

Introduction

The purpose of this essay is to introduce my forthcoming book “*In Defence of Songun*” and to give an account of my recent visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. I believe this will be helpful in putting my book into context.

I visited the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea again , for the 10th time , from the 8th of October to the 19th to attend the celebrations for the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the Workers' Party of Korea the supreme general staff of the Korean revolution , and the organiser and guide of the Korean people. My visit was at the kind invitation of the Korean Association of Social Scientists(KASS). I am very grateful to the KASS for their hospitality and assistance.

Originally I was not so sure whether I should travel to the DPRK time as my aged mother had passed away on the 29th of August some 6 weeks before I was due to travel. I was a bit apprehensive about a making such a long and difficult journey was suffering the emotional effects of the bereavement .However I made up my mind to go . Simply sitting around doing nothing would not bring my mother back and moreover the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the great Workers' Party of Korea was an event not to be missed. I also needed to do research for my book “*In Defence of Songun* “ and hold some working level discussions with the Korean Association of Social Scientists concerning it.

It turned out to a great visit and I was very disappointed to leave to go back to the capitalist world where everything seems so depressing and miserable . During my visit I learnt many new things and became more convinced of the superiority of Juche based socialism and the Songun idea , despite the slanders of the imperialists and reactionaries . Before I visited the US imperialists and other reactionaries spread rumours about a nuclear test and a missile test and the south Korean fascist puppets spoke about 'provocation in October ' but such things never happened.

Only less 2 months before I had visited the situation had been very tense owing to the provocations of the south Korean puppets and the US imperialists who staged Ulji Freedom Guardian and used the pretext of a mysterious landmine explosion to step up tension bringing the situation close to war however the strong stance of dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** brought the south Korean puppets to the negotiating table and war was averted.

During my visit I had working level meetings with Professor Kim Chang Gyong of the Korean Association of Social Scientists and discussed my proposed book “*In Defence of Songun* “. I participated as an observer in the meeting of the Board of Directors of the **Kim Il Sung-Kim Jong Il** International foundation . I took part the seminar on the 9th of October and made a speech to the seminar on experiences of Juche Idea Study Groups on the 11th of October. I was proud to be awarded the double portrait badge of generalissimos **Kim Il Sung** and **Kim Jong Il**, a very great honour indeed. As a Juche Idea follower I felt elated to receive the badge.

I was able to have a short meeting with the DPRK Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries during the meal arranged by them on the evening of the 8th of October. I had a productive meeting with the Anti-Imperialist National Democratic Front of South Korea. I was able to visit outside of Pyongyang the following places such as the Sinchon museum, International Friendship Exhibition and West Sea Barrage and also to walk around on foot Pyongyang for the first time. Seeing pedestrian underpasses in Pyongyang I could not see any homeless people. I realised more deeply that the propaganda spread by the imperialist mass media is all lies.

Seeing the DPRK countryside I came to know that the stories about crop failure and famine are untrue. Also certain elements spread stories about "reform" and "opening up" and even the "restoration of capitalism", mouthing about the so-called "May 2015 Reforms" but in the countryside you could see the Red flag proudly displayed on the collective farm fields. Not just in the countryside but in the cities too. I remember seeing a group of schoolchildren near the railway station twirling Red flags and playing music. I was told that they were encouraging the builders, thus demonstrating that People's Korea prioritises ideological and political incentives over material incentives.

There were so many highlights of the trip notably the massive military parade to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the Workers Party of Korea, the torchlight parade of youth students of Pyongyang, the 10,000 artistic performance *The Great Party and Rosy Korea* and much more!

PEOPLES KOREA TODAY OCTOBER 2015.

After a long and tense journey via Shanghai and Beijing I arrived at the new Pyongyang Sunan International Airport on the 8th of October .The weather was fine . I was met at the airport by an official of the Korean Association of Social Scientists and by my guide for the trip Ms Ri , a smartly dressed young lady with a brisk and confident walk who is a university student and member of the **Kim Il Sung** Socialist Youth League . Seeing the new Airport itself was a surprise ! . All trace of the old Sunan airport was gone and instead a new modern airport that is spacious and bright . It was constructed by the soldier constructors of the Korean Peoples Army totally self -reliantly in the spirit of Juche .Many countries can of course boast of modern airports but these are constructed with the “help” of foreign capital whereas Sunan Airport is 100 per cent Korean in construction and design . Dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** gave on the spot guidance to the reconstruction of Sunan international airport several times pointing out that is must adhere to the Juche character and national character . There is no HSBC , no McDonald’s , no Starbucks , no KFC ! everything is Korean owned and managed !It was a contrast to a certain neighbouring country whereas the first thing you can see on coming out of arrivals is a McDonald’s rather than a symbol of the country concerned or an enterprise owned by that country , what a poor show ! Really the reconstruction of Sunan airport just goes to prove the superiority and vitality of the Juche-based,self-reliant independent national economy .Although Sunan Airport now has bigger capacity it still has a calm atmosphere and lacks the stress of Heathrow Airport . In some capitalist countries airports have been over expanded drawing anger and protests . However the DPRK has struck a balance between the need for international air travel and the need for environmental harmony.

Peoples Korea has changed many times since the first time I set foot in the country in May 1992 and indeed many new buildings had appeared since my last visits in 2013 and 2012. Just before I arrived ,the Paektusan Songun Youth Hero Power station was completed along with many other structures and complexes. Even on the way from the airport I could saw lots of new greenhouses to grow fresh vegetables. From the top of the Juche Idea Tower I saw many new buildings and structures that had appeared within the past few years . Moored on the River Taedong was the new pleasure boat the Mujigae which was the size of a giant ocean liner . We do not have such a large pleasure boat on the River Thames in London. More construction work is planned ,for example the further expansion of **Kim Il Sung** university .

Pyongyang was in a truly festive mood ready for October 10th. The Workers Party of Korea was founded on October 10 by the great leader president **Kim Il Sung** 70 years ago and is the organiser and guide of the all the victories of the Korean people and the supreme general staff of the Korean revolution . The 70 years since the WPK was founded passed rapidly but saw world startling transformations. The WPK under the leadership of great comrade **Kim Il Sung** and the great leader eternal chairman **Kim Jong Il** has traversed a road of victory and glory . The cause of the Juche-orientated party building started by the great leaders comrades **Kim Il Sung** and **Kim Jong Il** is now being dynamically carried forward by the dear respected leader Marshal **Kim Jong Un**. The red flag of the Workers Party of Korea with its distinct hammer, sickle and writing brush could be seen flying gaily in the wind on many street corners . On this visit whilst visiting the Party Foundation museum I learnt the fact the sickle, brush and hammer are upright to symbolise the single hearted unity of the masses and that the writing brush is higher to reflect the importance of intellectuals in society .

The Workers' Party of Korea which was founded on October 10th 1945 originally as the Communist Party of North Korea by the great leader comrade **Kim Il Sung** and is led today by the dear respected leader Marshal **Kim Jong Un** is a Juche type party totally different to both bourgeois parties such as Tory and New Labour and also to the former ruling parties of the socialist countries. It is different because it is rooted the popular masses. It was not formed as a result of a sudden decision but its formation was a process that actually spanned several decades starting with the formation of the Down With Imperialism Union on October 17th 1926 by the great leader comrade **Kim Il Sung**. Indeed the process did not come to an on October 10th 1945 but a further merger of parties took place in 1946 between the Communist Party of North Korea and the New Democratic Party to form the Workers' Party of North Korea. This prevented the forces of the working masses being split . In 1949 the Workers' Party of North Korea merged with the Workers' Party of South Korea to form a unified party for the whole of Korea the Workers Party of Korea. Indeed the road travelled by the Workers' Party of Korea since October 10th 1945 has been one of continuous struggle, development and consolidation .

The WPK has unceasingly struggled against imperialism and class enemies. It has always opposed modern revisionism and also Left opportunism. The WPK is proudly known throughout the world, from Sao Paulo to Vladivostok, for its struggle for socialism for example te Pyongyang Declaration and the WPK struggle against imperialism. Of course the DPRK is one of the few countries in the world, probably the only country in fact, where you will see the Red flag flying on street

corners which reflects the fact that the DPRK is upholding the red banner of socialism frustrating all attempts to undermine socialism as dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** said in his recently published work of the 4th of October "*The Cause of the Great Party of Comrades*

Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il Is Ever-Victorious"

" We must keep a watchful eye over all sorts of moves by the enemy to undermine our socialist system from within, approach these moves with political awareness and never allow any poisonous weeds of capitalism, however trifling, to sprout in the garden of socialism."

The US imperialists, who have a pathological hatred of People's Korea, and class enemies and all sorts of reactionaries are indeed persisting in all kinds of moves to undermine Juche-based socialism from within, particularly by ideological and cultural infiltration and psychological warfare as well as tricks like smuggling in agents disguised as 'missionaries' or 'NGO' workers etc., businessmen and even tourists. Also the US imperialists and their followers are trying to use the "human rights" issue to smear and tarnish the reputation of the DPRK but also to destabilise it from within. In the past the US imperialists and other Western imperialists used the "human rights" issue against the Soviet and other socialist countries and instigated the "Helsinki process" which eventually led to the collapse of socialism in those countries. Since my last visit in 2013 the Korean people led by dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** successfully smashed the modern day factionalist clique, who were hand in glove with the imperialists and other enemies of Peoples Korea. The most dangerous enemy a country can face is the enemy within, one enemy inside is equal to a hundred outside. The modern factionalist clique was exposed and smashed at the meeting of the WPK political bureau in December 2013 and the traitor liquidated according to the will of the people. By defeating the modern day factionalists the Korean people defied the imperialists and big power chauvinists. After the defeat of the counter-revolutionary factionalist clique socialist construction entered a period of great upsurge. Now the people are united even more solidly around supreme leader dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** singing the song "*We follow only you*" and "*Our Revolutionary Armed Forces Support the Marshal's Leadership*". Truly the whole people are united around their supreme leader dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un**

The single heart-ed unity of the DPRK was powerfully demonstrated by the massive military parade, civilian demonstration and torchlight procession of youths.

It was my third time to see a KPA military parade , I also watched the parades in 2012 and 2013. .The military parade was was a superb pageant and. It showed the true precision, efficiency and discipline of the Korean

Peoples Army under the leadership of dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** and the Workers Party of Korea. Such discipline, unity and efficiency would be impossible in an imperialist country(which are rent by social and class contradictions) or revisionist country! No other army has such discipline.

Before the parade started the DPRK National Flag and the flag of the Workers' Party of Korea were hoisted onto the flagpole by the reviewing. Chief of general staff of the Korean People's Army general Ri Yong Gil reviewed and greeted the troops. Dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** took the reviewing stand to stormy applause.

The parade was led by a column representing the anti-Japanese guerrillas which was symbolic of the continuity of the revolution down the generations. There were the original tanks from the Fatherland Liberation War including tank no 312 which was the first tank into Seoul on the 28th of July 1950, a subtle reminder to the south Korean puppets of the fate that awaits them should they provoke a war. Indeed I have no doubt that if a war broke out that the KPA under the command of dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** will destroy south Korea within hours and liberate south Korea and reunify the country with the flag of the DPRK flying over Seoul and Mt Halla!

Marchers included the Korean Children s Union, with the song of the Children s Union being gaily played and, also the Young Red Guards, a paramilitary organisation of youth and students which was founded in 1970.

There was an impressive display of military hardware which included not only tanks and missiles but also unmanned aircraft and long range missiles as well as a nuclear suicide unit which shows that if necessary the KPA under the command of supreme leader Marshal **Kim Jong Un** can strike back at the US imperialists in any part of the world. The US now acknowledges that the DPRK can hit the US mainland with their nuclear weapons, as the Washington Times newspaper of the 13th of October said

“Now, North Korea can play the mutually assured destruction game just like the United States and other nuclear powers”. US admiral Gortney commander of the US northern command stated *“they(the DPRK) have the weapons, and they have the ability to miniaturize those weapons, and they have the ability to put them on a rocket that can range the homelands,”* This means the DPRK is now on an equal footing with the US and other nuclear haves. The US imperialists may be able to run but they cannot never hide from the merciless strike of the KPA!

One innovation was an ingenious display by planes(which were 100 per cent DPRK made) that flew in the formation of the WPK symbol and in

the formation of a number 70 (representing the WPK's 70 years of history, such creativity and skill! Jets flew above the Juche Idea Tower and emitted smoke which was coloured red, white and blue the colours of the DPRK national flag.

The military parade was followed by a civilian demonstration. This was very colourful indeed. The civilian marchers were just as enthusiastic as the service personnel. I was particularly impressed to see a float with the picture of comrade **Kim Jong Il** standing in a field of bumper crops. The fact that the civilian demonstration came after the military parade demonstrated the army people unity which is quite impossible in capitalist society where there is conflict between the people and the armed forces. Generally speaking in capitalist countries the armed forces serve as an instrument of class rule and oppression by the capitalist ruling class. Also in the UK the armed forces became despised as they were regarded as a place for the uneducated, illiterate and rough people who were incapable of doing any job, with soldiers being called "thick squaddies. I told my guide, Ms Ri that in my country there is conflict between the army and the people giving the example of the town where I grew up: there was an army barracks in the centre of town but it had to be moved into the countryside far outside town because each night the soldiers would go out and get drunk in pubs (Ms Ri said in her opinion the British Army is not a proper army as the KPA soldiers do not drink and observe discipline at all times) and beat up the civilians This illustrated the deep conflict between the people and armed forces in imperialist society. However in the DPRK there is a powerful unity between the army and people, their destinies are welded together in the defence of socialism. It is regarded as a great honour to be a soldier in the DPRK and soldiers enjoy the respect of society.

Dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** addressed the parade, his voice was clear, resonant and strong full of conviction. He said
" *For our country and people, October 10 is a meaningful revolutionary holiday when they celebrate the birth anniversary of the genuine vanguard of the revolution, its militant General Staff, which has taken responsibility for their destiny and leads them* "

Moreover he pointed out that " *Today our Party can proudly state that our revolutionary armed forces are capable of fighting any type of war the U.S. imperialists opt for, and have made full preparations for firmly defending the blue sky over the country and the security of the people*"
This served as a stern warning to the foolhardy and aggressive US imperialists who dream of starting a second Korean war and invading the

DPRK.

Marshal **Kim Jong Un** in his speech put forward the three point policy of the WPK to, to put pay attention to the armed forces, to youth and to the people.

Military parades in the DPRK are different from those in former socialist countries as in the DPRK the paraders march with vigour and enthusiasm and with colourful displays. Probably no other country in the world can put on such a magnificent parade and civilian demonstration. In the UK war events to celebrate the anniversary of the end of the second world war were rather paltry and subdued affairs. In the capitalist countries there can be no single hearted unity like in the DPRK. Instead of parades celebrating unity or success in constructive work there are so called "Gay Parade" marches in which thousands of degenerates in outlandish costumes prance along the streets in a vulgar spectacle.

In the former socialist countries the military parades looked gloomy. I can remember watching a video of a parade staged by the East German revisionists in 1989 shortly before the collapse of the German Democratic Republic, it looked grey and formalistic without colour and spirit but the KPA military parade was full of vigour and colour. The Soviet Union used to hold big military parades but at the same time put up the slogans "peaceful co-existence" and "detente" rendering their military parades impotent and virtually meaningless displays devoid of anti-imperialist content. . Today some big powers may put on big military parades but these are just for show with no real content, the troops of these countries also lack a genuine militant anti-imperialist spirit whereas the KPA has emblazoned on its tanks and armour the slogan "*Let Us Wipe Out the US imperialist aggressors, the sworn enemy of the Korean people!*".

The grand military parade of the Korean People's Army on October 10th fully demonstrated the invincible power of Songun! The KPA is strong not just in terms of military hardware but in discipline and unity. *Seeing the parade I became more convinced of the validity of the Songun Idea and Songun politics and resolved to complete my book "In Defence of Songun"*

When both the military parade and civilian demonstration were over the dear respected leader Marshal **Kim Jong Un** waved to the crowd. The atmosphere was truly electric with people jumping up and down cheering!. It seemed unbelievable and unreal that I, an ordinary British worker, could be within 10 or 20 metres of the leader of one of the most powerful countries. Seeing the crowds cheering and people jumping up and down I was totally of the Korean peoples fervent and enthusiastic support for dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un**.

In the evening there was a militant torchlight parade of youths

followed by a colourful firework display. Although the weather was unfavourable the Korean young people did not flinch but took part in the parade with vigour and militancy! This was because they were happy to celebrate the important anniversary of the Party. The DPRK government is not afraid of putting large numbers of young on the streets whereas in the UK the government would never risk putting such large numbers of youth on the streets as this could lead to a riot. Indeed shortly after my visit to the DPRK the UK witnessed the Halloween riots of young people in Lambeth and the chaos of the "Million Mask march" of anarchists which ended in violence with a number of people arrested or injured. The UK has a history of rioting, the most recent riots being the August 2011 which saw 5 deaths, many people injured and over 3,000 arrested and jailed. Where I live in Woolwich the riots were particularly severe with parts of the town centre being destroyed. Previously in the 1980s there had been riots in Brixton, Tottenham, Liverpool and many other places. The 2011 riots, however, were on a much bigger scale and intensity than the 1980s riots in the UK. The US too has a long history of riots such as in St Louis, Missouri. Mass shootings frequently occur in the US and some other capitalist countries. Terrorism with heavy loss of life is also commonplace.

Such occurrences would be impossible in the DPRK where the people are fully united around the leader and party and form a harmonious integral whole. The situation in the so called "advanced" capitalist countries is in contrast to the Juche socialist Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The DPRK is one of the most stable countries on earth, in fact probably the most stable country in the world. Young people there do not riot but instead act as the shock brigade in socialist construction and take part with vigour in the defence of the country. The DPRK is based on the socialist ownership of the means of production so there is no social inequality. There are no social contradictions and no racial discrimination. In the DPRK there is no unemployment, there are no spending cuts and taxation was abolished in 1974.

The DPRK is based on the Juche Idea, the philosophical principle of which is that man is the master. Thus because of the socialist ownership of the means of production which is both underpinned and enhanced by the Juche Idea, people in the DPRK have a high sense of 'taking ownership' of 'stake-holding' which does not exist in any capitalist country. Moreover politics in the DPRK are based on benevolence and trust, the supreme principle of the party and the state is to improve living standards.

I also attended the 10,000 strong joint performance "*Great Party, Rosy Korea*". This was a very new concept for me as it was performed on a floating stage on the River Taedong, something unique and I have never

seen this before anywhere else in the world. I have certainly never seen such a performance in London. 10,00 is probably the highest number of performers in the world.

The performance was started by schoolchildren but centred on veteran artistes of the DPRK such as the Mansudae Art Troupe. The famous Pochonbo and Wangjaesan bands took the stage to perform such classic numbers as “*My Country is the Best*” and also “*Lets Us Defend Socialism*”. There were so many fascinating pieces of music. Veteran artistes and performers of the DPRK are greatly respected and valued.

The history of the DPRK, from the years of the anti-Japanese armed struggle was represented by music and stunning choreography. I liked seeing a model of the Fatherland Liberation tank no 312 on the stage, a wonderful creative touch. The most striking piece was “*Peace on Is Our Bayonets*”. The lead singer for this was a beautiful woman singer in uniform with a powerful and striking voice. This was performed against a striking backdrop showing the US flag and White House being destroyed. This demonstrates the strong and militant anti imperialist spirit of the DPRK which is not seen in other countries. The DPRK fights US imperialism without compromise unlike some countries.

The anti -imperialist, anti -US spirit of the DPRK was also fully demonstrated at the new Sinchon museum. Sinchon Ri is the fateful place where the US imperialists and local class enemies committed the crime of murdering 35,383 people or one quarter of the population (can you imagine the death toll if the same thing was done in London, it would 2.2 million people dead!). It is an understatement to say the US imperialists are just as bad as Hitlers Nazis, in fact they were much worse! A museum was built at the site of one of the massacres not simply as a memorial to those who died but also as a centre of anti US anti imperialist class education. Dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** visited the original Sinchon museum on the 24th of November 2014 and said “*the massacres committed by the U.S. imperialist aggressors in Sinchon evidently showed that they are cannibals and homicides seeking pleasure in slaughter... the Korean people would never forget the brutal atrocities committed by the U.S. murderers and class enemies in Sinchon and many other areas of the northern half of Korea.*”

Marshal **Kim Jong Un** instructed that the museum should be rebuilt and modernised so as to serve as a centre of anti-US class education. He also gave instructions that it should be moved to the site of where the massacre took place in the Chestnut valley as previously those who visited the old museum had to travel between sites, the new museum affords greater convenience. The new museum is much larger than the old

one and has more detailed and graphic displays some with sound effects which tell of the horrendous crimes committed by the barbaric and degenerate Yankee imperialists against the Korean people. I also saw a sign pointing to the revenge pledge taking site.

