

Meeting Held to Mark 70th Anniversary of Victory in Fatherland Liberation War Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Attends Meeting



















Pyongyang, July 28 (KCNA) -- The great victory in the Fatherland Liberation War shining with legendary miracles is an unprecedented great event of special significance in the national and world history, in which the army and people of the DPRK made a history of heroic resistance striking the world people with admiration, consolidated the foundation for eternal victory and prosperity of the powerful DPRK and defended peace of humankind at the most acute outpost line of anti-imperialist independence under the leadership of the outstanding leader.

On the V-Day, an all-people and national holiday that gives the eternal glory and fame to the dignified DPRK, the whole country is paying the noble respects to the heroic generation who created the tradition of great victory with boundless loyalty, bravery and patriotism in the hard-fought war in the 1950s and has constantly developed the history of succession.

A meeting for celebrating the 70th anniversary of the victory in the

Fatherland Liberation War took place with splendor in Pyongyang, the capital city, on July 27.

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, attended the meeting.

When the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** appeared at the platform of honor, all the participants raised enthusiastic cheers of "Hurrah!", looking up to him who represents the strength and dignity of the powerful DPRK and the symbol of eternal victory. Acknowledging the enthusiastically cheering crowds, he warmly congratulated the Fatherland Liberation War participants and all the people across the country and the men and officers of the Korean People's Army (KPA) on the eternal V-Day of the glorious DPRK.

Taking the tribune were Kim Tok Hun, Jo Yong Won, Choe Ryong Hae and Ri Pyong Chol, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, and other senior officials of the Party and the government, chief secretaries of the provincial party committees, leading officials of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, the Cabinet and working people's organizations and war veterans.

The tribune was also taken by Kang Sun Nam, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Jong Kyong Thaek, director of the KPA General Political Bureau, Pak Su Il, chief of the KPA General Staff, and other commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence and commanders of the services and large combined units of the KPA. Seen at the tribune were Sergei Shoigu, defence minister of the Russian Federation, and Li Hongzhong, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China.

Present at the meeting were war veterans and persons of wartime merits who are masters of the great heroic era, and activists in the traits of assisting the army, persons of distinguished services, labor innovators, descendants of martyrs, young builders, men and

officers of the KPA and students of the revolutionary schools. Present on invitation were members of the Russian military delegation and the Chinese party and government delegation on a visit to the DPRK for attending the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War and foreign diplomatic envoys here.

The national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played.

Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, made a speech in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the war victory.

Upon authorization of the Party and the government, the speaker offered heartfelt greetings to the respected war veterans and persons of wartime merits who performed immortal feats in the Fatherland Liberation War under the leadership of President **Kim Il Sung**, the brilliant military strategist and invincible and iron-willed commander, handed down to the Korean people the history and tradition of victory to be remembered with pride century after century and took part in the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the war victory to be specially recorded in history, in good health. He also warmly congratulated all the people across the country and the KPA service personnel who greet the V-Day with high pride of having honorably safeguarded for 70 years the name and flag of the DPRK, defended by the first heroic generation of the DPRK at the cost of their blood, and fully demonstrated its dignity and might before the world.

And he extended heartfelt gratitude to the Communist Party of China, the government of the People's Republic of China and all the Chinese people who helped the DPRK's revolutionary war at the cost of blood and have invariably supported the just cause of the Korean Party and people, and warm greetings to the veterans of the Chinese People's Volunteers and bereaved families of those who took part in the war.

He said that the Fatherland Liberation War was unprecedented in

terms of arduousness and fierceness as it was a war for defending the sovereignty, territory and people of the DPRK from the invasion by the formidable imperialist outsiders and a total war between the progressive and the reactionary for defending the socialist and democratic camp and peace of humankind from the arrogant scheme by the U.S. imperialists to dominate the whole world. He noted that the confrontation between the young sovereign state and U.S. imperialism, which boasted of being "the strongest" in the world with the history of more than hundred years of aggression, was the harshest trial, but the DPRK and its people bravely turned out in the struggle for discharging their responsibility and mission given by the times and history and performed a miracle of frustrating the aggression offensives of the imperialist war maniacs. Along with the war victory, the DPRK came to be clearly recognized by the world as a bulwark in the East that defends independence and justice by resolutely fighting against the most ferocious and formidable U.S. imperialism, and its dignified name and flag came to shine all over the world as a symbol of heroism and banner of victory in the anti-imperialist struggle, he said, referring to the historic significance and profound meaning of the victory in the war. The historic significance of the war victory shining with gold letters in the history of the country lies in the fact that the history of heroic struggle of winning the greatest victory in the gravest circumstances was created and it was cemented into the tradition of the Korean revolution and the character of our national development, he said.

Thanks to the great history in which the war that could have been ended in a terrible tragedy was concluded with victory, a new history of the DPRK, in which it accomplished the great cause of building a powerful nation while setting up new milestone in such harsh annals, was created and legendary 70 years of defending the regional and global peace from all sorts of injustice and tyranny were recorded in the history of the country, he stressed.

The legendary annals and watersheds of changes that astonished the world over the past 70 years since the day of the war victory were all witnessed in the periods when the internal and external situation was complicated and the country faced difficulties, he pointed out, adding that all the heroic feats that stirred up the times were linked to the revolutionary spirit of the victorious wartime generation.

He said what the DPRK held fast to like the banner in the face of trials that are too severe for a country and nation was the history and tradition of war victory which transformed the most arduous years into ones of miracle and what its people cherished as an example of their life and struggle was the indomitable fighting spirit and legendary feats of the victorious wartime generation.

