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Preface

Evan Koepfler captures the most salient issues in KCNA - pure analytical lodestone. This period, in particular, was key because DPRK seized 28 Chinese fishermen and their four boats on 8 May. News that DPRK had kidnapped civilians from their nominal ally was not publically announced until 16/17 May depending on which side of the International Date Line one sits. The DPRK continued to hold on the hostages until 21/22 May. We have two opportunities to dissect and analyze two vastly different cases to gain insight into DPRK messaging techniques.

Case One: The DPRK knows, but no one else knows they have Chinese hostages. What clues, hints, and shaping does KCNA do during that time? Are there any clues, word choices, Lady MacBeth-like protestations that we can use in the future to predict how the DPRK signals crisis or anger at China?

Case Two: The world knows and KCNA now shifts into full damage control mode, shaping, and communicating. What lessons learned can we draw? What lessons, if any, did DPRK learn from the incident?

Both cases presuppose something very important: KCNA knew what the hell was happening. It's possible that KCNA had no idea what was going on. If this is the case, we may incorrectly identify indicators that could not have existed since KCNA was never aware that DPRK was holding hostages.

Presumably after the kidnappings were in the international press, KCNA did have knowledge. KCNA's own reporting indicates they are exposed to international press since they reacted to other real-time events, e.g. the ROK-Japan attempt at signing a military agreement.

An initial re-reading of the record indicates some minor clues prior to official announcement, but nothing that presently stands out as, "Aha. This statement shows they knew." We are compiling a dossier on the matter, engaging in more rigorous and analytic approaches.

The initial re-readings of the record don't indicate a sudden shift in KCNA reporting after public knowledge or even after the hostages were repatriated to China. It was a very curious non-event in KCNA.

But without the KCNA digest, we would not have the historical context to make such observations.

- *Roger Cavazos*

Analysis:

With the rising tensions between the DPRK and Japan, KCNA increased its coverage of the worsening relationship with 29 out of 54 stories specifically related to China or Japan published during the four week span from May 15th- June 4th.

One of the main focuses of KCNA during this time frame was on historical issues between the DPRK and Japan, especially war crimes against Korea and Japan's allegedly false claims to islands belonging to Korea. These types of stories accounted for a total of 7 out of the 29 Japan specific stories, and included articles such as: **History Society Discloses Samurai's Invasion of Korea and Their Mass Killings and Plunder**, which detailed the war crimes committed by the Japanese during the infamous Imjin War of the late 16th century; **Japan Accused of Evading Settlement of Past: KCNA Commentary**, a story detailing the lack of an official apology by Japan for such atrocities as the use of comfort women by Japanese soldiers; and perhaps the most important contemporarily, the story **Japan's Claim to Tok Islets Termed Nonsensical**, which used research from no less an outlet than Kim Il Sung University to assert that the Tok Islets had been a part of Korea "since the ancient times of the Koguryo."

As ever, the historical reflections are intended to sharpen vigilance against the possibility of military actions taken by Japan, and here KCNA does not disappoint. Of the 29 Japan stories, military issues account for a total of 13 publications. As Japan and its allies – including Australia -- began to step up military exercises in East Asia, KCNA has insistently covered such issues. Stories that deserve special attention include: **Minju Joson Accuses Japan of Stepping up Building of Offensive Military Muscle**, which details an article in Newsweek that said, "Japan keeps in place escort warships "Hyuga" and "Ise" capable of carrying helicopters, each with its total length of 200 meters. They can be converted into aircraft carriers capable of carrying fighters and assault planes, if they are improved a bit."

In **Rodong Sinmun Slams Japan's Moves for Retrogressive Revision of Constitution**, KCNA brings to light the possible revision of the Japanese constitution, with such proposed changes

as renaming the “Self-Defense Force” the “National Defense Forces,” an action which KCNA said, would be “little short of an open declaration that their forces have a legal right to wage a war and launch reinvasion.”

Next, KCNA published 3 stories detailing the DPRK’s dismissal of Japan’s so called “smear campaign” against the country. The first of these stories, **KCNA Dismisses Japan's Much Ado about "Abduction of American"**, detailed the allegedly false claims by Japan that an American student was abducted by the US, and that it was in fact Japan who was really responsible.

With such an unusually large amount of attention focused on Japan, China fell behind slightly in KCNA coverage, accounting for 25 of the total 54 stories published about North Korea’s (non-Korean) East Asian neighbors. In terms of what types of stories were published, there were only two types: various positive cooperation between China and the DPRK through such things as delegations, soccer games, and floral baskets; and negative stories mostly about disagreements between the US and China.

In terms of conflict-oriented stories, there were a total of 7. In addition to the now routine stories of **Koreans in China Call for Wiping out Lee Myung Bak Group of Traitors**, China continued to disagree with US policy towards Iran.

Given that this week saw some serious disagreements between China and North Korea over the question of North Korean piracy and abduction on the high seas, the amount of work that KCNA did in reinforcing mutual Sino-North Korean interests is notable.

The story **China-US Confrontation in Pacific** made the observation that the US’s involvement in military exercises with Japan were simply an excuse to demonstrate its missile defense system that could be utilized in the future. China, who saw this action as a method of scare tactics, or more simply a show of force, condemned the exercise and the US’s involvement in the exercises period. Moving on, the story **China Issues "Human Rights Record of the US in 2011"**, talks about the response by China to the US’s scathing evaluation on the human rights situation in China. Finally, in a China-voiced attack on the American system of government, KCNA published a story titled, **China Denounces American-style Democracy**, in which China tore into America’s governance.

Finally, 18 of the 25 total stories published about China were stories of more positive, relationship building events between China and the DPRK. One reason for this increased coverage of

such events could be that with the rising bitterness between the DPRK and Japan, KCNA wishes to focus on its strong relationship with China in order to remind the world of its allegiances. Within more stories of floral baskets, friendly soccer matches, and Kimilsungisms and Kimjongilisms being used in Chinese media, stories particularly about the multiple delegations in both China and the DPRK were of particular interest. These types of visits, and across the board publishing of positive stories contributes to strengthening the relationship of the two countries in such tumultuous times in the Asian region.

by Evan Koepfler

15 May 2012(NOTE: DPRK was holding Chinese fishermen from 8-22 May.

That DPRK was holding Chinese boats hostage was not public knowledge until 16 May in Asia.)

Japan's Mean Anti-DPRK Mud-slinging under Fire

Pyongyang, May 15 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK on Tuesday gave the following answer to the question raised by KCNA as regards the fact that the Japanese reactionaries are floating a cock-and-bull story about "the abduction of an American" in a bid to mislead the public opinion:

These days, an organization of Japan related to the "abduction issue" and right-wing political figures are getting frantic with a poor and mean racket over the DPRK's abduction issue.

Yamatani, lawmaker from the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan, at a press conference in Washington on May 10 claimed that an American studying in China who had been reported missing in 2004 might be abducted by the DPRK.

This is a sheer lie and one more fresh plot hatched against the DPRK.

In the past the Japanese reactionaries kicked up much fuss after deliberately linking cases of missing persons that took place inside Japan with the DPRK only to be censured and ridiculed by the world people when they turned out to be sheer fabrications.

Such behavior of the Japanese reactionaries reminds one of the last-ditch efforts of psychopath.

They are floating the above-said story, linking this or that country with the DPRK, not content with persistently peddling the "abduction issue" which no longer exists after it found its full solution thanks to the sincere efforts of the DPRK. This glaringly shows their anti-DPRK hysteria.

Whenever the political situation gets unstable in Japan, the right-wing politicians used to kick up such row about the DPRK's abduction in a bid to win clout and tide over their crisis by fanning up national chauvinism and inciting hostility towards it.

It is such Japanese politicians as Yamatani on the beck and call of the anti-DPRK organizations to make no scruple of playing the role of a marionette in such base and poor farce if this helps improve his image.

The world people are spitting at the politicians of Japan who are hell-bent on hypocrisy and plot-breeding, unable to distinguish truth from a lie.

Reception Given on Day of China at Trade Fair

Pyongyang, May 15 (KCNA) -- Liu Hongcai, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, and Weng Rensheng, vice-minister of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, hosted a reception at Koryo Hotel on Tuesday on the Day of China at the 15th Pyongyang Spring International Trade Fair.

Present there on invitation were O Ryong Chol, vice-minister of Foreign Trade, and other officials in the field of foreign trade and officials concerned.

Present there were the members of the delegation of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade taking part in the fair, Chinese guests and staff members of the Chinese embassy here.

Speeches were made at the reception.

Floral Tribute Paid by Japanese and Koreans in Japan to Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, May 15 (KCNA) -- The delegation of Tokyo Ward Assemblymen's Liaison Society for the Promotion of Japan-Korea Friendship and the group of Korean residents in Japan who are visiting their homeland visited the statues of President Kim Il Sung

and General Secretary Kim Jong Il standing on Mansu hill and paid tribute to them on May 15.

The members of the delegation and the group presented bouquets and made bows to their statues.

They arrived here on the same day.

Minju Joson Accuses Japan of Stepping up Building of Offensive Military Muscle

Pyongyang, May 15 (KCNA) -- A recent issue of the U.S. magazine Newsweek said Japan keeps in place escort warships "Hyuga" and "Ise" capable of carrying helicopters, each with its total length of 200 meters. They can be converted into aircraft carriers capable of carrying fighters and assault planes, if they are improved a bit.

