

BBC Monitoring International Reports: North Korean radio carries "communiqué" detailing results of labour drive

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["KCNA Communiqué [podo]: Proud Result That Opened an Epoch-Making Phase in Building a Powerful State - 150-day Battle Plan Accomplished at 112 Per cent Nationwide, Industrial Production Increases by 1.2 times Compared to Same Period Last Year, Hundreds of Objects Operational and Under Renovation," issued on 24 September and carried as a single report in the 1100 gmt newscast, repeated at 2100 gmt newscast on 24 Sep and at 0300 gmt on 25 Sep; the most recent "KCNA Communiqué" observed was issued on 8 June 2009 when the **DPRK** Central Court sentenced US journalists to "reform through labour"]

KCNA communiqué

Our army and people highly upheld the banner of the military-first in response to the call of the great party and stormed ahead to achieve a glorious victory in the 150-day battle.

The 150-day battle was the nationwide all-party, all-out offensive [cho'ndangjo'gin ch'onggonggyo'kcho'n], general mobilization battle [cho'ngukkajo'gin ch'ongdongwo'njo'n], and all-people all-out decisive battle [cho'ninminjo'gin ch'onggyo'lsajo'n] for making this year a year of events [pyo'ni nanu'n] unseen before in the history of the fatherland and opening the epoch-making phase in the building of a powerful state while holding up the torch of the new great revolutionary upswing lit up by the great leader [widaehan ryo'ngdoja] Comrade Kim Jong Il [Kim Cho'ng-il].

During this period, the nationwide battle plan was accomplished at 112 per cent due to the devoted struggle of the millions of soldiers and people who possess blazing loyalty and patriotism.

Industrial production increased by 1.2 times compared to the same period last year. Hundreds of objects that will contribute to the country's economic development and improvement of people's lives are operating or were renovated.

The overall economy, including the basic industry sector of the people's economy, developed to a high level, and great upsurge was achieved in production and construction, thereby further strengthening the foundation of the self-supporting industry and opening up the firm outlook for building a wealthy and powerful state.

The proud result achieved in the 150-day battle is the noble achievement brought about by the steel-like will and mature and refined leadership of the respected and beloved Comrade Kim Jong Il, who wishes to open up the gates of the powerful state in 2012 that is the 100th birth anniversary of the great leader [widaehan suryo'ng] Comrade Kim Il Sung [Kim Il-so'ng], and by the indomitable spiritual strength of our army and people that are single-heartedly united around the nerve centre of the revolution.

Great leader Comrade Kim Jong Il pointed out as follows:

Today, under the leadership of the party, our people are vigorously ringing the bugle sounds of the general onward march for hanging up the signboard of a powerful state on our great fatherland and Kim Il Sung Korea and are giving rise to new great revolutionary upswing at all fronts.

Functionaries, party members, and workers, who are loyally upholding the respected and beloved general's military-first revolutionary leadership, displayed remarkable patriotic zeal and bold attack spirit during the battle period while bearing the steel-strong faith that we will do [the work] if the party makes a decision and achieved glorious results in the struggle to occupy the goal of the economically powerful state, which is the last fortress of building a powerful state.

The working class of the four leading sectors advanced in high spirits while opening up the breakthrough of victory at the lead of the new great revolutionary upswing.

A great leap unseen in recent years was made in the metal industry sector. The production of steel, rolled steel, and chuch'e steel [chuch'ech'o'l] leaped by several times compared to the same period last year due to the devoted struggle of the working class that engraved deeply in their hearts the trust of the party which put them at the front of the great battle of building a powerful state and ran on the path of victory while bring about collective innovation from the beginning of the battle.

Steel fighters of Ch'o'llima Steel Complex gloriously accomplished the production plan for steel and chuch'e steel while displaying the mettle of assault fights standing at the vanguard of great upswing. So'ngjin Steel Complex completed the most advanced steel-making method with chuch'e steel, which has special significance in the development of the metallurgy sector, with its own strength and technology, thereby making it possible to constantly increase steel goods production. Hwanghae Steel Complex and Ch'o'ngjin Steel Mill also upheld technical renovation and accelerated production to make a great upsurge.

Miners of Chaeryo'ng [Mine] and U'nryul Mine, who conducted the vigorous offensive to smoothly send iron ore to the steel front, increased the plan accomplishment rate and also worked well at refractory material mines.

Production of electricity, which is the basic power of modern industry, greatly increased.