The crimes committed by the US imperialists were so vile that a young lady guide with our party became overcome with emotion with tears in her eyes. We learnt about the long history of US aggression against Korea which goes back over 150 years. In the past the devious US imperialists used religion as a means to brainwash people with hypocritical and sanctimonious mumbo-jumbo so as to create passivity and US worship infiltrating many missionaries into Korea to spread the worship of the US and to recruit spies and collaborators. This still goes on today with the US imperialists sending in spies under the cloak of religion or “co-operation” and “exchange”.

My eye was caught by a depiction of Korean shown helping the US imperialists. This was a former landlord. Thus the US imperialists were the external enemy but were helped by internal class enemies like former exploiters. The two were hand in glove. Today the reactionary exploiting class in south Korea led by puppet boss woman Park Geun Hye, the daughter of the notorious fascist dictator Park Chung Hee, is hand in glove with the US imperialists in their anti DPRK moves. My guide Ms Ri explained that the nature of the US imperialists does not change. I was able to purchase an excellent booklet *Sinchon Acuses the Yankee barbarians!*. Probably the DPRK is the only country in the world to have such a museum, none of the other socialist countries, former or present, carried out such thoroughgoing anti US anti imperialist class education and it intends to step it up. The former socialist countries did not carry out anti-imperialist class education like the DPRK but instead promoted illusions about US imperialism, the former USSR even allowed a Pepsi Cola factory to be established on its soil thus corrupting and degenerating the spirit of the Soviet people. A neighbouring country had videos promoting the American way of life on their Airline. However Korean people hate the US imperialists and are full of resolve to fight the US imperialists until final victory and taking revenge a 100 fold and a 1000 fold.

The anti-imperialist spirit of the Korean people was also manifested at the magnificent Fatherland Liberation War Museum. The museum was completely renovated and expanded in 2013 to the mark the 60th anniversary of the Fatherland Liberation War. The Museum serves as a centre for education in the Songun Idea and Juche-based military tactics

as well as foe anti-US, anti-imperialist education. The museum was originally constructed in the 1970s and in 1993 the Fatherland Liberation War Monument park was built. Now a completely new wing of the new museum has been built. It is fronted by the famous War Victory monument with ornate gardens. When you enter the Museum there is a colour statue of the great leader generalissimo **Kim Il Sung** in the Marshal's uniform. President **Kim Il Sung** looks identical to the dear respected leader Marshal **Kim Jong Un**.

Here at the museum one could learn the fact that the US imperialists provoked the Korean War and also of the crushing defeat inflicted on them by the heroic Korean Peoples Army commanded by the great leader generalissimo **Kim Il Sung** the ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and gifted military strategist of Juche. The Fatherland Liberation War was a real David and Goliath struggle between the new born DPRK and the US imperialists who hurled in massive armed forces including forces of 15 satellite countries of the US. The US imperialists heavily bombed the DPRK, dropping 1 bomb per head of population as well committing numerous brutal massacres. The Fatherland Liberation War fought by the Korean people was a just national liberation war to defend its territory from the invasion of US imperialism and liberate the south, it was a just reunification war and also a severe struggle against the class enemies. It was also a war to defend the socialist camp and to defend world peace.

The guide to the museum a tall slim girl in a smart green uniform pointed out that the UK had sent troops to the fight for the US imperialists in the war. This made me feel guilty and embarrassed. It is to my eternal shame that my country sent troops to fight against the Korean people to prevent the liberation of south Korea and the reunification of Korea. Basically the government of Clement Attlee, which some praise as a “reformist “government but was in reality a capitalist government, continued with imperialist policies after the Second World War in which the UK had become severely weakened, Attlee made the UK subservient to the US and made the UK be a member of NATO. Attlee sent British young men to die in Korea to please his Yankee masters. The British Communist Party and the progressive forces opposed the sending of British troops to Korea, The Fatherland Liberation War Museum has on display a “*Labour Monthly* “(a broad front publication of the Communist party) pamphlet on Korea.

Although the US imperialists threw in such large armed forces into the war on the 27th of July 1953 they conceded defeat by signing the Korean Armistice Agreement. The US imperialists lost over: 1,567,128 men

including 405,498 US soldiers, 1,130,965 south Korean puppet troops, and 30,665 soldiers of their satellite states were killed, wounded or captured; 12,224 aeroplanes including "air fortress B-29" were downed, damaged or captured, 7,695 guns, 3,255 233 tanks and armoured cars were lost; and 564 warships and vessels including the heavy cruiser Baltimore and the flagship of the Seventh Fleet Missouri were sunk or damaged. The loss suffered by the US imperialists was nearly 2.3 times greater than what they had suffered in the four years of the Pacific War during World War.

Displayed outside the museum, by the side of the War Memorial Park, were numerous captured US weapons including in pride of place the "USS Pueblo " which was captured on the 23rd of January 1968. The USS Pueblo was not a civilian oceanographic research ship as propagandized by the US imperialists but an armed spy ship with an arsenal of weapons as well as machine guns mounted on the ship. The captain of the ship foolhardily intruded deep into the waters of the DPRK whereupon the ship was captured by the Navy of the KPA. The US imperialists were panic stricken and demanded the ship and the crew should be handed back.

At the time the US imperialists asked British premier Harold Wilson who had close business relations with the Soviet Union to ask the USSR to ask the DPRK to hand back the ship. The US imperialists pinned their hopes on Premier Wilson, "the Yorkshire Walter Mitty" and the Soviet revisionists to save the situation without the use of force but it did not work. The anti-imperialist, anti revisionist DPRK was having none of it and refused to send back the ship despite the pressure of Soviet revisionists to hand back the ship. Neither Harold "the Yorkshire Walter Mitty" Wilson or the Soviet modern revisionists were able to persuade the DPRK to hand back the ship. the DPRK under the great leader President **Kim Il Sung** stood firm and refused to hand back the ship and it remains in the DPRK today, in a pride of place by the Fatherland Liberation War Museum. Originally it had been moored on the River Taedong near to the place where the USS general Sherman was sunk in 1866. The capture of the USS Pueblo and its crew was a great defeat for the US imperialists, firstly it exposed their covert intelligence operations to the world, secondly the nuclear blackmail and intimidation of the US imperialists fail to work on the DPRK demonstrating that if people fight back against the imperialists then they are can win, thirdly, it was a victory for the socialist camp and anti-imperialists forces because meant the socialist camp captured the sophisticated electronic equipment of the US imperialists. The DPRK in fact had made a great contribution to the socialist camp and international communist movement by capturing the

ship.

Also on the display was the wreckage of the EC121 which was successfully shot down by the heroic Air Force of the Korean Peoples Army on the 15th of April 1969 as well as the helicopter shot down by AA gunners of the KPA on the 17th of December 1994. I remember hearing the news on BBC Radio 4 and immediately putting on the music “*No Motherland Without You* “

Displayed in the Fatherland Liberation War Museum were materials proving that the US imperialists started the war and there was a highly informative video which proved beyond all doubt that the US imperialists were author and initiators of the war.

We saw the diorama of the defeat of the US imperialists at Taejon on the 20th of July 1950.(the 20th of July is also my birthday).This is housed in its own special section with a revolving observation platform. It was in the battle of Taejon that the troops of the Korean Peoples Army smashed the so-called US Army 24th division. The KPA encircled the US imperialist forces, General Dean its commander was taken prisoner by a young KPA soldier. It was a victory for the revolutionary Juche-orientated military tactics and Songun based art of command of the great leader generalissimo **Kim Il Sung**.

Here in the museum you could learn about the struggle of the Korean People's Army during the War particularly its young heroes such as Ri Su Bok, Jo Kun Sil and Kang Yong Ho. Ri Su Bol who scarified his precious young life when he was only 18 years old writing that “Nothing is more glorious than to dedicate my life to my one and only motherland.” We saw an excellent full size model depicting the lives of the soldiers on Height 1211 which was known by the US imperialists as “heartbreak ridge “. Height 1211 is very famous amongst Korean people as it was one of the most decisive battles during the Fatherland Liberation War. .Had the Korean people lost Height 1211 then they would have had to retreat scores of kilometres and give up a huge area of land. The KPA built tunnels where they lived and worked. They even had an ondol, Korean style under floor central heating system.

In the last section of the museum there were materials on the crushing defeat on the US imperialists inflicted by the KPA under the command of the great leader Marshal **Kim Il Sung**. We could graphically see the defeat of the US imperialists with a depiction of Smith the graveyard general as well the confessions of the defeated US generals and politicians such as General Mark Clark who signed the Armistice Agreement who wearily confessed that he had “*the unenviable distinction of being the first US Army commander to sign an armistice without victory*”. The Fatherland Liberation War was indeed the fiery crucible of the Songun idea. The Fatherland Liberation War Museum bears testament

to the truth of the Songun Idea.

Visiting the Tower of the Juche Idea which has pride of place on the riverside of the River Taedong one could really see that the Juche Idea towers above all other ideologies. Hearing the simple but profound explanation of the Juche Idea given by the English speaking guide at the tower I got an overwhelming sense of the absolute truth of Juche, that it is the ideology that everyone should follow. The imperialists and reactionaries oppose the Juche Idea but its attraction is growing stronger and stronger even though the enemy does everything to obstruct the study of the Juche Idea. At the Juche Idea Tower the support of the world people for the Juche Idea is shown by a the large number of stones donated by Juche Idea Study Groups and world progressive figures. There over a 1000 Juche Idea Study Groups in the world.

We visited **Kim Il Sung** university the alma mater of the great leader comrade **Kim Jong Il**. The University is equipped with the latest facilities such as an e library as well as a swimming pool and gymnasium. Further expansion of the university is planned in the coming years.

At the revolutionary museum of the **Kim Il Sung** university I saw a picture of the great leader comrade **Kim Jong Il** meeting Albanian students whilst he was a student at the university. This sparked off a train of thought in my mind. In the 1960s modern revisionism had emerged in the former USSR under the baton of the traitor Khrushchov .One of Khrushchov's acts was to disparage Albania and put pressure on it because it did not accept revisionism so it was an act of anti-revisionist solidarity by comrade **Kim Jong Il** to visit the Albanian students as well an act contributing to the unity of the international communist movement and socialist countries. In the 1960s A complex situation developed in the international communist movement and socialist camp. A number of countries such as the DPRK and others did not accept revisionism but many socialist countries under the baton of the Soviet Union, accepted revisionism. Some countries on the pretext of 'opposing revisionism' actually took to ultra-leftism. Later a split between two of these 'anti-revisionist' countries developed when one adopted the "open door" and "reform" policy, cosying up to the imperialists, and turned on its former supporter suspending co operation with it, whereas the latter proclaimed itself "the only socialist country ". China adopted went through the "cultural revolution ", then the "three worlds theory "and then 'reform ' and 'opening up'. The DPRK is the only socialist country in the world that has been consistent always adhered to the Juche Idea and sticking to its lines and policies, always maintaining an anti-imperialist stance and adherence to socialist principles. The DPRK firmly eschewed Right and Left deviations in building socialism. It avoided the twists and turns and 'about faces' of some other countries. .The DPRK also opposed

splits in the international communist movement and the socialist camp believing that the best way is to “unite while struggling” and “struggle while uniting”. The Workers Party of Korea under the leadership of the great leader President **Kim Il Sung** maintained relations with communist and workers parties of many lands and all the socialist countries such as Albania, China, Cuba, USSR and others. This proved to be a most wise and prudent policy.

We could see the DPRK's policy of unity within the socialist camp and international communist movement to say nothing of the immense reverence of the world people for the great leaders President **Kim Il Sung** and Chairman **Kim Jong Il** evidenced at the International Friendship Exhibition situated in the beautifully scenic and supremely serene Myohyang mountains. The exhibition is so big that it would take weeks and weeks to go around properly to see all the exhibits in detail. We went around only a small part of it. I was proud to see the gift we presented to dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** in July display. There was a beautiful carpet picture, presented by Mongolia, of dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** and comrade Ri Sol Ju on display. Visiting the exhibition we could learn of the deep reverence of the world revolutionary and progressive people for the great leader President **Kim Il Sung** who was the great elder of the international communist and working class movement. President **Kim Il Sung** received gifts large and small from the heads of socialist countries and the communist and workers parties. Probably the largest gifts were the trains sent by J V Stalin and Chairman Mao Zedong of China. After seeing the waxwork figure of the great leader President **Kim Il Sung**, Ms Ri said that she felt that she was seeing the great leader President **Kim Il Sung** in real life!

The deep respect and reverence for the great leaders President **Kim Il Sung** and **Kim Jong Il** is also clearly manifested at the **Kimilsungia-Kimjongilia** exhibition near to the bank of the River Taedong. **Kimilsungia** was the flower named after President **Kim Il Sung** by the then Indonesian president Sukarno (a progressive anti-imperialist leader). President **Kim Il Sung** at first declined Sukarno's request to name the flower after him but Sukarno was insistent *saying* “*You have rendered enormous services to mankind, so you deserve a high honour*” So President **Kim Il Sung** accepted the request. Years later a famous Japanese botanist named a flower after chairman **Kim Jong Il**. Nowadays every ministry and unit in the DPRK grows **Kimilsungia** and **Kimjongilia** and send them to the exhibition as a gesture of their sincere longing for the President and the chairman. Not just Koreans but Foreign Embassies as well as international organisations, Friendship organisations and Juche Idea Study Groups.

We visited the Arch of Triumph on the 14th of October which was the

70th anniversary of the mass rally held in Pyongyang in 1945 to welcome President **Kim Il Sung** back to Korea. This arch is taller than that of Paris, standing at 60 metres (the arch gateway being 27 metres high) and with a width of 52.5 metres. On one side it has 1925 and on the other side it has 1945, the dates of the start and finish of the anti-Japanese armed struggle led by the great leader President **Kim Il Sung**.

No visit to Pyongyang is complete without a visit to the amazing Pyongyang Metro. The cost of ride on the Pyongyang Metro is the equivalent of 0.003p (according to a google currency converter) so it is virtually free and war veterans get completely free. In London the minimum cash fare is £4.80 or with Oyster card £2.30 meaning that fares on the Pyongyang Metro are at least 766 times cheaper than London Trains are frequent about one every 3 minutes and it is easy to get a seat on the train. The trains run on time. It is very efficient, my guide told me that she used the metro every morning to get her university. There were no queues or overcrowded stations. The Pyongyang Metro is clean, free from vandalism, graffiti, capitalist advertising and dirt! I told my guide how dirty the London Underground is and she asked why given the high fares on the Tube they cannot keep it clean! In contrast to the run-down public transport systems of London and other capitalist countries the Pyongyang Metro is almost palatial with chandeliers, marble columns and beautiful mosaics depicting socialist construction. The Pyongyang Metro is very safe as the platforms are wide and each station has 2 "security girls" who ensure the safety of passengers. In London ticket offices are being closed and the numbers of staff reduced. On the Pyongyang Metro there are no cases of people falling on to the tracks and delaying trains. The atmosphere was orderly with none of the fights between commuters or scenes of chaos that I have witnessed on several occasions in London. The DPRK is building many blocks of flats such as Mirae Street and handing them over to the people free of charge. This would be unthinkable in the UK where a flat on the riverside in central London cost £12,000 per month to rent or up to £1 million to buy. Even in the run down and poor Woolwich Dockyard area (where I live) a flat costs £200,000 to buy or £500 to £1000 a month to rent (excluding the cost of electricity, gas, water, insurance and council tax). In the UK many people cannot afford to pay the rent and are evicted by greedy and cruel landlords, in 2015 11,000 families were evicted in the UK. Some 15,000 young people sleep rough on the streets of London.

Thanks to my dependable and reliable guide Ms Ri I was able to walk about the centre of Pyongyang which not only afforded me the opportunity of fresh air and exercise (which is important for my health) but gave me the chance to see the reality of the DPRK even more

deeply before. Some enemies of the DPRK say that visitors to the DPRK simply stay in hotels and go around in tourist buses but do not really know the country. This was proved untrue. I actually encountered busy and bustling streets full of people. In the pedestrian underpasses there were no homeless people that you would expect to see in the capitalist countries. Indeed in London some pedestrian underpasses at night are full of homeless people, drunks, drug addicts, hooligans and lumpen criminal degenerate type people but in Pyongyang there was no such thing. Some parts of London are basically no go areas.

The DPRK is a highly moral society that does not have drug addiction nor does it have pornography or the so-called "sex industry" that the capitalist countries have which distorts human values and blights lives. There is no prostitution in the DPRK. In the UK and other so-called advanced capitalist countries every kind of vice, perversion and degeneracy are promoted by the ruling class under the banner of "freedom" and "individuality". In capitalist societies money can buy almost anything and there are all kinds of places for the rich to indulge their degenerate vices.. In the DPRK it is safe for small children and women to walk the streets at night, however in London it is impossible for children to go out on their own at night and indeed most parents are reluctant to even send children out on their own during the day.

Indeed the streets of Pyongyang at night seemed very animated and full of life, there were even students walking around reading books. Korean people take study very seriously. When I got back to the UK I reflected on the contrast between the two cities. At night the streets of London are full of drunks staggering about or street gangs in hoods and caps menacing people. Pyongyang was such a contrast. I got the impression of a country that was advancing fast as I saw plenty of construction work going on and passed several construction workers and KPA soldier builders in yellow hard hats. Pyongyang is the city that does not sleep. The construction was being carried out by Korean workers and soldiers rather than by foreign workers and engineers this goes to prove the self-reliant nature of the DPRK, It is different to the construction boom in the UK because here they only ever seem to build luxury flats, or new Sainsbury's, Tesco's and McDonalds whereas in the DPRK it is new low cost or free housing, health centres, schools, hospitals etc that are being built. Homes are being built by Korean people for Korean people in the DPRK!

Pyongyang has plenty of shops. Not just tourist or souvenir shops but plenty of ordinary shops where the ordinary working people can buy things. Going along the street at night we passed many ordinary shops selling a variety of household goods and other selling clothes and some

selling sweets. Some Western media, so-called academic experts and even some people considered as friends of the DPRK spread rumours about “reform” , “ marketisation” and 'private shops' but Ms Ri said that the shops and small stalls “were not private” but socially controlled.

During my 10 visits to the DPRK I have never seen a 'black market ' dealer nor have I ever been approached by one. However I remember visiting revisionist Hungary in the 1980s and as soon as I got off the train people accosted me saying “change money!” Never has this happened in the DPRK! Nor were there spivs and cheats hanging around the airport as there were in a certain neighbouring country. Some enemies of the DPRK, both open and hidden, have tried to spread stories about “drug use” in the DPRK, saying that you can buy cannabis in farmers. I told my guide Ms Ri this, she firmly refuted this saying No, no, this was not something that existed in the DPRK.

The US imperialists and all sorts of reactionaries have over the past few years made wild allegations about "human rights violations " in the DPRK and even press-ganged some other countries to pass anti DPRK resolutions in the UN. Shamefully the UN has taken the side of the US imperialists is peddling anti-DPRK lies and propaganda by issuing a so-called “report on human rights “in the DPRK. The UN is a marionette of US imperialism , a sort of executive agency of the - US controlled New World Order. We can remember years ago an old African comrade saying that the UN was simply the colonial office of US imperialism. The so-called report was itself contrary to the basic principles of the UN charter which rules out intervention in the internal affairs of members states. "The Commission of Inquiry did not even allow the DPRK to put its case. Nor did it ever visit the DPRK. Its evidence primarily came from so-called “defectors “, at least one of whom is a self-confessed liar.

The chairman of the Commission of Inquiry was an Australian judge one Michael Kirby. Australia is a very pro-active member of the US-south Korea-Japan -Australia axis. The US has military bases in Australia These days the US is trying to create a NATO style structure in the Asia- Pacific region and Australia is a very much a key player in this. Ironically

Australia itself has a bad record of human rights violations of the indigenous Aborigine population.

