China defence budget slows China says its military spending

will increase by 7.5% in 2010 – the first time in more than two decades that the defence budget growth has dipped below 10%

Publicly disclosed 70.3 7.5 figure (\$ billions) 140 % increase over 57.2 previous 17.6 vear 29.9 45.0 126 178 22.4 25.0 35.3 9.6 11.6 15 17.0 20.0 17.7 176 14.6 12.6 2004 2006 2008 2003 2001 2005 2007 2009

Defence budget 2010: \$77.9 billion Many analysts think actual spending is far higher than published amount

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