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Sun's Rays on Africa

11 years have passed since the demise of great Comrade **Kim Jong Il**, who is a peerless great man and the sun of world progressive people.

As we are in December of yearning, we look back with deep emotion on the devotion shown by Comrade **Kim Jong Il** to the development of friendly relations with African countries.

58 years ago, in October 1964, Comrade **Kim Jong Il** personally met with the members of party and government delegation of the Republic of Mali visiting our country.

After having inquired about their health and accommodations in detail, Comrade **Kim Jong Il** gave valuable teachings on building a new society in Mali. He said the DPRK and Mali are located at different latitudes and longitudes and have different colors and customs, but the peoples of the two countries have same desire to build a new society. He further said, in order to build an independent country free from subordination, one must have the spirit of self-reliance.

The chief aide-de-camp of the president of Mali, after having received the precious teachings from Comrade **Kim Jong Il**, said in excitement that the masters of Mali are the Malians; so the construction of new Mali should be done by the efforts of Malian people; they will take it as their political faith.

In March 1984, when Comrade **Kim Jong Il** heard about the death of Guinean president Sékou Touré who was a man of high repute to be called as “the father of Africa”, he was so sorrowful and made specific arrangements for sending a delegation of mourning.

Moreover, when the Senegalese government requested us to provide assistance for the construction of Monument of the Renaissance of Africa in its country, he dispatched our able technicians to ensure that the monument be completed as the best monument in the African continent as well as the symbol of peace.

Touched by his noble sense of internationalist obligation, the Senegalese president extended his heartfelt thanks to Comrade **Kim Jong Il** in his speech at the unveiling ceremony of the monument held in April, 2010, on the 50th anniversary of the independence.

Reflecting the boundless admiration for Comrade **Kim Jong Il** who gave such sincere support and encouragement to the African countries in their struggle to build a new society, many high-ranking figures of political and social circles in Africa respectfully conferred orders and medals on him and presented gifts to him. Among them is also Didier Ratsiraka, president of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar, who conferred “National Grand Cross Order” 1st Class, the highest order of Madagascar, on Comrade **Kim Jong Il** during his visit to our country in October, 1985.

The immortal feats performed by Comrade **Kim Jong Il** for the development of relations with the African countries will shine brilliantly through generations and centuries, being cherished deep in our hearts.

We will, in the future, too, invariably support the African people in their efforts to reject foreign intervention, achieve national unity, and ensure regional peace and stability, and will make active contribution to strengthening and developing the relations of friendship and cooperation with African countries as required by the new era.

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China Censures Japan’s Dangerous Arms Expansion

The Japanese Prime Minister Kishida ordered a sharp increase in Japan’s defence budget for the 2023-2027 fiscal year. In regard to this, the spokesperson for the Chinese foreign ministry warned that it is very dangerous of Japan to build-up its military forces while making much ado about the tense situation in the region ever so often.

He continued to stress as follows:

In the last ten years, the Japanese government has continued to increase its defence budget. Japan’s such acts compel the neighbouring Asian countries and the

international community to cast strong doubts as to whether Japan can maintain “total defence” and be on the road to peaceful development. Japan should deeply reflect upon its history of aggression, respect the security concerns of neighbouring Asian countries, mind its p's and q's in the fields of military and security, and do more things that are beneficial to regional peace and stability.

Recently, under the pretext of possessing “counterattack capability”, Japan officially announced a plan to mass produce missiles in the range of over 1 000km and expressed its intention to develop long-range and hypersonic missiles, while trying to step up the deployment of high-tech weapons.

At the end of last August, the Japanese defence minister, referring to hypersonic weapons, underlined the need for Japan to not only increase its interception capability but also its counterattack capability. Meanwhile, the Japanese defence ministry said that China's large-scale military drill conducted around the island of Taiwan constitutes a threat to Japan and requested funds for the development and production of over 1 000km-range cruise and hypersonic missiles.

In this regard, China, through its foreign ministry spokesperson, disclosed that Japan, of late, is repeatedly making a big fuss about “threat from China” and spreading a rumour about ballistic missile plans and the growth of so-called counterattack capability. It further noted that these are all manifestations of Japan's ambition to make an excuse for organizing an offensive military force and tread again the old path of military expansion, being unfettered by its peace constitution.

