

# India and China in Himalayan arms race

An arms race is taking place on the roof of the world, with India and China racing to improve their defences in the Himalayan mountains. The nuclear-armed rivals remain deadlocked over border disputes despite attempts at a peaceful resolution



**CHINA:** 300,000 troops in and around region.

Forces could mobilize quickly in event of border dispute, using Tibet's newly-built road infrastructure, railway and airfields



**INDIA:** Has sent 60,000 troops to bolster 120,000 already in region, plus two **Sukhoi Su-30** fighter squadrons with **BrahMos** cruise missiles. Principal military supply route through Arunachal Pradesh is largely dirt track

China has placed medium-range **Dongfeng 21** ballistic missiles along its border with India

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