Lets take a brief look at the background of Judge Michael Kirby himself. In 2002 an Australian senator demanded that Kirby stand down as a judge alleging that Kirby was a paedophile who used taxpayers money for cars to pick up rent boys(young male prostitutes). Whilst the allegations of paedophilia were un-proven as such there was a statement from a male prostitute alleging that Kirby had had an encounter with him. Is an individual with such an unsavoury past fit to sit in judgment on the

dignified DPRK (Kirby is also accused by some of giving lenient sentences to paedophiles). Kirby lived in luxury in Australia and recently sold his mansion for £10 million. Such a wealthy Person as Kirby is likely to be ill-disposed towards a socialist country Such as the DPRK. More importantly in the past Kirby has been linked to front organisations of The US Central Intelligence Agency. Kirby is former president of the International Commission of Jurists, an organization created in West Berlin to investigate alleged human rights abuses in the German Soviet Zone which was funded by the CIA through the American Fund for Free Jurists and the Ford Foundation and its founders included the head of the CIA, Allen Dulles. The ICJ was created in opposition to the International Association of Democratic Lawyers. Kirby is also a supporter of the UK monarchy and opposed to Australian independence.

Another member of the so-called "Commission of Inquiry" M Darusman of Indonesia is a member of the US sponsored "Global Leadership Foundation" whose members include such reactionaries as George W Bush and Lech Walesa. Darusman is a member of the fascist Golkar party in Indonesia which was the party of Indonesian military fascist dictator Suharto who murdered 500,000 communists and leftists in Indonesia in 1965. Darusman himself is a criminal who should be judged for his crimes against Indonesian communists and leftists.

What lies behind the so-called report on "Human Rights in the DPRK is a dishonest, malicious political purpose of the U.S. and its followers seeking to undermine the ideology and social system of the DPRK. Now, the forces hostile toward the DPRK regard the "human rights issue" as a main lever for stifling it since they had no way out over the "nuclear issue". The aim is to create a Cold War style campaign of hysteria against the DPRK. Such intense psychological warfare against the DPRK makes it difficult to organise effective solidarity with the DPRK challenging as those who defend the DPRK are also demonised by the campaign and victimised. A number of followers of the Juche idea and supporter of the DPRK were dismissed from their jobs or hounded out of their work in capitalist countries. I myself was given a disciplinary warning and forced to take early retirement from my job causing financial loss to me. Where was my freedom to believe in the Juche Idea and support People's Korea? What was the real human rights situation in the DPRK? Where were these giant 'forced labour camps' and 'concentration camps' that the imperialists and their UN mouthpieces allege exist in the DPRK? I could not see such a thing in fact I did not even see one barbed wire fence in the countryside nor large numbers of police or security personnel. It also should be mentioned that the DPRK countryside was free from crop failure and famine. There is also a good level of social equality in the DPRK countryside with no big houses, no big private landed estates (or

latifundia), no rich farmers or landlords, a genuine peoples countryside, a socialist countryside with the red flag flying high.

The imperialists claim that there are hundreds of thousands of people held in camps in the DPRK , such camps would have to be massive and with a huge number of guards but I did not see such a thing in the DPRK countryside. Moreover the DPRK is very peaceful and calm you rarely see emergency vehicles rushing through the busy streets. If it what the imperialists say about "human rights " and " forced labour camps " in the DPRK, then you would say police or security personnel on the streets arresting many people and putting them in lorries to go to "labour camps " or "concentrations camps " but I saw no such thing happen. I did not see heavily armed police on the streets that you sometimes encounter in London , either on the streets or at railway stations or at airports . Indeed on my last day in the DPRK I was able to go for a walk near the Mansudae Assembly Hall the home of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly, the highest organ of legislative power in the DPRK and roughly equivalent to the parliament. It was of course beautifully clean, almost clean enough to eat your lunch off the ground! The fountains gave a relaxing feel and it was like being in paradise. Now in London the area around the Houses of Parliament is a restricted area where movement is controlled and armed police units patrol. However in Pyongyang I see no police or security personnel in the area surrounding the Mansudae Assembly Hall. Of course the DPRK is a stable and harmonious unified society based on single hearted unity so there is no terrorism and no riots. In the DPRK there is unity between the armed forces and civilians so people do not fear or despise the armed forces.

I did not see the police oppressing anyone on the streets . I did not see anyone get arrested or the police in the DPRK shoot anyone dead ! visiting Brazil just once I saw the police push a young man against a wall at gunpoint one night but I have never seen such a thing in the DPRK. In the USA, the so called "land of the free " , which is the country behind the clamour about " human rights in the DPRK, the police regularly shoot down people most of them black. The British newspaper "The Guardian" said so far this year 944 people had been killed by police in the USA so far this year! In the UK armed police units have been responsible for the loss of life notably innocent Brazilian electrician Jean Charles De Menezes and Mark Duggan (which sparked the 2011 riots). I have never seen an armed police unit in the DPRK rush up and shoot a suspect nor heard the cry "armed police! ". I did not see a single CCTV camera in the streets of Pyongyang whereas every London has CCTV cameras(there are up to 1.5 million in the UK), big brother is indeed watching you but in the DPRK but the so-called "free "and "democratic "UK!

Thus visiting the DPRK for the 10th time I could see very clearly

the stories about "forced labour camps" in the DPRK are just hokum and nonsense, nothing but lies. There is no 'human rights' problem in the DPRK. People enjoy the right to housing, to education, to free medical care, to work and even have holidays paid for a state expense!. Many Western critics of the DPRK ignore the fact that everyone in the DPRK supports dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** and the Workers Party of Korea and they are happy to build socialism. The great Juche Idea which stresses the independence and creativity of man and also always stresses the role of ideology so there cannot be such a thing as a "human rights "problem". As my guide Ms Ri said ideology can never imposed, This is the practice and the spirit of the Juche idea. This is the practice of the DPRK. The real human rights violators are the US imperialists. It is the US imperialists who commit all sorts of crimes such as torture and germ warfare.

The U.S. is a living hell as elementary rights to existence are ruthlessly violated.

At present, an average of 300,000 people a week are registered as unemployed, but any proper measure has not been taken.

House prices soared 11.5 percent last year than 2012 and 13.2 percent in January this year than 2013, leaving many people homeless.

The number of impoverished people increased to 46.5 millions last year, and one sixth of the citizens and 20-odd percent of the children are in the grip of hunger in New York City.

All sorts of crimes rampant in the U.S. pose a serious threat to the people's rights to existence and their inviolable rights.

The U.S. government has monitored every movement of its citizens and foreigners, with many cameras and tapping devices and even drones involved, under the pretext of "national security".

Meanwhile, bills on easing arms control were adopted in various states of the country, boosting murderous crimes. As a result, the U.S. has witnessed an increasing number of gun-related crimes in all parts of the country and even its military bases this year. In this regard, the United Nations on April 10 put the U.S. on the top of the world list of homicide rates.

The U.S. also has 2.2 millions of prisoners at present, the highest number in the world. In fact the US has 4% of the world's population but 25% of the prisoners in the world. Some US prisons have been privatised enabling capitalist concerns to profit from people being imprisoned. The US also uses prison labour extensively while hypocritically complaining about the DPRK using labour camps.

A Russian TV said that in the U.S. the wealthy classes are now keen on the investment in providing private prisons for their high profit and so more people will be imprisoned.

Such poor human right records in the U.S. are an inevitable product of the ruling quarters' policy against humanity.

Its chief executive, Obama, indulges himself in luxury almost every day, squandering hundred millions of dollars on his foreign trip in disregard of his people's wretched life.

It is also President Obama who called for respect to the verdict of not guilty given to a white policeman's racialism and backed the unlawful monitoring and tapping activities.

The USA and other capitalist countries of the West actively carry out surveillance of the population and have repressive intelligence organs such as the CIA, FBI, Department of Homeland Security, MI5, MI6, Police Special branch and in south Korea the notorious "National Intelligence Service"(formerly the Agency for National Security Planning, formerly the south Korean Central Intelligence Agency). The US operated a network of secret prisons and carried out "rendition operations".

The US imperialists also committed the crime of germ warfare during the Fatherland Liberation War in the 1950s. The US imperialists waged biological warfare in Korea in the 1950-1953 in violation of the Geneva Protocol. The use of biological weapons was confirmed by an International Scientific Commission which included the respected British scientist Professor Joseph Needham and also by confessions of captured US personnel. In carrying out biological warfare against the Korean people the US imperialists utilised the services of Japanese war criminal Shiro Ishii of the notorious Unit 731.

During the Korean war the US carried out over 800 germ warfare sorties. The death toll from the US germ warfare ran into thousands. This was a barbaric crime that was much worse than those committed by Hitler in the second world.

Thus the U.S. is the world's worst human right abuser and tundra of a human being's rights to existence and other imperialist countries such,, as the UK, are no better.

The DPRK boasts many excellent leisure and recreational facilities which are either non existent or very expensive in London. In the past few years many new ones have been constructed. We watched a lively performance by the dolphins at the Rungna Dolphinarium. The Dolphins performed all kinds of tricks and interacted with the humans I was told it is very cheap to visit this place.

On my last day I visited the famous Munsu Water Park which had not been completed when I last visited in 2013. Dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** gave guidance to its construction many times. This place is incredibly large and t has the capacity for 10000 people per day to attend. It has both indoor and outside facilities such as slides and a wave

machine. The indoor pools have palm trees and a television screen. There was even a sports pitch on the roof top so there every centimetre of space is used. It also has its own hairdressers, games room and an excellent coffee bar.

Eating out appeared to be fairly inexpensive in the DPRK. At my farewell meal I was able to enjoy lobster which is only eaten by rich people in my country. The meal was very reasonably priced only 58 euros between for 6 people including Soju (normally in London the same price would only buy a similar meal for two people). In a local coffee bar a cup of coffee and a cup of tea came to 3 Euros about £2.11 compared to £3.50 in London.

I had the privilege of meeting with for 5th time the Anti-Imperialist National Democratic Front of south Korea, the vanguard revolutionaries of south Korea. I was shown a video about the US imperialist and south Korean puppet moves to tear up recent inter-Korean agreements and provoke war. They also showed me a video concerning the attempt to revise history books in south Korea in a way as to embellish both Japan's occupation of south Korea and the Park Chung Hee military fascist regime and also the struggle of the south Korean people against such a revision. In my discussions with the AINDF I stressed that Park Geun Hye styles herself on Thatcher (the reactionary conservative prime minister of the UK of the 1980s, the so-called "iron lady") but in reality Thatcher was a leader hated by many British people so that when she died some people came out on the streets to celebrate. The same will happen to Park Geun Hye and her fate will be the same as her fathers. I had some very good discussions with the AINDF and exchanged gifts with them. I was entertained by an excellent meal by the AINDF which included my favourite Korean hot pepper sauce

I was greatly honoured to meet secretary Kim Ki Nam of the central committee of the Workers Party of Korea and shake his hand and say *Chosonnodongdang manse!* (long live the Workers Party of Korea) in Korean to him. I had informal discussions over breakfast with Dr Ogami Kenichi the secretary of the International Institute of the Juche Idea and Dr Harish Gupta head of the Asian Regional Institute for the Study of the Juche Idea and had discussions with them. I also had the opportunity to meet the vice secretary general of the Korean Association of Social Scientists at a farewell meal on my last day in the DPRK, This was very reasonably priced as it came to 58 euros for 6 people even though it included lobster.

I attended the Seminar organised by the Korean Association of Social Scientists on the 9th of October held in the People's Palace of Culture as well the seminar on sharing experiences in studying the Juche Idea held on the 11th of October. The seminar was attended by delegates from

Austria, Bangladesh, India, Japan , Mongolia, Nepal , Russia and Slovakia. Lectures were given by members of the International Institute of the Juche Idea and the Korean Association of Social Scientists. These were "DPRK's Efforts to Build Civilized Socialist Nation" by Dr. Mun Jong Suk, section chief of the KASS; "WPK's 70-Year Long History—History of Respecting and Loving the People" by Ri Jong Hwa, researcher of the KASS; "Let Us Push Forward the Cause of Independence under the Banner of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism" by Dr. Ogami Ken-ichi, secretary general of the IJJI; "Songun Politics of the DPRK and Its Vitality" by Dr. Kim Chang Gyong, section chief of the KASS; "Attaching Importance to Popular Masses—Reality of the DPRK" by Dr. Lohekele Kalonda Andre, secretary general of the African Regional Committee for the Study of the Juche Idea. The speeches by Dr Ogami, Dr Kim Chang Gyong and researcher Mrs Ri Jong Hwa were all very great speeches from which I learnt a lot. This session proved to be invaluable in deepening our understanding of the Juche Idea and the reality of People's Korea.

In particular I learnt from Mrs Ri Jong Hwa's some more details about the people orientated policy of the great leader President **Kim Il Sung** that I was not previously aware of. In the period after the Fatherland Liberation War some officials proposed the idea of supplying food or benefits only to families with many able bodied people as this would adversely affect families without breadwinners. President **Kim Il Sung** firmly stipulated that food should be supplied to children below working age.

Dr Kim Chang Gyong in his paper on Songun politics which caught my attention. He said “Great politics gives birth to great reality. The reality is the criteria that tell *whether the present politics is right and if it is right, how big vitality it proves in the development and prosperity of a country.. after the end of the cold war, the confrontation structure between the DPRK and US imperialists assumed unprecedented sharpness. The confrontation between the just Songun politics and the unjust arbitrary politics was unprecedented in terms of difference of the power balance, fierceness and persistence. The Songun politics enabled the DPRK to be ever victorious in the military confrontation with the imperialists* “

The seminar on sharing experiences in studying the Juche Idea was addressed by delegates from Uganda, Nepal, Bangladesh, Japan, the UK, and Russia. In my speech I said that

*It is a great pleasure to address this international seminar being held to mark the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the glorious Workers' Party of Korea by the great leader comrade **Kim Il Sung**, the sun of Juche. The WPK under the leadership of great comrade **Kim Il Sung** and*

*eternal chairman **Kim Jong Il** has traversed a road of victory and glory. The cause of the Juche-orientated party building started by the great leaders comrades **Kim Jong Il** and **Kim Jong Il** is now being dynamically carried forward by the dear respected leader Marshal **Kim Jong Un***

The 70th anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea underscores the need to deepen our study of the Juche Idea and Songun Idea and to share experiences in studying the Juche Idea and Songun Idea with other Juche Idea and Songun idea followers gathered here in Pyongyang, the capital of Juche Korea, on this auspicious occasion...

People's Korea does not give in to pressure from big powers and the US led imperialists. It is the most anti-imperialist and anti-US country in the world, second to none. It does not compromise with the imperialists.

*Improving and deepening our study of the Juche Idea and Songun Idea as well dynamically increasing our activities will be a meaningful way to celebrate the 70 years of victory and glory of the Workers' Party of Korea founded by President **Kim Il Sung** and led by dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** Moreover the US imperialists and all other reactionaries are stepping up their anti-DPRK campaign. Not a day, not an hour passes without the imperialist media spreading false stories about the land of Juche. The US imperialists and world monopoly capital are desperately trying to stifle People's Korea using the "human rights" issue even though of course there is no human rights issue in the DPRK and the biggest violator of human rights are the imperialists, US, British and Japanese, themselves!. It is a vital to step up our activities so as to decisively smash this evil and insidious anti DPRK campaign of the imperialists so we appeal to you, Juche Idea and Songun Idea followers of the world to step up activities a hundred fold and a thousand fold!*

It was very useful to learn about the work of Juche idea researchers in other countries, particularly Japan and Russia. I believe this seminar made a big contribution to promoting the study of the Juche Idea in the world.

DEFENDING THE SONGUN IDEA

During my visit, on the 15th and 17th I had the privilege of 2 working level meetings with a senior professor, Dr Kim Chang Gyong. from KASS.

I was able to discuss my planned book “In Defence of Songun “ with Professor Kim Chang Gyong of the Korean Association of Social Scientists. I had long planned to write this book to defend the Songun idea and great Songun politics from attack by imperialists, reactionaries and revisionists. This became a matter of urgency In 2014 a certain internet and social media commentator produced a book called a “*Marxist Critique of Songun* “and promoted it heavily on social media including you-tube and facebook as well the internet. This book showed a woeful ignorance of the Songun Idea and Songun politics as well as the true reality of Peoples Korea under the Songun revolutionary leadership. I was angered that this charlatan and fake revolutionary had slandered the Songun Idea. In truth his book contained nothing new, simply a rehash of misinformation from the imperialist media as well as standard revisionist sophistries about the role of the military as well as extreme dogmatist arguments. Some of the material in the book was drawn from south Korean sources and the notoriously anti DPRK *NKNews* (a publication closely linked to the US CIA and south Korean NIS) A number of false arguments were used in the “Marxist Critique of Songun “, firstly it was claimed that Songun was only adopted in the late 1990s after the collapse of the world socialist market, that it was just a temporary tactic to cope with the frustration of socialism in parts of the world. Secondly, Songun is somehow opposed to the Juche idea. Thirdly, that Songun is based on “Confucianism “. Fourthly that Songun stipulates that the military is a class. I was incensed by the news of the publication of this anti Songun, anti DPRK and resolved to write a book to defend Songun politics.

My book refutes these sophistries. Songun was not a temporary tactic that appeared in the 1990s but the permanent strategic line of the Korean revolution which is intimately bound up was the history of the Korean revolution. It goes without saying that Songun is an embodiment of the Juche Idea and cannot never be opposed to the Juche Idea!. Songun is a revolutionary ideology which is opposed to Confucianism and feudalistic ideas. Lastly Songun does not assert that the military is a social class, this formulation is to be found nowhere in the writings of the great leaders President **Kim Il Sung**, Chairman **Kim Jong Il** and respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un**. This is an invention of an ignorant person obsessed with

dollars and easy money.

My book “*In Defence of Songun*“, which is attached as an appendage to this essay gives a detailed refutation of these spurious arguments. Of course those who slander the great Songun idea are not new. When the terms Songun became widespread in use all of kinds of elements came out from the woodwork to attack the Songun Idea and Songun politics. First and foremost were the imperialists, particularly the US imperialists who hated and feared the idea that Songun politics was the cutting edge of the confrontation with US imperialism and that anti-imperialist countries would follow the example of the DPRK. The imperialists set in motion their pet bourgeois academics, including certain miserable old burnt out ex Trotskyites, the so-called experts, who are paid huge sums of money to slander socialism and live lives of comfort and ease, and hack journalists to attack Songun saying that it was 'military government' and 'military rule' and talking about diversion of resources to the military. Some of these so-called “theorists” and “academics in fact gripped by Euro-centric chauvinism and quasi racism which causes them to despise the building of strong defence potentials by an East Asian country or indeed by any “non-White country”. The slanders peddled by the academic hirelings of the imperialists and hack journalists constitute direct ideological attacks on the Songun idea and Korean style socialism by imperialism and its hangers on.

Some big powers express unease at Songun politics because they thought that the DPRK should not build up its defence potentials but instead rely on certain countries for its defence. Of course there are many examples which show relying on outside forces such as big powers does not work and does not bring victory in the revolution. The great leaders President **Kim Il Sung** came to realise early on that reliance on big powers is a mistake. During the harsh anti-Japanese revolutionary armed struggle some people had thought that the USSR, the first workers and peasants state, to supply a grenade factory but to the guerrillas but this was never materialised. During the Fatherland Liberation War against the US in the 1950s the Soviet Union was not able to deliver enough weapons to the DPRK in a timely manner. Some get upset when these facts are pointed out but they are true all the same whether some like it or not. In 1962 the revisionist Soviet Union under Khrushchov betrayed revolutionary Cuba by withdrawing the missiles that it had sent thus leaving Cuba in the lurch. It is utterly useless to rely on another country for your own defence.

Revisionists and opportunists hated the Songun idea because they believed in capitulating to imperialism, in socialist countries disarming themselves in the face of imperialism and in the discredited so-called 'peaceful road to socialism'. In the UK some revisionists cling to the

conception of the 'peaceful road' and 'parliamentary transition ' outlined in the document the so-called "*The British Road to Socialism* "first published in 1951, even though this programme has been shown up as a complete failure. The revisionists, flying in the face of reality still believe the illusory peaceful road to socialism and hate the example and theory of Songun. These revisionists found the DPRK's hardline against US imperialism and world imperialism too much to stomach. Moreover they believed that the DPRK should "reform "itself just like the USSR and Eastern European socialist countries. This would mean surrendering to imperialism and living the lives of colonial slaves.

Additionally some self-styled leftists in Western countries fretting over the question of the working class, feeling anxious about the idea of the military having precedence over the working class. Captivated dogmatism such people caviled at Songun and believing that the theories of Marx and Lenin on the proletariat were absolute, unchangeable and eternally valid for all of time. Of course to say that something is unchangeable and eternally valid is unscientific and reactionary.

In essence the slanders and denigration against Songun politics by different elements whether they come from the imperialists and their accomplices or from big power chauvinists, or the fake Left, revisionists, opportunists and dogmatists, are all the same: they all serve imperialism and anti-socialism.

