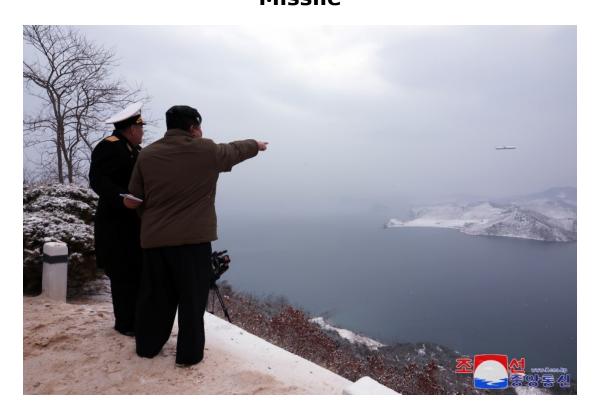


Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Guides Testfire of Submarine-launched Strategic Cruise Missile



Pyongyang, January 29 (KCNA) -- Thanks to the wise guidance of the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** who set forth the original orientation for the development of the Juche-based naval force and is dynamically leading the drive for realizing it, a test of a strategic weapon was conducted, clearly demonstrating that a great new era of bolstering up the naval force is being ushered in.

The test-fire serves as an occasion of demonstrating the rapid development of the Juche-based naval force and convincing the

prospect of bolstering up the naval force of the DPRK.

Kim Jong Un's line of building the strategic force on expanding and strengthening the sphere of operation of the state nuclear deterrence in a diversified way is being carried out in a planned and radical way, accelerating the nuclear weaponization of our navy. In the morning of January 28, Kim Jong Un guided the test-fire of the newly-developed submarine-launched strategic cruise missile "Pulhwasal-3-31", together with secretaries of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), the commander of the Navy and other leading officials.

The cruise missiles flew in the sky above the East Sea for 7 421s and 7 445s to hit the island target.

The test-fire had no impact on the security of a neighboring country and has nothing to do with the regional situation.

Kim Jong Un expressed great satisfaction over the result of the test.

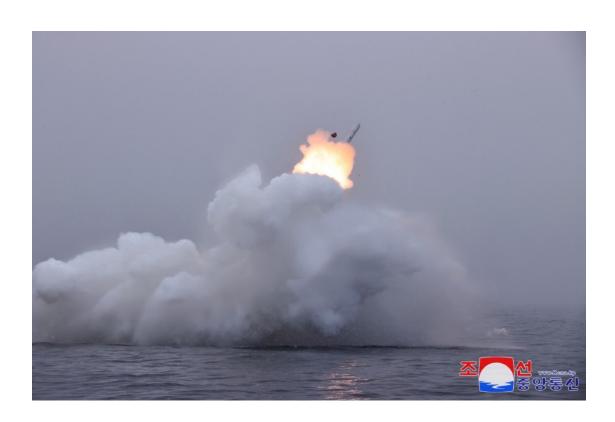
Saying that the prevailing situation and future threats urge the DPRK to put more spurs to the efforts for defending the maritime sovereignty, he stressed that the successes like today's one, which is of strategic significance in carrying out the plan of the WPK for modernizing the army aimed at building a powerful naval force, should be made one after another.

Reiterating that the nuclear weaponization of the navy is an urgent task of the times and a core requirement for building the state nuclear strategic force, he set forth the important tasks arising in realizing the nuclear weaponization of the navy and expanding the sphere of operation of the state nuclear deterrence in a diversified way.

That day he learned in detail about the building of a nuclear submarine.

He discussed the issues related to the building of a nuclear-powered submarine and other new-type warships, indicated the immediate tasks to be carried out by relevant sectors and state measures to be taken, and made an important conclusion on the ways to implement them. -0-













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