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5th Enlarged Meeting of 8th WPK Central Military Commission Held

Pyongyang, March 12 (KCNA) -- The 5th enlarged meeting of the 8th Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) took place at a time when the whole country has turned out in the efforts to implement the resolutions of the 8th Congress of the WPK and plenary meetings of its Central Committee in singled-hearted unity.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the WPK Central Military Commission and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, guided the meeting.

Present there were members of the WPK Central Military Commission, commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence, commanding officers of the Korean People's Army (KPA) services and army corps. Attending there as observers were cadres of relevant departments of the WPK Central Committee.

The 5th enlarged meeting of the 8th WPK Central Military Commission discussed the orientations of major political and military activities facing the KPA including the issue of powerfully organizing the nationwide struggle by dispatching the KPA to the major theaters for rapid development in socialist construction, and measures for it.

The WPK Central Military Commission reaffirmed the importance of solving the rural question, set forth by the WPK as a prerequisite and strategic foremost affair in accomplishing the cause of socialism, and the present rural construction. And since the medium- and long-term development orientation and goal for the socialist rural construction were set clearly, it raised as a key point for discussion the issue of implementing them unconditionally.

The enlarged meeting confirmed the KPA's action orientation and detailed duties for accelerating rural development, regional construction and grand socialist construction which the Party has planned on a long-term basis and is leading as a purposeful struggle, discussed the organizational and structural measures for implementing them and ways for using forces, and unanimously approved the relevant resolutions.

The meeting discussed and adopted the important practical steps for making more effective, powerful and offensive use of the war deterrent of the country in coping with the present situation in which the war provocations of the U.S. and south Korea are reaching the red-line.

At the meeting **Kim Jong Un**, reviewing and analyzing the subjective and objective situation of our revolution, said that the present grand drive for creation for accomplishing the gigantic cause of overall national prosperity, resolutely overcoming all the challenges and difficulties, calls upon the KPA, that has always played a vanguard role in the struggle for implementing the grand practical programme of the Party, to lead the whole society with more advancing and vigorous struggle.

The KPA should become a driving force and model in the sacred struggle for the socialist rural construction and economic development to turn the ideal of the people into reality, unconditionally implement the stepwise goals and thus bring about the entities of prosperity welcomed by the whole country year after year, he said.

Encouraged by the deep trust of the General Secretary who has put forward the KPA again in the van of building a prospering country to provide the people with a high civilized and happy life, all the participants made a firm pledge to certainly attain the goals of grand changes for national prosperity by fulfilling their important responsibilities and duties in carrying out the militant tasks set forth by the Party Central Military Commission.

The 5th enlarged meeting of the 8th Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea will be recorded in the history of the country as a significant meeting which further clarified the revolutionary character and nature of the KPA, the army of the Party and the people, and provided a decisive guarantee for the implementation of the programme for rural revolution in the new era and the overall development of socialist construction and made a big stride of practice for the promotion of the people's wellbeing. -0-

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Statement of DPRK Foreign Ministry

Pyongyang, March 13 (KCNA) -- The Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on Sunday issued the following statement:

The Foreign Ministry of the DPRK states as follows over the fact that the U.S. heinous hostile acts against our state have reached a grave phase which can not be overlooked:

Timed to coincide with the large-scale U.S.-south Korea war exercises to be launched on March 13, the U.S., together with its followers, is scheming to coercively call an informal UN Security Council meeting to discuss the non-existent "human rights issue" of the DPRK.

The DPRK bitterly denounces the U.S. vicious "human rights" racket as the most intensive expression of its hostile policy toward the DPRK and categorically rejects it.

We clearly see through the sinister intention of the U.S. again raising a "human rights card" which is little different from a good-for-nothing at present.

It is the inveterate evil practice of the U.S. that whenever it is driven into a tight corner as it can no longer contain the DPRK with the nuclear issue, it would resort to the moves for putting pressure on the latter over "human rights issue" with mobilization of its followers like rabbles. We have already got used to it.

The futile anti-DPRK "human rights" racket of the U.S. only shows that it has been driven to the last moment in the confrontation of strength with the DPRK.

It is a well-known fact that the U.S. has long abused the "human rights issue" as dirty means for interfering in internal affairs of independent sovereign states to bring down their social systems and change their regimes.

The anti-DPRK "human rights" racket by the U.S. and its followers has nothing to do with ensuring genuine human rights, and it is no more than the most politicallymotivated hostile means for tarnishing the image of the DPRK and stamping out the genuine rights and interests of the Korean people.

The present reality once again teaches the immutable truth that the DPRK-U.S. showdown is not just the confrontation of power but the one of ideology and social system and the DPRK should settle accounts with the U.S. imperialists to the last only with idea and arms.

It is the invariable stand of the Korean people toward the U.S. and other enemies that they have to mercilessly punish the U.S. imperialists totally denying the sovereignty of our state and its socialist system and thus make them pay dearly without fail.

Human rights precisely mean sovereignty, and it is the legitimate right of a sovereign state to use every possible means to defend its sovereignty.

The DPRK solemnly declares once again that it will take the toughest counteraction against the most vicious hostile plots of the U.S. and its followers to thoroughly defend the national sovereignty and rights and interests. -0-

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Underwater Launching Drill of Strategic Cruise Missiles Conducted

Pyongyang, March 13 (KCNA) -- An underwater launching drill of strategic cruise missiles was staged at dawn of March 12.

The submarine "8.24 Yongung" launched two strategic cruise missiles in the water off Kyongpho Bay on the East Sea of Korea.

The drill confirmed the reliability of the weapon system and examined the underwater-to-surface offensive operation posture of the submarine units that constitute one of the major components of the DPRK nuclear deterrent.

The drill successfully achieved its object.

The two strategic cruise missiles precisely hit the preset target on the East Sea of Korea after traveling 1 500km-long eight-shaped flight orbits for 7 563s to 7 575s.

The Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea expressed satisfaction over the results of the launching drill.

The drill clearly showed the invariable stand of the Korean People's Army to control with its overwhelming powerful force all the time the present situation in which the U.S. imperialists and the south Korean puppet traitors are getting evermore undisguised in their anti-DPRK military maneuvers, and verified the regular operation posture of the nuclear war deterrence means in different spaces. - 0-

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