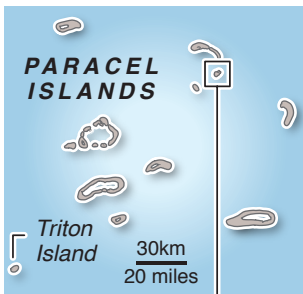
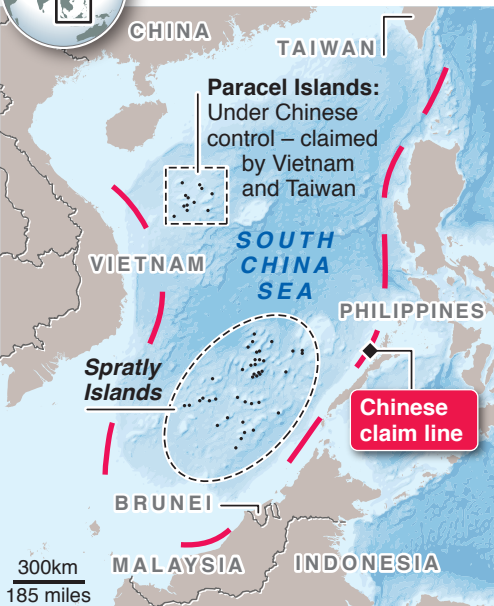


China deploys missiles on disputed island

China has deployed an advanced surface-to-air missile system on a disputed island in the South China Sea, dramatically ratcheting up tensions in the region



HQ-9 SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE SYSTEM: Chinese-made mobile system equivalent to Russian S-300 SAM

Length: 6.8m Range: 200km
Speed: Mach 4.2 (1,440m/sec)
Flight ceiling: 27km

Guidance system:
Inertial guidance with mid-course update and terminal active radar homing

