

DPRK Remains Invariable in Its Stand despite Complicated International Situation

What has to be done to remain unaffected by the ever-changing international situation?

Kim Jong Un, President of the State Affairs of the DPRK, clarified the invariable stand of the DPRK government towards the unpredictably complicated international situation as he delivered a policy speech in a session of the Supreme People's Assembly (parliament) on March 23. This is drawing the attention of many around the world. Pundits share the view that although he revealed this stance when referring to the sector of external relations, it runs through the DPRK's social development as a whole.

The DPRK sees that unpredictability is the only predictable future situation in the present world, and is convinced that the surest way to predict future events and provide for unpredictability is to be prepared for everything.

Just to get ready for all, the DPRK has consistently followed a political line of self-reliance, a national development strategy, of believing in its people's strength and relying on it.

The validity of this independent line has been proved again during the past five years. By relying entirely on its own strength, the country laid down foundations for boosting production by successfully carrying out the five-year plan for national economic development, created a new trend of transforming all regions alike in the course of implementing the projects for building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang and dwelling houses in rural areas and pushing the Regional Development 20×10 Policy, and adopted more people-oriented policies.

The US and its allies have taken every opportunity to put across the message that the DPRK will not get prosperous if it does not give up its nukes, but things are going differently. The DPRK's steadfast approach as regards its security interests has set off a remarkable chain reaction in all spheres of governance, including politics, the economy, culture and external relations. According to the DPRK leader's policy speech, during the five-year plan period (2021-2025) for national economic development, the state investment increased 2.4 times in the major economic sectors, more than 8 times in the core sectors, and marked progress was made in economic growth and updating of

technical infrastructure.

Neither has the DPRK refused peace nor neglected in the slightest the efforts to obtain the most reliable means of defending peace proceeding from its most peace-loving stand. As a result, it is now fully poised to respond to whatever options its enemies may choose.

Few would be doubtful about where the DPRK is today.

A nation will remain safe and sound when it adheres to independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in national defence. This is probably how Kim Jong Un reasons.