I had come to support Songun politics back in the early 2000s. I have read several articles about the Army -first idea in DPRK publications in the late 1990s. During my visit to the DPRK in April 2002 my guide Ms Pak Song Ok of the Korean Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries told me that the term for Army -first politics was Songun, when we saw the slogan "*Songun Jongchi Manse!* (long live Songun Politics!) chiselled on a mountainside (I believe at Mt Myohyang). Soon afterwards the external publications of the DPRK started to refer to Songun politics. In January 2003 the great leader comrade **Kim Jong Il** published his famous work "*The Son gun-Based Revolutionary Line Is a Great Revolutionary Line of Our Era and an Ever-Victorious Banner of Our Revolution* "I became gripped with a fascination for Songun Politics and the Songun Idea and decided to form a UK Association for the Study of Songun Politics though our resources were meagre and that we were one of the first in the world to form such an organisation. After discussions with my good friend and comrade Mr Shaun Pickford we formed the Association for the Study of Songun Politics on the 13th of August 2003.

It struck me that the DPRK alone was standing up to US-led imperialism that was trying to dominate the whole world, imposing the so-called "New World Order "and globalization on the world causing wars and

chaos.

Since the frustration of socialism of the USSR and some other countries the US imperialists being more and more rampant invading other countries. There was the Gulf War or First Iraq war in 1991. The US intervened in countless countries such as Somalia, Yugoslavia, Rwanda, Sudan and many others. The Yugoslav War was a typical example. Yugoslavia was a multi-ethnic, multi-national state. After the frustration of socialism in the USSR, Yugoslavia (which had been ideologically weak and revisionist) too abandoned socialism. Serbian nationalists who were right wing and pro-US thought the US would now hand Yugoslavia to them and allow them to build a 'greater Serbia' on the territory of the old Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia but the US imperialists were having none of it, after the frustration of socialism the imperialists had little use for 'anti-communist dissidents' and also did not want a united Yugoslavia the US imperialists and European Union instigated separatists to break up the old Yugoslav Federation creating bitter wars and conflicts. Those who had looked to the US imperialists as their friend now found themselves being bombed by the US and its NATO in 1999. Some in Yugoslavia now believed that the Russian Federation was their saviour and that Russia would send military assistance. However no such assistance ever arrived and Serbia was left to fight on its own. The Yugoslav president Milosevic ended up being deposed and then kidnapped by the imperialists and taken to a kangaroo court at the Hague where he died.

In Iraq Saddam pledged who styled himself as anti-imperialist accepted no-fly zones imposed by the imperialists and basically disarmed Iraq only to be invaded and destroyed. by the Yankee imperialists, hungry for oil profits, and their so-called “coalition of the willing.”

Only one country in the world took a firm stand against US imperialism and did not harbour any illusion about US imperialism. That country was People's Korea, Korea of Songun led by great generalissimo **Kim Jong Il** the successor to the great leader President **Kim Il Sung**. Songun politics is recognised the reality that socialism in not been in ideal and tranquil conditions or in co-operation with imperialism but in confrontation with imperialism. The building of socialism itself is a form of class struggle against imperialism. Not to recognise this basic fact is very dangerous and naive in the extreme.

The Songun idea is the best political mode for building socialism which faces the threat of imperialist aggression and attempts by the imperialists and class enemies to stifle socialism. It is those who advocate building socialism in co-operation with imperialism and world capital who are wrong. The Songun idea is a fully anti-imperialist, revolutionary and

militant mode of politics. Songun is anti-revisionist it because does not advocate going down to the imperialists on a bended knee. Moreover it is based on the revolutionary soldier spirit a militant anti-imperialist class conscious spirit. Songun is not only fully consistent with class struggle, enhancing the class consciousness of the working class by infusing them with the revolutionary soldier spirit the highest form of class consciousness but is also the cutting edge of the anti-imperialist class struggle in the present era. Defending the Songun idea is a vital task for the revolutionary anti-imperialist people who uphold independence. As a longstanding advocate and student of the Songun idea I made up my mind to write a book in to refute all the slanders of the imperialists and reactionaries and defend the Songun idea and its practice, Songun politics against the calumnies of the reactionaries and opportunists. Defence of Songun Politics and People's Korea should be a must for all anti-imperialists and progressives..

My book *"In Defence of Songun"* is divided into several chapters, which are as follows "What Is Songun ", "Songun and Juche ", "Songun is totally anti revisionist and anti-imperialist", "Songun and Class ", Songun and the struggle for building a powerful socialist nation of Juche and "Global Dimension of Songun politics. Each chapter aims to give an in depth look at the issues involved. The chapter "What is Songun "gives a basic but detailed explanation of the Songun Idea, it tells what it is and what is not and looks at the historical development of the Songun idea. The chapter Songun and Juche examines the inter-relationship between Songun and Juche. The chapter "Songun is totally anti revisionist and anti-imperialist" is aimed at refuting the base slander that Songun is somehow revisionist, it stresses that in fact Songun is intimately bound up with anti-revisionism and anti-imperialism. The chapter on "Songun and Class" gives a detailed analysis of the relationship between Songun and class, the revisionist and opportunist enemies of Songun make false propaganda in relation to the question of the relationship between the armed forces and the working class but in fact Songun is about actually consolidating the socialist class position and defending the gains of the working class. This chapter was written because class contradictions assume a powerful centrality in the capitalist countries and many progressives ask about how Songun relates to class struggle. The chapter on Songun the struggle for building a powerful socialist nation of Juche looks at the achievements of Songun in the economic. The final chapter on the Global Dimension of Songun Politics looks at the role of Songun politics in international affairs and the anti-imperialist struggle. Although my book leaves much to be desired and is imperfect due to lack of time et, I hope it will make a worthwhile contribution to defending the Songun idea from the slanders of the imperialists and their hangers on as

well as being conducive to the further study of the great Songun Idea.

In Defence of Songun

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Preface

Respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** said:

“Songun, a new term in our era, was coined reflecting the unshakable faith, willpower and great pluck of Comrade Kim Jong Il, taking full responsibility for the destiny and future of the country and people amid long-drawn-out, sharp confrontation with an imperialist power, solved all problems in our own way and in conformity with the demands and interests of our people and nation. As we have the idea of the Songun revolution, a great idea of Comrade Kim Jong Il, we have been able to defend the dignity of the country, independence of the people and gains of socialism with credit and open the way for the prosperity of the country and rosy future of the nation by our own strength, that is, by force of arms”

KIM JONG UN

(Let Us Add Eternal Brilliance to comrade Kim Jong Il's Idea and the Achievements of the Songun Revolution “)

In today's world Songun is the cutting edge of anti-imperialist class struggle as well the treasured sword for the defence of independence and socialism.

Songun is synonymous with People's Korea and its struggle against US and world imperialism.

It is Songun and the leadership of the great leader generalissimo **Kim Jong Il** and dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** that has enabled the DPRK to win victory after victory against the US imperialists.

However various elements such as opportunists, revisionists and dogmatists have slandered the great Songun idea and Songun politics.

This book aims to both explain Songun and provide a powerful, decisive and timely refutation of its critics.

What is Songun?

The Songun idea was first pioneered by the great leader President **Kim Il Sung** and extensively developed and applied by chairman **Kim Jong Il** is not only the guiding ideology of the Korean revolution but the guiding principle of the cause of independence against

imperialism.

Dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** explained that
“The permanent strategy of our revolution and its final victory lie in going straight along the road of independence, the road of Songun, the road of socialism, indicated by President Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il.

The anniversary of the start of the Songun revolutionary leadership, August 25th, is now celebrated in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as the Day of Songun, a public holiday.

Songun politics has attracted the attention of friends and foes alike as this era is one of sharp contention.

It is nonsense to assert as some do that Songun was advanced “in reaction to the loss of the socialist block which comprised 70% of its trade”. Nothing could be further from the truth. Songun originated in the early days of the Korean revolution. It can be said that the history of the Songun revolution is the history of the Korean revolution and that the history of the Korean revolution is the history of the Songun revolution.

The idea of the Songun revolution is an idea of giving importance and precedence to military affairs in implementing the masses’ cause of independence, the socialist cause, and pushing ahead with the overall revolution and construction with the revolutionary army as the core force.

Songun means that the force of arms is the main in the revolutionary struggle for the popular masses’ independence as it implies literally

giving importance to military affairs.

It is the Songun idea that requires to give top priority to the military affairs and enhance the role of the revolutionary army in the revolution and construction to the maximum on the basis of scientific analysis of the law of the revolutionary movement that is made and developed in confrontation of strength with all counter-revolutionary forces including imperialism, and the features of the revolutionary army, the most revolutionary and combatant collective.

The Songun idea scientifically elucidates, with the force of arms, the revolutionary army as the centre, the fundamental key to winning victory in the confrontation with imperialism and the ways for achieving all-round efflorescence and development of the country and nation in all fields of politics, ideology, economy and culture.

The Songun idea is composed of principle of the Songun revolution, guidelines of the Songun revolution and the theory of Songun politics.

Principle of the Songun revolution is the basic and starting principle of the Songun idea.

In general, all things and phenomena have their own fundamentals. That is principle. Man should know the fundamental principle of things and phenomena and proceed from them. Only then can he think and practice everything in a rational manner. Revolutionary ideology can be a genuine ideological weapon for practical struggle of the popular masses only when it teaches them such fundamental principle, and on its basis clarifies

how to make revolution.

It is the principle that revolution is started, advanced and completed by the force of arms, and the army is immediately the Party, the state and the people. It clarifies the fundamental principle of the revolutionary movement with the force of arms, the revolutionary army.

The guidelines of the Songun revolution derives from the principle of the Songun revolution and clarifies the methodology to be maintained in applying it in the revolution and construction.

The principle of giving precedence to the military affairs that requires giving top priority and pay primary efforts to the military affairs ahead of other affairs in the revolution and construction and the principle of placing the army before the working class as the main force are the main contents of the principle of the Songun revolution.

The Songun idea scientifically elucidates the theory of Songun politics, serving as the theory of leading the masses that embodied the principle and guidelines of the Songun revolution.

The popular masses' struggle for independence is guaranteed by the correct politics. Hence, the establishment of scientific political theory and its correct embodiment serve as the preconditions for winning victory in revolution by arousing the broad masses of the people.

Progress and destiny of a society is guaranteed by politics. Hence, it is of great significance in implementing the masses' cause of independence to create scientific and revolutionary political doctrine and apply it in

politics.

Thousands of years have passed and various kinds of political doctrines appeared since the beginning of the human political history. However, there were not so many political doctrines that contribute to shaping out of the masses' destiny nor the theory that is developed and systematized with the force of arms, the revolutionary army at the centre.

Songun politics serves as the main socialist mode of politics as it is the mode of politics that gives top priority to military affairs, and defends the country, the revolution and socialism with the People's Army as the core and the main force, and dynamically pushes ahead with the overall socialist construction.

The theory of Songun politics is the theory of the mode of revolutionary leadership, the mode of politics of the Party and the state that embodied the principle and guidelines of the Songun revolution. The theory of Songun politics comprehensively implies the issues to be served as the guidelines in the successful materialization of socialist politics including the essence, the position and the fundamentals of the Songun politics and three revolutionary forces on which the Songun politics relies, Songun leadership system and art of leadership. Songun is not a temporary tactic but the ideology of the Korean revolution. Songun is intimately linked to the Korean revolution. Indeed the history of Songun is the history of the Korean revolution.

Of course this does not mean that the army takes over society nor that

Songun politics advocates a military government nor is a deviation from the socialist idea as some reactionaries and opportunists have tried to suggest.

Songun is distinguished from military government in imperialist and capitalist countries.

Military government is the one in which the reactionary ruling class militarize all fields of the state and social life and subordinate them to the building up of the military strength for aggressive war.

In some capitalist societies military governments have seized power and instituted fascist or extreme anti-popular forms of rule when the social, political and economic situation has become unstable. This is done on behalf of the monopoly capitalist ruling class.

Military government held the dominant position and revealed its major features in the stage of capitalism, especially the monopolistic capitalism.

It is the fundamental feature of military government to increase war expenditure, reinforce military capabilities and hasten the militarization of economy for the preparation of aggression and war.

Hence, it inevitably further intensifies exploitation and oppression upon the domestic people and, externally, aggression and plunder against other nations and states in order to make the state system even more reactionary and intensify war moves.

Songun politics is completely contrary to the military government in its purpose and character and has fundamental difference in its role in social

development.

Songun politics and military government are fundamentally confronted with each other in their purpose and characters.

Songun politics is the revolutionary and popular one against imperialism and for defending and realizing the popular masses' independence.

It puts the utmost efforts in the building-up of the powerful military capabilities to cope with any aggressive move by putting forward the military affairs as the most important state affairs and thus provides practical guarantee for resolutely defending the sovereignty of the country and nation and safeguarding the independence and dignity of the popular masses. It enables one to win decisive victory in the struggle for independence and socialism by controlling and putting the imperialists in a dilemma by dint of powerful military capabilities.

Military government is a counter-revolutionary and anti-popular politics that cruelly exploits the domestic working masses for world supremacy and the monopolistic profits and subordinates all in the building-up of the aggressive military capabilities to violate, oppress and exploit the sovereignty of the other countries and nations. The world saw many reactionary, fascistic anti-popular regimes such as those of Hitler, Mussolini, Franco, Salazaar, Pinochet in Chile, the Brazilian military government of the 1960s, the Greek colonels, some African countries and the likes of Park Chung Hee, Chun Do Hwan and Roh Tae Woo in south Korea.

In Asia the most typical example was the Japanese militarism. The Japanese militarism that emerged after the “Meiji Restoration” in 1868 assumed bellicose, aggressive and brutal nature from the first day of its advent and indulged in aggression and plunder of other countries with the backing of big imperialist forces.

The Japanese militarists fabricated the “Ulsa Five-Point Treaty” in November 1905 to occupy Korea” as their monopolistic colony. In the period of the WW I, they took Qingtao, Shandong Province in China and some islets in the Pacific Ocean, the colonies of Germany, and took the lead in the imperialist armed intervention in the Far East region after the victory of October Revolution in Russia. They provoked the “Manchuria Event” in September 1931 to occupy the northeastern region of China, unleashed China-Japan war in July 1937 and made the armed invasion against the USSR and Mongolia in succession in 1938 and 1939. They concluded the “anti-communist military alliance” with Germany and Italy in 1940 and provoked the Pacific War in December 1941 when Nazi Germany invaded the USSR in June 1941. They occupied Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Malay (Malaysia), Singapore, Myanmar, Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia and so on. They committed unprecedented barbaric massacre and unlimited plunder in the occupied zones. They killed millions of people in Korea and 35 million in China and, in the period of the Pacific War, over 2 million in Vietnam, 2 million in Indonesia, 1.1 million in the Philippines and 1.2 million people in Malaysia.

Like this, the military government cruelly infringes upon the popular masses' independence and gives great sufferings and misfortunes to them.

Songun politics is fundamentally different from the military government in the role played in the social development.

Songun politics ceaselessly consolidates the development of socialist society by dynamically pushing ahead with the overall socialist construction with the revolutionary army as the main force while firmly defending the socialism by building up the defence capabilities of the country.

By putting the maximum efforts in the military affairs, Songun politics enables Korea to safeguard the safety of the country and the gains of the revolution and defend socialism.

It pushes ahead with the revolution and construction dynamically with the revolutionary army as the core and the main force and thus brings about ceaseless innovations and miracles in the overall socialist construction.

In the DPRK, the People's Army undertakes on the highest level the construction of monumental edifices, power stations, factories, cultural and welfare facilities and dwelling houses across the country.

In 2015 only, numerous projects including Historic Sites associated with the Fatherland Liberation War Museum, Sinchon Museum, Automation Institute of Kim Chaek University of Technology, Satellite Control Center of the National Aerospace Development Administration, Wonsan

Orphanage, Pyongyang Rest Home and Terminal of Pyongyang International Airport have been newly built or refurbished thanks to the devoted efforts of the People's Army.

There is a saying that a drop of water reflects the universe. The fact mentioned above proves that the Peoples' Army actively takes part in the socialist economic construction, playing the role of vanguard and shock brigade.

“Training soldiers for a thousand days to use them for a day” was the main in the military affairs in the olden times. It implies that the army is needed for only one purpose, that is, the war and the battle while stressing the importance of training of the army.

But in the DPRK, the People's Army is the omnipotent force that not only defends the country, the revolution and socialism at the cost of their lives but also creates the well-being of the popular masses.

The People's Army is built as the most reliable core force and vanguard detachment to defend socialism, hasten the economic construction and create people's happiness. Hence, it is to “train soldiers to use them for all purposes.”

Songun politics puts up the People's Army in the van of all fields of the socialist construction to make them play the role of vanguard and shock brigade, thus letting the People's Army create the ideological and mental traits and the examples of military efficiency to be followed by all the working people.

It enables all members in society to achieve rapid development and change in the fields of overall social life including economy and culture, science and education, sports and art and literature in unusual mental strength, following the revolutionary army's ideological viewpoint, fighting spirit and the way of life.

The campaign to break through the frontiers of science and technology being conducted in the DPRK clearly proves this.

This campaign is a huge project to build an economic giant congenial to the knowledge-based economy by surpassing the level of the world science and technology in all fields on the basis of holding supremacy of CNC technology. All sectors and units are dynamically waging the campaign to break through the science and technology upholding the slogan of "Break through the cutting edge!", thus achieving successes.

The military government militarizes all fields of social life including politics, economy and culture and sacrifices them for the building up of aggressive military capabilities and thus devastates the overall social life, hindering the social development. It does not tolerate any labor movement and the class struggle but obliterates the elementary democratic freedom and rights of the popular masses and enforces the unprecedented brutal oppressive politics.

No private ownership of the means of production nor the capitalist monopoly exists in the DPRK. Hence, such government as "military governments" can not exist under Songun politics.

In the DPRK when there are military parades, the tanks and rockets of the KPA carry the flag of the Workers' Party of Korea as well as the national flag and the supreme commander's flag. This shows that in fact the People's Army is under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea in the DPRK. As the great leader President **Kim Il Sung** said "*Our People's Army is led only by the Workers' Party of Korea*".

Committees of the Workers' Party of Korea exist at all levels of the Korean People's Army and all KPA units have political officers.

Both the great leader President **Kim Il Sung** and chairman **Kim Jong Il** strictly opposed any tendency to bureaucratic warlord-ism. Chairman **Kim Jong Il** at the 4th enlarged plenary meeting of the 4th Party committee of the Korean People's Army, in 1969, took steps to ensure the party's leadership over the KPA. Comrade **Kim Jong Il** strongly denounced bureaucratic warlordism saying that "*a powerful campaign must be launched to eradicate the evil effects left behind by the warlord bureaucrats*"

Respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** in his work of the 25th of August 2013 "*Let Us Add Eternal Brilliance to comrade Kim Jong Il's Idea and the Achievements of the Songun Revolution*" pointed out the following

"Leadership of the Party is the lifeline of the KPA, and its might is inconceivable separated from the leadership of the Party. The general direction ahead of the KPA is one, that is, to advance straight forward

with guns leveled in the very direction our Party indicates.”

The WPK takes the leadership position and plays the leadership role in implementing the Songun politics.

The WPK that holds the respected **Kim Jong Un** in high esteem is the leading political organization for the accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Songun that dynamically organizes and mobilizes the entire service personnel and the people holding aloft the banner of Songun.

The WPK puts forward the revolutionary line of giving priority to the building up of the force of arms on the basis of the Songun idea and provides Party guidance to enable all political organizations including the state power to organize and conduct their works on the principle of Songun. And it rallies all members in society including the service personnel of the People’s Army closely behind the leader and organizes and mobilizes them in the efforts for materializing Songun politics.

Songun is based on the fundamental tenet that socialism is built under the conditions of confrontation with imperialism rather than co-operation with imperialism. Songun fully recognizes the basic fact that socialism is built in confrontation with imperialism. The DPRK is on the front-line of the struggle between socialism and imperialism.

As the great leader Comrade **Kim Jong Il** wrote in his classic work “*The Songun-based revolutionary line is a great revolutionary line of our era and an ever-victorious banner of our revolution*”,

“The struggle of the masses of the people for the cause of

independence, the cause of socialism, is accompanied by confrontation of power with imperialism and all sorts of other counterrevolutionary forces. Therefore, military affairs emerge as a matter of key importance on which hangs victory or failure in the revolution and the rise or fall of a country or nation. A country or a nation can emerge victorious in the revolution and defend the revolution, and carve out its destiny independently only when it has its own powerful revolutionary armed forces.

