

Pentagon calls for slimmed-down military

President Barack Obama has announced a new defence strategy to create a leaner U.S. military – concentrating on Asian security risks and taking a back seat in Iraq and Afghanistan – as the Pentagon prepares to make \$487 billion in spending cuts over the next decade

CHANGES IN U.S. STRATEGY

Doctrine: Instead of being able to fight two wars at once, U.S. would only be capable of fighting one war while deterring an aggressor elsewhere

Intelligence, surveillance and counter-terrorism

More funding for drones, special operations forces and cyber warfare

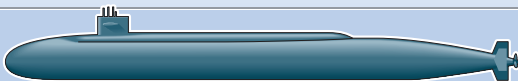
Europe: U.S. has 80,000 troops. Plan would reduce U.S. Army combat brigades by half – up to 10,000 troops

Asia/Pacific
U.S. forces to be strengthened due to worries over China's military growth and North Korea



Middle East: U.S. to work with regional allies to maintain security and counter threat from Iran. Less priority for counter-insurgency operations in Afghanistan and Iraq

Troop numbers: Army and Marine Corps personnel cut by 10-15 percent – loss of between 76,000 and 114,000 troops



Nuclear arsenal: Could be reduced, possibly by cutting number of nuclear-armed submarines