *The Historical Lesson in Building Socialism and the General Line of Our Party* (January 1992), *Abuses of Socialism Are Intolerable* (March 1993) and *Socialism Is a Science* (November 1994), proving in a scientific way the validity, truthfulness and inevitability of the triumph of the cause of socialism and dealing resolute blows to all the anti-socialists who were manoeuvring to block the accomplishing of the socialist cause in Korea and the cause of global independence.

H. E. Generalissimo **Kim Jong Il** led the efforts to carry out the cause of global independence.

He ensured that the DPRK, through its practical examples in the anti-imperialist struggle, instilled strength and courage in the countries and nations aspiring after independence.

In January 1968 a US armed spy ship *Pueblo* was captured in the territorial waters of the DPRK. The US threatened that it would take a retaliatory action and would not hesitate to ignite an all-out war unless the DPRK returned the captured crew and ship. H. E. President **Kim Jong Il** declared a stand of principle, that he would not release the crew unless the Americans submitted a letter of apology and that, since the ship was spoils of his country, he would not return it in any case though they signed the letter of apology. The US could not but yield. The results of the incident of the US spy plane EC-121 in April 1969 and the Panmunjom incident in August 1976 were the same.

In his lifetime H. E. Generalissimo **Kim Jong Il** energetically conducted external activities; he met many political, social and other prominent figures of the world, including heads of state and party of Russia, China, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Indonesia and other countries, top-level delegation of the EU and even figures from hostile countries including ex-President Clinton and Secretary of State Albright of the United States and Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi. Everyone who met him, regardless of their nationality, religious belief, idea or political view, sympathized with his principled and fair view on global independence.

Defender of International Peace

The greatest of the exploits performed by H. E. Generalissimo **Kim Jong Il** for the cause of global independence is that, by administering the unique Songun politics, he made a breakthrough in the US-led imperialists' attempt to establish a unipolar world and maintain the outdated international political landscape centred on powers, and firmly defended the peace and security on the Korean peninsula, northeast Asia and the rest of the world.

Proceeding from the iron truth that one can defend the independence and dignity of one's country and

nation and the durable peace and security of the world only by dint of self-defensive arms, the invincible military might, in the present era when the sovereignty of several countries and justice of the world are being ruthlessly trampled upon by the outrageous high-handedness and arbitrariness of the imperialists based on military strength, Kim Jong Il enforced the Songun politics unprecedented in the history of world politics.

The Songun politics raised the overall defence capabilities of the DPRK, including that of the Korean People's Army, onto the level of world powers, and made a breakthrough in the international order of the US-led imperialist powers, whereby the law of jungle prevails. His steadfast Songun line, Songun leadership, turned the DPRK into an impregnable fortress, an invincible military power, possessed even with powerful nuclear deterrent and, by dint of Songun, it resolutely crushed the extreme military threats and provocations by the US.

If the DPRK was weak in terms of military power, the Korean peninsula would be unable to avoid the holocaust of war that befell Iraq and Afghanistan. Military commentators predicted that a war in the Korean peninsula would entail four major catastrophes—economic loss of USD 20 trillion, destruction of over 500 metropolises, death of over one billion persons and global desertification.

Had the DPRK not been turned into a country with a great military capability and had the US unleashed a war on the Korean peninsula, the three gigantic transformations—material prosperity, technological leap and spiritual civilization—which many countries have achieved over half a century at the highest level in their thousands of years of history would have been unthinkable on this planet.

Indeed, H. E. Generalissimo **Kim Jong Il** was a great saint who, by victoriously leading the DPRK-US showdown, secured peace for billions of people.

As Vishwanath, a prominent social figure in India, wrote, H. E. Generalissimo **Kim Jong Il** was a heaven-sent man for the good of mankind; such a great man is born once in ten centuries.