It is the force of arms on which hinge the victory of the revolutionary cause, independence and sovereignty, and the prosperity of a country or a nation. This is the Juche-oriented principle of revolution and the law of revolution, elucidated by President Kim Il Sung and whose soundness has been verified by history.”

This instruction clarifies the fundamental truth that the victory in the revolution hinges on the revolutionary force of arms, the revolutionary armed forces.

Lenin, quoting the classic theorist on war Von Clausewitz said “*War is a continuation of policy by other means. All wars are inseparable from the political systems that engender them. The policy which a given state, a given class within that state, pursued for a long time before the war is inevitably continued by that same class during the war, the form of action alone being changed.*”

Historically, the issue on independence, justice and peace had been

discussed considerably as it is important one related to the destiny of mankind. It is related with the fact that the independence and justice has been violated and the peaceful environment been destroyed ruthlessly for a long time on the worldwide scale due to the aggressions and wars forced by the exploiting classes.

According to the data, peaceful environment existed for 227 years but there were the wars for 3 130 years from B.C. 1496 to A.D. 1861.

The struggle for defending independence, justice and the peace presented itself as the more acute issue after the appearance of imperialism in history. For the imperialists, “war serves as the bleeding politics” and “politics serves as the war without bleeding”.

The truth of Songun was realized for the first time in history by the great leader President **Kim Il Sung**. As chairman **Kim Jong Il** said “*The history of the revolutionary struggle of the great leader President Kim Il Sung is the history of the Songun-based revolutionary leadership of founding an army first and ,by relying on it ,carrying the revolution and construction forward to victory “*

President **Kim Il Sung** recognized that Korea’s independence could not be obtained by peaceful means. Many Korean people tried to obtain independence by peaceful means such as petitions, strikes or even appeals to the goodwill of big powers. All these failed. The Japanese imperialists imposed the most violent colonial rule upon Korea, the rule of the bayonet and the sword.

He recognized that the violence should be dealt with violence.

President **Kim Il Sung** was handed down the two pistols from his father Kim Hyong Jik as the legacy. The pistols implied an idea that one should defeat the armed enemies with arms.

The President formed the Down-with-Imperialism Union on October 17, 1926. Its program was to overthrow the Japanese imperialists, achieve the liberation and independence of Korea, build socialism and communism in Korea and, furthermore, defeat all imperialism and build communism in the world.

At the Kalun meeting held from June 30 to July 2, 1930 the President put forward the line of armed struggle, the line of Songun revolution that contained the revolutionary principle of giving importance to the force of arms, the military affairs, thus declaring the creation of the Songun idea to the world.

President **Kim Il Sung** said:

“As the historical experience and lessons of the anti-Japanese struggle show, no one can bring us independence on a tray; we can never vanquish the Japanese imperialists and win national independence by peaceful means.

Moreover, the present situation urgently demands that we wage an organized armed struggle against the Japanese imperialists. Since the Japanese imperialists are intensifying their suppression without

precedent and we are dealing with an enemy armed to the teeth, we must gradually build up the violent mass struggle into an organized armed struggle.”

At the meeting, President **Kim Il Sung** clearly analyzed the historical experience and lesson of the anti-Japanese struggle and the legal requirements of the development of the colonial national liberation movement and, on the basis of fundamental principle and guidelines of the Juche idea, advanced it as the main line of the anti-Japanese national liberation struggle, the first task of the Korean revolutionaries to organize and unfold the armed struggle against the Japanese imperialists.

The line of armed struggle presented at the Kalun meeting elucidated that it is imperative to hold the arms in order to win victory in the revolutionary struggle and arm the popular masses, the masters of the revolution, and advance the revolution by dint of the force of arms.

On the 16th of December, 1931 President **Kim Il Sung** held the historic Mingyuegou meeting at which he put forward the strategic line of organizing and unfolding the anti-Japanese armed struggle with the guerrilla warfare as the main in order to defeat the powerful Japanese aggressive armed forces with the Korean people's efforts.

At the meeting, the anti-Japanese war to defeat the Japanese imperialists was declared under the slogan “*Oppose arms with arms and oppose counterrevolutionary violence with revolutionary violence!*”

The previous revolutionary theories of the working class had asserted that

the armed struggle is a temporary struggle occurring in the decisive period of changing the regime or “the point of change”.

But the President’s Songun idea was to achieve ultimate victory in the period of early national liberation struggle by dint of arms.

President **Kim Il Sung** went on to form the Anti-Japanese Guerrilla Army on the 25th of April 1932, in the forest of Antu in Manchuria which later became the Korean People’s Revolutionary Army, the forerunner of the glorious and heroic Korean People’s Army.

The army was founded before the Party in Korea.

It can be considered that the history of the revolutionary struggle of the working class in the past was the history of building the party before the armed forces.

Marx founded the “Communist Union”, the first political organization of the international working class, by reforming the “Union of Men of Justice” in London in June 1847 together with Engels, thus starting his struggle. Later, he waged energetic struggle to rally the working class in each state and founded the “International Working Mens’ Association”, the first International, in London in September 1864.

At the second conference of the Social Democratic Workers’ Party of Russia held in Brussels, Belgium in July 1903, Lenin made sure that the program of the Marxist party was adopted and thus the Marxist party (Bolshevik), the party of the Russian working class, the party of new-type different from the parties in the 2nd International, was founded. Later,

Lenin put forward the party's policy of transition from bourgeois democratic revolution to the socialist revolution at the 7th All Russia Conference of the Socialist Democratic Workers' Party of Russia. He presented the slogan "All political powers to Soviet!" and led the October Revolution to victory on October 25. Under the leadership of Bolshevik party, he established the Soviet government at the 2nd All Russia Soviet Congress and, on the basis of it, founded the Worker-Peasant Red Army in January 1918 and the Worker-Peasant Red Navy in February 1918.

The revolutionary struggle of the international working class which had entered a period of upsurge with the October Revolution in Russia as a turning point had been waged by the method of founding the party before the armed forces.

In China, the Communist Party of China was founded first in 1921 and, under its guidance, the Worker-Peasant Red Army was founded by unifying the armed revolt units that participated in the Nanchang Uprising on August 1, 1927 and the peasant riot army in Hunan region, and the party was founded first before the army to wage the revolutionary struggle in Vietnam, too.

In Ireland the Sinn Fein (Ourselves Alone in Gaelic) party was formed in 1905 to fight for Irish independence but the Irish Republican Army its military wing was not formed until 1913 as the Irish Volunteers (becoming the Irish Republican Army in 1918).

Like this, it was recognized as the fixed revolutionary truth in the socialist

politics to found the party before the army.

Proceeding from the decisive role of the force of arms played in the colonial national liberation struggle and the reality in the colonized Korea at that time, President **Kim Il Sung** opted the method of building the revolutionary armed forces before the party regardless of the existing formula and custom.

It was the scientific revolutionary method proceeded from the decisive role of the revolutionary armed forces in the revolutionary struggle, especially the colonial national liberation struggle.

As it was the brilliant embodiment of the President's idea of giving importance to the force of arms, the founding of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army served as a remarkable event that put the Korean revolution on the orbit of Songun and advanced it to victory.

Since then, the Korean revolution could cover a new road of its development, assuming the feature of Songun which was distinctively different from the revolutions in other countries.

The President achieved the cause of national liberation through the anti-Japanese armed struggle with the KPRA as the main force and founded the Party on October 10, 1945 with the fighters trained in the KPRA as the core members.

Hence, a new revolutionary method of founding the armed forces before the party could be created and the Korean revolution be adorned with the history of Songun revolution.

After the liberation, too, the President directed primary attention to the military affairs in each period and stage of the revolution and ceaselessly built up the revolutionary armed forces to firmly guarantee the victorious advance of the revolution and construction with powerful military capabilities.

That President **Kim Il Sung** won victory in the Fatherland Liberation War against the US imperialists by relying on the force of arms in the 1950s is a military miracle recorded in human history.

The US imperialists were the powerful enemy boasting of being victors in over 100 aggressive wars and were strong rivals for young Korea. It was only 2 years since the Korean People's Army had been reformed into the regular armed forces.

But the Korean people won victory in the war against the aggressors of US-led 15 satellite states as there was the farsightedness and distinguished military strategy and leadership of President **Kim Il Sung** who always gave priority to the force of arms in the struggle for the Korean people's independence.

That the world progressive people call the Korean people who brought about the beginning of a downfall for the US imperialism the heroic people was the praise of the Songun achievement of an iron-willed brilliant commander **Kim Il Sung**.

After the Fatherland Liberation War the President consistently held fast to

the line of giving importance to the force of arms, the military affairs in the socialist construction and thus built the most superior socialism independent in politics, self-sufficient in economy and self-reliance in defence.

It is very important to keep firmly in one's mind this point when studying Songun.

Songun and Juche

The Songun idea is firmly based on the Juche idea and is an embodiment of the great Juche idea.

The dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** so aptly explained.

“The Juche idea is the roots of the Songun idea and the latter is a brilliant embodiment of the former.

Thanks to the Songun idea, the Juche idea could be splendidly applied to the revolutionary practice, shining more brightly as a great guiding ideology which guarantees the victorious advance and accomplishment of the masses’ cause of independence.”

The Juche idea is the root of the Songun idea.

A great tree with thick foliage is inconceivable without strong roots. Likewise, the Songun idea is inconceivable without the Juche idea. The Songun idea is based on the principles of the Juche idea and herein lies the scientific accuracy and originality of the Songun idea.

It is totally absurd and in fact very reactionary to argue that Songun is a deviation from Juche or is in some counterposed to Juche . Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Songun idea can meet the requirements of the Juche idea for defending and realizing the popular masses’ independence.

The Juche idea illuminates scientifically the road of the popular masses’

struggle to defend and realize the independence as it is the revolutionary idea of independence with the independence as the core.

Independence is an attribute of social man who is desirous of living and developing in an independent way as master of the world and his own destiny without being subordinated to or restricted by anything. On the strength of this quality, man throws off the fetters of nature, opposes social subjugation of all forms and puts everything at his own service.

Independence is a life and soul of man, a social being, and at the same time, the life and soul of the popular masses, country and the nation.

The people are the social collective that is combined with the commonness of demand for independence and creative ability, centring on the working people. Country and nation are the solid community of the people formed socially and historically. They are comprehensive social collective, sharing the same destiny.

The popular masses become the makers of history, motive force of the revolution undertaking the social development, development of the revolution as the independence is their life and soul. And the independence serves as the fundamental factor that enables the country and nation to exist and develop as the independent state and nation.

What should be referred here is that the destiny of the country, nation and the popular masses with the independence as the life and soul is closely related.

The popular masses conduct the revolution and construction to shape out

their destiny with the country and nation as a unit. Therefore, the destiny of the country and nation becomes the destiny of the popular masses and the realization of the independence of the country and nation serve as the precondition for realizing the popular masses' independence.

There is a saying that the people deprived of the country are little better than a dog in a house of grief.

This tells the miserable position and destiny of homeless nation subjected to contempt and maltreatment. The popular masses would reduce to the slavery and lose their independent dignity if the country and nation are under the control of the external aggressors.

The Korean people had a miserable past when they were deprived of the country by the Japanese imperialists and forced the fate of slavery in the early 20th century as they had weak military capacities. The people who have never experienced the slavery life would not know what it is.

The Korean people had been forced the slavery life for over 40 years. In this period, the Japanese imperialists forced 8.4 million Korean people to serve conscription and compulsory labor draft for aggressive war and kidnapped over 200 000 Korean women as sexual slaves for the Japanese army, thus committing the unprecedented anti-ethical crimes without hesitation. They plundered the natural resources in Korea without any restriction and desperately machinated to obliterate the Korean language and letters and deprive of the soul of Korea while clamouring "one and the same ancestry and roots" and "oneness of Japan and Korea".

The struggle for the independence of the popular masses, the independence of the country and nation is accompanied by the fierce confrontation of strength with the imperialists.

In his historic work “*On the Juche Idea*” the great leader Comrade **Kim Jong Il** said.

“The best way to preserve national independence and peace and win the revolutionary cause is to counter the imperialist war of aggression with the war of liberation, answer the counterrevolutionary violence of reaction with revolutionary violence, and always meet the imperialist moves of aggression and war in full preparedness.”

Counter-revolutionary violence is the main on which the imperialists depend to trample down the popular masses’ independence, invade and plunder other countries and nations.

The past history left many precious experience and bloody lessons proving the fact that in order to defend the independence which is the life of the popular masses, the life of the country and nation, there should be the revolutionary force of arms capable to defeat the imperialists’ counter-revolutionary violence.

Today the imperialist allied forces including the US are making desperate efforts to bring down the DPRK, a bulwark of socialism. Here they regard the strength, that is, the military capability as the all-powerful means. High-handedness and arbitrariness of the US imperialists are being intensified unprecedentedly by depending on the military capabilities and

therefore the popular masses' cause of independence faces a grave challenge.

Eventually, the issue of the force of arms presents itself as the vital one in defending the independence, the life of the popular masses, country and nation. The destiny of the popular masses, the country and nation hinges on whether they take firmly the revolutionary violence, the revolutionary force of arms capable of defeating the counter-revolutionary violence of the imperialists and the reactionaries.

Proceeding from the fundamental requirement of the Juche idea to realize the popular masses' independence, the Songun idea puts it forward as its aim to give importance to the force of arms as the means to realize the popular masses' independence.

Like this, the Songun idea enables us to firmly defend the popular masses' independence by giving importance and priority to the force of arms, the revolutionary army.

The Songun idea is the one that enables us to thoroughly embody the demands of the Juche idea to strengthen and enhance the role of the motive force of revolution in the struggle for the popular masses' independence.

The Juche idea clarifies that the revolutionary movement is the movement of the motive force originated and developed by the active action and role of the motive force and requires settling all problems arising in the revolution and construction by attaching fundamental significance to the

subjective factor and enhancing the role of the motive force.

Revolution is the movement of the popular masses themselves to realize their independence. The popular masses themselves should be prepared to be the powerful revolutionary forces to make and advance the revolutionary movement to victory.

The historic experience proved the fact that if the subjective revolutionary forces in each country are prepared firmly, they would emerge victorious without any external assistance but if not, they would fail in the revolution even though they received great external assistance.

Of course, the plots of the imperialist powers, in particular, the outrageous armed intervention of fascist Germany and Italy were the major factors of the collapse of the government of Spanish Popular Front that took power in February 1936.

But the international support and encouragement to the Spanish revolution was very influential. At that time, the former Soviet Union provided the Spanish people with the aid materials amounting to 417 million rubles and heavy weapons including fighters and tanks and dispatched military advisers and volunteers. In August 1938, the “International Coordinating Committee for Assisting Spain” was founded in Paris and sent the aid funds of 800 million francs and large amount of foods, clothes and medicines for 2 years. And the meeting of the communist parties of 17 countries in Europe was held for the fighting Spanish people to intensify the international support movement, the

international brigade and the tens of thousands of volunteers across the world went to fight in Spain. In Britain, the Communist Party under the leadership of Harry Pollitt organised the British battalion of the International Brigade and sent 2,500 volunteers(including some of the best members of the Communist Party such as the intellectuals Ralph Fox, Christopher Caudwell and David Guest) , of which 500 laid down their lives for the anti-fascist cause. Ireland organised the Connolly Column of 250 volunteers under Frank Ryan a former Irish Republican Army commander.

Nevertheless, the Spanish Popular Front failed to defend the revolutionary gains to the last as it failed to firmly prepare the motive force.

It can also be mentioned that in the late 1970s and 1980s some Asian and African countries such as Afghanistan declared themselves socialist or 'revolutionary democratic' and received huge amounts of aid and assistance from the USSR and other socialist countries , in some case military assistance . However most of these governments collapsed or were overthrown.

Although the popular masses are the motive force of the revolution, they do not always become the independent motive force of history, the motive force of the revolution that advance the history and revolution in keeping with their will and demand, holding their destiny in their hands.

The motive force of the revolution can be formed when the entire people

unite as one behind the leader and the party with the revolutionary army as the main.

The Songun idea makes it possible to firmly build the motive force of revolution with the revolutionary army as the main that is the stronger in the sense of revolution, organizational discipline, and combat capabilities than any other collective, thus consolidating the motive force of the revolution and strengthening its efficiency remarkably.

The Songun idea is the one that makes it possible to thoroughly embody the requirement of the Juche idea to hold fast to the people's ideology as the main in the revolution and construction.

The Juche idea newly clarified the principle that the popular masses' ideological consciousness of independence plays a decisive role in the revolution and construction and puts forward it as an important principle to put the main stress on the people's ideology in the revolution and the construction.

The higher level of the ideological consciousness of independence man attains, the more resolute standpoint and attitude he maintains and actively takes part in the revolutionary struggle with firm will to resolutely fight to the end while overcoming all sorts of difficulties and trials.

The Songun idea requires the entire members in society to firmly arm in the revolutionary soldier spirit that is the highest expression of class consciousness of the working class, the revolutionary spirit so as to

successfully embody the requirement of the Juche idea to push ahead with the revolution and construction with the ideology as the main.

The revolutionary soldier spirit is a powerful weapon of creation and struggle capable of bringing about great change in the revolution and construction.

It is the revolutionary spirit created by the soldiers of the People's Army in the struggle for building the Anbyon Youth Power Station during the Arduous March, the most difficult period in the Korean revolution.

Chairman **Kim Jong Il** entrusted the task implementing the President's behest of building the Anbyon Youth Power Station to the People's Army and clarified the targets of each stage and the ways for their implementation while giving the scores of instructions.

Cherishing the faith and will that there was no such word as impossibility for them in fulfilling the task of the NDC Chairman, the soldiers of the People's Army vigorously conducted the construction holding aloft the slogan "Let us not look at the blue sky of the country before we implement the order the respected supreme commander!" They excavated the tunnel in the waist-deep water showering from the ceiling to build grandiose structures including the water tunnel covering several counties and *ries*, dam soaring high to the sky and huge water intakes.

In June 10, 1996, Chairman **Kim Jong Il** gave field guidance to the Anbyon Youth Power Station that was nearing completion by the heroic struggle of the soldiers of the People's Army.

He, regardless of the rain, looked round all the ground structures including the dam and the water intakes and the large-scale water tunnel built by the soldiers of the People's Army.

And he said that the soldiers created the great miracles and implemented his order without fail, braving all sorts of difficulties, this is the revolutionary soldier spirit of the People's Army.

The revolutionary soldier spirit born in this process is the great revolutionary spirit that reached the highest phase in its contents.

The main of the revolutionary soldier spirit is the spirit of defending the leader at the risk of one's life, a spirit of carrying out tasks at all costs, and a heroic self-sacrificing spirit. The revolutionary soldier spirit whose core is the spirit of defending the leader at the risk of one's life is the noblest thoughts and feelings based on the boundless loyalty to the leader, and the thoroughgoing fighting spirit, the spirit of human bomb and suicidal explosion.

As it is the thorough anti-imperialist class consciousness and the spirit of gigantic creation and change, the revolutionary soldier spirit symbolizes the era of Songun.

With hatred and mercilessness toward the class enemy and strong revolutionary principle, the revolutionary soldier spirit becomes the highest expression of the class consciousness and revolutionary spirit of the working class.

The revolutionary soldier spirit is a powerful impetus that enables to

brave through coming adversities and trials and carry out successfully every difficult and complicated task in the revolution and construction.

The revolutionary soldier spirit has been embodied in the society, with the result that the army-people unity was achieved in idea and struggle and a remarkable change made in the political and ideological traits of the Korean people.

They uphold the Party and the leader with the spirit of devotedly defending the leader displayed by the People's Army soldiers and do everything with the spirit of implementing the Party's lines and policies with sacrifice as the People's Army soldiers did. They also live a militant and optimistic life like the People's Army soldiers.

It was a motive force that enabled the Korean people, tiding over difficulties, to resolutely rise up to win victory in the anti-US confrontation and embark on the advance to the building of a socialist thriving nation. It cultivated among the Korean people the will of braving difficulties without losing confidence even in the worse adversity and brought about miracles in the revolution and construction.

The Songun idea is intrinsically linked to the Juche idea as it is the inviolable guarantee of the Juche idea.

Songun is totally anti-revisionist and anti-imperialist

Respected **Kim Jong Un** said.

“The General’s Songun idea is a revolutionary idea and theory which

embodies a thoroughgoing anti-imperialist stand and the spirit of ennobling love of the country, nation and people and which is based on an iron faith and willpower.”