Electricity producers, with the responsibility of defending the lifeline of economic construction, devoted everything to operate the power plants at full capacity. The working class of Pukch'ang Thermal Power Complex raised electricity production by 1.4 times compared to the same period last year by increasing the number of operating [generators] per power plant and conducting facility management and technology management. Tongp'yo'ngyang, Ch'o'ngch'o'ngang, and Sunch'o'n thermal power plants produced more electricity than planned. Hydroelectric power plants across the country, including T'aech'o'n, So'dusu, Changjagang, and Pujo'ngang power plants, produced results by exerting efforts into water management and leakage intake management.

The coal industry sector upheld the party policy on giving firm priority to excavation and concentrated efforts on major mines to increase coal production by 1.5 times compared to the same period last year. More than 1,200 reserve coal pits were newly prepared and contributed to coal production increase.

Sunch'o'n District Youth Mining Complex realized the modernization of the transportation process and introduced new blast methods and reasonable coal mining methods, thereby digging up ten thousands of tones more coal than the same period last year; and Anju District Mining Complex accomplished the coal production plan by 139 per cent. Mines at To'kch'o'n, Pukch'ang, Tu'kchang, Kaech'o'n, and Kujang districts also raised the hot wind of great upswing and piled up high mountains of coal everyday.

The railway transport sector thoroughly set up the sole control system and more highly [lit up] the flames of struggle to glorify this year, which is the 30th anniversary of the beginning of the 5.18 no-accident, on-time, traction-standard-surpassing movement, with transport increase results, and concluded freight transportation plan at 118 per cent.

Cho'ngju Locomotive Unit accomplished the given tasks at the locomotive units, railway units, and stations, including how it exceeded the no-accident travel goal of 15 million kilometres; and the working class of Kim Chong-t'ae Electric Locomotive Complex and Wo'nsan Railway Vehicle Complex also contributed to freight transportation by bring about innovations in the production and repair of locomotives and passenger and freight trains.

With the pride and honour of being the scouts of industry, prospecting members across the country exerted efforts into the prospecting of coal, iron ore, nonferrous metals, and alloy element metals, and found proposed sites with high prospects for underground resources development and object sites for detailed prospecting. Flames of great upswing vigorously spread at mines in Tanch'o'n District. Functionaries, technicians, and workers of Taehu'ng Youth Hero Mine, who gave great satisfaction to the great general that visited the mine in May by establishing a production system based on our resources and technology and splendidly realizing the chuch'e-orientation of magnesia clinker production, embroidered the days of battle with new feats while bearing the honour of that day. The working class of Ko'mdo'k Mining Complex and Yongyang Mine also brought about great innovations in production while displaying the honour of [being] the on-the-spot guidance units.

The machinery industry sector guaranteed machinery facilities required at various sectors of the people's economy in a timely manner, including how it accomplished the production plan of machine

tools at 126 per cent, power-generators at 114 per cent, electric motors at 122 per cent, and transformers at 120 per cent. Tae'an Heavy Machinery complex made an unprecedented record in the production of power-generating facilities and various plant facilities to send to hydroelectric power plants being built across the country; and the working class of Nagwo'n, Yongso'ng, and Kuso'ng brought about a turnabout in the machinery facilities production, such as oxygen separators, hydraulic excavators, compressors, and machine tools. Extractive machine plants, including Nanam Mining Machine Complex and Cho'nch'o'n Rock Drill Plant, also raised the production results for coal trucks, trams, rock drills, winches, and pumps to a high level.

Plants and enterprises of the chemical industry, such as Namhu'ng Youth Chemical Complex, Hu'nghnam Fertilizer Complex, and 8 February Vinalon Complex, accelerated the gasification object construction and technical renovation and waged the struggle to exceed the highest production level, and thus, increased the production of various chemical products.

The working class of the forestry sector increased log production by 1.5 times compared to the same period last year, and the building-materials industry sector increased cement production by 1.4 times.

The light industry sector exerted efforts into the production of people's consumer goods. Many plants - including Pyongyang Textile Plant, Sinu'iju Textile Plant, Pyongyang Textile Machinery Plant, Kanggye Knitting Plant, Hamhu'ng Disabled Soldiers' Plastic Daily Necessities Plant, Pyongyang Cosmetics Plant, Wo'nsan Glass Bottle Plant, and Ch'o'ngjin Basic Foodstuff Plant - showed examples in plan accomplishment.

