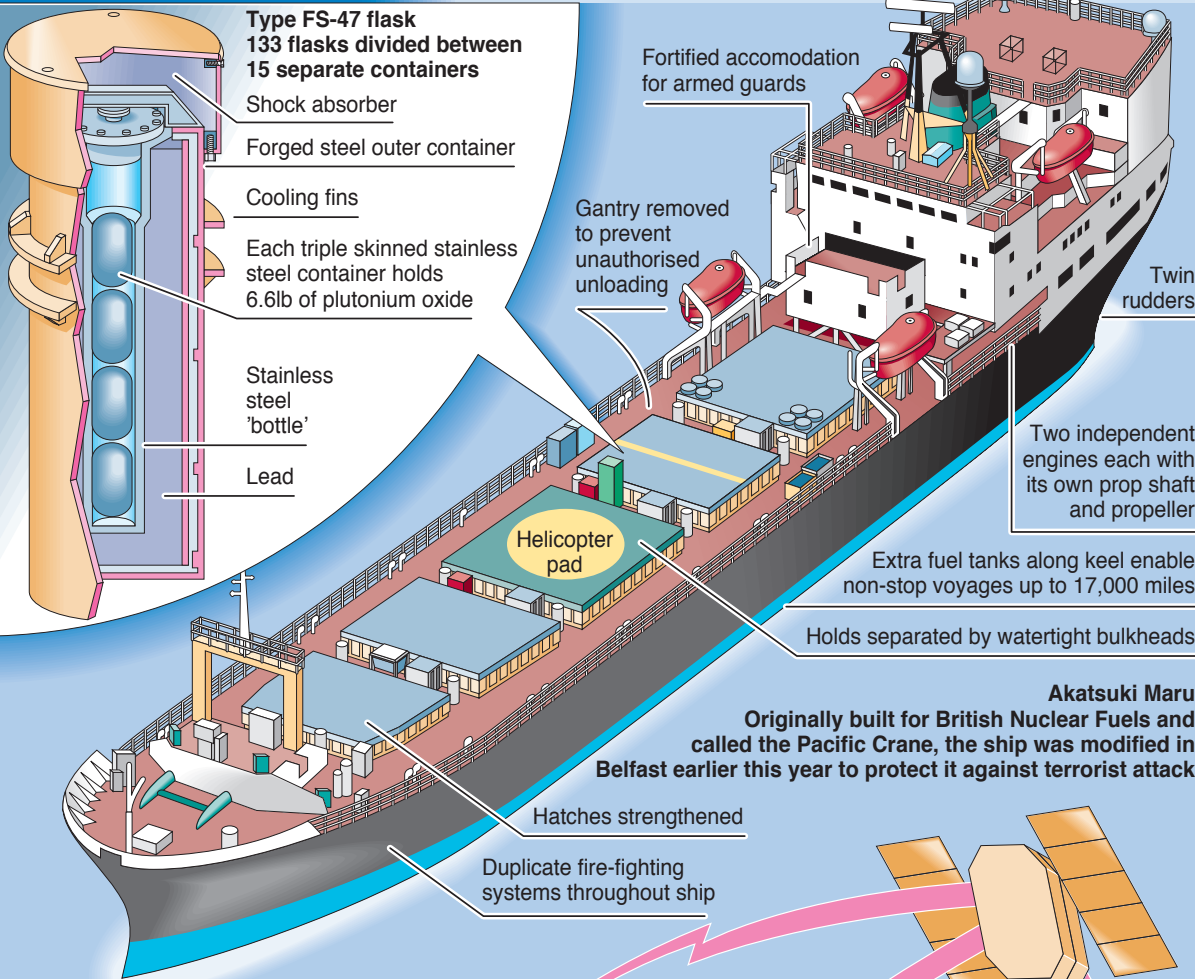


# Japanese ship set for stormy voyage

The shipment of 1.7 tonnes of plutonium from France to Japan aboard the Akatsuki Maru will be conducted under conditions of utmost security, yet environmentalists claim that safety precautions are still inadequate for the 17,000 mile journey



## Akatsuki Maru

Originally built for British Nuclear Fuels and called the Pacific Crane, the ship was modified in Belfast earlier this year to protect it against terrorist attack