Songun totally rejects compromise with imperialism as advocated by the modern revisionists and the so-called theory of the “peaceful road to socialism.” advocated by modern revisionism. Chairman **Kim Jong Il** made it clear that Songun unequivocally states that “*The struggle of the masses of the people for the cause of independence, the cause of socialism, is accompanied by confrontation of power with imperialism and all sorts of other counterrevolutionary forces*”. This is the total antithesis of the so-called “peaceful road to socialism “!

During the 1960s, US imperialism incited its puppets in south Korea to attack the DPRK by “dash north.”

The imperialists also infiltrated into the international communist movement in the form of modern revisionism. The modern revisionists caused splits and confusion. The socialist camp was split into two, creating a dangerous situation. The modern revisionists compromised with the US imperialists and stifled the anti-imperialist struggle jabbering about “peaceful co-existence.” The revisionists embarked unilateral and one-sided disarmament of the socialist camp, doing a number of unprincipled deals with the imperialists. They melted down tanks and guns.

The revisionists were capitulationists. In 1962 Khrushchev betrayed Cuba

to the US imperialists . A tense situation had arisen because of the arrogant demands of the US imperialists for the removal of rockets from Cuba which had been sent by the USSR . Within 6 days Khrushchev gave into the demands of Kennedy, head of the US imperialists. The message sent to the imperialists was that the socialist camp could be pushed about and bullied , Not only did they weaken the defence capacity of the socialist camp but crippled communist and worker's parties throughout the world, with their "peaceful road" theories.

The Workers' Party of Korea and the Korean people under the leadership of the great leader President **Kim Il Sung** took the line of opposing modern revisionism whilst demanding for unity within the socialist camp and against splits.

The great leader President **Kim Il Sung** said.

"At present, revisionists are spreading all sorts of anti-Marxist, opportunist theories and widely propagating reactionary bourgeois ideologies and the corrupt bourgeois way of life, thereby paralyzing the class and revolutionary consciousness of the working people and, especially, ruining the younger generation ideologically.

"The modern revisionists betray the revolutionary principles of Marxism-Leninism and deny the necessity of revolutionary struggle and class struggle... The revisionists are the agents of the imperialists. At present the imperialists are using the revisionists as their stooges in their manoeuvres to spread counter-revolutionary, non-class ideologies

within our ranks and to soften up our camp.”

The WPK also published such articles as “*Hold high the revolutionary banner of Marxism*”, “*Let us defend the socialist camp*”, “*Oppose revisionism*” and “*Hold high the revolutionary banner of national liberation*” which totally exposed modern revisionism and argued for a totally anti-imperialist line to be taken. These articles made a significant contribution to the worldwide struggle against modern revisionism.

It was also at this time that the great leader Comrade **Kim Jong Il** started his Songun revolutionary leadership at the Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division of the Korean People’s Army on August 25, 1960.

The great leader Comrade **Kim Jong Il** who visited the unit together with the great leader President **Kim Il Sung** not only explained the problems in strengthening combat capability of the unit but illuminated the road to enable the People’s Army to discharge its mission and duty as the revolutionary army.

That day the great leader Comrade **Kim Jong Il** spent much time giving precious instructions on the problem in defending, inheriting and developing the revolutionary tradition, the problem in strengthening the combat capability of the unit and the problem in making the People’s Army to play an important role also in the socialist construction.

He stressed that day that the People’s Army should hold high the slogan “*Let us defend with our very lives the Party Central Committee headed by*

*the respected Comrade **Kim Il Sung!***”

Saying that it is the basic mission and fighting tradition of the People’s Army to defend devotedly the Party and the leader, he said that it should hasten the final victory of the Korean revolution upholding this slogan.

From then on he visited many People’s Army units, performing immortal exploits immortal exploits which would be glorified forever in the history of building the revolutionary armed forces. He conducted the Songun politics over the revolution and construction from the end of the 1960s.

As a result, the People’s Army has been strengthened and developed into the army of the leader and the Party, and the Korean revolution pioneered by the great leader President **Kim Il Sung** with force of arms was advanced further by force of arms.

In every chronicle of the revolution the People’s Army held higher the slogans of devotedly defending the leader.

The slogans are “*Let us fight devotedly for the great leader!*”, “*Let the whole army be the O Jung Hup-led Seventh Regiment in defending the leadership of the revolution!*”, “*Let us defend with our very lives the leadership of the revolution headed by the great Comrade **Kim Jong Il!***” and “*Let us defend with our very lives the central committee of the Party headed by the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un!***”

Because of the increased threat from the US imperialism and the fact that big powers could not be relied on to defend Korea the need arose for

Korea to strengthen and consolidate its self-defence capabilities in opposition to both US imperialism and modern revisionism.

The great leader President **Kim Il Sung** and the dear leader Comrade **Kim Jong Il** knew that socialism could not be defended by just talking about “peaceful co-existence” and other such flowery and effete phraseology. The whole experience of the Korean revolution showed that the revolution was defended and advanced by gun. As chairman **Kim Jong Il** explained to commanding officers of the KPA in 1998 *“The history of the international revolutionary struggle for accomplishing the cause of independence for the masses of people, the socialist cause , has taught us the serious lesson that without being in control of the revolutionary armed forces and relying on them, a party of the working class cannot carry the revolution to victory , and the revolutionary cause pioneered and advanced at the cost of blood is led to setback and failure..*

Even though some parties in several countries where socialism collapsed have recently been conducting a movement to revive it, they are failing to exercise much influence, on the politics of their countries because they are not in control of the armed forces. Simply by increasing the number of seats in parliament , they cannot achieve the ideal of reviving socialism “

The Songun politics totally rejects compromise and cooperation with imperialism. In the 1960s, there appeared modern revisionism advocating

so-called “peaceful co-existence” which means fundamental submission before imperialism. However, the DPRK that upheld the banner of Songun maintained the firm anti-imperialist line.

In December 1962 the great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung** put forward the line of building the economy and defence in parallel proceeding from the requirement of the Korean revolution and the world revolution.

At that time the revisionists boldly said that the Soviet armed forces are defending the whole socialist countries and the world peace is kept by up-to-date military technology and rocket-nuclear weapons of the Soviet Union. They bothered the other socialist countries in the strengthening of their own defence capabilities, blaming that it aggravates the international tension and gives excuse of igniting a war to the imperialists. Their intention was to control the socialist countries under the nuclear umbrella. If the DPRK had submitted to the military pressure of the modern revisionists and asked others to defend it, it would have been able to frustrate the enemy’s moves of war provocation made under the excuse of the incident of the US spy ship “Pueblo” in January 1968, the incident of the US large spy plane “EC-121” and the US-planned “Panmunjom Incident” in August 1976 would have fallen prey to big powers and accepted revisionism.

In Pyongyang celebrating the centenary of the birth of the great leader President **Kim Il Sung**, in April 2012 there was a grand military parade,

which was an occasion demonstrating to the world the invincible might of the Korean People's Army furnished with domestically-manufactured modern weapons and combat equipment. This proved the correctness and vitality of the line of developing the economy and defence in parallel.

This line was later developed by the respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** who put forward the line of jointly developing the economy and nuclear force in parallel in March 2013.

Respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** said.

“Our Party’s line is not a temporary countermeasure adopted to cope with the rapidly-changing situation, but a strategic line we should hold fast to permanently in view of the supreme interests of our revolution. It is also the absolutely right line that can ensure our people enjoy all the benefits of nuclear power and socialism. In advancing this line the Party’s intention is to make our possession of a self-defensive nuclear capability permanent against the reckless nuclear threat and aggressive moves by the imperialists and their vassal forces and, on the basis of this, achieve a decisive victory in building an economic giant... The main spirit of the current Plenary Meeting of the Central Committee of the Party is that we must win final victory in the anti-US showdown and in building a thriving socialist country through resolute attack.”

The line of jointly developing the economy and nuclear force in parallel is based on the line of building the economy and defence in parallel.

The line of jointly developing the economy and nuclear force is the

expression of the WPK's far-reaching ideal and firm will to build a powerful country, the people's paradise on its land its own way with its own strength upholding the ideology and cause of Comrades

Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il.

Significance of the line is that it paved a broad avenue for making final settlement of protracted anti-US showdown by taking initiative with powerful motive force of the subject and for hastening the final victory of the revolutionary cause of Juche started on Mt. Paektu.

Putting forward the line was the solemn declaration informing that Juche-based socialist Korea has entered the stage of the final victory for realizing the people's dream and ideal on the basis of the nuclear deterrent.

It was also the declaration of the era informing that the unequal nuclear power-centred political structure of the world will be ended soon and the independent world order be established immediately.

The line of jointly developing the economy and nuclear force enables the DPRK to defend dignity and display its might.

It was proved that the independence and right to existence of a country which suffers from nuclear threat of imperialism in the present world can be defended not by petition or international convention but by its own nuclear weapon. It is not accidental that the fair public opinion of the world said that the US ambition to suffocate the DPRK is completely inconsiderate and impossible.

The line of jointly developing the economy and nuclear force enables the DPRK to bring about a big progress in the building of an economic giant and civilized nation and in improving the people's living.

The line enables it to direct more human and material potentials to the building of an economic giant and civilized nation and the improvement of the people's living by relying on the military guarantee, advancing with courage.

It can be explained by the fact that many more monumental edifices were built in the DPRK after the line was legalized.

The imperialists are foolishly desperate to check the progress of the DPRK with economic sanctions, but peaceful time is very urgent and precious for the Korean people who have made surprising development with self-reliance for a long time.

The Korean people are making efforts to build in the near future the enviable people's paradise by leaping forward and by using most effectively the precious time supplied by the line.

The line of jointly developing the economy and nuclear force enables the DPRK to hasten the timetable of a reunified powerful country and contribute positively to stability and development of the region and the world.

It is the unanimous desire and aspiration of the entire Korean people, north, south and abroad to build a reunified, prosperous and powerful country.

This line contains the desire of the Korean nation which is suffering from national division for over 70 years and the strong power to implement it. With the strengthening of the self-reliance national defence whose pivot is nuclear forces, the land of Korea in which the Korean nation has lived harmoniously for over 5 000 years will be a peaceful paradise where the people are free from war and the Korean people's long-cherished desire to realize the cause of national reunification will be achieved under the ideal of By Our Nation Itself against foreign invention and domination.

Today the DPRK's powerful self-reliant national defence is carrying out its historic mission that ensures the balance of power on the Korean peninsula and its surrounding region and positively contributes to the world peace and prosperity.

Validity of the WPK's line of jointly developing the economy and nuclear force which tells the lesson and truth of history and shows the path for today and tomorrow will be displayed more fully.

Songun is thorough anti-imperialist, anti-US line.

This is the era of class struggle in which the struggle between the independence forces and the dominationist forces is more acute than any time.

By nature, the popular masses' struggle is conducted in sharp confrontation with imperialism and other domination forces.

The masses of the working people are fundamentally contradictory to the imperialism and exploiting and domination class in demand and interest,

and therefore their struggle for independence, social progress and socialism face inevitably the vicious resistance and challenge by enemy of the revolution. The popular masses' struggle for independence is immediately the acute anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle.

Being elated with the fall of the former Soviet Union and other east European countries in the end of the last century, the imperialists intensified the counterrevolutionary offensives against anti-imperialist independent forces in order to obliterate once and for all the socialism, the ideal and desire of the popular masses.

The US that boasts itself of being the "only super power" of the world violently infringes upon the independence of other countries and nations with tyranny and arbitrariness, running wild for war and aggression in order to realize its ambition for world supremacy.

In particular, the US concentrated its attack toward the DPRK that invariably keeps uphold the banner of independence, the banner of socialism. It moved to put pressure in all fields of politics, economy, ideology and culture, and diplomacy and stifle the Korean-style socialism while strengthening unprecedentedly the military aggressive moves to suffocate the DPRK by force.

Such circumstance and condition demands to direct primary and biggest effort to the strengthening of force of arms, the most powerful weapon of the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle, that is, the strengthening of the revolutionary army in order to win victory in the fierce confrontation with

the US and imperialists and advance the revolution.

The Songun idea clarifies the correct road to achieve decisive victory in the military confrontation with imperialism by strengthening force of arms, the revolutionary army.

The popular masses' anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle is waged in all fields of politics, economy, ideology and culture, military and diplomacy and the victory in the anti-imperialist and class struggle is achieved through the victory made in all fields and fronts.

Military front is that of decisive significance in the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle. The anti-imperialist military front frustrates the imperialist moves of military aggression and war and defends and guarantees the country and people with force of arms.

In order to win in the military confrontation with imperialism, it is necessary to have powerful military strength to smash the counterrevolutionary violence of the enemy.

The Songun idea enables to build up core element of self-reliant defence capability by strengthening the revolutionary army in the outpost of the anti-imperialist military front.

Considering it as the main to strengthen the revolutionary army politically and ideologically, militarily and technically, the Songun idea demands to solve all problems in the revolution and construction by making them subjected to the strengthening of the revolutionary army. It is important to consider the Songun idea as the firm guideline and embody the demand

of the Songun idea. Only then, can they prepare the revolutionary army into the invincibly strong army and, by relying on it, frustrate every move of aggression and war of imperialists and achieve victory in the anti-imperialist class struggle.

The Songun idea enables a country to lay material and technical foundation for powerful military strength by building the self-reliant and modern munitions industry, the material basis for self-reliant defence capability.

One historian said, “if you want peace, you should be prepare for war.”

He is right. Thanks to the military strength consolidated by dint of Songun, peace and security are ensured on the Korean peninsula, the hottest region of the world.

Along with material strength the DPRK under Songun counters the US with ideological strength .The DPRK is probably the only country in the world to carry the slogan on its tanks and missiles “*Let us wipe out the US imperialist aggressors, the sworn enemy of the Korean people.*” No country in today’s world maintains such a militant anti-imperialist posture. The DPRK is also committed to enhancing and stepping up anti-US, anti-imperialist class education. As dear respected Marshal

Kim Jong Un said “ *illusion about the enemy just means death and any slightest illusion about the enemy may lead to the renunciation of the revolution and eventually spoil it.*

U.S. imperialism is the arch-villain of aggression which came into

being and got fattened with aggression and plundering, he pointed out. Its nature and brutality as an aggressor remain unchanged forever, and if there is any change today, it has got more insidious and crafty in the method to satisfy its greed for aggression, he said, stressing that to intensify the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. education and class education at present is vital to the prospect of the Korean revolution and the destiny of the country...

... To intensify the class education is more urgent today when the younger generation, who experienced neither exploitation and oppression nor the stern trials of war, have emerged the driving force of the revolution. The class education should not be delayed or neglected for a moment though time passes and generations are replaced, but it should be intensified in depth and on a permanent basis.

As fish cannot live without water, it is impossible to think about sovereign life of people and dignity and value of human beings without anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. education and class education, he said, stressing that victory of the revolution and socialism mainly depends on how to conduct such education”

The anti-US museum at Sinchon ri has been totally rebuilt and expanded and there are also class education centres in many towns and cities in the DPRK.

Songun and Class

The Songun Idea and Songun politics formulated by the great leader comrade **Kim Jong Il** gave a new definition to the issue of which force should precedence in the revolution and construction.

In reflection of the reality of the developed western capitalist countries in the mid-19th century Marx illustrated that the working class is the most advanced and revolutionary class whose mission is to liquidate

domination by capital and all sorts of exploiter system and realize socialism and communism and defined the working class as the main force of revolution.

In Communist Manifesto Marx and Engels wrote that what the working class would lose is only the chains and what it would gain is the whole world in the struggle against capital while insisting that the working class is a genuine revolutionary class among all the classes which are in confrontation with bourgeoisie.

This theory which reflected the reality of the contemporary capitalist society play a positive role in the revolutionary struggle of the working class in that period and some later periods. It was proved by the historic truth that the Paris Commune was born and the October Socialist Revolution victorious in Russia.

It was recognized as a formulae that the revolutionary struggle and construction work should be conducted with the working class as the core, the main force in implementing the cause of socialism.

In a number of countries on the globe during the 20th century the working class took the lead in the struggle to overthrow the capitalist system and established socialism. Thus some people consider it to be absolute and

invariable that the working class should be the leading force in the revolution. This was the demand of the preceding Marxist revolutionary theory.

A hundred and several decades of years elapsed since the Marxist revolutionary theory was set forth. The time has advanced further, witnessing a great change in social atmosphere, class relations and the status of the working class.

For this reason, the theory and formulae, which had been set forth by Marx and Engels one and a half centuries before, cannot accord with the present reality.

However Songun politics stresses that the military have precedence over the working class.. As chairman **Kim Jong Il** explained in his work *“The Songun-Based Revolutionary line is a great revolutionary line of our era and an ever-victorious banner of our revolution”*

“On the basis of its deep analysis of the development of the times and the changed social and class relations, our Party put forward, for the first time in the history of the revolutionary movement, the idea of “precedence of the army over the working class,” giving prominence to the People’s Army as the core unit and main force of the revolution.

The originality of Songun politics and its invincibility lie in the fact that it gives prominence to the People's Army as the core unit and main force."

This is a new original concept. However some captivated by dogmatism and opportunism feel unease at this new concept. Some people try to cite Marxist Leninist teachings on the role of the working class and the role of the army. Such views blatantly disregard the fact Marxism Leninism has historical limitations. Marx passed away more than a 130 years ago and Lenin passed away 91 years ago. To say that much has changed since then would be an understatement. Moreover the construction of socialism in a number of places either took place in the 1920s and 1930s or in the period following the second world war.

Chairman **Kim Jong Il** gives a highly lucid analysis of the changes and how they affect the role of the working class and other sections of society

"However, Marx's theories and formulas, which had been set forth one and a half centuries before, cannot accord with the present reality. The times have advanced further, witnessing a great change in social atmosphere, class relations and the status of the working class. With the development of capitalism, especially with the rapid development of

science, and technology and the arrival of the IT age, the living basis of the working class has been changed and work is being done on a more technological and intellectual basis. The ranks of the working class have been intellectualized and the working masses engaged in technical, intellectual and mental labour are quickly outnumbering manual workers. Moreover, the development of capitalism consolidates the domination of monopoly capital and adds to the prevalence of reactionary bourgeois ideology and culture, which greatly acts to control the class consciousness, awakening and revolutionary assimilation of the working class. The working class of the present times cannot be identified with the working class in the period of industrial capitalism or proletarian revolution, in the fight of either the situation of the times or the actual reality of the labour, social status and labour movement of the working class. The changed situation and the reality require a new ideology and theory, strategy and tactics with which to awaken and rally the broad sections of the masses who oppose the domination of monopoly capital and the aggression and war policy of imperialism, train hard-core elements among them and expand and strengthen the revolutionary forces”

This gives a correct analysis of the present times and enables us to see the situation clearly and dialectically. Chairman **Kim Jong Il** identifies the changes that have taken place over the years in society.

Why is the Army the main force of the revolution?

Chairman **Kim Jong Il** answers that

“The People’s Army is the most revolutionary, militant and powerful revolutionary group in our society. No group is equal to the People’s Army in terms of the sense of revolution and organization and combat efficiency”

The issue on the main force of revolution cannot be fixed and immutable in any time, society or revolution, nor be solved only on the basis of class relations.

The main criterion defining the main force of revolution is not the established formulae and custom but the reality.

Not indulged in the established theory and formula but proceeding from the DPRK’s reality, the great leader Comrade **Kim Jong Il** set the People’s Army as the main force of the revolution, the pillar of the country.

In the DPRK the People's Army is the revolutionary rank which defends independence of the country and right to existence of the people.

The People's Army sacrifices itself to defend with force of arms the socialism, revolution and the destiny of the people in direct confrontation with the strong imperialist enemy. That rifle of the People's Army guarantees peace, victory of socialism and worthwhile and happy life of the people is not a slogan but a solemn reality.

Might of the People's Army is displayed not only in the anti-imperialist military front but in all fronts and fields of the revolution and construction.

In order to press ahead dynamically with the socialist construction, it is necessary to find out the main link and concentrate all efforts to it making a breakthrough. In the 1990s, the most grave period of Arduous March the People's Army wonderfully carried out its duty of national defence and at the same time stood in the van of creation and construction performing heroic feats. The People's Army made a breakthrough in the difficult and arduous front of the socialist construction with the revolutionary soldier spirit upholding the slogan "*Let Us Take Charge of both the Defending of the Country and the Socialist Construction!*"

As it is a revolutionary collective with the strong revolutionary and organizational character and combat efficiency, the People's Army occupies nuclear position and plays leading role, thus becoming the main force of the revolution.

Those who criticise Songun foolishly forgot that amongst the working class in capitalist countries there were always some sections of the working class that were more militant and more advanced than others.