A Chinese military specialist commented as follows:

Japan's attempt to increase an inventory of its long-range cruise missile to over 1 000 on a plea for strengthening “counterattack capability” reveals its intention to possess the capacity to serialize the production of long-range cruise missiles. Japan may even try to manufacture ballistic missiles, nuclear-powered submarines and aircraft carriers which are all restricted and prohibited by the Japanese constitution.

Above-mentioned facts show that China remains vigilant against Japan's reckless arms expansion, regarding it as a grave encroachment upon regional peace and stability.

Confrontational Mania Gets Dangerous

With the Ukrainian crisis dragging on, the politico-military confrontation between Russia and the U.S. and the West is moving towards a more dangerous phase.

It can be proven by the recent remarks of NATO Secretary General. While updating on the Foreign Ministerial Meeting of NATO member states, he stated that the possible delivery of “Patriot” guided missile system to Ukraine is now under consideration.

In this regard, the Vice-Chairman of Security Council of Russia warned NATO that, in case it delivers the U.S.-made “Patriot” system to Ukraine, those will be official targets of the Russian armed forces.

Meanwhile, the European Parliament adopted a resolution which labels Russia as “sponsor of terrorism” in an attempt to tarnish Russia’s external image and internationally isolate it. In this connection, Russian foreign minister scoffed at this saying that only doctors can make comments on such a hysteric decision.

The U.S. and the West are now crying out for an earliest possible end to the bloodshed in Ukraine, but, in fact, they continue to foment the conflict through increased arms assistance to Ukraine and persistent sanctions and pressure against Russia.

Biden administration is planning to include US\$ 37 billion worth’ additional aid fund in the 2023 fiscal year budget. EU states are also escalating the confrontation with Russia while discussing on the issues of continuous military aid to Kiev authorities including anti-aircraft missile and other weapons of all kinds.

Over this situation, the experts on international affairs are commenting that the goal of the U.S. and the West is to drag on the Ukrainian crisis as long as possible so as to weaken Russia’s national power to the maximum and to increase security threat.

The reality vividly shows that the persistent anti-Russia military threat and sanctions and pressure racket of the U.S. and the West are indeed the root causes of undermining the peace and stability of the region.

Independence Against Imperialism – Historical Root of DPRK-DRC Friendship

The coming December 15 is a day which marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

On this meaningful day, we are looking back on the root of friendly tradition between the two countries that has lasted for over half a century.

60-odd years ago, DRC declared its independence after having freed itself from the colonial rule of the West. Right after this, a crisis was created in this country. The legitimate government became completely unable to conduct its normal activities and functions in less than half a year due to the high-handed intervention and aggressive maneuvers of the U.S.

The U.S. persistently schemed to overthrow the Lumumba government which had enjoyed absolute support of the DRC people and turn this country into its colony. At the end of 1960, the U.S. instigated its lackeys into an insurgency and illegally arrested the state leaders including the Prime Minister, Speakers of the Upper and Lower Houses and other patriotic personalities. By marshalling its accomplices, the U.S. committed a gangster-like act of forfeiting the state representative right of DRC in the UN.

Upon hearing this news, President **Kim Il Sung**, a veteran statesman in independent politics against imperialism, gave teachings for the government of our Republic to support and encourage the DRC people in their struggle to end the rule and interference of outside forces and consolidate its independence.

President **Kim Il Sung** maintained his invariable stand that there may be large and small countries in the world, but in no way must there be higher or lower countries, and there may be developed and less developed countries in the world, but in no way must there be countries to dominate or to be dominated.

Following the measure taken by President **Kim Il Sung**, the DPRK Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement and condemned criminal acts of the U.S. and its accomplices in violation of the sovereignty of an independent country and declared our people's will to struggle together with the DRC people against the common enemy.

Like this, under the exceptional attention of President **Kim Il Sung**, the starting point for the historical tradition between the DPRK and the DRC was made, and this

tradition is now being continuously consolidated and developed as required by the new era.

Even in the face of the global health crisis and turbulent international situation, the DPRK and DRC are maintaining communication on a regular basis and making positive efforts to seek close cooperation in the development of the bilateral relations and in the international arena.

We will continue as ever to further strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation with the DRC forged on the road to the independence against imperialism and justice in line with the common aspirations and desire of the two peoples.

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