Deployment of U.S. and British forces

Whiteman AFB: **B-2 stealth bombers on standby to fly nonstop flights to targets in Afghanistan.** Each B-2 can drop sixteen 2,000lb precision-guided bombs or eight 5,000lb "bunker-busting" bombs

Turkey, Incirlik: **U.S. Air force** – 1,400 personnel. **Aircraft** – F-15, F-16, EA6B, KC-135, E3B/C AWACS (airborne warning and control system). **RAF** – 4 Jaguar ground attack aircraft, 2 VC-10s

Diego Garcia: **British Indian Ocean island is probable base for B-52 bombers ordered to the region.** Pre-positioned heavy military equipment, including water, fuel and weapons, to equip an Army brigade

Japan: ***USS Kitty Hawk*** **aircraft carrier with 75 warplanes believed to be heading to Indian Ocean**

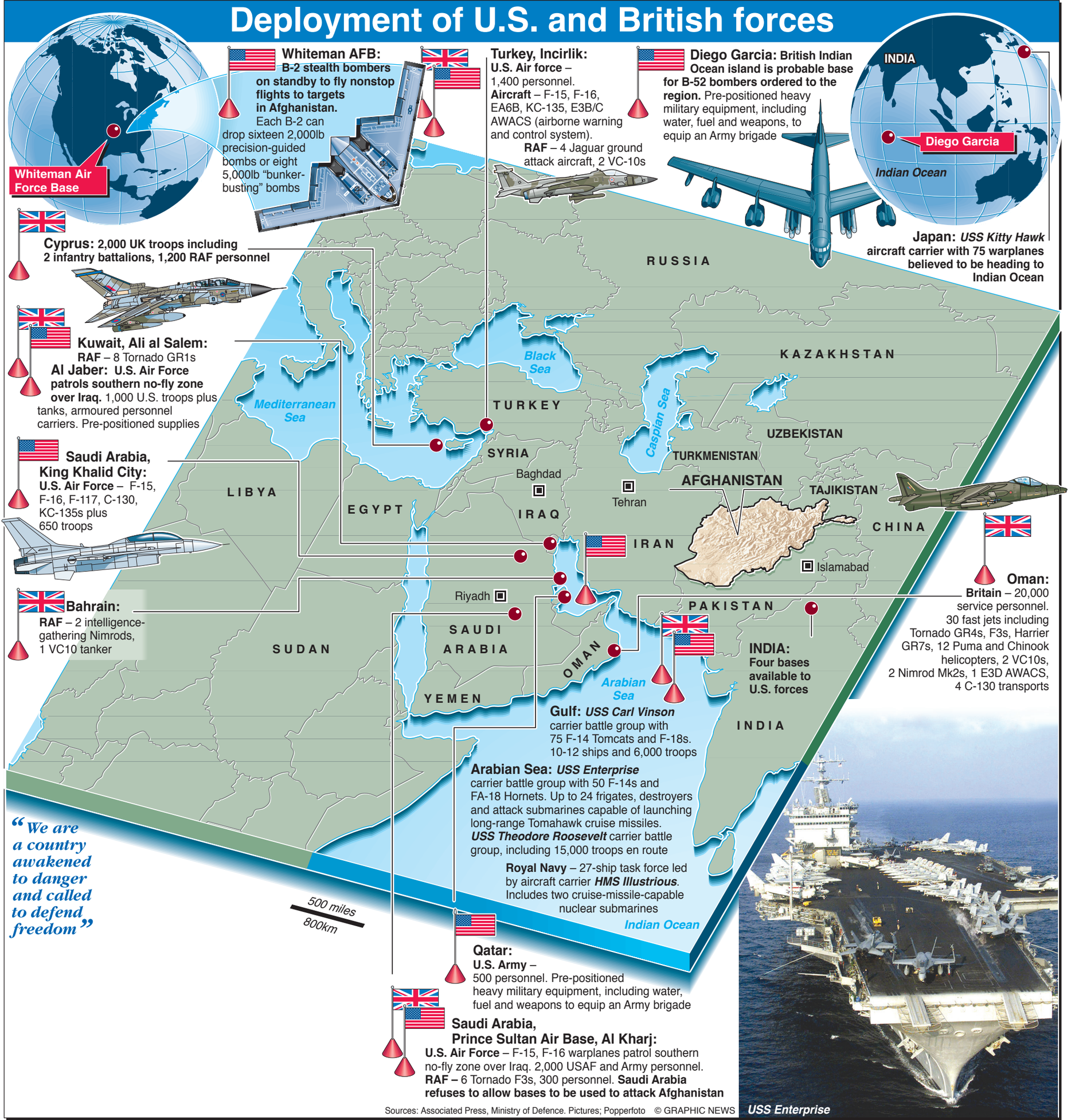
Cyprus: **2,000 UK troops including 2 infantry battalions, 1,200 RAF personnel**

Kuwait, Ali al Salem: **RAF** – 8 Tornado GR1s

Al Jaber: **U.S. Air Force patrols southern no-fly zone over Iraq.** 1,000 U.S. troops plus tanks, armoured personnel carriers. Pre-positioned supplies

Saudi Arabia, King Khalid City: **U.S. Air Force** – F-15, F-16, F-117, C-130, KC-135s plus 650 troops

Bahrain: **RAF** – 2 intelligence-gathering Nimrods, 1 VC10 tanker



Oman: **Britain** – 20,000 service personnel. 30 fast jets including Tornado GR4s, F3s, Harrier GR7s, 12 Puma and Chinook helicopters, 2 VC10s, 2 Nimrod Mk2s, 1 E3D AWACS, 4 C-130 transports

INDIA: **Four bases available to U.S. forces**

Gulf: ***USS Carl Vinson*** carrier battle group with 75 F-14 Tomcats and F-18s. 10-12 ships and 6,000 troops

Arabian Sea: ***USS Enterprise*** carrier battle group with 50 F-14s and FA-18 Hornets. Up to 24 frigates, destroyers and attack submarines capable of launching long-range Tomahawk cruise missiles. ***USS Theodore Roosevelt*** carrier battle group, including 15,000 troops en route

Royal Navy – 27-ship task force led by aircraft carrier ***HMS Illustrious***. Includes two cruise-missile-capable nuclear submarines

"We are a country awakened to danger and called to defend freedom"

Qatar: **U.S. Army** – 500 personnel. Pre-positioned heavy military equipment, including water, fuel and weapons to equip an Army brigade

Saudi Arabia, Prince Sultan Air Base, Al Kharj: **U.S. Air Force** – F-15, F-16 warplanes patrol southern no-fly zone over Iraq. 2,000 USAF and Army personnel. **RAF** – 6 Tornado F3s, 300 personnel. **Saudi Arabia refuses to allow bases to be used to attack Afghanistan**

USS Enterprise

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