For example for a long time the miners were regarded as the vanguard of the British working class because their class consciousness, militancy and sense of organisation were in fact much higher than of shop workers, farm workers and some other sections of workers so the miners became the main force in class struggle in the UK for many decades. In People's Korea which stands in confrontation with US imperialism, with guns levelled, the Korean People's Army is by far the most militant, most ideologically and politically conscious, section of society therefore it should be the main force of the revolution.

Of course this does not mean that the working class in the DPRK has in any way been diminished and marginalised. As Chairman **Kim Jong**

Il states

“The working class is as advanced a unit of our society as ever, and has a higher sense of class consciousness, collectivism and revolution than other working masses. Furthermore, it is still in charge of industry, the leading sector of the national economy; especially the workers in the key industries and munitions industry play a very important role in the revolution and construction. That is why our Party treasures the working class and always pays deep concern to further revolutionizing it and enhancing its role.”

Thus the importance of the role of the working class in society is recognised and valued.

The Socialist Constitution of the DPRK states that *“The sovereignty of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea resides in the workers, peasants, soldiers, working intellectuals and all other working people.”*. The DPRK is not a military state as some venal reactionaries suggest nor has there been any kind transfer of power from the working class to the military which some revisionists and opportunists have tried to imply.

Songun definitely does not define the military as a class. This is pure

nonsense to suggest such a thing. Chairman **Kim Jong Il** very clearly states

“The People’s Army is the most revolutionary, militant and powerful revolutionary group in our society. No group is equal to the People’s Army in terms of the sense of revolution and organization and combat efficiency”

It needs to be noted that the great leader Chairman **Kim Jong Il** says that the Peoples Army is a group and does not refer to it as a class though of course it is the most militant and powerful group in society.

The Korean People's Army is an army of the working class. As President **Kim Il Sung** said in 1963 *“Our People’s Army is honourably defending the freedom and independence of the country and the life and property of our people from enemy encroachment, and is firmly safeguarding our Party and our revolution. The invincible might of our People’s Army stems from the fact that it is a genuine people’s army, firmly armed with the revolutionary ideas of Marxism-Leninism, and composed of the best sons and daughters of the people, led by the*

working class “.

Earlier in 1958 President **Kim Il Sung** had firmly rejected the idea that the People's Army should be non-class or should be 'army of the united front' this idea had been put forward by factionalists and is in fact a central tenet of the revisionist theory on the armed forces.

President **Kim Il Sung** said

“Can we call the army of the, the army of the united front? No we cannot ...

there are two kinds of armies in the present day world , the army of the propertied class and the other of the working class.. .These are two classes, the working class and the propertied class are in conflict. Since the propertied class resorts to force of arms to maintain its grip on power, the working class needs armed forces in order to carry out the revolution to overthrow the propertied class and build a new society...There can never be neutral army that belongs to neither the propertied class nor to the working class”

Thus the Korean People's Army is a working class and the class nature of Songun is not neutral but that of the working class in

power. The WPK under the the leadership of the great leader President **Kim Il Sung** and chairman Kim Jong Il always rejected non class theories spread by the revisionists about the armed forces and later attempts to “de politicise “ and “de ideologise “ the armed forces.

Songun means intensifying class struggle and holding firmly to class principles rather than diluting or downgrading them in any way . As chairman **Kim Jong Il**

pointed out “ *We are striving to build a great, prosperous and powerful socialist nation and reunify the country in the midst of a severe class struggle against the US imperialists and other enemies. The complex and grave situation of our revolution demands that the edge of class struggle be sharpened and the working-class principle, the revolutionary principle, be maintained more thoroughly in all spheres. Our Party has upheld the banner of Songun in the acute confrontation with imperialism. Our rifle is the rifle of class, the rifle of revolution, and it is the most powerful weapon for anti-imperialist class struggle.* “

Chairman Kim Jong Il urged that the socialist class position should be consolidated.

Rather than negating the role of the working class Songun actually

enhances it and strengthens the position of the working class. It is the guns of the Korean People's Army, the guns of Songun that give the working class of People's Korea the strength to carry out socialist construction. Songun politics actually defends the interests of the working class in power by protecting the country from imperialist aggression and preventing the restoration of capitalism by the imperialists.

The Songun politics considers force of arms as the most powerful weapon in the anti-imperialist class struggle from the viewpoint that force of arms are those of class and revolution. The Songun politics builds and strengthens the military strength of the country into the one whose basic mission is to thoroughly defend and realize the interest of the class and revolution from the viewpoint that force of arms is a weapon of the anti-imperialist class struggle that does not tolerate any slightest compromise with the class enemies.

Military offensive is the main in the offensives of imperialists and class enemy against socialism. Therefore, everything to strengthen the military strength is the work to maintain the class principle in the confrontation with the enemy of revolution, the enemy of socialism and to safeguard the interest of the revolution.

The Songun politics presses ahead with the work of strengthening the army and building the defence industry as the primary and the most important work to firmly maintain the class- and revolutionary principle in the confrontation with imperialists and enemies and embody it thoroughly.

In the Songun politics that regards the military affair as the first and foremost state affair, giving importance to force of arms is a concentrated expression of the thorough class-principle to win sure victory in the struggle against anti-socialist moves of imperialism. Thanks to the Songun politics that gives importance to the military affair and considers it as the first and foremost state affair, the military guarantee to check and frustrate every anti-socialist move of the enemy, the most powerful strength to maintain the class-principle firmly was provided.

The Songun politics of the Workers' Party of Korea actually represents the highest form of class struggle because Songun politics by confronting the imperialists and class enemies by force represented a most concentrated form of class struggle. Armed struggle is indeed the highest and most concentrated form of class struggle. It can be said that the destiny of

world socialism , the destiny of the international working class actually rests of the bayonets of the Korean People's Army, Songun politics makes a great contribution to the theory of class struggle by further enhancing it is this era of fierce anti-imperialist class struggle. Moreover the DPRK's uncompromising anti-imperialist stance and its defence of socialism inspires the workers of the capitalist world in their class struggle.

Songun and the building of a thriving and powerful socialist nation of Juche

Songun makes a definite and clear cut contribution to the building of the economy in the DPRK and the struggle for building a thriving socialist nation, a great powerful prosperous socialist nation of Juche in which everyone will be well -off and envy no one in the world. The thriving country the Korean people are building now is the country which has high dignity and

authority and is prosperous while bringing about comprehensive
floreescence in all fields of politics, military, economy and culture.

The Songun revolutionary line encourages to press ahead with the
socialist construction in all fields of politics, economy and culture by
relying on the invincible military strength.

The DPRK's military might was consolidated into the invincible one by
the Songun politics. The DPRK has now become the country with the
invincibly strong army firmly prepared politically and ideologically and
highly modern militarily and technically, the military giant in which it is a
social atmosphere to give importance to rifle, the military affair and all
people are armed and the whole country is fortified.

The DPRK's political and ideological might was also consolidated further
by the Songun politics. The might of the single-hearted unity of service
personnel and people with the Party and the leader as the centre was
cemented, with the result that the subject of the revolution was built up.

Under the condition that the politico-ideological strength and military
strength are consolidated incomparably thanks to the Songun politics, the
important issue is how to accelerate the building of the economy.

The imperialists, reactionaries and revisionists have clamoured loudly

about the 'diversion of resources ' to the military but in fact Songun has contributed to the economic growth of the DPRK and improvement of living standards of the people.

The Songun politics enables to bring about miracle and innovation in the overall socialist construction with the ideological traits and fighting spirit of the People's Army, the standard bearer and shock brigade in the building of a thriving nation, thus leading the cause of building a thriving country to victory.

The Korean People's Army soldiers created ceaselessly the models of the times and performed immortal feats which would be glorified in the history of the country in the building of a thriving nation, with the spirit

At a Go upholding the slogan "Let Us Take Charge of both the Defending of the Country and the Socialist Construction!"

The Korean People's Army takes an active role in the construction of socialism. Many buildings and edifices are associated directly with the hard work of the constructors of the Korean People's Army.

Chairman **Kim Jong Il** put the Songun based line of economic construction. He said that

“By reflecting the requirements of the Songun era, our Party

advanced the economic construction line of giving priority to defence industry and simultaneously developing light industry and agriculture.”

Thus the economy the development of defence industry and simultaneously development light industry and agriculture were prioritised . It provided a sure guarantee for developing the country’s economy even in the face of the escalated imperialist moves for aggression, sanctions and blockade.

During the mid 1990s the DPRK faced one of the worst ever situations; In the 1990s after the great leader President **Kim Il Sung** had passed away the DPRK had to face not only the sanctions and pressure of the wicked US imperialists but also the disappearance of the world socialist market and unprecedented natural disasters which wiped out 80% of the rice crop. However Peoples Korea did not buckle but carried on with socialist construction including big projects such as the Anbyon Power Station which was a world startling feat.

The Anbyon Power Station was much bigger in scale than the West Sea Barrage which was built under easier conditions in the 1980s and cost some \$4 billion dollars to build. The Anbyon Power Station cost twice as

much to build and presented a number of technical challenges in its construction. The Power Station was completed in 1996 thanks to the efforts of the KPA builders. Many small and medium sized power stations were also built. The KPA between 1995 and 2000 built the Chongynu Bridge, the Kumnung Tunnel No 2 , the Pyongyang-Hyangsan motorway, the Thaechon Power station no 5 and the April 25 hotel.

Measures were taken one by one to alleviate the food shortage issue. Chairman **Kim Jong Il** said that the entire army and all people must be mobilized for effective farming that year by all means, so as to solve the food problem decisively and bring the “Arduous March” to a successful conclusion. The People’s Army, he said, should give active, large-scale support to farming that year, organizing support to the countryside down to the last detail, even the effort of sending one more person to countryside to assist On June 6, 1997, **Kim Jong Il**, in the name of the Supreme Commander, issued an order by telegraph giving thanks to agricultural workers and helpers throughout the country for their completion of rice-transplanting .

The KPA constructed many catfish farms in order to provide a nutritional

diet to people. Double cropping was widely encouraged with the KPA soldiers gave much assistance to farming. A 'potato revolution' based on the experience of Taehongdan in the northern part of the DPRK was vigorously encouraged. Land rezoning was carried out on a massive scale so as to eliminate any residual vestiges of feudal landownership, making it impossible to restore capitalism in the DPRK countryside and boosting production by allowing the more widespread use of machinery.

The entire people learned the revolutionary soldier spirit and fighting spirit of the People's Army to bring about a new upsurge in the socialist construction.

The working class and the entire people push ahead with the socialist construction while performing new miracles and feats in such a difficult period that others would have collapsed more than ten times

The whole of society became imbued with the revolutionary Songun spirit of self-reliance and the 'Kanggye Spirit' and 'Ranam Spirit' based on the idea of self-reliance and the revolutionary soldier spirit pulsed through society.

In 2009 a 100 day and 200 day campaign were launched. Under the 100

day campaign during the growth in industrial output value topped 30% a truly phenomenal figure without parallel in the world and much higher than the figure for south Korea. This figure showed that the DPRK was the fastest growing economy in the world.

In 2010 the February 8th Vinalon Complex was recommissioned and put back in to operation , vinalon being known as the Juche fibre (which is made from limestone, a true example of self-reliance). The KPA also built the Huichon Power station , the Taedonggang Fruit Farm and renovated the Kosan Fruit Farm.

In January 2012, only a month after the great leader chairman **Kim Jong Il** passed away the Korean people turned sorrow into strength and the gross industrial output value grew 1.2 times for twenty days of January this year as against the same period the preceding year. Many including those not sympathetic to the DPRK concede that the DPRK economy is growing rapidly. The stories of “stagnation “or “crisis “spread by the imperialist media were untrue.

Not only has industrial production in the DPRK grown but there has been a positive drive to introduce the latest technology, to break

through the cutting edge. CNC technology has been rapidly introduced and there is even a popular song about it.

The DPRK has become a satellite launching nation. On the 31st of August 1998 the Kwangmysong 1 satellite was successfully launched. Then in April 2009 the Kwangmysong 2 was launched and on December 12 2012 the Kwansong 3-2 blasted off. This was great achievement particularly in view of the harsh US sanctions, blockade and pressure. Voice of Russia website stated " *launching a satellite is, in any case, an outstanding achievement for any country....., although, of course, on a significantly smaller scale. While South Korea's KSLV rocket is constantly being postponed (the revised launch date, initially scheduled at the end of October, has still not been announced), North Korea has successfully fulfilled its own plan*" Wired.com stated "North Korea has joined a small club of 11 other nations that have successfully launched their own payloads into orbit..... a major accomplishment."

Rather than being a drain of resources as some malicious imperialist commentators have tried to assert it will greatly contribute to the advance of the DPRK economy. It will enable the DPRK to scientifically monitor the weather thus opening up the possibility of preventing floods and

droughts so as to increase agricultural production in the DPRK thereby improving the living standard of the Korean people.

The launch was a most powerful and striking demonstration of the power of the independent national economy of the DPRK as it was built using 100% DPRK resources, funds, materials, labour and expertise.

South Korea which has not yet been able to launch a satellite relied heavily on US assistance and even from Russia. The US space programmer was heavily reliant on the expertise of Hitler's rocket scientist Werne von Braun

Western journalists and so-called experts try to say that living standards are held back in the DPRK and to make a lot of false propaganda about the past food shortage in the DPRK during the mid 1990s. The facts are that there was a series of consecutive natural disasters in the 1990s -hailstorm, several years of flood and then drought. These were compounded by an energy shortage and sanctions. The DPRK had been exporting rice and maize until 1993. Despite limited arable land the DPRK had become basically food self sufficient by 1960. The DPRK was one of the top 10 exporters of rice in the late 1970s and the UN Food and

Agriculture Organisation in the late 1980s , stated that the DPRK had the world record for per hectare yields of rice. Now DPRK agriculture resuming its onward march and was visited by an abundant bumper harvest for several years.

The DPRK has full employment(something unthinkable in capitalist countries), people are guaranteed the right to work by the Constitution and this is underpinned by socialist planning and the independent national economy. Taxation was abolished back in 1974 and the agricultural tax in kind was abolished in the period 1964-1966.Housing is supplied virtually free of charge. The Pyongyang Metro is one of the cheapest in the world with a flat rate fare of about 2p(compare this to £4 minimum fare on the London underground.)

Education at all levels is free starting from kindergarten right up to university level. DPRK university students are not burdened with heavy debts, their accommodation and clothing is supplied free of charge.

Education has good quality facilities. This can be witnessed at the Changwang Kindergarten and universities such as the Kim Chaek University and **Kim Il Sung** university. A new state of the art e library has been opened at the Kim Chaek University built entirely with DPRK

funds and resources. **Kim Il Sung** University also has its own e library and a swimming pool and dynamism and there are plans to expand it even further.

Visiting the DPRK in October 2008 I saw that children at the Changgwang kindergarten, in central Pyongyang, each child had 5 meals a day. Each child received a 120g of rice per day a far cry from the alleged starvation that the imperialists press claimed was happening. Of course the kindergarten was 100 per cent free of charge unlike nurseries in the UK which charge up to £177 per week. During the years of the “arduous march “, the great leader chairman **Kim Jong Il** made sure that vans loaded with soya milk for the children. This proves the falsity of the argument about “diversion of resources “

In recent years living standards have improved greatly. Dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** speaking at the April 15 military parade on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the birth of the great leader President **Kim Il Sung** said

“It is a firm determination of our Party to ensure that our people, who are the best in the world and who have remained faithful to the Party in

the face of all manner of difficulties, do not have to tighten their belts again, but enjoy all the benefits of socialism”

Many new cultural and leisure facilities have been built in the DPRK

such as the

Rungna People's Pleasure Park, the Rungna, Dolphinarium the Ryugyong

Health Complex, the Peoples Outdoor Skate Park, the Mirim Riding Club

,the Munsu Water Park and many others. New housing complexes and

streets such as Changjon Street, Mansudae Street, Mirae Street and others

have sprung up and have been given to people free of charge, something

that is dreamlike and unthinkable in the West.

Songun contributes to the economic construction of socialism and the

struggle to build a thriving socialist country in a number of ways. Firstly,

by defending the country from the threat of imperialist aggression, it

creates a peaceful and secure environment for economic construction. It it

is pointless to talk about economic construction if the country is laying in

ruins. Secondly, Songun infuses people with the revolutionary soldier

spirit leading them to create new miracles and innovations. Songun

creates an atmosphere of efficiency and hard struggle which propels

socialist construction forward.

The DPRK has occupied the position of being a manufacturer and launcher of satellite and a nuclear power; developed by itself the CNC technology, which is the might of Juche industry and the symbol of self-reliance; put many factories and enterprises on a Juche and modern basis; wonderfully renovated important production bases in the key industrial sectors was on the basis of modern science and technology and erected monumental edifices and many cultural facilities for the welfare of the people—this is fruition born by the Songun politics.

Thus it is a false slander of the imperialists to say that the economy was held back because of Songun. The remarkable progress of the DPRK during the past decades shows that the opposite is true.

Global Dimension of Songun Politics

The Songun politics of People's Korea assumes a global dimension because they are of worldwide significance. Today the world is in a state

of constant turmoil due to the constant intervention in many countries by the US imperialists under the guise of so-called “anti-terror war.”

The DPRK which is today led by the dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** is on the front line between socialism and imperialism.

The Korean peninsula is a region of great significance due to its geopolitical position and serves as a gateway, bridgehead to the Asian continent. So in the past Korea considered all sorts of misfortunes as its destined fate under the competition of its surrounding powers.

It was not 10 years since the US ship “General Sherman” had been sunk under the Taedong River when the Japanese ship “Unyang” made armed provocation in a planned manner with the ambition to fabricate the legal reason to invade Korea. With it as an excuse the Japanese imperialists forced to conclude the aggressive and submissive unequal treaty. The feudal Joson government could not but conclude the Kangwado Treaty in February 1876.

From then on Korea suffered from every sort of maltreatment and humiliation, but could not protest even a word, thus being a complete colony of the Japanese imperialists. All the Korean people wailed over the national ruin, but nobody could check the gangster-like moves of the Japanese imperialists.

The geopolitical position cannot and should not be a fundamental condition that decides the miserable fate of a country or a nation. However, Korea could not but accept aggression and plunder as its

destined fate.

The geopolitical position of the Korean peninsula is the same as ever.

However, the history of Korea which should suffer from the tragedy of national ruin and misfortune ended once and for all as it has great

Kim Il Sung and Chairman **Kim Jong Il**, the ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commanders of Songun.

There is no peaceful road and there cannot be peaceful transition to socialism in the struggle for independence and national liberation.

The Songun politics proves it.

Chairman **Kim Jong Il** inspected a KPA unit on January 1, 1995.

When he arrived at the company, he wished the soldiers a happy New Year and guided their firing drill. That day he said that it is certain to reunify the country and consummate the revolutionary cause of Juche to the end as long as there is the strong People's Army boundlessly loyal to the Party. Looking round in detail the education room and barrack, he took detailed account of the company's ideology education work and material and cultural life situation. He also clarified the task in arming the soldiers politically and ideologically and improving their combat preparedness and standard of living and the ways for their implementation.

After inspection Chairman **Kim Jong Il** told the senior officials of the Party, state and army that force of arms is the main in the revolutionary

struggle.

He continued to say... *when the army is weak, we cannot frustrate the counterrevolutionary offensive of the enemy but collapse in a day. Imperialists and reactionaries are desperate to suffocate our country that is holding high the banner of socialism even under the world upheavals. If the People's Army is strong, there is nothing to be afraid of. The enemy dares not attack us because the People's Army is strong...*

His inspection to the company was not a mere inspection of a military unit.

It was a historical declaration informing of the comprehensive start of the Songun politics that has demonstrated the might of force of arms to the full.

His inspection was an occasion of epochal turn in realizing the Songun politics on a new higher phase.

In the present world the Songun politics is the politics of anti-imperialism and independence and the correct road to consummate the cause of socialism. As it clarifies the road to be victorious in the confrontation with the US, the Songun politics ushers a new era of anti-imperialism and anti-US struggle.

The great Comrade **Kim Jong Il** said.

“Songun politics, which opposes imperialist aggression and war policies and defends the independence of the country and the nation, is winning

broad support among public circles and the progressive peoples of the world. It gives a blow to the aggressive forces of imperialism and encouragement to the anti-imperialist independent forces in the international arena, stimulating the cause of making the whole world independent.”

The biggest exploit of the Songun politics is that it checked the ambition of the US imperialists to stifle the DPRK and dominate the world.