Japan is building a large-size warship "22DDH" with a total length of 248 meters under the name of escort ship.

Minju Joson Tuesday observes in a bylined commentary in this regard:

Japan's attempts to possess aircraft carriers and improve the quality of its naval force indicate that it is making a switchover in the building of its armed forces from their defensive nature to offensive one.

The present military hardware of Japan is on a relatively high level and an individual military field has reached a top level.

Japan is the second largest possessor of F-15 fighters next to the U.S. and has a high level of air operation capability in the Asia-Pacific region. Having Oyasio-class conventional submarines, Aegis-class destroyers and Osumi-class amphibious landing craft, Japan possesses naval forces putting advanced naval powers into the shade. It has begun emerging a military entity threatening the international community.

This is the reason why Japan is busy having access to aircraft carriers and introducing U.S. made fighters of the fifth generation.

It is the scenario of Japan to emerge a military giant as early as possible and thus acquire the capability to invade other countries and set about launching a war of reinvasion.

The reality goes to prove that Japan remains unchanged in its ambition to invade other Asian countries and it is now posing a grave threat to peace and security in Asia.

S. Korean Authorities Hit for Attempting to Conclude Military Agreements with Japan

Pyongyang, May 15 (KCNA) -- 73 organizations of national movement in south Korea including the Association of Men of Merit in the Movement for Independence issued a joint statement accusing the puppet authorities of getting frantic in their moves to conclude country-selling military agreements with Japan.

The statement denounced the Lee Myung Bak regime for contemplating concluding the General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA) and an Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement with Japan late in May.

It censured conservative media including Josen Ilbo for trumpeting about the projected conclusion of the agreements as if they had been waiting for it to take place.

Should Lee Myung Bak form a military alliance with Japan in the end, he will be recorded in history as a wicked traitor to the nation like Ri Wan Yong, it warned.

The members of the organizations of the national movement openly declare that they will strongly resist against the treacherous Lee regime at the risk of their lives, the statement stressed.

Koreans in China Call for Wiping out Lee Myung Bak Group of Traitors

Pyongyang, May 15 (KCNA) -- Cha Sang Bo, vice-chairman of the General Association of Koreans in China, issued a statement on April 22 denouncing the group of rat-like Lee Myung Bak for getting crazy with the moves for confrontation and war while seriously hurting the dignity of the supreme leadership of the DPRK.

The Korean nation can neither expect national reconciliation and unity, the country's peace and reunification nor escape disaster unless it punishes the group of traitors without equals in the world who committed unspeakably hideous crimes and the thrice-cursed

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hoodlums with whom Koreans cannot live under the same sky, the statement said.

The Koreans in China will turn out as one in the just and patriotic sacred war to wipe out the Lee group of traitors, the sworn enemy, to the last man on this land and achieve the historic cause of the country's reunification, the cherished desire of the nation, the statement stressed.

The Federation of Korean Businessmen in China in a statement on April 27 called for dealing unimaginably deadly blows at the group of rat-like Lee Myung Bak keen on escalating the confrontation with the DPRK.

The statement branded traitor Lee as human scum of the era who ceased to be a human being as he malignantly slandered the DPRK, far from congratulating compatriots on the significant holiday.

The Youth Federation of Koreans in China in a statement on the same day said that it would never pardon the crimes the Lee group of traitors committed by repeatedly perpetrating provocations, while malignantly slandering the idea and system of compatriots.

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Japanese Reactionaries' Move to Institute War Constitution Assailed

Pyongyang, May 16 (KCNA) -- The Liberal Democratic Party of Japan in its recent Executive Council meeting formally approved the amendment to the Constitution which calls for renaming the "Self-Defense Forces" "National Defense Forces", making the "Hinomaru" and "Kimigayo" Japan's national flag and national anthem and designating the Japanese emperor "head of state". If the amendment is adopted after getting the government's approval and presented to the Diet, this will mean that Japan will give up "its Pacifist Constitution" for good which has been in force since 1947 and have a war constitution instead.

Minju Josen Wednesday observes in a bylined commentary in this regard:

This indicates that the Japanese reactionaries' moves to replace the present Constitution by a war constitution have entered into a full-fledged phase.

It is the invariable intention of the Japanese reactionaries to realize the ambition for overseas invasion at any cost by providing a constitutional guarantee for the revival of militarism.

The Japan "Pacifist Constitution" may be replaced by a war constitution any time.

Now the revival of militarism in Japan is not something that may happen in the future but a potential danger to the international community.

The militarist chariot is now running at full speed for reinvasion.

But there is something the Japanese reactionaries should bear in mind before trying hard to revive militarism, come what may. That is the old dream of "Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere" of the Japanese imperialists is nothing but a daydream as it can never come true.

As proved by its past history, militarism brought Japan only a bitter defeat and ruin and the disgrace of being a war criminal state. Anachronistic is the attempt of Japan to revive militarism.

S. Korean Authorities Accused of Boosting Military Cooperation with Japan

Pyongyang, May 16 (KCNA) -- Civic and social organizations of south Korea including the People for Achieving Peace and Reunification on May 12 held a rally in Seoul condemning the puppet group of traitors for its hectic diplomacy to conclude military agreements with Japan.

Speakers at the rally assailed Japan for refusing to apologize and compensate for its past crimes including issue of comfort women while working with bloodshot eyes to grab Tok Islets.

Nevertheless, the authorities regard Japan as a partner with which they can have military cooperation and are getting busy making arrangements for signing military agreements which no preceding dictator has ever ventured to do so, taking advantage of the situation where the 19th term "National Assembly" has not yet been formed, they deplored, and continued:

Such situation is attributable to the fact that the descendants of pro-U.S. and pro-Japanese elements are still at large.

The authorities should not be allowed to bring into this land the military forces of Japan under any circumstances.

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They called for coming out against the conclusion of any military agreement with Japan and the formation of a triangular military alliance involving south Korea, the U.S. and Japan and bringing down the sycophantic regime bereft of national self-esteem.

Okinawans Stage Demo in Demand of Closure of Futenma Air Base

Pyongyang, May 16 (KCNA) -- About 2 700 demonstrators marched Sunday around the U.S. Marines Futenma Air Base in Ginowan City, Okinawa.

They demanded an immediate closure and transfer of the airfield outside of the prefecture.

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Chinese Embassy Officials Help Korean Farmers

Pyongyang, May 17 (KCNA) -- Liu Hongcai, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, and his embassy officials gave helping hands to the DPRK-China Friendship Thaekam Co-op Farm in Sunan District, Pyongyang on Thursday.

They helped farmers in rice-transplanting.

They looked round the room dedicated to the DPRK-China friendship, being briefed on the fact that the area of Thaekam is successfully turning into a more cultured socialist village.

They handed aid materials and a certificate of donation to the farm.

Japanese Delegation Tours Different Places

Pyongyang, May 17 (KCNA) -- The delegation of the Tokyo Ward Assemblymen's Liaison Society for the Promotion of Japan-Korea Friendship led by Kazuaki Ashizawa visited the Korean Central History Museum on Wednesday.

The guests went round relics and data on the time-honored history and brilliant culture of Korea.

They also visited the Kim Jong Suk Nursery, the Academy of Koryo Medicine, etc.

KCNA Dismisses Japan's Much Ado about "Abduction of American"

Pyongyang, May 17 (KCNA) -- Japan kicked up a row about abduction in the U.S. this time.

Some time ago, a Japanese organization related to the "abduction" issue and a group of right-wing politicians flew into the U.S. to kick off another noisy anti-DPRK smear campaign.

Yamatani, Dietman from the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan, held a press conference in Washington at which he claimed that an American who was reported missing in 2004 while studying in China might be abducted by the DPRK and 13 countries including the U.S. fell victim to "the abduction operations" of the DPRK.

We cannot but be stunned by the far-fetched assertion of this lawmaker that the DPRK "might abduct" the American who was reported missing while touring Yunnan Province of China after finishing his study of Chinese at Beijing University.

He is a common student whose whereabouts is unknown to the DPRK. But, Japan is so well-informed of him. This makes people feel that the student might be abducted by Japan.

As many as 30,000 persons are reported missing in Japan in one year, their whereabouts left unknown. A particular mention should be made of the fact that foreigners including blonde British girls were abducted and reported missing one after another.

In the past Japan groundlessly linked the above-said cases with the DPRK only to be ridiculed and condemned by world people after they turned out to be sheer lies. Japan is resorting to this burlesque though it must know about those cases very well.

In a word, Japan orchestrated the above-said case in a bid to seek a way out of its crisis.

The Japanese politicians have so far considered "the abduction issue" as a main lever for improving their political images as they are characterized by hypocrisy and conspiratorial plots.

The right-wing conservative forces of Japan used the non-existent "abduction issue" of the DPRK as a justification and a ground for asserting their entity whenever they found themselves in a crisis at home and abroad.

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Now the support rate for the present Cabinet of Japan is rapidly sinking.

The Noda government has been thrown into mayhem by the ever-deepening crisis caused by factional strife over the issue of passing the "bill on increasing taxes" through the Diet and other issues.

Whenever the political situation gets unsteady, the right-wing politicians used to kick off an "abduction" row in a bid to win popularity by fanning up national chauvinism and anti-DPRK hostility and tide over their crisis.

