



## **Guardian of Justice and Peace**

Since its founding on April 25, 1932, the Korean People's Army has firmly safeguarded justice and peace on the first line of the world anti-imperialist military front.

## **Arms of Justice**

Founded in the flames of the struggle for liberating Korea from the Japanese imperialists' military occupation (1905-1945) in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Korean People's Revolutionary Army (the predecessor of the KPA) fought a bloody battle to destroy the Japanese aggressors and achieved the historic cause of national liberation on August 15, 1945.

After the liberation, it was developed into the Korean People's Army, a regular army, and honourably defended the country's dignity and sovereignty repulsing military aggression by the US-led 16 states in the Korean war (1950-1953).

After the war, frustrating every move of ceaseless military provocation by the US, it demonstrated to the world how justice must be safeguarded.

In January 1968 the KPA Navy captured the *Pueblo*, a US armed spy ship, that intruded into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. When the US hurled huge forces in the waters off the Korean peninsula, blackmailing the country that it would retaliate it by force of arms unless the *Pueblo* was released, the DPRK declared that it would return retaliation for "retaliation" and all-out war for "all-out war." Disheartened by the unshakable will to safeguard justice, the US could not but sign a letter of apology in which it promised not to intrude into the territory of the DPRK again.

In April 1969, before the ink on the letter became dry, EC-121, a large US spy plane, intruded into the territorial airspace of the DPRK. The airmen of the KPA Air Force shot down the aircraft at a single shot.

When the Panmunjom Incident occurred in August 1976, KPA soldiers severely punished the US officers who committed a provocative act on the Military Demarcation Line.

In December 1994 a US military helicopter that had flown into the territorial airspace of the DPRK was shot down by a KPA soldier.

The KPA remained steadfast in its efforts to safeguard the cause of justice.

In the closing years of the last century the armed forces of several countries merely remained an onlooker to the tragic collapse of their socialist system. But the KPA firmly defended the socialist country against all sorts of anti-socialist offensive by the US-led forces.

In April 2012, when the US branded the peaceful satellite launch by the DPRK as a "long-range missile launch" and clamoured that it would intercept the satellite, the KPA countered it with a harder line, that it would turn the US mainland and its overseas military bases as well as the origin of provocation into lakes of fire immediately and mercilessly if the US dared to commit a provocation. This will to safeguard justice smashed the US high-handedness and arbitrariness into smithereens.

Countering a nuclear and missile attack by the US with a nuclear and missile attack of justice, countering its provocation with an immediate counteroffensive and countering its war of aggression with a war of justice for national reunification—this will of the KPA is making the US, boasting about its huge forces and sophisticated military hardware, tremble with fear.

## **Fortress of Peace**

The Korean peninsula is the hottest spot in the world and a hotbed of war. Owing to the 70-year-long US military occupation of south Korea and all kinds of its military hardware for a nuclear war stockpiled in all parts of south Korea, a hair-trigger situation constantly prevails in the peninsula.

However, peace is assured in the peninsula by the might of the KPA, a powerful war deterrent.

For example, in August 2015, when a critical situation short of war prevailed in the peninsula, the entire KPA immediately switched to perfect readiness for combat, for war. It made full preparations for mobilization: various missiles and guns aimed at enemy positions and scores of submarines, called "hidden fear," manoeuvred.

The US and south Korean forces were shocked by these countermeasures. The military authorities of south Korea said in horror, "We were extremely surprised at the war potential of the north," and "It was enough to surpass our expectations even if that was not the full war potential of the north."

The US military authorities confessed that it was a serious situation as the north had immediately reinforced its war potential for combat, and that this was the first of its kind.

Here is another example.

In January 2015 the KPA conducted exercises of services of hitting enemy's naval target, a simulated US carrier strike group, in order to cope with the US aggressive military exercises. The KPA services' means of military strike showered fire on an island, a simulated aircraft carrier. Military experts of the world were astonished by the depth of strike, tactics and movement of cutting-edge means of precision strike.

A Western media commented as follows, "The tactics north Korea made public this time are a guerrilla-style preemptive surprise attack. There are only a few countries of the world that exercise tactics of attacking aircraft carrier. And north Korea revealed its tactics so that the world could see. In this way it broke the theory of superiority of aircraft carrier that no one has dared to challenge."

The military parade held in celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea, the ruling party of the DPRK, in October 2015 demonstrated the KPA's inexhaustible might to the world once again.

After soldiers marched past in fine array, various kinds of modern tactical weapons were displayed, followed by the columns of the strategic force including new-type missiles and anti-missile systems. They proved that the country's declaration that the military and technological superiority is no longer the monopoly of the imperialists and that the era is gone for ever when the enemy threatened and blackmailed the DPRK with atomic bombs, is by no means an empty talk.

No one should forget that the KPA is an invincible army equipped even with H-bomb.

As long as the invincible KPA exists, no war will break out in the Korean peninsula and regional peace will be guaranteed for ever.