## Japan considers intercepting N. Korean rocket Japan has ordered missile defence systems to be prepared in response to the planned launch of a North Korean long-range rocket in mid-April Taepodong-2 Sohae Launch base: Launch expected RUSSIA to involve Taepodong-2 or modification Warhead of long-range missile tested in 2009 payload: 650kg Length: 35.0m CHINA Diameter: 2.1m Beijing N. KORFA Launch weight: P'vongvang 64.000ka 回 Range: S. KOREA ۷Π 6.000km JAPAN Seoul Tokyo ก PACIFIC **OCEAN Fast** China Japanese PAC-3 and Sea Aegis quided-missile destrovers deployed near island of Okinawa 조 NORTH 1 Danger zone 1: Rocket KOREA Kinetic first stage due to fall in Taipei warhead Yellow Sea (West Sea) Hong TAIWAN Danger zone 2: Second Kong stage 190km east of South China northern Philippines Sea STANDARD MISSILE 3 ▣ Manila Designed to intercept PHII IPPINES ballistic missiles Length: 6.5m 500km Range: 500km KONGO CLASS GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYER

 Length
 161m
 Top speed
 30 knots
 Sources: Global Security, International Maritime Organization

 Displacement
 9,500t
 Crew
 300
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