Such guy as Yamatani made no scruple of playing the role of a marionette in such poor farce to improve his image as a Dietman.

This is a deplorable reality of the Japanese political camp.

People spit at Japan which made much ado about "abduction" in the U.S. in an effort to weather the political crisis.

The right-wing conservative forces of Japan are much upset by the fact that the "abduction issue" on which they stake their fate had already found solutions and is almost forgotten. So, they wanted to make it workable with the help of the U.S. This is, however, a day-dream.

Japan is so pitiful and miserable that it has no political card to play at home and abroad except "abduction" issue.

The "abduction" issue would no longer be of any help to the Japanese politics as it is ill-famed for hypocrisy and conspiratorial plots.

Rodong Sinmun Hits at Japan's Moves to Revive Militarism

Pyongyang, May 17 (KCNA) -- The world peace-loving people should be vigilant against the Japanese reactionaries' moves to revive militarism and frustrate them through a resolute struggle. This call is made by Rodong Sinmun Thursday in a bylined article.

The Japanese reactionaries have left no means untried to replace the "Pacifist Constitution" with a war constitution, the article notes, and goes on:

The Japanese "Self-Defense Forces" have accumulated experience in overseas invasion through their involvement in overseas military operations, pursuant to the U.S. scenario of "anti-terror war". At the same time, Japan has frantically pushed forward its moves to

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emerge a military power under the strong patronage of the U.S., its master.

By giving spurs to the modernization of the SDF Japan has beefed up its military muscle so fast that it may match that of other capitalist countries.

The group visit of high-ranking politicians of Japan to Yasukuni Shrine is a revelation of its ulterior design to make the militarist fever reign in the Japanese society.

What merits a serious attention is that the campaign negating Japan's past history was spearheaded by some media nudged by ultra-right conservative forces in the past but now it is orchestrated by the government.

Such dangerous moves of Japan to emerge a military giant are putting regional peace and stability in peril and spawning complicated issues.

While putting spurs to the above-said moves in collusion with the U.S., the Japanese reactionaries are noisily trumpeting about someone's "threat" in a poor bid to cover up their criminal nature.

The Japanese reactionaries are set to embark upon the road of overseas invasion by launching aggression against the DPRK and realize their ambition for dominating Asia and, furthermore, conquering the rest of the world.

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Lee Myung Bak Group Accused of Acting Guide for Japan's Reinvasion

Pyongyang, May 18 (KCNA) -- Some time ago, the military authorities of south Korea said that Defense Minister Kim Kwan Jin would go to Japan and conclude a pact on the protection of defense secrets and an Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement with the Japanese counterpart. When these are concluded, they will be the first military agreements ever to be concluded by south Korea with Japan after the end of the colonial rule by the Japanese imperialists. It asserted that even mandarins of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of south Korea would be involved in that diplomacy to handle the issue of Japan's past history including the issue of comfort women for the Imperial Japanese Army separately from the issue of military cooperation with Japan.

Rodong Sinmun Friday observes in a bylined commentary in this regard:

The Lee group of traitors makes no scruple of opting for concluding military agreements with Japan to realize its long-cherished ambition for invading the north even with the backing of Japan. This amounts to paving the way for the Japanese reactionaries' reinvasion.

The "GSOMIA" which the puppet forces seek to conclude with Japan under the pretext of sharing military information about the DPRK and the "ACSA" aimed at providing logistic support to south Korea in "contingency" on the Korean Peninsula under the signboard of "disaster rescue operation" pursue one and the same ulterior goal, that is, the military cooperation and collusion with Japan for a war against the DPRK.

The Lee group's reckless moves to tighten the military nexus with Japan is a link in the chain efforts to knock into shape the "triangular military alliance" pushed forward by the U.S. master.

The Lee group is the traitors and war maniacs putting the five traitors in 1905 into the shade.

The nation should not allow Lee to go scot-free as he is playing the above-said dirty role.

Rodong Sinmun Slams Japan's Moves for Retrogressive Revision of Constitution

Pyongyang, May 18 (KCNA) -- The Japanese reactionaries' moves to revise the Constitution that started since the demise of the era of Cold War have entered the phase of clearing its last hurdle. A typical example of this is its plan to rename the "Self-Defense Forces" "National Defense Forces".

Rodong Sinmun observes in a bylined article Friday in this regard:

The Japanese reactionary forces' attempt is a very dangerous and reckless action to revive the fascist forces for aggression and re-emerge a war state.

The Liberal Democratic Party of Japan (LDP) included the above-said renaming in the proposed amendment to the Constitution in a bid to realize Japan's long-harbored ambition for reinvasion at any cost, the article notes, and goes on:

The above-said move is little short of an open declaration that their forces have a legal right to wage a war and launch reinvasion.

The greatest danger in the LDP-proposed amendment to the Constitution is that the designation of the Japanese emperor as "head of state" and renaming of armed forces were raised at one time. This goes to prove that the Japanese reactionaries have disclosed their intention to make the "National Defense Forces" a war appendage and tool of the Japanese imperial system to be restored.

The LDP's attempt to rename the armed forces is a blatant challenge to human conscience which loves justice and peace.

Still fresh in the memory of Asian countries including Korea and many other countries of the world is the damage done by the Japanese imperialists in the past. The world is strongly opposed to treating Japan as a "normal state".

If Japan restores its imperial system and retrogressively renames its armed forces, this will heightens the vigilance of the international community against it.

Japan would be well advised to stop such folly as precipitating its self- destruction.

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History Society Discloses Samurais' Invasion of Korea and Their Mass Killings and Plunder

Pyongyang, May 19 (KCNA) -- The History Society of the DPRK Saturday made public a memorandum disclosing the aggressive nature of the Imjin War (1592-1598) ignited by the samurais and their monstrous crimes.

The memorandum says:

The Imjin War was an unjust war of aggression premeditatedly ignited by the samurais with an ambition for territorial expansion, pursuant to their policy of overseas aggression and a war of murder and plunder unprecedented in the history from A to Z.

The samurai regime headed by Hideyoshi Toyotomi premeditatedly started the war with an ambition to invade Korea and other Asian countries and grab more lands and wealth.

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Through the War, the Toyotomi regime sought to evade the spearhead of the anti-feudal struggle of the Japanese people, calm down the discontents of the samurais with plunder and accumulation of wealth, militarily and economically weaken the forces of the opposition feudal lords while gratifying the ambition of big feudal lords and traders for more lands and wealth.

Toyotomi regime hastened the preparations for a war of aggression under a plan. Towards 1590 it stepped up the preparations for a war of aggression against Korea in real earnest and Toyotomi gave an order for invading Korea in February 1592.

The aggressor army units began to move from March 1592. According to the "general policy" issued on March 13, the number of the first invasion force numbered more than 200,000.

The samurais ignited the Imjin War by attacking Pusan on April 13, 1592. Consequently, the Korean people had to suffer in the vortex of war for seven years.

The memorandum recalled that during the war, samurais massacred Koreans in different parts of Korea and took away many of them to Japan for slave labor. They devastated land of Korea and plundered it of precious cultural assets at random.

During the first invasion they mercilessly killed Koreans, regardless of age or sex.

About 60,000-70,000 people were killed by samurais after the battle at Jinju Castle in June 1593.

During the second invasion, their mass killings of Koreans reached their height.

Toyotomi directly gave the instruction for massacres in Korea and encouraged them in perpetrating them.

During the war, the Japanese invaders recklessly abducted a lot of Koreans and forced them to slave labor and even sold them to other countries as slaves.

The Imjin War was also called "war for ceramic wares" as samurais looted lots of ceramic wares in Korea and abducted ceramic technicians and even garment and bean-curd technicians. They abducted a lot of Korean women, in particular.

A Japanese researcher said that those women drafted in such a manner were "comfort women for the Japanese army" 400 years ago. This proves that the sexual slavery condemned as Japan's

hideous crime in the 20th century had been already committed by its ancestors hundreds of years ago.

The Japanese invaders abducted even young boys and girls.

According to the data made public by Japanese scholars, the number of the Korean abductees at that time was more than 100,000.

They destroyed everything and plundered all sorts of wealth in Korea.

After occupying Hansong, the capital, samurais burnt Kyongbok Palace and the Royal Ancestors' Shrine and opened the tombs of the 9th king and the 11th king to plunder the deceased's belongings. They even unhesitatingly burnt the coffins.

After occupying Pyongyang they burnt the Pubyok Pavilion and Sungin Temple dating back to the period of Koryo and destroyed many buildings including Yongsung Temple, Ryongwang Pavillion, Jinso Pavillion, Phungwol Pavillion, Taedong House and Chonghwa House at random. They burnt Hamhung Palace in Hamgyong Province, Sohyon Auditorium in Hwanghae Province and others and Mokchong House where Ri Song Gye lived before becoming a king and Songgyungwan Academy in Kaesong.

They burnt and took away precious cultural treasures and the original drafts of the True Records of the Ri Dynasty in Chunchu, Chungju and Songju temples disappeared. Only the original draft in Jonju Temple is preserved.

Almost all books published in Korea before the Imjin War were shipped to Japan and samurais took away even copper printing types and printer.

They also looted lots of art pieces. It is reported that most of the Buddhist artifacts are now in Japan. The Korean bells looted by samurais are scattered in different parts of Japan.