Amid the fruitful struggle of the 150-day battle, units including the Ministry of Extractive Industries, Ministry of Machine-Building Industry, Ministry of Electronic Industry, Ministry of Chemical Industry, Ministry of Forestry, Ministry of Land and Marine Transport, Extractive Machine-Building Industry Guidance Bureau, Tideland Reclamation Guidance Bureau, and Salt Industry Guidance Bureau completed the battle plan in August; and more than 1,000 plants and enterprises including Kim Cho'ng-suk Pyongyang Silk Mill, Pyongyang 326 Electric Wire Plant, Yongam Mine, Unhu'ng Mine, Samsu Forestry Station, and Manp'o Spinning Mill displayed the pride of completing the yearly plan in advance.

Functionaries and workers of the agricultural sector tenaciously conducted farming work in line with the demands of the chuch'e-farming method in order to resolve the people's food issue and eating issue with their own efforts by thoroughly implementing the party's line of agricultural revolution. Rice-planting, maize-planting, and weeding were conducted qualitatively at the right season amid the full concentration and general mobilization of all efforts on farming, [amid] the devoted struggle of agricultural workers hoping to achieve a great turnabout in agricultural production, and [amid] the support of the entire nation and all the people, thereby preparing an abundant autumn.

During the period of the 150-day battle, the Hu'ich'o'n speed and the great upswing onward march speed, that amaze the world, were created at construction sites of major objects.

National efforts were fully concentrated on the struggle to complete the construction of Hu'ich'o'n Power Plant by 2012, and the construction was greatly progressed. The soldier constructors, infinitely loyal to the call of the party, swept aside the unprecedentedly difficult obstacles with the new Ch'o'llima speed and Hu'ich'o'n speed based on the revolutionary soldier spirit and made a vigorous struggle, setting the record of fulfilling the task amount, which would take several years [to accomplish] at ordinary times, within only several months.

Ku'myagang, Yeso'nggang, O'rangch'o'n power plants, and Mt Paektu Military-First Youth Power Plant were also able to advance the day of completion due to the constant struggle of the soldiers, constructors, and youth shock brigade members.

Constructors of Taegye Islet Tideland completed the basic construction for the vast nature remaking [chayo'ngaejo], which is no less than the West Sea Floodgate, by overcoming all kinds of trials and working hard with persistent fighting spirit and the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance.

The construction of 100,000 residential houses in Pyongyang made progress under the grand plan for capital construction.

Creations that will strongly consolidate the country's self-supporting economic foundation and contribute to preparing more cultured lives for the people were completed. Yo'ngwo'n Power Plant, which rose up

at the upper side of Taedong River as a grand monumental creation of the military-first era, was completed on 9 June.

Upholding the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung's behest and the great leader Comrade Kim Jong Il's grand nature remaking plan, people's army soldiers and constructors displayed the revolutionary soldier spirit and the struggle spirit of do-or-die implementation of party policy, setting up a large-scale hydroelectric power plant that will greatly contribute to the country's economic development.

Taedonggang Tile Plant, a comprehensive building-materials base that produces various types of high-quality building materials, was newly constructed. Due to the operation of this plant that is based on our materials and fuel, where all processes ranging from materials input to the production and packaging of the goods are modernized, and where production culture is guaranteed at a high level, a material foundation for making it possible to achieve a qualitative leap in the country's construction sector has been firmly solidified.

A new pit at 8 February Chiktong Youth Mine, Yo'ngdae Mine's belt [conveyor] inclined shaft, Ch'o'nma smelting workshop, Wo'nsan Chemical Plant's sealed products workshop, Hu'ngam Youth Power Plant, Namsagang No 2 Power Plant, Namp'o Medical Equipment Plant's syringe workshop, and Tae'an Friendship Glass Factory's heat ray reflection glass production process became operational.

Modern culture halls sufficiently equipped with conditions necessary for art creation, performance activities, and viewing A - including North Hwanghae Province's Art Theatre and Songdowon Youth Outdoor Theatre - were prepared. Creations glorifying the military-first era - including Mansudae Street which will not be inferior even in the distant future and Majo'n Hotel and So'hu'ng Stadium which are enough to boast to the world - were built one after the other, amid the benevolence of the fatherly general who worries about preparing more splendid living conditions for our people.

