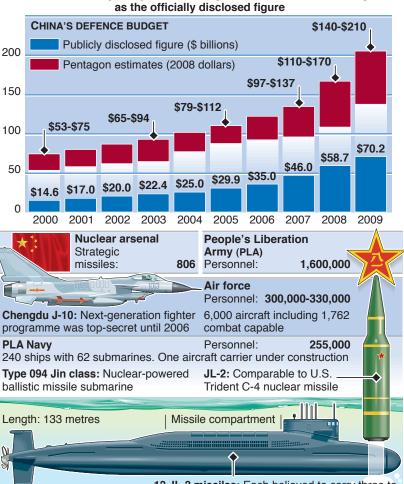
China to boost military spending

China says its military budget will grow to \$70.24 billion in 2009 – a "modest" 14.9% rise on last year. The actual level of spending is hotly debated, with many analysts estimating it is two to three times as great as the officially disclosed figure



Third and fourth Jin class boats under construction

12 JL-2 missiles: Each believed to carry three to six warheads or single warhead with yield of up to one megatonne. Range of about 8,000km