Japan is a criminal country as it imposed misfortune and sufferings upon the Korean people through aggression and war.

Nevertheless, the Japanese authorities have not yet sincerely reflected on the past crimes, but beautified the war of aggression and agitated militarism.

If Japan persists in the moves for reinvasion, oblivious of the disgrace and defeat it suffered in the last Imjin War, it will not be able to escape the strikes to be made by the Korean people to have

the grudge pent-up for hundreds of years settled and the blows dealt by the army of Songun Korea.

S. Korean Authorities Accused of Their Plan to Conclude Military Agreements with Japan

Pyongyang, May 19 (KCNA) -- South Korean paper Hangyore on Thursday carried an editorial titled "Neither justification nor need to sign military agreements with Japan."

The plan to conclude military agreements between south Korea and Japan has entered the stage of its implementation, the editorial noted, and continued:

The authorities claim south Korea is going to conclude those agreements with Japan as both sides have common security goals and there is no need to worry about them as they are low in their level. But in reality they are aimed at knocking into shape the triangular military alliance.

The triangular alliance involving south Korea, U.S. and Japan is quite contrary to the wishes of the south Koreans as it means restoring the confrontation structure in the past era of the Cold War.

There is no justification for the authorities to talk about the security cooperation with Japan which shows no trust in the issue of settling its past crimes.

Japan's Moves Deploying New Type Military Hardware under Fire

Pyongyang, May 19 (KCNA) -- Japan is getting frantic with its moves to develop and deploy new type military hardware in a bid to launch overseas invasion any time.

On May 16 the Japan ground "self-defence force" opened to media a new scouting car for the purpose of coping with nuclear and biochemical weapons. It is a combination of chemical protection car and biological scouting car.

The above-said force is busy inducting those cars into 15 units across Japan specializing in those warfares.

Continuous Radioactive Contamination in Japan

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Pyongyang. May 19 (KCNA) -- Radioactive contamination caused by the accident at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant is going on.

Cesium exceeding the normal level was detected on a catfish in the river in Saitama Prefecture, said Tokyo Shimbun on May 11.

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No relevant stories published today.

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KCNA on Shameful Deeds of Japan

Pyongyang, May 21 (KCNA) -- Japan's politics again became a laughing stock in the U.S. for denying history.

The New York City authorities recently decided to erect a new monument to "comfort women" for the Imperial Japanese Army near Flushing Avenue in the city and name a road there in memory of "comfort women" despite the strong protest of Japan.

This case took place in the wake of the incident in which Japan dispatched a delegation of the Liberal Democratic Party to New Jersey and asked its mayor to get the monument to "comfort women" removed, even offering a lot of money, only to experience a hot agony of shame. This sends a clear message to Japan.

This clearly reflects the international community's opinion and judgment of the Japanese imperialists' indelible crimes against humanity in the past.

One can still hear the voices of grudge-bearing victims of the monstrous crimes perpetrated by the Japanese imperialists during their military occupation of Korea in the last century and international community's growing voices demanding Japan make reparation for its past crimes.

As proven by the reality, Japan is still in the dock as far as the human rights abuses are concerned.

It is quite natural for Japan to draw a due lesson from its past crimes and take a proper attitude and stand on the issues of apology and reparation for them.

Nevertheless, Japan has become so crazy about denying the sexual slavery that even the Japanese prime minister let loose a spate of balderdash that "the claim 'comfort women' were sexual slaves for the Imperial Japanese Army is quite different from the correct expression."

Japan is refusing to admit historic facts, far from making apology and reparation for the thrice-cursed crimes by the Japanese imperialists against humanity, just waiting for the days all the direct victims of the sexual slavery and eyewitnesses will die.

As a proverb says one makes a matter worse, brazen-faced and wicked attitude of the Japanese authorities concerned only adds to Japan's crimes.

No matter how hard Japan may try, it can never write off its history. The Korean nation will live on as a victim and eyewitness of the Japanese imperialists' crimes.

Japan calculates that it can write off its crime-woven history with its petty tricks. Herein lie the tragedy of Japan and the reason why the international community despises Japan as a country of political pigmies and cripples.

Now is the time for Japan to come to its senses as it has long experienced shame, politically and morally drubbed by the international community up to now since the end of the war.

Minju Joson Lee Myung Bak Group Accused of Its Moves to Conclude Military Agreements with Japan

Pyongyang, May 21 (KCNA) -- The Lee Myung Bak group of traitors of south Korea is busy with its moves to conclude military agreements with Japanese reactionaries. The group had already agreed with Japan basically on terms of GSOMIA and Acquisition and Cross-servicing Agreement it wants to sign with Japan. It seeks to ink those agreements during the forthcoming visit of puppet minister of Defence Kim Kwan Jin to Japan.

Minju Joson Monday observes this in a by-lined commentary in this regard:

This is nothing but a hideous act of treachery aimed at doing harm to the fellow countrymen.

What matters is that the group of traitors' conclusion of the military agreements with Japan means rounding off the U.S.-led triangular military alliance.

It is nobody's secret that the U.S. seeks to knock into shape the triangular military alliance in a bid to use it as "NATO of Asian version" while Japanese reactionaries are contemplating realizing their wild ambition to stage a comeback to Korea in collusion with the south Korean puppet forces, backed by the U.S., and the Lee group is working hard to do harm to compatriots, depending on the strength of outside forces.

It is as clear as daylight that if the U.S.-Japan-south Korea military alliance appears as a result of the conclusion of the above-said military agreements with Japan, it will further aggravate the situation on the Korean Peninsula, escalate the tension in Asia and put the countries around it under military threat.

All the Koreans should never remain passive onlookers to the moves of the Lee Myung Bak group of traitors, the most despicable quislings serving the U.S. and Japan, to conclude the military agreements with Japan, while offering south Korea as an advanced base for a nuclear war of the U.S. and Japan, doing harm to fellow countrymen and, furthermore, disturbing peace in Asia.

The rat-like Lee Myung Bak group is bound to meet a miserable end in face of the curse and denunciation by all the Koreans as it is unhesitatingly going to conclude military agreements even with the nation's sworn enemy.

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Rodong Sinmun Japan's Reinvasion Moves Disclosed

Pyongyang, May 22 (KCNA) -- The Japanese and south Korean military authorities are working hard to conclude military agreements the main content of which is the exchange of information concerning nuclear and missile programs of the DPRK.

A bylined commentary of Rodong Sinmun Tuesday says it is literally aimed to provoke a war against the DPRK.

The information cooperation between Japan and south Korea is a product of the concerted efforts made by the forces hostile to the DPRK who seek a way out in aggression and war, the paper noted, and went on:

It is obvious that the conclusion of the military agreements would lead to intensified DPRK-targeted military intelligence and furthermore, a war against it.

The conclusion of the agreements can be seen as a dangerous military measure of putting the finishing touches to the triangular alliance being knocked into shape among the U.S., Japan and south Korea. It is a provocation hamstringing the sincere efforts of the DPRK and the international community for the detente of the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia

The present situation shows the Japanese militarists are beside themselves to realize their past dream of the "Greater east Asia co-prosperity sphere" by launching the reinvasion of Korea to start conquering whole of Asia backed by intelligence activities.

The army and people of the DPRK are following with vigilance the vicious attempt of the Japanese reactionaries to stage a comeback to Korea. Japan's anti-DPRK racket will bring it only bitter defeat.

Chinese FM Rejects U.S. Military Report on China

Beijing, May 21 (KCNA) -- Hong Lei, spokesman of the Chinese Foreign Ministry, on May 19 clarified the Chinese government's stand of rejecting the U.S. Defense Department's annual report for 2012 "military and security developments concerning China."

He said the U.S. in the report found fault with the just and normal defense construction of China while spreading "theory of military threats from China."

For China to beef up its limited military capacity is to defend its national independence and territorial integrity as it is not targeted against a specific country or an object, he said.

A country with no hostility towards China will neither doubt nor worry, he noted, demanding the U.S. side respect the truth and mend its thought and stop releasing such report.

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Work Serves as Guidelines for Movement of Koreans in Japan

Pyeongyang, May 23 (KCNA) -- On May 24, 1995 general secretary Kim Jong Il made public a celebrated work "On Developing the Movement of Koreans in Japan onto a New Higher

Stage". The work is his letter delivered to the officials of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon) and other compatriots in Japan in celebration of the 40th birthday of Chongryon.

On the anniversary of its publication KCNA interviewed Chongryon officials on a visit to the homeland about the validity and vitality of the ideas and theories contained in the work.

Journalist: The work is important guidelines as it indicated a clear-cut way for developing the movement of Korean residents in Japan to meet the demands of the prevailing situation, I think.

Sin Sang Mu, vice-chairman of the Association for the Peaceful Reunification of the Country:

That's right. At that time the Japanese reactionaries were getting evermore undisguised in their anti-Chongryon moves.

Under this situation Kim Jong Il in the work stressed the need for Chongryon to deal with all its affairs in keeping with intention of President Kim Il Sung and invariably hold fast to the Juche idea as its guiding idea.

This was the most correct guidelines that made it possible for Chongryon officials and compatriots to defend Chongryon, a legacy left by the President, and advance their patriotic cause.

Thanks to his wise guidance and deep care, Chongryon could give steady continuity to the patriotic movement of Koreans in Japan despite obstructive moves of the reactionaries inside and outside Japan.