In line with the demands of the information industry era of the new century, a turnabout has been achieved in the work to modernize plants and enterprises. 11 May Smeltery has been renovated and expanded as a stylish smeltery with no defects in any aspect and as yet another exemplary unit of the military-first era. Kujang Fish Farm realized the modernization and scientificization [kwahakhwa] of fish farming processes with its own strength based on newest science and technology, and opened up the firm prospect for rapidly increasing fresh-water fish production by expanding its capacity. Following the example of Samilp'o Specialty Plant, various provinces newly constructed comprehensive foodstuff processing plants based on their own material sources and equipped with modern facilities or made results in renovating the plants.

The torch of the great revolutionary upswing also vigorously burned not only in the economic front but also in the culture sector, including [sectors] of science, education, public health, literature and art, and sports.

Overflowing with the dignity and pride of making our country majestically enter the ranks of satellite launching countries by launching the artificial earth satellite "Kwangmyo'ngso'ng-2" with their own strength and technology, scientists and technicians seized self-reliance and science and technology as the precious sword of sure victory and occupied the fortresses of up-to-date technology. The CNC-"Yo'nha Machine," which the great general highly evaluated, and the CNC machine tool industry that appeared before the world like a comet vigorously displayed the spirit of the military-first Korea which exceeds up-to-date [technology] and dashes ahead towards a powerful state.

Members of scientist and technician shock brigades and members of technical innovation shock brigades at plants and enterprises across the country presented countless scientific inventions during the battle period and realized more than 9,000 cases of technical innovation plans.

Writers and artists brought about a new upsurge in the creation of literature and art of the military-first era, like that time of waging the literature and art revolution in the 1970s.

Many literature and art works - including masterpieces such as art film White Gem, parts 1 and 2, and Country I Saw, parts two and three - were created and completed.

The glorious victory of the 150-day battle clearly proves the greatness of the respected and beloved Comrade Kim Jong Il's military-first revolutionary leadership.

The great general initiated the historic 150-day battle, brightly clarified the tasks and methods to accomplish, and wisely led [the people] to achieve grand creations and innovations under the revolutionary slogans, May the Entire Party, Entire Army, and All the People Become Honourable Victors in the 150-day Battle, and Everything for the Victory of Great Upswing.

Even during the battle period, the respected and beloved general gave on-the-spot guidance to countless units while moving around from the long distances of the battle line to all over the country.

The partisan-style on-the-spot guidance forced march of the respected and beloved general - who inspected people's army units on the spot, [moved] from the East Sea district to the West Sea district and from the country's northern part to the middle part to constantly visit revolutionary relics, plants, rural areas, construction sites, schools, and scientific research bases - was the motive power of great victory that gave infinite strength, pluck, and courage to the soldiers and people who set out in the 150-day battle, opened up the road ahead of the struggle, and poured faith and love.

In particular, the passionate benevolence of the respected and beloved general, who watched the commemorative performance of the Merited State Choir and revolutionary opera Flower Selling Maiden with the working class of the metal industry sector and relevant sectors on the occasion of May Day and who prepared the magnificent fireworks soiree and grand commemorative banquet, encouraged the workers in the entire country towards creating new feats.

The great general gave guidance so that functionaries can become ventilators at all battle sites and so that party members can raise the vanguard roles and make the hot wind of the new great revolutionary upswing blow vigorously.

Our army and people, endlessly inspired by the respected and beloved general's peerless patriotic devotion and great leadership, fully displayed the might of single-hearted unity of having firmly united around the nerve centre of the revolution and further increased the assets of the military-first fatherland during the days of the 150-day battle.

Through the struggle of do-or-die implementation, the conviction of the millions of soldiers and people - who deeply kept in their hearts as a philosophy that [they] will surely achieve victory even when [they] continue the 150-day battle to a 1,500-day battle if the great Comrade Kim Jong Il exists and that the future of Kim Il Sung Korea is eternally brilliant - became stronger by a hundred fold.

The working class, agricultural workers, and intellectuals, who made the paean of proud victory ring out in the entire country by responding to the party's militant appeal with great innovations and great leap, are filled with the zeal to display the honour as victors in also the 100-day battle to make this year a year of change [cho'nbyo'n] noteworthy in the history of building a powerful state.

Loyally upholding the great party's military-first revolutionary leadership, our army and people will build a powerful socialist state on this land with the new great upswing onward march speed and Hu'ich'o'n speed created by infinite spiritual strength and glorify the military-first Korea to the world.

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