



Ri Ul-sol

Current positions:

Marshal, Korean People's Army

Member, Central Committee, KWP

Member, Central Military Commission, KWP

Honorary Director and Member, Guard Command, State Security Department

Delegate (deputy), 12th SPA (Representing Electoral District 1)

Ri Ul-sol managed the late DPRK President Kim Il-sung's personal security, and continued in this role under Kim Jong-il. Marshal Ri retired as the director of the State Security Department, and commanding officer of the Guard Command. Ri Ul-sol is said to have assumed the role of surrogate father to Kim Jong-il and Kim Kyong-hui when Kim Il-sung married and began a family with Kim Song-ae.

Born: 1921, Songjin, North Hamgyong Province

Education:

possibly trained in Vladivostok (at the Okeanskaya Field School) or in Khabarovsk

Frunze State Military Academy (then known as the RKKA Military Academy), Russia

Positions held:

late 1930's: (circa) member and soldier of the United Army (a partisan in Kim Il-sung's unit)

1948: (August) Regiment commanding officer, Korean People's Army

1950: (July) Chief of Staff, Fourth Division, KPA

1951: (April) Commanding officer, 3rd Regiment, 15th Division, KPA

1957: (March) Promoted, Major General, KPA
Division Commander, KPA

1962: (October) Promoted. Lieutenant General, KPA
Commanding officer, 5th Army Corps
Delegate (Deputy), 3rd SPA

1968: (March) Commanding officer, 1st Army Corps, KPA

1970: (November) Member, Central Committee, KWP

1972: (February) Promoted, Colonel General, KPA
Commanding officer, 5th Army Corps, KPA

1975: (March) Chair, South Hamgyong KWP Provincial Committee

1980: (October) Member, Central Military Commission

1982: (April) Awarded, Order of Kim Il-sung
(October) Deputy Commander, Guard Command (Bodyguard/Escort Bureau)

1984: (August) Director, State Security Department

1985: (April) Promoted, General, KPA

1986: (November) Delegate (deputy), 8th SPA

1990: (April) Delegate (deputy), 9th SPA
(May) Member, National Defense Commission

1992: (April) Promoted, Vice Marshal, KPA,
Awarded, title, Double Hero

1994: (July) Member, Kim Il-sung Funeral Committee (#77)

1995: (February) Member, O Jin-u Funeral Committee (#73)
(October) Promoted, Marshal, KPA

1996: (February) Commanding officer, Guard Command

1997: (April) Awarded, Labor Hero and Order of the National Flag, 1st Class

1998: (July) Delegate (Deputy), 10th SPA (Electoral District 583)
(September) Member, National Defense Commission

2003: (September) Delegate (deputy), 11th SPA

2009: (April) Delegate (deputy), 12th SPA (Representing Electoral District 1)

In the August issue of *Korea*, a KWP-published magazine targeted to an international audience, Ri Ul-sol contributed a maudlin essay about the Triumphal Arch monument in Pyongyang and a testimonial to the late DPRK President Kim Il-sung.