Jo Chon Gi, deputy department director of the home-visiting office:

Officials of Chongryon and Koreans in Japan, full of confidence in fresh victory, turned out in the drive to implement the tasks set forth in the work.

In those days Chongryon further developed into an organization steadfast in ideology and strong in unity.

Amid the drive for bringing a fresh heyday of the movement of Koreans in Japan going on throughout Chongryon in recent years, its Saitama Prefectural Headquarters has gained admirable experience, drawing attention of other units.

The headquarters has directed big efforts to strengthening its chapters and branches, regarding this as a springboard for opening up the fresh heyday of the patriotic movement.

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As a result, various organizations and even cultural and sports groups have turned out in the patriotic movement.

Hong Yong Chol, a teacher of Joson University:

Diverse mass movements, including a movement to invite Koreans to come to the fold of Chongryon, are being conducted in a more vigorous way in step with the grand march of the people in the homeland.

As in the past, the Japanese security authorities mobilized many armed policemen under unreasonable pretexts last February to conduct search and confiscation operations against agencies affiliated to Chongryon. But such repression could not stop our advance.

Unshakable is the faith and patriotic will of Chongryon officials and Koreans in Japan to carry through the behests of leader Kim Jong Il.

We will remain faithful to the dear respected Kim Jong Un, another great man of Mt. Paektu, and surely provide the springboard for the fresh heyday of Chongryon and the movement of Koreans in Japan this year to usher in a new phase of the patriotic movement.

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Meeting of Officials and Secretaries of AKJPR Held in Japan

Pyongyang, May 24 (KCNA) -- A meeting of officials and secretaries of the Association of Koreans in Japan for Peaceful Reunification (AKJPR) took place in Tokyo on May 18.

Ri Tong Je, chairman of the AKJPR, in his report at the meeting said that the AKJPR has conducted activities exposing and denouncing the thrice-cursed provocations by the puppet group of traitors of south Korea while positively joining the nationwide movement for reunification, upholding the slogan "Let all Koreans open a gate to national reunification full of new faith!"

He renewed his will to put an end to the moves to escalate confrontation with fellow countrymen by the puppet group, chieftain of bedeviling the north-south relations, strengthen the solidarity and unity among the north and the south and overseas and national unity of Koreans in Japan and intensify the movement

for reunification by decisively enhancing the function and role of the organization.

He expressed belief that the cause of the Korean nation for reunification is sure to win victory as it is led by the dear respected Kim Jong Un, lodestar of national reunification.

Then, speeches were made by representatives of officials and secretaries of the AKJPR.

25 May 2012

KCNA Ridicules Japan Taking Issue with DPRK

Pyongyang, May 25 (KCNA) -- The Japanese prime minister, foreign minister and other official figures have cried out for "cooperation" and "solidarity" to cope with the nuclear test of the DPRK during their recent visits to foreign countries.

They also said that Japan put into operation a new detective device which it set up in Aomori Prefecture to correctly detect nuclear tests of the DPRK.

We cannot repress disillusion at the reckless actions of those obsessed with hostility towards the DPRK.

Like a dog barking at the moon, Japan trumpeted about "nuclear test in the wake of missile launch" and "additional provocation", an issue the DPRK had not expected. Disgusting indeed is its behavior of cozying up to big countries.

Japan's humiliating and indiscreet racket over the "nuclear test" is nothing but a sordid action of those following the U.S. hostile policy toward the DPRK.

Peddling "nuclear and missile threats" from the DPRK, Japan eyes to raise its image in the international arena and create international environment and atmosphere favorable for its bid to turn Japan into a military giant and launch expansion overseas.

Japan faces too many troubles and urgent crisis at home to take issue with others.

The political situation of Japan in the face of a series of all sorts of crisis is like a house mourning a death.

A typical example is the nuclear management.

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The problem of environment has gone beyond the danger line in the wake of Fukushima power plant accident.

Saitama Prefecture announced on May 11 that radioactive cesium surpassing the standard level was detected in a wild catfish from a river in the prefecture and urged anglers to stop catching wild catfish in the surrounding waters, defying disgrace.

Meanwhile, high concentration radioactive cesium was detected to the maximum level in moss and algae like materials collected in Edogawa District, Tokyo Metropolis, raising control problem.

No country in the world is as instable and chaotic as Japan as it is plagued with waves of conflicts between the ruling quarters and opposition camp and between factions over state administration.

All the disasters of Japan are attributable to the wrong policy of the authorities.

Righting such things only would keep the Japanese authorities very busy.

Japan would be well advised to correct its own chaotic home affairs rather than wasting time by finding fault with others.

Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism Praised by Chinese Paper

Pyongyang, May 25 (KCNA) -- The Chinese paper Heilongjiang Sinmun on May 16 carried an article titled "Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, guiding idea of Korea".

The paper said:

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un in his famous work "Let Us Hold Great Comrade Kim Jong Il in High Esteem as General Secretary of Our Party Forever and Successfully Accomplish the Revolutionary Cause of Juche" said the guiding idea of the Workers' Party of Korea is great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

Chairman of the National Defence Commission Kim Jong Il developed and enriched Kimilsungism as required by the era and the developing revolution but refrained from linking the guiding idea of the party with his august name.

The Korean revolution is sure to win under the banner of great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism which inherited Kimilsungism.

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"The Rules of the Workers' Party of Korea" which was revised at the Fourth Conference of the WPK said that great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism is the only guiding idea of the party.

26 May 2012

Gift from Chinese

Pyongyang, May 26 (KCNA) -- The dear respected Kim Jong Un was presented with a gift by Zhao Hengsheng, manager of wax replica studio of the arts expo center in Shaoshan city of Hunan Province of China, on the birthday of President Kim Il Sung.

The gift was conveyed to the DPRK embassy in Beijing on May 17.

DPRK Book, Photo and Fine Art Work Exhibition Held in China

Pyongyang, May 26 (KCNA) -- A DPRK book, photo and fine art work exhibition took place in China from May 18 to 22 to celebrate the centenary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung.

On display at its venue were works of Kim Il Sung and leader Kim Jong Il, books and photos of the undying revolutionary careers and feats of the peerlessly great persons and those introducing the Korean people building a thriving socialist nation and fine art works associated with their creative talents.

Present at the opening ceremony of the exhibition were officials of the Liuhe County People's Government and the Liuhe Economic Development Zone of Nanjing City and its masses. Present there on invitation were a staff member of the DPRK embassy in Beijing and a Korean official working in China.

Speeches were made there.

The cultural exchange between the DPRK and China will positively contribute to steadily developing the friendly relations provided by the leaders of elder generations of the two countries, speakers said, adding that the Sino-DPRK friendship will be everlasting.

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Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism Reported by Chinese TV

Pyongyang, May 27 (KCNA) -- Phoenix Satellite TV Holdings LTD., Hong Kong, China on May 16 reported that the dear respected Kim Jong Un formulated Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as the guiding idea of the Workers' Party of Korea.

It said:

In his work "Let Us Hold Great Comrade Kim Jong Il in High Esteem as General Secretary of Our Party Forever and Successfully Accomplish the Revolutionary Cause of Juche" on April 6, 2012 Kim Jong Un formulated Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as the guiding idea of the WPK.

He also proclaimed the modeling of the whole society on Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as the supreme programme of the WPK.

Leader Kim Jong Il formulated the revolutionary idea of President Kim Il Sung as Kimilsungism and advanced a programme for modeling the whole society on Kimilsungism.

The Korean people have long called the revolutionary ideas of the President and Kim Jong Il as Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism and recognized it as the guiding idea of the WPK.

But Kim Jong Il persistently objected to linking Kimilsungism, the guiding idea of the WPK, with his august name.

Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism is an integral system of the idea, theory and method of Juche and a great revolutionary idea representing the Juche era.

The WPK could lead the revolution and construction to victory without making even a single error in implementing its line, thanks to Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, the great guiding idea.

"The Rules of the Workers' Party of Korea" revised at the Fourth WPK Conference stipulate that great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism is the only guiding idea of the party.

China Objects to US Senate Decision against Iran

Beijing, May 26 (KCNA) -- Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hong Lei in a press conference held on Wednesday voiced opposition to the U.S. Senate's recent decision against Iran as well

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as those countries cooperating with it in the field of economy and trade, describing U.S. action as unilateral and one-sided.

Washington is not entitled to force any country to implement the decision made inside USA, concluded the spokesman.

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Journalists Union Delegation Leaves for China

Pyongyang, May 28 (KCNA) -- A delegation of the Journalists Union of Korea led by Song Rak Gyun, editor-in-chief of Pyongyang Sinmun, and the art troupe of the revolutionary opera "The Flower Girl" left here on Monday to visit China.

Meanwhile, the delegation of the DPRK Football Association led by Vice-Minister of Physical Culture and Sports Kim Jong Su came back home after taking part in the 62nd Conference of FIFA in Budapest, Hungary. The delegation of the Vietnamese paper Nhan DAN led by its Editor-in-Chief Thuan Huu flew back on the same day after winding up its visit to the DPRK.

Chinese SAIC Delegation Here

Pyongyang, May 28 (KCNA) -- A delegation of the State Administration for Industry and Commerce of China led by Vice Minister Fu Shuangjian arrived here on Monday.