When the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact countries collapsed, the US imperialists concentrated their focus on the DPRK to break the outpost of socialism and independence. Drunk with immense arrogance due to the collapse of the Soviet Union, the US imperialists considered the DPRK as a thorn disturbing the so-called new world order. The DPRK which upholds the banner of anti-imperialism and socialism is a target for the US imperialism to remove.

After the end of the Cold War the US imperialists interfered in many countries including Panama, Serbia, Afghanistan, Somalia, Sudan, Libya and Iraq, thus appearing on the world arena as the more aggressive forces. The US imperialists have recorded in their bloody history more than 200 wars against small and developing countries from 1945. After the Cold War some people thought that their ambition of aggression would be weak. But the reality was contrary to them.

In the beginning and middle of the 1990s the US imperialists directed their focus toward the DPRK to put pressure on it with nuclear issue as an

excuse, which aggravated the tension of the Korean peninsula.

The great leader Comrade **Kim Jong Il** gave the supreme commander's order to declare the semi-war state on March 8, 1993 and saw to it that the government statement that the DPRK would withdraw from the NPT was published on March 12, 1993.

The supreme commander's order and the statement of the government of the DPRK was a heavy blow dealt to the imprudent aggressors and provokers and a solemn declaration showing the Songun will of the KPA and the Korean people to defend socialism even in the most adverse conditions.

As a result, the US imperialists' adventurous moves to make the DPRK yield before them were frustrated.

In October 1994 the US imperialists signed the Framework Agreement on the nuclear issue with the DPRK, yielding to the power of Songun. US president Clinton even sent a letter of assurance to the great leader comrade **Kim Jong Il**, referring to him as the DPRK's supreme leader. This was a big climbdown for the aggressive and arrogant US imperialists.

Nevertheless, the imperialists continued to make racket for a war against the DPRK while concentrating huge aggressive armed forces in south Korea and its surroundings.

In the 1990s the US imperialists aggravated the tension on the Korean peninsula with such aggressive war plans as "Operation Plan 5027" and "Operation Plan 5027-98."

Entering the new century they clamoured about the “Operation Plan 5027-94” which embodied “Blitz Offensive,” “Contingent Plan” whose purpose is to “neutralize attacking power of the north,” “New Operation Plan 5026” that is to make preemptive attack toward nuclear facilities of the north, “Operation Plan 5030” to “lead someone to vacillation and collapse,” “Report on Nuclear Posture” which defined the DPRK as the main target of preemptive nuclear attack, “Operation Plan 5029-05” and “Operation Plan 8022-02.” At the same time they waged large scale military exercises such as “Team Spirit” and “Rimpac.” The American neocon forces arrogantly cried about the start of a “new American century” and “globalization based on American-style model.”

The ruling forces in the USA thought that the “strategy of peaceful transition from socialism to capitalism” would work in the DPRK like it had in other countries.

In 1998 the general staff of the Korean People’s Army issued the statement “KPA will answer US aggression forces’ challenge with annihilating blow” which said that now that the US imperialists, having thrown off the mask of ‘dialogue’ and ‘negotiation’, are bringing the situation to the brink of war, we solemnly declare with the dignity of Juche Korea that our revolutionary armed forces will never pardon the challenge of the US imperialist aggressive forces but answer it with an annihilating blow. The aggressors will never escape the fate of forlorn spirits.” This was a powerful rebuff to the US imperialists.

The great leader Comrade **Kim Jong Il** said.

“Our anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle is the grimmest war to defend the country and a war in defence of socialism. It was only the People’s Army, the revolutionary armed forces that could perform its mission and role as the standard-bearer of Songun politics. The Songun politics of our Party embodies the high spirit of annihilating the enemy at all costs, and the unshakable conviction and will to emerge victorious, on the part of the People’s Army. It is entirely thanks to the heroic efforts of the entire army and the whole nation in single-hearted unity with the People’ Army as its core under the Party’s leadership that we could overcome the difficulties in the way of revolution and win great victories.”

In the 21st century, the US imperialists continued with their schemes to isolate and stifle People’s Korea, the bastion of Juche and socialism. The fascist Bush Administration broke up the Agreed Framework with the DPRK and declared the DPRK along with some other countries as the target of so-called “pre-emptive nuclear strike.”

The great leader Comrade **Kim Jong Il** who upheld the revolutionary banner of Songun declared that the DPRK would take no nonsense from the US imperialists and their miserable acolytes. He ensured that the DPRK withdrew from the one-sided “Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT)” (which had been fabricated by the imperialists and big powers) on January 10, 2003.

The NPT concluded on July 1, 1968 is a very unequal treaty which recognizes the possession of nuclear weapons only in the former Soviet Union, China, US, UK and France that had had those as of 1967 and prohibits other countries from developing and possessing nuclear weapons.

In the mid-1980s the 5 countries of the NPT had 60,000 nuclear warheads between them, this shows the invalidity of this treaty which gives rein to the nuclear expenditure of the big powers, the nuclear haves.

The withdrawal from the NPT was the most revolutionary measure that enabled the DPRK to safeguard its independence, making the US imperialists tremble with fear.

Later in 2005, the DPRK declared itself as a nuclear power and proceeded to carry out missile nuclear tests as the US had reneged on agreements made at the six party talks and imposed financial sanctions on the DPRK. On the 4th of July 2006 (US national day) the DPRK carried out missile tests .Then on the 9th of October 2006 a nuclear test was carried out. The first nuclear test of the DPRK was a nuclear thunderbolt of Songun which shook the US imperialists. Later the DPRK continued the 2nd and 3rd nuclear tests, carried out on the 25th of May 2009 and the 12th February 2013 in response to the US imperialists and their marionette UN as well as big power chauvinists. The nuclear test is a great victory for the DPRK, it greatly increases the self defensive power of the DPRK. It is a victory of Songun and an example of Songun revolutionary leadership in

practice. It has shaken the US imperialist and other imperialist reactionary forces to their foundation and has shattered their arrogance leaving them impotent. It was an example of the DPRK pursuing a just and revolutionary line of independence, a true embodiment of the Juche Idea and the Songun idea. The DPRK s defied the US imperialists and other imperialists as well as big powers and the so called UN Security Council. The nuclear test was a powerful blow against US imperialism and dominationism as well to modern revisionism and also globalisation. It is a powerful inspiration to the peoples of the world struggling against US imperialism. The DPRK has shown that a country can defy imperialism and those that follow it, including those weak and unprincipled forces, and defend its independence with honour.

The DPRK, by conducting the test ,has further enhanced and augmented the self defensive power of the DPRK. It safeguarded the independence of the DPRK as well its socialist system centred upon the popular masses. Korea which had disappeared from the map and had been unable to fight the Japanese imperialists 100 years ago now becomes a world nuclear power.

In recent years tensions on the Korean peninsula became great due to the interference, pressure and intervention of the US imperialists as well as the provocations of their wretched south Korean puppets.

Respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** who declared that “*Songun*

is our independence, dignity and lifeblood” maintains the strongest anti-imperialist, anti-US militant stance which dumbfounded the US imperialists who expected the DPRK to give in to their bullying and diktat.

On the 23rd of November 2010 there occurred the Yongphyong Island incident .The south Korean puppets under the manipulation of the US imperialists committed the grave provocation of firing shells into the territory of the DPRK despite repeated warnings not to do so. This was done to try and enforce the illusory and bogus "northern limit line ", which is illegal and is rejected by the DPRK. The Korean People's Army (KPA), the revolutionary armed force of Juche, retaliated by shelling the source of the firing, Yongphyong island, turning it into a sea of fire killing south Korean puppet soldiers Thus the south Korean puppets paid a high price for their stupidity The south Korean puppets and their US imperialist masters run about in fear and panic. They were powerless to retaliate. The then south Korean puppet boss the rat Lee Myung Bak and his cohorts taking refuge in an underground bunker. The Yongphyong Island incident was a great victory for the DPRK achieved under the leadership of dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un**.

Speaking on the Day of Songun, on August 25, in 2012 dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un**, who was visiting front-line units, expressed the invariable will of the Songun revolutionary armed forces to liberate south Korea and reunify the country should the US imperialists

and south Korean puppets be so foolhardy as to provoke a war saying that:

“There is a limit to our tolerance.

Counter provocations with an immediate counteroffensive, and an aggressive war with a war of justice for the country’s reunification—this is our principled stand and unshakable will.

We will never remain onlookers to the enemy’s desperate moves for aggression; we will do all we can to defend the destiny of the country and nation.

It is a truth confirmed by history that nobody in the world can check the advance of a people who have turned out for their cause of justice.

If another undesirable war breaks out on this land as a consequence of the unpardonable actions of the United States and its south Korean puppets, they will sustain an ignominious defeat in the war and our great nation will greet a bright dawn of their reunification”

Dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** visited many front-line units such

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Mu islet and Jangjae island as well as Panmunjom where socialism and imperialism confront each other at gunpoint.

In 2013 the situation on the Korean peninsula virtually went past the danger level owing to the anti-DPRK schemes of the US imperialists, south Korean puppets and world reactionaries. The US imperialists and their followers in the UN imposed sanctions on the DPRK because it had launched a peaceful civilian satellite on the 12th of December 2012. The DPRK responded with a hardline stance and conducted the 3rd nuclear test in February 2013. Using the 3rd nuclear test as a pretext the US imperialists went wild and fabricated more intensive “sanction resolution” and mobilizing huge aggressive forces for joint military exercises Key Resolve and Foal Eagle. They deployed the nuclear strategic bomber “B-52” in south Korea and, furthermore, introduced strategic attacking means including the stealth strategic bomber “B-2A” from their mainland for the first time in history. The joint military exercises which mobilized huge armed forces and nuclear attacking means, more than enough to deal with one occasion of war, was an intensive expression of the anti-DPRK hostile policy and a dangerous act to ignite a new war on the Korean peninsula.

It is the firm stand and principle of Songun Korea to smash the enemy with a sword when the former comes up with a knife, with a gun if the

former with a rifle and with its precise nuclear attacking means if the former threatens with a nuclear weapon.

Respected **Kim Jong Un** convened an emergency operation meeting in the supreme headquarters concerning the firing mission of the strategic rocket units of the KPA on March 29, 2013.

Saying that the strategic units of the KPA should attack the bases of the US aggressive troops in the mainland of the US, Hawaii, the Guam and operation area of Pacific Ocean and those stationed in south Korea if the US imperialists deploy huge strategic forces to fire recklessly toward the DPRK, respected **Kim Jong Un** examined the attacking plan of the KPA strategic rocket units and put a final sign on it.

According to the plan signed by him, the KPA units of all services and arms, members of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards and Red Young Guards entered the comprehensive confrontation, while the whole country was full of strong will to deal an immediate annihilating blow to the enemy and wage a sacred struggle for national reunification if the enemy shoot even a single shot on their land.

The US imperialists were at a loss before the powerful military response of Songun Korea, and their moves of aggression frustrated. The DPRK's military strength consolidated by dint of the Songun politics becomes a powerful sword that smashes mercilessly the enemy's moves and safeguards reliably independence and dignity of the country and nation.

Moreover respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** put forward the line of simultaneously developing the economy and the nuclear force, which was another blow to the ambitions of the US imperialists.

This line is a brilliant idea, an inspiration to the anti-imperialist countries and socialist countries.

The DPRK carried on the anti-imperialist struggle under the banner of Songun also in 2014 and 2015.

During 2014, the respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** gave unceasing on-the-spot-guidance to the KPA units, including strategic rocket units, in defiance of the threat of the US imperialists.

On the 8th of May 2015 the navy of the Korean People's Army in the presence of dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** successfully tested a submarine launch ballistic missile(SLBM). Thus the DPRK became one of the exclusive club of SLBM launching nations. By testing the SLBM as well as completing the process of minaturising nuclear warheads the DPRK has broken through the cutting edge of weapons technology and has created a level playing field with the US imperialists and other big powers. The world progressive and revolutionary peoples congratulate the DPRK on this vital achievement which is the proud fruit of Juche and Songun and the leadership of the dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un**.

In August 2015 a very tense situation developed as a result of the provocation of the south Korean puppets and US imperialists. d the south Korean puppet forces.

The broadcasting for anti-DPRK psychological warfare, resumed by the south Korean puppet military gangsters in all sectors of the front under the pretext of doubtful "mine explosion" case which occurred in the demilitarized zone of the western sector of the front on August 4, was going on day and night., had gone beyond the limit of tolerance.

Psychological warfare against the DPRK was basically an open act of war against it.

In this regard, the General Staff of the Korean People's Army on August 20 sent an ultimatum to the south Korean puppet Ministry of Defense that a strong military action would be launched at once unless it stops the anti-DPRK broadcasting for psychological warfare and removes all psywar means within 48 hours.

Dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** convened an emergency meeting of the Central Military Commission of the Workers Party of Korea. At the emergency enlarged meeting of the Central Military Commission of the WPK, dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** issued an order of the supreme commander of the Korean People's Army that the front-line large combined units of the KPA should enter a wartime state to be fully battle ready to launch surprise operations and the area along the front be put in a semi-war state from 17:00 hours on Friday 21st of August.

Commanders were appointed and dispatched to the relevant sectors of the front to command military actions in the areas to destroy means for psychological warfare unless the enemies stop the psychological warfare

broadcasting within 48 hours and put down their possible counter-actions.

The meeting discussed the measures to convert the party and power bodies, working people's organizations, state security, people's security and judicial and prosecution organs, factories, enterprises, cooperative farms and other units in the relevant areas into the semi-war system as the semi-war state has been declared in the area along the front. The KPA and revolutionary armed forces stood poised with ready to launch military actions and go over to a sacred war of national reunification. The world waited with bated breath as to what would happen.

The US imperialists and south Korean puppets were shaken rigid with fear and had no alternative but to come to the negotiating table. After nearly several days of negotiations the south Korean side agreed to cease pysh war broadcasts, this was a great victory for the DPRK, a victory for Songun and a victory for the leadership of dear respected Marshal

Kim Jong Un .

The military parade and demonstration of Pyongyangites were held on a grand scale at **Kim Il Sung** Square on October 10, 2015 in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Respected **Comrade Kim Jong Un** said.

“Today our Party can proudly state that our revolutionary armed forces are capable of fighting any type of war the US imperialists opt for, firmly defending the blue sky over the country and the security of the people.”

At the military parade held in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the WPK, the ironclad vehicles proceeded rending the air as if they were just to smash the enemy's stronghold. They were followed by guns and rockets which were charged fully to annihilate the provocation bases.

The ultramodern armed equipment and super-precise attacking devices of its style such as various kinds of guns, tanks, drones and strategic rockets showed that the DPRK maintains full preparedness to give a unimaginable and merciless dead blow to the aggressors if they ignite a war against the precious socialist country.

The DPRK fully demonstrated to the world its dignity and might through this military parade.

Today there is no doubt that the most anti-imperialist, anti-American country in the world is the DPRK, Songun Korea. The example of the DPRK's defiance to US imperialism and big powers is a powerful example to those nations and peoples that fight for independence.

Russian newspaper *Zavtra* dated April 11, 2013 wrote as follows in the article entitled "Comrade **Kim Jong Un** wins."

...the DPRK is the land of Songun, the indomitable land and the unyielding land of heroes which regards independence, freedom and inviolability chosen by the people as the most valuable one. It has built its surprising civilization, red world and precious crystallization even under the enemy's bombardments, slander and merciless propaganda offensives.

It is now spreading toward other continents as a strong stream. The DPRK fights against the big powers. The DPRK teaches humankind a correct road of choice...

In the world where independence and sovereignty are continuously trampled down by US imperialism, the chieftain of world imperialism, one country stands out as the most independent and strong-minded. It is the DPRK. This is a brilliant fruition which is possible only because of Songun.

The respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** said.

“However fair-minded and just we are, we may become a bargaining chip for the strong and our precious history inherited with blood will lose its shine if we are weak.”

These words are a very precious teaching that offer a lesson to the peoples of the world . The US imperialists aim to stifle Korean style-socialism. Some big powers think that they can use Korea as a bargaining chip when they do deals with imperialism. If the DPRK does not have its own military strength, it could be sold by those who wish to do deals with imperialism. In the past Korea was sold out and lost its independence due to the contradictions and contentions between big powers such as Russia, China, Japan, the US and the UK. Now the Korean people are determined that should not happen again. Dear respected Marshal **Kim Jong Un** is fighting to ensure that the independence of the DPRK shines ever brightly

It is no use for a country to expect to rely on another country or appeal to international law.

Songun teaches us that independence is defended by the force of arms.

Because of its importance and attraction the Songun politics is studied amongst the progressive people and the anti-imperialist organizations of the world.

The World Congress on the Cause of Anti-imperialism and Independence in the 21st Century in Caracas, the capital of the Bolivar Republic of Venezuela was held in 2005.

The Congress was attended by delegations and delegates from over 40 countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe and 2 international organizations.

The participants in the congress said that the might of Juche Korea that is in limelight of the world people as an invincible fortress of socialism under the banner of Songun is a big encouragement for all progressive and anti-imperialist peoples of the world.

They confirmed that Songun is the only correct way to defend independence of the popular masses and bring about independent development and prosperity of countries and nations.

At present the tendency to reject neo-liberalism and the corrupt globalization of imperialism and advance toward the road of independence and progress gets stronger day by day among the countries in Latin America and the world.

The moves of the US imperialism for domination and neo-colonialist intervention are in crisis. Anti-imperialism and independence are dominant over all continents and regions, which is a trend of the times. The imperialist moves of domination are frustrated by the people's struggle for independence, peace and progress, and the world advances dynamically toward global independence.

Organizations whose purpose is the study and dissemination of Songun politics are being founded. For instance, there is the UK Association for the Study of Songun Politics, the US Songun Study Group, the Ukrainian Treasured Sword of Songun Association, the Ugandan Songun Study Association, the Bangladesh Songun Policy Study Group and many other groups and associations throughout the world. A Songun Internet Group that promotes Songun on the Internet has existed since 2003. An International Songun Study Centre and global Songun study group was formed in 2014 and an international seminar on Songun was conducted by video link with participants from several countries. The book "Songun Internationale" 1 and 2 was published in Bangladesh.

From the ghettos of Bogota and the streets of Belfast to the foothills of Katmandu, the revolutionary torch of Songun lit on the Mt. Paektu is now illuminating the road ahead for all those fighting for independence against injustice and oppression.

The Songun politics encourages the struggle of the people over the world, with great attraction.

The world political circles say that Songun is the word of the era that correctly reflects the present world and that the Songun politics is not confined only to the DPRK, learning after it.

As a big stream flowing toward the sea cannot be checked, so the attraction of the Songun politics can never be disturbed or impeded.

The fiercer struggle for independence against imperialism becomes, the more powerful might the Songun politics will display. The more the era advances, the more ardent the progressives' aspiration for Songun will become.

Meanwhile, imperialists are now shivering before the might of the Songun politics. The VOA of the US said that it is the America's tragedy that it cannot guess or calculate the width and depth of the power of Songun politics of leader **Kim Jong Il**.

Songun is the only way for independence and dignity, truth and justice against the hard-line of the imperialists, tyranny and hegemony.

The progressive people will surely build a new world of independence, the fair and prosperous new world on our planet under the banner of Songun.

The future of humankind is in Songun.

Conclusion

In the international arena, independence of many countries and nations is now infringed upon and international tension goes on due to the imperialist hard-line and arbitrariness.

With the Songun politics the Korean people are making revolution and construction their own way according to their ideology and faith and in conformity with their special conditions and interest upholding the banner of independence even in such a complex world political stream as today.

The present reality of the DPRK teaches the precious truth that independence and dignity, prosperity and development of a country and nation is in direct proportion to force of arms, the military strength.

If force of arms, the military strength is strong, the might, dignity and prosperity of a country and nation are guaranteed. But the national strength will be weakened and its lifeline broken if its military strength is weak. History and reality of every country and nation shows that its destiny, the rise and fall is related with force of arms, the military strength.

Force of arms is immediately independence of a country, dignity of its people and prosperity of a nation. If it has strong force of arms, its external authority will be guaranteed and its future will be rosy.

Strong force of arms, that is, power of justice enables even a small country to be strong and prosperous, which is the reality of the DPRK that is upholding the banner of Songun.

The Songun idea shines in the world. The Songun idea that encourages

humankind in the cause of anti-imperialism and independence in the 21st century and gives scientific answers to the problems in achieving prosperity of countries and nations is now leading the development of the era and illuminating the road ahead of humankind.

As the days go by more and more people will realise the brilliance the truth and brilliance of Songun politics.

Songun is the road to realizing the people's independence. In other words, it is the road of defending independence and dignity of countries and nations and bringing about their prosperity.

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