

African Countries' Struggle for Economic Self-sufficiency and Sovereignty

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Respected President Kim Il Sung authored the Juche idea and Chairman Kim Jong Il applied it in all fields of the state activities and thus the Democratic People's Republic of Korea emerged as a state that supports and defends peace and independence and solidarity between the peoples. Accordingly, the guiding principles of the Juche idea serve as the universal ones which can be applied in all social environments and enable all the people to throw off fetters of ignorance and darkness. Africa which had suffered from contradictions of defence of enslavement system, colonization and neo-colonialism for decades, came to know this new ideology in the DPRK. Some progressive figures in Africa have made every possible effort to study and disseminate the Juche idea and apply this ideology in African countries since nearly 40 years ago.

Thanks to the efforts of directors and the national committees, the African Regional Committee for the Study of the Juche Idea is systematized and expands the sphere of its activities. As a result, numerous African people, in particular, the young people recognize their role as the makers of history and struggle to free themselves from the fetters of "object" which the imperialists make desperate efforts to bind in.

Bloods shed by such patriotic African leaders as Patrice Emery Lumumba, Amilcal Cabral and Thomas Sankara were not in vain. Their struggle for independence, freedom and development become the seed sprout through generations in minds of the young people who are aware that the African people must be masters of their own and create their happiness independently. These younger generations in Africa are desirous of learning more profound knowledge but fail to realize their desire owing to numerous obstacles of the neo-colonial structural system remaining

still in Africa. More and more African leaders courageously condemn the neo-colonial acts of weakening efforts of the African people. President Idriss Deby was assassinated in Chad because he revealed the constant neo-colonial acts made by the French government in contrast to cooperation with China and Russia, and the deceptiveness of data about the Djihad terrorist group. President Alpha Conde showed some practices of transparency in state affairs, but he was denounced because he opened door of the country for cooperation with People's Republic of China, Turkey and other countries. As soon as the present Malian tentative president has recognized that it was necessary to rely on the Russian security forces in order to drive out the Djihad forces from Mali, it is in a conflict with France. Prior to these events, the Libyan president Muammar Gaddafi, who was overthrown by the French and British armed forces, was killed despicably and brutally as he had planned a large scale action for communication and infrastructure on a continental scale for the purport of liberating the African people from series of neo-colonial restrictions. Such instances can be cited more. Heroic deeds and actions of the African leaders cause sensations among the African younger generations.

All of these show the zeal of majority of young people in Africa who are now fighting for true political and economic independence and sovereignty of their countries.

It was hinted by the France-Africa Summit Meeting in Montpellier recently held in France at the suggestion of the French president Emmanuel Macron. No African leader but the African youth delegations from several countries attended the meeting. Attending the meeting with intelligence, conviction and courage, the African young people made clear their view that it was the time for the French government to stop infiltrating and exploiting colonial acts and promote intercultural cooperation and dialog of mutual profit. Thanks to remarkable efforts made, prior to this, by the young people in the region of the African Financial Community, pressure has been given to the state leaders affiliated with the community so as to incite them to bring the state finances out of the region and hold a negotiation with France in accordance with expectations of the people. The negotiation is now under way.

2.

Formation and development of daily increasing consciousness that they are

masters of their own among the African people, are now suffering from difficulties owing to the outdated cultural and structural system left a lot in the African communities.

In the field of culture, the African leaders still fail to advance policies that accord fully to mental conditions of the African people. The current education policies do not accord with the history and concrete realities of the African countries, all joint activities that had been regarded as a basic value of society in the past are being corroded and everything sacred becomes not sacred.

In view of the structural aspect, concept of democracy fails to come to the fore as a value of civilization in the African society. It is important not to dramatize democracy in Africa as the concept of other foreign big powers but to apply it in keeping with the African culture. State structures or constitutions governing us, the African countries, are influenced by other countries and neo-colonialism, which is why our mechanisms are weak.

3.

It is difficult to hasten consistently the Pan-African Movement as long as some fundamental principles are applied in all stages by the united efforts of the Juche idea researchers and the core leaders and more significant activities of the African young people for Pan-Africanism.

The Juche idea authored by President Kim Il Sung and developed by the President and Chairman Kim Jong Il serves as a milestone of the excellent policies being enforced by the DPRK.

Following different indispensable fundamental principles should be adhered to in order to enforce the policies in Africa with success.

Firstly, it is necessary to pay primary attention to the people's demand.

If the people do not follow the plans of the leader, it is impossible to conclude any political and economic struggle. The African leaders should direct efforts to the promoting of the social fairness, correct politics and patriotic education for new technologies. They should also pay due attention to the youth question as said by the President and the Chairman about *Believing in People as in Heaven*. It is an ideal that General Secretary Kim Jong Un maintains to strengthen the driving force of a powerful socialist country in all aspects.

In most African countries the gap between a handful of the rich and the majority of the poor gets wider due to the inequality in dividing social wealth. Contacts should be made between the leaders and the people. Planned policies should be enforced to develop all regions.

Secondly, it is necessary to promote state economy by enlisting all human resources in construction. The economy in the African countries is weak and dependent because currency needed in its development is mainly dependent on the foreign investment. Financial resources needed in developing the African countries should be produced fundamentally by the countries themselves. Inspiring measures of a government to support proposals of vitalizing the state small and medium enterprises of the country and developing local areas will bring production and circulation of state resources favorable for all people. Such measures will encourage scientific and technological studies and positively stimulate development activities so as to enable the peasants in remote areas to have resources necessary for good life.

Thirdly, the African leaders should have a proper understanding of policy of the genuine self-defence capabilities.

It is difficult to defend oneself properly with other's weapons. Africa should grope for a suitable way for defending itself and the African people will accept this challenge if their leaders do not disturb them but make them do so. Experience of building self-defensive armed forces of the Mai-Mai (Tr.: any kind of community-based militia group active) in the DRC eloquently shows ability of the African people. In the period of 1998-2000, the armed forces successfully defeated the foreign regular armed forces equipped with better weapons. However, such efforts went for nothing. The African leaders are getting overheated in the import of weapons manufactured abroad and the training of their officers in big countries. It is untrustworthy to maintain independence in politics and the economy if the security forces fall into hands of neo-colonialist big powers.

Fourthly, tendency that many African leaders prove their patriotism not in practice but with words.

The working masses are deceived because the nationalist speeches are just the opposite of everyday life. Social inequality increases and state funds are wasted owing to embezzlement, corruption and all sorts of usurpation.

4.

It is important to vigorously promote the study of the Juche idea through the education of the young people. What is important here is that attention should be paid to the suitable ideological and technical education of the working people and the improvement of their living conditions. The stereotyped policy of donating something to have-nots should be replaced with the policy providing every citizen with privilege of their rights.

In conclusion, the African countries should consider again their philosophy of independence, the philosophy of development with innovative methods in the struggle for economic independence and sovereignty of their countries. In order to root out everything that seriously hinders freedom and development, it is important to acquire and apply the Juche idea in practice in keeping with concrete conditions of the African countries.

The young people in Africa are ready to build an independent and prosperous Africa in close unity with other peoples and nations in the world. Africa will challenge to develop Africa.