Kim Jong Un's Work Studied by Koreans in China

Pyongyang, May 28 (KCNA) -- A meeting for studying the dear respected Kim Jong Un's work "Let's Dynamically Struggle for a Final Victory, Holding Aloft the Banner of Songun" was held by the General Association of Koreans in China on May 22.

Present there were officials of the Association.

Chairwoman Choe Un Bok said every sentence in the work of Kim Jong Un clearly indicates the road for the Korean revolution to follow in the new century of Juche.

The militant slogan "Forward towards Victory!," in particular, represents his firm resolve and will to bring about a great victory despite whatever trials and difficulties facing the revolution, she

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said, underlining the need for all the Koreans in China to deeply study the profound idea of the work till they fully grasp it.

Vice-Chairman Choe Su Bong expressed his resolution to faithfully uphold the idea and leadership of Kim Jong Un by carrying forward the revolutionary cause of Juche started in Mt. Paektu without any slightest defection by the same working style as President Kim Il Sung and leader Kim Jong Il's under the uplifted banner of Kimilsungism and Kimjongilism.

Han Kil Su, director of the Publicity Department of the association, noted that no force on earth can match the might of the Korean people single-mindedly united around the leader, adding that it is the rare privilege and fortune for the Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il's nation to be blessed with the illustrious leaders generation after generation.

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Gift from Chinese Delegation

Pyongyang, May 29 (KCNA) -- The dear respected Kim Jong Un was presented with a gift by the visiting delegation of the State Administration for Industry and Commerce of China (SAICC).

The gift was conveyed to an official concerned by Vice Minister of SAICC Fu Shuangjian on Tuesday.

MOU on Commerce Signed between DPRK and China

Pyongyang, May 29 (KCNA) -- A MOU on cooperation was signed here on Tuesday between the Office for Trademark, Industrial Design and Products Origin of the DPRK and the State Administration for Industry and Commerce of China.

Present there from the DPRK side were officials of the above-said office including its general director Ri Tong Chan and from the Chinese side members of the delegation of the State Administration for Industry and Commerce of China led by Vice Minister Fu Shuangjian and a staff member of the Chinese embassy here.

Sojourn of Chinese Delegation Visits Statues of DPRK Leaders

Pyongyang, May 29 (KCNA) -- A delegation of the State Administration for Industry and Commerce of China led by Vice Minister Fu Shuangjian Tuesday visited the statues of President Kim Il Sung and leader Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill.

The members of the delegation laid bouquets before the statues and made bows in boundless reverence for peerlessly great men who made immortal contributions to the development of the DPRK-China friendship and global independence.

Sojourn of Chinese Delegation in Pyongyang

Pyongyang, May 29 (KCNA) -- A delegation of the State Administration for Industry and Commerce of China led by Vice Minister Fu Shuangjian visited the Tower of the Juche Idea on Tuesday.

Being briefed on the grand monument, the delegation members looked round stones sent by a lot of countries of the world, the tower body and group sculptures on both sides of the tower.

At the tower observation deck they enjoyed a bird's-eye view of Pyongyang.

After visiting the Tower of Friendship, the head of the delegation said that the Sino-Korean friendship of a long tradition has been invariably grown stronger.

The delegation also toured the Arch of Triumph and other places.

Friendly Football Matches between DPRK, China Held

Pyongyang, May 29 (KCNA) -- Friendly matches were held at Yanggakdo Football Stadium in Pyongyang between the DPRK's Ryongaksan Women's Football Team and China's women's football team.

The DPRK girls won the Chinese rivals 4:3 and 1:0 in two encounters held on May 26 and 29.

Japan's Claim to Tok Islets Termed Nonsensical

Pyongyang, May 29 (KCNA) -- The Department of History of Kim Il Sung University Monday released a detailed report branding

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Japan's claim to Tok Islets as brigandish sophism devoid of any legal and historical propriety.

According to the report, historical data clearly proves that Tok Islets have been part of the inviolable territory of Korea from ancient times.

Inhabitants of Koguryo and Silla positively advanced into Ullung Island and Tok Islets in the periods of not only ancient times but the Three States.

In particular, Koguryo expanded its territory even to Chongha region of Silla (Phohang City in Kyongsang Province) from late in the fifth century to early in the sixth century. This fact goes to prove that in that period people of Koguryo put Ullung Island and Tok Islets under their control.

Kobe (glass with high stem) used by the Koguryo people was discovered on Ullung Island recently. This is just an example clearly proving the above-said fact.

It is clear from such fact that the then inhabitants of Usan State including Ullung Island and Tok Islets were people of Koguryo.

Japan's historical data dealing with the middle, modern and contemporary history say that Tok Islets belonged to Korea.

Tok Islets began to appear in Japan's historical data from the 17th century.

Since then Tok Islets had been recorded as part of the territory of Korea in almost historical data of Japan for nearly 300 years.

Japan's historical data compiled in the 17th century contain the facts that Tsushima and the Tokugawa shogunate governments formally recognized before and after the An Ryong Bok case that the island and the islets were part of the inviolable territory of Korea.

Different types of maps manufactured by Japan in the middle age describe the island and the islets as part of the territory of Korea.

In particular, the "Geographical History of the Three States" clearly specifies in Japanese by the side of Ullung Island and Tok Islets that they are part of the territory of Korea.

Ullung Island and Tok Islets are marked as part of the territory of Korea in a lot of maps produced by Japan in the modern age.

What is noteworthy is that Japan marked Tok Islets as "Song Islets" (Matsushima) (meaning a lot of pine trees grow) till the 19th century but from the early 20th century it replaced the name of Tok Islets by "Juk Islets" (Takeshima) (meaning a lot of bamboo trees grow) under the influence of British who miswrote them instead of using the original name of Ullung Island.

This fact alone clearly shows that the then Japanese had no elementary understanding of Tok Islets and they are not part of the territory of Japan.

Ullung Island and Tok Islets are recorded as part of the territory of Korea even in Japan's historical data dealing with its modern geography.

"Encyclopedia of Japan" published in Japan in 1960 refers to Tok Islets as follows: Japanese call Tok Islets Takeshima but Koreans call them Tok Islets and they are known to Europeans and Americans as Rocks.

Even according to the Japanese legal data, the "ordinance No. 24 of the Prime Minister's Office" promulgated on June 6, 1951, and the "ordinance No. 4 of the Ministry of Finance" promulgated on February 13 of the same year stipulated that Tok Islets never belonged to Japan.

Japan's historical data for nearly 300 years patently prove that Tok Islets are part of the inviolable territory of Korea. They also term Japanese reactionaries' claim to Tok Islets absurd and brigandish sophism quite contrary to historical facts.

Historical data of Europe and the U.S. also prove that Tok Islets belonged to Korea.

Data of Europe about Tok Islets include maps which Europeans drew after the mid-18th century during the voyage of the East Sea of Korea when they saw for themselves Tok Islets and Ullung Island, maps drawn on the basis of old ones after recognizing them, navigation charts and other sailing directions.

In particular, the Russian navigation chart "map of the East Sea of Korea" marked Ullung Island and Tok Islets and put under it a drawing showing the shape of the islets, a clear indication that they belonged to Korea.

Tok Islets as well as Ullung Island are marked as islands of Korea in the sailing directions "Guide to voyage" (1895, 1928) drawn by the navy of France, the sailing directions "sailing directions of China" (1858, 1861, 1864) and the "Guide to Chinese coast

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voyage" (1873, 1884, 1892) drawn by British people and "Guides to voyage to Japan, Korea and their adjacent coastal waters" also mark Tok Islets along with Ullung Island as islands of Korea.

There were two confidential documents of the U.S. government which recognized Tok Islets as Korea's and they were declassified by the U.S. State Records Census Bureau in April 2005. One of them was the document which had been sent to the then south Korean "prime minister" by a brass hat of the U.S. troops in south Korea in June 1951 asking for use of Tok Islets as a drill ground of the U.S. air force. This means that the U.S. which occupied Japan when it was defeated recognized Tok Islets as part of Korean territory not Japanese and Japan was also aware of this.

In 1995, a map manufactory of the U.S. government produced the sailing direction "Voyage guide to Korea and U.S." This marked Tok Islets and Ullung Island as Korea's with an explanation about Tok Islets and two drawings on the islets attached.

This shows that the U.S. has long recognized Korea's dominium over Tok Islets.

A map drawn in 1946 discovered in the U.S. also clearly marked Tok Islets as Korea's.

As shown by historical data, Tok Islets are part of the inalienable territory of Korea as it can never be a dispute in any case.

The world recognizes Korea's dominium over Tok Islets.

The participants of an international symposium on Tok Islets held in Washington in May 2009 unanimously said Korea's dominium over Tok Islets was beyond any doubt as there were historical materials proving that Tok Islets were part of the Korean territory in the period of the Three States and Japan-made maps (1700-1800) marked Tok Islets as part of Korea's territory. Nevertheless, Japan asserted "dominium" over Tok Islets in 1905 first and Japan's assertion is sophism devoid of any historical ground.

This being hard facts, the Japanese reactionaries persistently talk about "dominium" over Tok Islets, which is ridiculous from the historical viewpoint and in the light of international law. Their ulterior intention is to make Tok Islets a target of dispute and pave the way for reinvasion of Korea under this pretext.

Japan should not be allowed to touch even a stone on Tok Islets.

Tok Islets will always stand as part of the inalienable territory of Korea.

