

## “Mother Hero”



The woman in the photo with a medal of Hero on her chest is Pak Un Jong, Kangdong County, Pyongyang.

Three of her ten children are serving in the Korean People’s Army.

In the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, where women are encouraged to give birth and raise many children, the women enjoy special benefits.

Mrs Pak has the right to receive preferential treatment at any hospital, a right given to all prolific mothers; the state also takes good care of her family in their living.

Many people looked after her when she was hospitalized in the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital; they still do so even after leaving the hospital.

In September this year she was awarded the title of Labour Hero of the DPRK.

In Korea, they are called “Mother Heroes.”