

Former Anti-Japanese Revolutionary Fighter Laments Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- All the Koreans are in the bitterest grief after hearing the sad news that leader Kim Jong Il passed away of a sudden disease on his way of field guidance, the greatest loss to the nation which came like a bolt from the blue.

Former anti-Japanese revolutionary fighter Hwang Sun Hui who came to Mansu Hill on a wheelchair grieved over the leader's demise, her knees on stone steps. She said: "The news was so unbelievable that I felt as if the sky were falling down.

"I feel my heart would break. The general passed away all of a sudden not in his office or residence but on a running train about which our people talked in tears, on his way of forced march for field guidance to meet soldiers and people.

"I wish I rushed to him and wept bitterly. I want to stand before your statue, calling you in a chocking voice, but you did not allow us to erect your statue. You never allowed any monument to your exploits to be erected.

"You dedicated yourself to President Kim Il Sung, to comrades and people all your life.

"We, members of the first generation of the revolution, feel so regretful for failing to erect your statue." This was her lamentation as it was so regretful for failing to erect his statue as Koreans never thought of Korea without Kim Jong Il even in a dream.

Hwang Sun Hui is an anti-Japanese revolutionary fighter who fought against the Japanese imperialists for the liberation of the country at the risk of her life under the leadership of Kim Il Sung and a loyalist who held Kim Jong Il in high esteem as a central figure for unity and leadership.

People Mourn Demise of Kim Jong Il



Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Officials of party, armed forces and power bodies, working people's organizations, ministries and national institutions, servicepersons of the Korean People's Army and the chief of the Pyongyang Mission of the Anti-Imperialist National Democratic Front expressed profound condolences to the bier of leader Kim Jong Il on Tuesday.

The Kumsusan Memorial Palace, the mourning site, was seized with bitter grief over the loss of the father of the nation who performed immortal revolutionary feats before the country, its people, times and history.

A flag was hoisted at half mast at the palace.

The mourners moved to the mourning place in silence, hardly keeping back their bitter grief and sorrow over the demise of Kim Jong Il as he passed away so suddenly and so early, due to his fatigue pent up during his ceaseless revolutionary activities for the accomplishment of the socialist cause, the country's reunification and victory of the world revolution.

Seen before the bier were shoulder straps of the DPRK Marshal, Kim Il Sung Order, Kim Il Sung Prize, medals of the DPRK hero and labor hero and lots of other orders and medals.

Seen beside the bier was a wreath from Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Kim Jong Un was seen standing guard of honor by the sides of the bier together with members of the National Funeral Committee.

Lining up before the bier were flags of the three services of the KPA and the Worker-Peasant Red Guards. Guards of honor were standing there.

Laid before the bier were wreaths in the name of the WPK Central Committee and the Central Military Commission of the WPK, the DPRK National Defence Commission, the Presidium of the DPRK Supreme Assembly and the DPRK Cabinet.

Also laid there were wreaths in the name of the Ministry of the People's Armed Forces, the Ministry of People's Security, the State Planning Commission, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Supreme Court, the Supreme Public Prosecutors Office, the Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, the C.C., General Federation of Trade Unions, KPA units and others.

Written on the ribbons of the wreaths were letters reading "We Honor the Memory of the Great Leader Comrade Kim Jong Il with Humblest Reverence", "The Great Leader Comrade Kim Jong Il Will Always Be with Us" and "The Great Leader Comrade Kim Jong Il Will Be Immortal".

Officials of party, armed forces and power bodies, working people's organizations, ministries and national institutions and servicepersons paid silent tribute, looking up to the lofty image of Kim Jong Il.

Foreigners Express Condolences to Bier of Kim Jong Il



Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Diplomatic envoys of different countries and representatives of international organizations and the military attaches corps here express condolences to the bier of Kim Jong Il, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission and supreme commander of the Korean People's Army, Tuesday.

The Kumsusan Memorial Palace, the mourning place, was engulfed in the bitter sorrow over the loss of the peerlessly elder statesman, the extraordinary illustrious commander of Songun and the peerless patriot who is revered by all people.

Seen standing by the side of the bier was a wreath sent by Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Kim Jong Un was seen standing guard of honor by the sides of the bier together with members of the National Funeral Committee.

Wreaths were laid in the name of diplomatic envoys, representatives of international organizations and the military attaches corps.

The guests observed a moment's silence before the bier with humblest reverence and went round it.

They expressed deep condolences and sympathy to Kim Jong Un.
He expressed deep thanks for this.
The guests signed the mourners' books.

Message of Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Qatari PM

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, received a message of condolences from Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim Bin Jabr Al-Thani, prime minister of Qatar, on Monday.