The speaker said that millions of young people, aware of the honor and mission of being descendants of the victorious wartime generation, rushed to the places called by the country to steadily carry forward the heroic epic of the Korean youth with youthful passion and fearless mettle. He went on:

And all the people strived to build socialism in the spirit of the wartime generation and with an indomitable will as intended by the Party Central Committee, thus proving once again the truth of history that nothing is more firm and reliable than the unity of the people rallied around the great leader and that no force is more powerful than their staunch anti-imperialist revolutionary spirit.

This gathering shared by the creators and eyewitnesses of history who achieved the fame of heroic Korea despite the worst-ever challenges and misfortune and the trustworthy descendants who carried forward their noble soul and lifeblood is like an epitome of the country's 70-year history showing how the lifeline of our revolution has been inherited, how the nature of our state has been preserved and how our national power has grown stronger.

All generations have been firmly carried forward by a single red bloodline and become a whole of one life thanks to the history and

tradition of the great war victory no matter how much water flows under the bridge. Herein lies the factor that the orthodoxy of our revolution has been preserved to date, and the strength peculiar to our state which is free from degeneration and frustration.

It is the greatest honor and pride of our Party and people to have the history of victory that will defend the strong breath of the ever-victorious Korean revolution and add eternal luster to the mightiness and invincibility of the Republic.

The war provided the DPRK with the glory of victory and the intense experience that a horrible war should not be repeated as well as the goal of building a powerful country at all costs, the speaker said, stressing that if it had had the strength powerful enough to frustrate the U.S. imperialists' ambition for aggression, the war would not have ended in ceasefire on this land.

As they are mindful of that bitter experience and towering grudge and can no longer live as a target of aggression, the WPK and the DPRK government have made a strenuous advance to bolster up the military capability, regarding self-defence as a keynote policy despite all challenges and hardships of history, and history remembers how peace has been maintained and defended for many years on this land turned into a fierce theatre of confrontation between the two parties conflicting with each other ideologically and institutionally, he said, adding:

The history of strength of the DPRK and its people can neither be stopped nor delayed as the U.S., an aggressive and hegemonic entity exists on this planet. If the U.S. imperialists run amuck, failing to clearly understand the trend of the times and the changed reality, and ignite another war in Korea, they are certain to be buried in the grave of history together with their excessive ambition.

The speaker said that 70 years ago the Korean people waged a heroic struggle, enjoying selfless mental and material assistance from the peace-loving peoples of the world and thus created a great history in which justice beat injustice and progress overwhelmed

reaction.

During the Fatherland Liberation War, the Chinese party and government dispatched their excellent sons and daughters to the Korean front despite difficult conditions and thus devotedly contributed to the victory in the war and made a great contribution to safeguarding the security of their country and defending the socialist eastern outpost, he said.

The Chinese People's Volunteers (CPV) formed a good tradition of winning victory by dint of revolutionary unity after becoming one with the Korean People's Army in the staunch revolutionary spirit against imperialism while fighting in the same trench together with the KPA, he said, adding that the Korean party and people will never forget the militant feats and historic achievements performed by the officers and men of the CPV and will always remember them in the future, too.

The speaker once again warmly welcomed General Sergei Shoigu, defence minister of the Russian Federation, a friendly neighboring country, who came to Pyongyang in congratulation of the great holiday of the DPRK and extended heartfelt militant salute to the Russian government, army and people who have turned out in the historic struggle for defeating the groups threatening and damaging its sovereignty, security and interests and building powerful Russia. Saying that as long as there exist dominationist forces and high-handed practices to cook up and incite bloody confrontation, coup and war in different parts of the planet in pursuance of hegemony and expansion and restrict and hurt other countries, no country and region can be safe, he stressed that the DPRK government and people will stand firmly on the side of those countries against the U.S. hegemony and fight in the same trench with them.

He affirmed that the Korean people would fight unyieldingly and staunchly, united around the great Comrade **Kim Jong Un** for eternal peace, prosperity and development on this land, for the immortality of the noble sacrifice and beautiful soul of many sung

and unsung brave soldiers and for the great powerful country where their desire would be translated into reality and for the eternal prosperity of the beloved DPRK which will shine for all ages.

At the meeting, Sergei Shoigu read out a congratulatory speech sent by Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, to the participants in the meeting for celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Korean people's victory in the Fatherland Liberation War on the occasion of the victory day.

All the participants expressed their gratitude with the ardent applause for the speech of President Putin who extended heartfelt congratulations to the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** and the participants on the glorious holiday of victory of the Korean people. Jo Yong Won, Presidium member of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, conveyed a congratulatory message from the WPK Central Committee to all the people and service personnel who have made immortal contributions to glorifying the tradition of victory of heroic Korea.

All the participants were impressed by the congratulatory message that reviewed the 70-year history of struggle which firmly linked the idea of pioneering the Korean revolution to the new century and clearly proved before the world the scientific accuracy and immortality of our idea and cause as the immutable truth that no one can deny and that showed the unwavering will of the WPK to defend the country, associated with the sacred life of President **Kim Il Sung** and Chairman **Kim Jong Il**, and the socialist system upheld through the heroic struggle and costly self-sacrifice of the revolutionary forerunners and demonstrate the honor of victors forever.

They more deeply cherished the conviction that the ever-victorious history and tradition will be immortal as they hold in high esteem **Kim Jong Un**, peerless patriot and great defender of peace who is firmly turning the heroic fighting spirit of the victorious

wartime generation into the blood vessel of the Korean revolution and ushering in a new era of a prosperous and powerful country independent in politics, self-supporting in the economy and self-reliant in national defence.

The meeting served as a significant occasion that fully displayed the unshakable faith and will of the WPK and the people of the DPRK to build the country, defended by the forerunners at the risk of their lives, into a eternally thriving socialist power with the transparent spirit of defending the country and the revolution as a treasured sword of victory and the invincibility of Korean-style socialism. -0-
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