

Greece hosts greatest security show on earth

Olympic security has cost a record 1.6 billion euros, more than three times what was spent on Sydney 2000. NATO forces are deployed, missile batteries stand ready to down rogue aircraft, and a U.S.-built command centre co-ordinates the efforts of 70,000 police and soldiers



1 NATO: Airborne warning and control system – **AWACS** – surveillance planes can detect suspicious aircraft and intercept communications more than 320km away

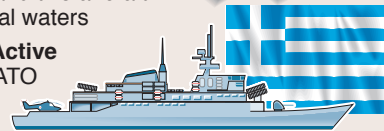
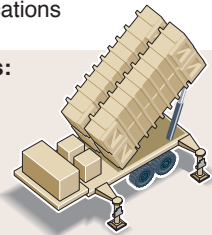
2, 3, 4 Air defence systems:

Two **Patriot** missile batteries at Thessaloniki, three batteries around Athens and one on Aegean island of **Skryos**

5 Greek Navy: 35 ships, 10 helicopters and two aircraft patrolling coastal waters

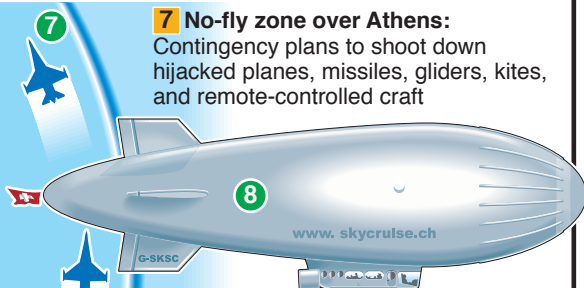
6 Operation Active Endeavour: NATO

submarine and 11 warships working with ships of **U.S. Sixth Fleet** to patrol international waters and shipping lanes



7 No-fly zone over Athens:

Contingency plans to shoot down hijacked planes, missiles, gliders, kites, and remote-controlled craft



8 Blimp: 61-metre **Skyship**, mounted with high-resolution cameras to monitor major roads and areas near venues for 16 hours a day at cost of 2m euros

9 Vehicle checks: Two 5.68m-euro mobile gamma ray scanners – on loan from U.S. Customs – to detect explosives, guns, or people hidden in cargo

Gamma ray beam can penetrate 152mm of steel

10 Piraeus harbour: 13,000 visitors will sleep aboard docked cruise ships, protected by frigate, sensors on ocean floor and armed frogmen

11 Bio-attack: 100-strong NATO battalion to deal with chemical or biological attacks. Border officials equipped with radiation detectors

12 Surveillance: Some 300 street cameras, 1,200 hidden closed-circuit TV cameras, 12 surveillance vans and three helicopters feed images and sound into 253m-euro emergency communications system