The message said:

I want to extend to Your Excellency and the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea my deep condolences and sympathy on the sorrowful demise of HE Chairman Kim Jong Il.

May his soul rest in peace -0-

Message of Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Emir of Qatar

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, received a message of condolences from Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, emir of the State of Qatar, on Monday.

The message said:

On behalf of the people of the State of Qatar and my own behalf, I want to extend to Your Excellency and to your people, our deep condolences and sympathy on sorrowful passing of HE Chairman Kim Jong Il.

May his soul rest in peace. -0-

Koreans in U.S. Mourn Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Federation of Koreans in the United States on Monday released a statement on the demise of Kim Jong Il, chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission.

The statement expressed deep condolences over his demise.

The efforts made by the Chairman to put an end to the national division and achieve the prosperity and reunification of the country and his feats will go down forever in the history of the Korean nation, it said.

The federation sends condolences to the compatriots of the DPRK in the bitterest grief, it added. -0-

Overseas Koreans Express Condolences to Bier of Kim Jong Il



Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Overseas Korean compatriots staying in the DPRK Tuesday expressed condolences to the bier of leader Kim Jong Il.

The Kumsusan Memorial Palace was engulfed in bitter sorrow over the loss of the peerlessly great man who dedicated his all to the accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche, the prosperity of the socialist country, the happiness of the people and the reunification of the country.

Seen standing by the side of the bier was a wreath sent by Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Kim Jong Un was seen standing guard of honor by the side of the bier together with members of the National Funeral Committee.

A wreath was laid in the name of the overseas Koreans staying in the DPRK.

They expressed profound condolences to the bier.

Then they passed on their deep condolences to Kim Jong Un who heartily thanked them for it. -

Message of Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Finnish Party Leader

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, received a message of condolences from Hannu Harju, chairman of the Communist Workers' Party of Finland for the Peace and Socialism, on Monday.

The message said:

We heard shocking sad news that General Secretary Kim Jong Il passed away.

I express deep condolences over the demise of Kim Jong Il on behalf of our party.

He was a great leader who received the deepest trust from the people and the Workers' Party of Korea and the Korean People's Army.

He faithfully carried forward the revolutionary cause of President Kim Il Sung.

He performed distinguished exploits in leading the struggle for reunifying Korea and defending the independence of the country with his peculiar Songun politics, in particular.

Under his wise leadership the socialist construction in the DPRK could overcome all difficulties and advance victoriously.

His undying revolutionary exploits performed on behalf of the Korean people, the international communist movement and the world working class will be handed down to the generations to come and will always receive praises.

All the members of the Communist Workers' Party of Finland for the Peace and Socialism, availing themselves of this opportunity, sincerely wish you good health and greater success in your responsible work for building a prosperous and powerful socialist country.

Please accept our high regards.

Russian FM Mourns Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov visited the DPRK embassy in Moscow on Tuesday to express deep condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

He made the following entry in mourners' book:

"While sharing sorrow with the friendly Korean people, we pay profound homage to Kim Jong Il, chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission. It is our belief that continuity will be given to developing and boosting the traditional Russia-DPRK friendly and good neighborly relations." -0-

Message of Condolences to Kim Jong Un from IJJI Director-General

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, received a message of condolences from Vishwanath, secretary general of the International Kim Il Sung Prize Council and director-general of the International Institute of the Juche Idea, on Monday.

The message said:

Today when we heard the news that the great leader HE Kim Jong Il passed away is the darkest day in this century for us.

He was the man who came down to the earth to serve humankind.

Such a great man is born only once in centuries.

Today we feel ourselves like a child who lost parents.

May his soul rest in peace.

We hope that Your Excellency will give all of us strength to overcome the pain at the irretrievable loss.

Warm tears are now falling down in our hearts like billions of people in the world and the entire Korean nation.

Now the destiny of the Korean nation is in your hand.

We are firmly convinced that you will prove yourself to be the great son of the great father.

Message of Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Governor of Amur Region, Russia

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, received a message of condolences from O. N. Kozhemyako, governor of Amur Region of the Russian Federation, on Monday.

The message said:

Respected Kim Jong Un,

It was with profound grief that I received the sad news of sudden demise of Kim Jong Il, the outstanding leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea who has been respected not only by Russia but by the rest of the world.

On behalf of the government of Amur Region and all inhabitants and on my own behalf I express sincere condolences to the friendly Korean people stricken with great sorrow.

Kim Jong Il made a really important contribution to the development of cooperation between the Far East Region of Russia and the DPRK.