Rodong Sinmun on Motive of Japan's Loudmouthed "Peace"

Pyongyang, May 29 (KCNA) -- Recently the defense minister of Japan ordered the dispatch of Ground "Self-Defense Force" to South Sudan. Japan which had already dispatched hundreds of GSDF there is claiming that it is to contribute to the "UN peace-keeping activities".

Rodong Sinmun Tuesday observes in a bylined commentary in this regard:

It is a stereotyped method of Japan to trumpet about "ensuring peace and security" whenever an opportunity presents itself.

"Peace" touted by the Japanese reactionaries is a version of a war scenario, the commentary notes, and goes on:

An ulterior purpose is sought by Japan's noisy trumpeting about its participation in "UN peace-keeping activities" as it has long abused the signboard of "peace".

As a matter of fact, Japan has restored its right to belligerency and right to participate in a war though it had been deprived of them as a defeated state. However, a wartime system has been established there and almost all legal and institutional machines, once impediments to arms race and overseas military operations, were removed.

Japan has converted its SDF into full-fledged armed forces of offensive nature. It has become, therefore, an essential requirement for launching reinvasion to ensure the right to overseas military operation.

Japan is becoming so zealously in taking part in "UN peace-keeping activities" neither at the request of someone nor for contributing to peace-keeping activities.

It is prompted by its wild ambition for overseas expansion from A to Z. It is the ulterior design of the Japanese reactionaries to let the SDF accumulate experience in actual battles and lay a springboard for reinvasion through persistent overseas troops dispatch in a bid to spark off a war for reinvasion with ease.

It is natural for the world community to be vigilant against Japan's zealously involvement in "UN peace-keeping activities" under the signboard of "peace" after being revived and rearmed with the U.S. backing.

Only self-destruction awaits the Japanese reactionaries now aboard a militarist chariot just as the Japanese imperialists suffered a defeat while going frantic with aggression and war under the signboard of "peace".

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More Crimes against Koreans by Japanese Imperialists Disclosed

Pyongyang, May 30 (KCNA) -- KBS of south Korea disclosed on Monday that the Japanese imperialists hurled the Koreans who were taken to Japan for forced labor to battlefields during World War II.

Recently opened to the public was a testimony made by the former commander of defense corps of the Imperial Japanese Army more than 20 years ago.

According to it, the Japanese imperialists took lots of Koreans to Okinawa, Japan in labor conscription and forced them to carry explosives and do other dangerous work.

At a time when the Japanese army was fighting ground warfare against the U.S. army that landed on Okinawa in 1945, it forced the Koreans to dash into the U.S. tanks with explosives on their back, threatening to kill if they run away.

Over 10 000 drafted Koreans were forced to the battle against the U.S. army.

Pak Su Nam, a Korean-Japanese documentary film director, collected relevant data on the basis of the testimony and buckled down to producing a documentary film.

Despite the Japanese authorities' pressure, Pak made public the film to disclose the Japanese imperialists' brutal crimes after more than 50 years.

The Japanese reactionaries can not curtain off the truth of history no matter how hard they attempt to deny and distort the crimes they committed against the Korean nation and evade the responsibility for them.

Chinese Media Reports News of Sojourn in Pyongyang of Cho Islet Students

Pyongyang, May 30 (KCNA) -- Chinese media reported on May 24 and 25 that students on Cho Islet, the front post on the west sea of the DPRK, spent pleasant times during Pyongyang visit under the care of the dear respected Kim Jong Un.

The Chinese Report Broadcasting said:

Kim Jong Un took a step to let schoolchildren on Cho Islet visit Pyongyang.

He, being considerate of their ardent wish to visit Pyongyang, made sure that they visit Pyongyang and have joyful camping in good season.

Upon their arrival in the capital they visited the statues of President Kim Il Sung and leader Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill to lay bouquets and flowers and pay tribute to them.

They toured Mangyongdae, the President's birthplace, the Kimilsungia-Kimjongilia Exhibition, the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt. Taesong, the Party Founding Memorial Tower, the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace, revolutionary sites and apartment houses in Mansudae area nearing its completion.

The same news was reported by the Phoenix Satellite TV Holdings LTD., Hong Kong, China, and the Internet websites People network, News network and Economy network.

DPRK's Opera "The Flower Girl" Introduced by Chinese Paper

Pyongyang, May 30 (KCNA) -- The Chinese paper Jilin Ribao on May 9 carried article titled "'The Flower Girl' of DPRK's Phibada Opera Troupe visits Jilin Province again."

Opera "The Flower Girl" of the DPRK's Phibada Opera Troupe, a world's famous art troupe with the highest level, is to give premiere at the Dongfang Grand Theatre in Changchun City, Jilin Province at special invitation, the paper said, and went on:

The Korean film "The Flower Girl" whose song says "A thousand nay a ten thousand azaleas, sincerity devoted to the mother are brought into bloom like the flower" not only touched the heartstrings of lots of Chinese in the 1970s but it still bears witness to the long history of China-DPRK friendship.

This opera will again move Chinese this time. It has been performed in the DPRK and foreign countries for more than 1 400 times.

The opera troupe made a performance tour of China in 2008. At that time it was performed five times at the State Grand Theatre in Beijing. Admission tickets were all sold out a week ago, making it very difficult to buy a ticket. The host side could not but organize additional performances at the Great Hall of the People. This was something rare to be seen in the performing history in China.

After the first performance in Changchun, the opera troupe is to make performance tour of Beijing and different provinces and cities. The current visit will mark an important occasion in injecting fresh energy into the cultural life of the Chinese people.

China-US Confrontation in Pacific

Pyongyang, May 30 (KCNA) -- The U.S. is contemplating staging large-scale joint military exercises in the waters east of Kyushu Island of Japan with Japan and Australia from June 6. This saber-rattling is chiefly aimed at weakening the nuclear deterrent of China. This was commented by Russian experts.

Voice of Russia said:

The start of deployment of the U.S. missile defense system in Asia was officially proclaimed in April and it is reported that its elements will be deployed in Japan, south Korea and Australia.

The chief editor of the magazine Defense Security said: The drill will demonstrate the capability of the missile defense system to be established in the future. The U.S. is zealously pushing forward the deployment of its missile defense system in Asia and expecting its allies not only to render military support but participate in the development of Aegis system. It is pinning hope on Japan, in particular. Experts assert that the drill is aimed at weakening the strategic nuclear deterrent of China.

The vice-president of the Academy of Geopolitics recollected that the U.S. listed China as a main geopolitical rival in the new national security strategy adopted at the end of last year. The U.S. is regarding the drill as a good opportunity of demonstrating its muscle to China, he said, and went on:

The MD pushed forward by the U.S. in the Asia-Pacific region is totally targeted on China. The drill is aimed to round off the

equipment to use armed forces and means according to MD. The basic features of MD in Asia lie in that radar detection systems and elements for intercepting ballistic missiles are based in the sea.

In late April China and Russia staged the largest-ever joint military exercises in the East Sea of China in the recent period. Many experts termed the drill a cooperative step for strengthening common security as it was staged after the U.S. proclaimed the establishment of MD in Asia. In the final analysis, Asia tops the world list of joint military exercises in terms of their scale and number.

Japan's Prefectural Governor Demands Stop to US Army's Night Flight Drill

Pyongyang, May 30 (KCNA) -- The governor of Kanagawa Prefecture of Japan recently met the commander of a U.S. military base in Atsugi to strongly demand a stop to the U.S. Air Force's night flight exercise.

The governor expressed opposition to the U.S. army's renewed night flight drill at its base in the prefecture.

Expressing fear, the governor said the exercise in such a densely-populated area is intolerable.

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Chinese Ambassador Hosts Reception

Pyongyang, May 31 (KCNA) -- Chinese Ambassador Liu Hongcai Thursday hosted a reception at his embassy in memory of leader Kim Jong Il's visits to China in 2010 and 2012.

Present there on invitation were Kim Ki Nam and Kim Yong Il, secretaries of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Kim Song Nam, vice department director of the C.C., the WPK, Kim Hyong Jun, vice foreign minister of the DPRK and officials concerned.

Staff members of the Chinese embassy attended.

Liu in his speech at the reception said that entering the new century General Secretary Kim Jong Il together with the Chinese leaders developed onto a new higher stage the traditional friendship

between the two countries provided by the revolutionaries of the elder generation.

His historic visits to China laid the firm foundation for boosting the bilateral relations and made positive contribution to the regional peace and stability, Liu noted, stressing that the feats performed by Kim Jong Il in boosting the Sino-DPRK friendly and cooperative relations will be everlasting.

Liu sincerely wished the Korean people fresher achievements in the work to successfully carry out the behests of Kim Jong Il under the leadership of the dear respected Kim Jong Un.

Kim Ki Nam in his speech said the supreme leaders of the two countries reached common understanding of the issue of boosting the friendship between the DPRK and China generation after generation.

He hoped that the Chinese people would make greater advance in their cause of building socialism with Chinese characteristics under the guidance of the Communist Party of China and greet the 18th Party Congress with success.

He expressed his belief that the traditional DPRK-China friendship would invariably grow stronger by the joint efforts of the two parties and peoples.

DPRK Will Force Japan to Pay for Blood Shed: KCNA

Pyongyang, May 31 (KCNA) -- It was recently disclosed that the Japanese imperialists hurled the Koreans who were taken to Japan for forced labor to battlefields during World War II, touching off people's resentment.

