

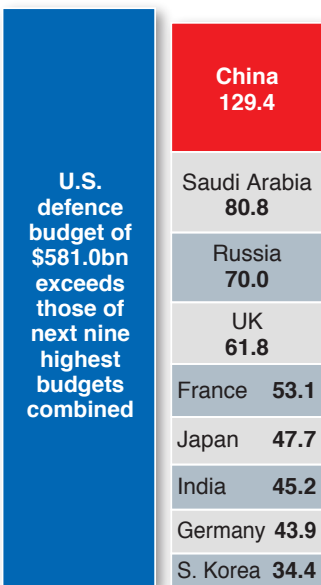
# China to boost military budget by 10 percent

China's official military budget will grow by about 10 percent in the coming year, according to a top government official, amid unease among Beijing's neighbours about its growing might and territorial ambitions

## CHINA'S PUBLICLY DISCLOSED DEFENCE BUDGET\*



## TOP 10 DEFENCE BUDGETS IISS data, 2014 (\$ billions)



## POSSIBLE EXPENDITURE

■ **General:** Modernising and improving conditions for 2.3 million-strong **People's Liberation Army**. Production of advanced weaponry. Greater pay for officers to combat corruption

■ **Navy:** First indigenous aircraft carrier reportedly being built – due to become China's second carrier, entering service around 2020. Expansion of submarine fleet and anti-submarine capability

■ **Air and space:** Development of stealth fighter jets. Money also likely to go into satellites and cyber capabilities