We will never forget the visits of the great leader of the DPRK to Amur Region and the Bureya Hydroelectric Power Station in August 2011 and the friendly dialogue which continued in Pyongyang in October 2011.

It is the basic line of Amur Region for boosting the friendship and cooperation with your country to implement the projects to develop the relations between Amur Region and the DPRK agreed upon in the course of meeting with Kim Jong Il.

As governor of Amur Region I reiterate the invariable will of the leadership of the region to develop multifaceted relations with the DPRK in the future, too.

I express profound condolences to the friendly Korean people once again over the great loss suffered by them.

Message of Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Party Leader of Egypt

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, on Monday received a message of condolences from Wahid Al Uksouri, chairman of the Arab Socialist Party of Egypt.

The message said:

Please accept our regards.

Upon hearing the shocking news that leader Kim Jong Il passed away suddenly from acute heart disease in bitter grief and sorrow, we express our deep condolences to Your Excellency and to the Workers' Party of Korea and all the Korean people.

Kim Jong Il will always live as the great leader who made immortal contributions to the accomplishment of the Korean people's socialist cause and the cause of global independence.

Convinced that the Korean people will surely accomplish the cause of justice under your wise leadership, the Arab Socialist Party of Egypt will as ever continue supporting the Korean people's struggle.

Praying for immortality of Kim Jong Il, we pay our regards to you and the Korean people.

Message of Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Heir Apparent of Qatar

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, received a message of condolences from Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani, vice-emir and heir apparent of the State of Qatar, on Monday.

The message said:

Please accept, Your Excellency, my sincere condolences and sympathy on the sorrowful demise of HE Chairman Kim Jong Il.

May his soul rest in peace.

Cuba Proclaims Period of Mourning for Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- A mourning period of three days was proclaimed in Cuba over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

On Monday, the Council of State of Cuba announced the days from Dec. 20 to 22 as an official period of mourning over the demise of Kim Jong Il, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission.

Flags will be hoisted at half-mast at public buildings and military institutions of Cuba in the period.

Message of Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Son of Chinese Martyr

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, Monday received a message of condolences from Zhang Jinquan, son of Chinese anti-Japanese revolutionary martyr Zhang Weihua.

The full text of the message says:

The younger generations of Martyr Zhang Weihua cannot keep back bitter sorrow upon the shocking news of the regretful demise of leader Kim Jong Il. Thousands of words would not be enough to express our yearning for him.

The death of General Kim Jong Il is a huge loss to not only the Korean people but also the international communist movement.

But, we firmly believe that all the Korean people will achieve bigger victory without fail in building a thriving nation under your wise leadership.

We will be loyal to you as we were to President Kim Il Sung and leader Kim Jong Il and devote our efforts to boosting the China-DPRK friendship and stepping up the socialist revolution and construction in the DPRK true to your leadership.

Canadian Party Leader Expresses Condolences to C.C., WPK

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea Monday received a message of condolences from the national leader of the C.C., Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist).

The message said:

We heard the news of the demise of leader Kim Jong Il, the greatest loss, in bitter grief. The members and activists of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) join you in expressing condolences and, at this time of greatest loss and grief, extend our full support to you.

Message of Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Secretary General of IJI

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, received a message of condolences from Kenichi Ogami, secretary general of the International Institute of the Juche Idea, on Monday.

The message said:

We were planning various congratulatory meetings in the new year full of joy to mark the 70th birthday of the great General Secretary Kim Jong Il.

Juche idea followers of the world were expected to gather in Pyongyang, picturing to themselves 2012 in which the gate to a thriving nation would be opened.

I cannot repress sorrow, greatly shocked by the sad news that Kim Jong Il passed away.

He was very busy with the work to carry forward the revolutionary cause of Juche and make the DPRK a model of the world.

We suffered the sorrow of losing the general secretary too early as he traversed the road of revolution only for the sake of people, not caring for himself.

But he provided a sure guarantee for carrying forward the revolution generation after generation and achieving the final victory of the Juche cause.

We will in the future take the road of Juche forever together with respected Your Excellency Kim Jong Un, successor to the ideas of the great President Kim Il Sung and General Secretary Kim Jong Il.

We express deep condolences over the demise of Kim Jong Il.

Foundation of S. Korea to Dispatch Mourning Group

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- The Roh Moo Hyun Foundation of south Korea clarified that it would send a mourning group, upon hearing the sad news that leader Kim Jong Il passed away.

Expressing condolences over the demise of Chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission Kim Jong Il, the foundation stated that it is important to implement the October 4 declaration provided by him for development of the north-south relations.