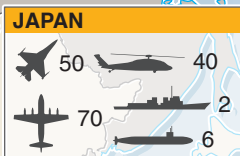
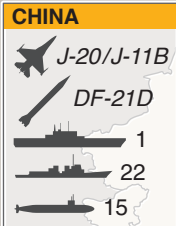


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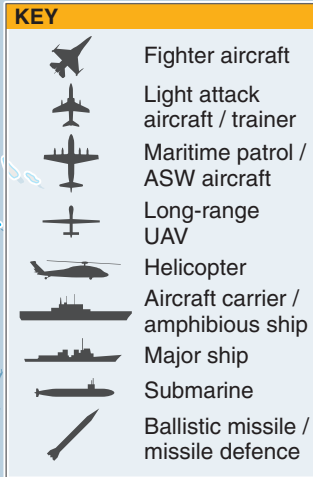
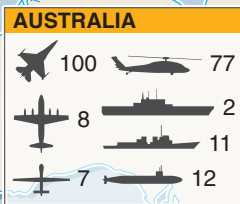
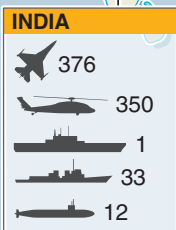
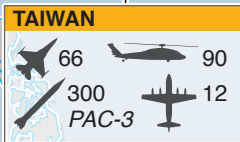
China's rapid military growth is fuelling a spending spree among neighbours anxious to keep pace with the regional superpower

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China's first stealth fighter – the **J-20** – was unveiled in January, years ahead of Western predictions

Also this year, China is deploying **DF-21D** anti-ship ballistic missiles and its first aircraft carrier



Navies are investing in relatively cheap submarines to counter China's expansion

CURRENT STRENGTH	China	India	S. Korea	Indonesia	Taiwan	Japan	Singapore	Australia
Total personnel	2,285,000	1,325,000	687,000	302,000	290,000	230,300	72,500	54,747
Main battle tanks	6,550	4,047	2,810	0	926	880	196	149
Combat aircraft	1,907	655	498	96	509	340	104	109
Major surface ships	80	45	47	30	26	52	12	12
Submarines	65	16	13	2	4	16	4	6
2010 defence budget	\$78bn	\$32bn	\$26.5bn	\$5.3bn	\$9.3bn	\$57bn	\$11.5bn	\$21.3bn