According to testimony made by the former commander of defense corps of the Imperial Japanese Army, the Japanese imperialists forced the Koreans to dash into the U.S. tanks with explosives on their backs when the U.S. army was landing on Okinawa in 1945. Over 10,000 drafted Koreans were forced to fight against the U.S. army.

This brought to light another segment of the crimes the Japanese imperialists committed against the Korean people last century.

The "Okinawa murder case" was an atrocity committed by brutes without an equal to exterminate the Korean nation and the most

hideous crime against humanity that can hardly be found in the history of the imperialists' aggression.

As already known to the world, tens of thousands of innocent people lost their lives during the U.S. army's landing on Okinawa.

Human scum of political circles including the emperor's family and the military used Koreans as "human shields" to save their dirty lives.

Not content with this, the Japanese imperialists, brutal vampire, forced the Koreans to carry explosives on their backs, pushing them to death.

There are anecdotes in history that slaves were forced to fight with swords and shields in battles. However, the world knows no such barbarians as the Japanese imperialists who offered Koreans "as sacrifice" in battles in a bid to prolong their remaining days in the wake of depriving the Korean nation of its national rights.

The Japanese imperialists, to avenge their defeat, exploded "Ukushima-maru" and buried at sea en masse the drafted Koreans who were working at a factory of the Mitsubishi Heavy Industry Company. This was a height of their moves to exterminate the Korean nation.

This clearly proves once again that Japan is the sworn enemy of Koreans with whom they can never live under the same sky.

What is more enraging is that the Japanese reactionaries are marking desperate efforts to bury their massacre into oblivion of history.

They have put all sorts of unreasonable pressure on a documentary film producer who disclosed the said fact and concealed the truth for two decades since the commander of the defense corps made the testimony.

The crimes against humanity perpetrated by the Japanese imperialists against Koreans are so tremendous that the Japanese reactionaries can hardly cover up their past blood-stained history.

Still resounding through mountains and rivers are the outcries made by those who were mercilessly killed in Japan, island country, at the hands of the Japanese imperialists.

With nothing can Japan hide its crime-woven past.

The Japanese government should honestly apologize for its past crimes and make reparations for them.

The army and people of the DPRK will certainly force Japan to pay thousand-fold prices for all damage it inflicted upon Koreans and the DPRK.

China Issues "Human Rights Record of the US in 2011"

Beijing, May 30 (KCNA) -- The Information Office of the State Council of China on May 25 released the "Human Rights Record of the United States in 2011" in response to the "Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2011" issued by the U.S. State Department.

The China's report said: "The U.S. report is full of overly critical remarks on human rights conditions in nearly 200 countries and regions, as well as distortions and accusations concerning human rights causes in China. However, the U.S. has turned a blind eye to its own woeful human rights situation and remained silent about it."

"The United States' own tarnished human rights record has made it in no condition, on moral, political or legal basis, to act as the world's human rights justice," it stressed.

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Magazine of Koreans in China Releases Its May Issue

Pyongyang, June 1 (KCNA) -- The General Association of Koreans in China (GAKC) released the May issue of magazine "Paektu-Halla" accompanied with a photo of the dear respected Kim Jong Un making a speech at the military parade marking the centenary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung.

It carried the full text of the work of Kim Jong Un "Let's Dynamically Struggle for a Final Victory, Holding Aloft the Banner of Songun".

It also conveyed the news that Kim Jong Un was elected first secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea at the Fourth Conference of the WPK and that he was elected first chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission at the Fifth Session of the 12th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK.

It gave accounts of the meetings, Kimilsungia-Kimjongilia exhibitions, photo and book exhibitions, art performances, remembrance concerts and other colorful functions held by the

GAKC and its affiliated organizations to mark the centenary of the birth of the President.

It carried articles and a poem written by Korean artistes in China on their impressions of the homeland after taking part in the 28th April Spring Friendship Art Festival. Their titles are "We will advance under the wise leadership of the dear respected Kim Jong Un", "Watching military paraders marching in fine array", "Renewing pledge of loyalty" and "In Pyongyang of beautiful motherland".

It carried the statements released by the GAKC and its affiliated bodies condemning the Lee Myung Bak group of traitors for hurting the dignity of the supreme leadership of the DPRK and news of candle-light actions staged in south Korea in protest against the import of American beef and others.

China Condemns US Aggressions and Massacres

Beijing, May 31 (KCNA) -- The "Human Rights Record of the United States in 2011" issued by the Information Office of the State Council of China on May 25 denounced the U.S. aggressions and butcheries in different parts of the world.

China's report said the U.S.-led wars have created humanitarian disasters, although the wars were allegedly waged as "humanitarian intervention" efforts and for "the rise of a new democratic nation," citing the death toll in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Such "American-style massacre" of civilians proved once again the true colors of "constitutional state" and "guardian of human rights" much touted by the U.S., it said.

The U.S. has been pursuing hegemony in the world, grossly trampling upon other countries' sovereignty and capriciously committing human rights violations against other nations, it noted, adding that it appears to be increasingly contributing to international disorder.

China Denounces American-style Democracy

Beijing, May 31 (KCNA) -- The Information Office of State Council of China sharply denounced the American-style democracy in "U.S. human rights record in 2011" issued on May 25.

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The document said that the capitalization of democratic system is getting more severe in the U.S., turning it into a system whereby money is everything.

Recalling that money has already become a card in elections in the American political system, it cited concrete facts to prove it.

It disclosed that 46 percent of the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives of U.S. Congress have properties worth more than a million dollars, adding that for this reason the plan for imposing higher taxes on the circles with higher incomes was rejected at Congress.

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Japan Accused of Evading Settlement of Past: KCNA Commentary

Pyongyang, June 4 (KCNA) -- Japan has not yet committed itself to making apology and reparation for its past crimes.

It is shown by Japan's persistent attempts to take down the monument to comfort women for the Imperial Japanese Army in New Jersey State, United States.

Shortly ago, the Japanese consul general in New York and other Japanese diplomats asked the mayor of a city in New Jersey State to dismantle the monument and proposed an investment of a large amount of money in return for it.

The mayor declined to accept the proposal, bringing Japan into derision in the world eyes.

He said at a press conference that the monument is necessary to make war and violation of human rights not to repeat themselves.

The clan of the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan, however, urged the chief cabinet secretary and the foreign minister to promptly take down the monument.

What is ridiculous is that the foreign minister said "he will try to figure out the best way as there are several alternatives for attaining the purpose".

It is a shameless act indeed.

The ulterior aim behind the Japanese reactionaries' persistent approach to dismantling the monument is to hide the most hideous crimes committed by the Japanese imperialists in the past and shirk their responsibility for settling the past.

The Japanese administrators seem to think they can cover up the past crimes forever by removing the monument.

It is highly ridiculous and foolish for them to think that way.

In the last century, Japan committed big crimes against human beings.

Especially the Japanese imperialists forced lots of women in the regions under their occupation to sexual slavery for the aggressor troops, the most hideous crime against humanity in the world history of wars.

The Samurais of Japan are unheard-of barbarians and human scum as they committed such a hideous crime beyond human imagination based on their abnormal military logic.

It is quite natural for the international community to demand the Japanese government admit the past crimes including the sexual slavery and make sincere apology and compensation for them.

But what is Japan doing?

It has gone to extraordinary length to prevaricate in the matter of its past crimes by deleting the expression "comfort women for the Imperial Japanese Army" from the textbooks for the senior high schools and deceiving the people with crafty farce of making "reparation" with public-raised fund.

This is a challenge to justice and conscience and another crime against the victims.

It is prerequisite for settling the past to make sincere apology and reparation.

It is impossible for Japan to gain something by showing off its money bag without sincere repentance of the past. It will only give birth to second, third monument to comfort women.

It will be beneficial for Japan, too, to settle its past.

Japan's Moves for Reinvasion of Korea Slammed

Pyongyang, June 4 (KCNA) -- Japan is working hard to take part in the joint military drills with the U.S. and Australia slated in the Pacific waters and the U.S.-led joint air force drill due in Alaska.

Minju Joson Monday says in a bylined commentary in this regard:

Japan seeks to turn it into a military power and realize its ambition for overseas expansion at any cost backed by the U.S., its master. Japan's attempt to participate in the military drills proves that the above-said moves are being put into practice in a reckless phase.

The Japanese reactionaries have repeatedly had military confabs while calling for the strengthened military alliance with the U.S. They let the Self-Defense Forces participate in almost all the military drills in the Asia-Pacific region. Japan does not hesitate to make military expenditure running at astronomical figures despite the unprecedentedly difficult economic situation.

Japan's execution of a role as a war servant for the U.S. is meant to open the path of overseas aggression backed by the U.S.

Japan's moves to become a military power and launch reinvasion have gone beyond the danger line. Japan's Ground "Self-defence Force" has turned into powerful force with more than 10 division-size troops capable of fighting an actual war while the Maritime and Air "Self-Defense Forces" have turned into regular forces. This made Japan rank itself among the world's military powers.

What is left to be done by it now is to put into practice its ambition for overseas aggression.

Japan should clearly know that its option of reinvasion will lead to its total collapse.

Japan's ambition for overseas aggression is a pipe-dream.

