

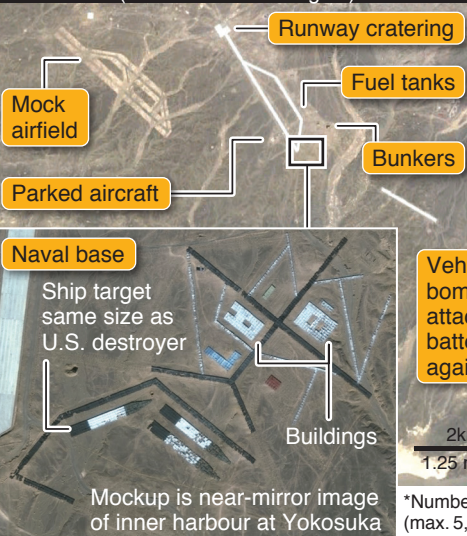
China missile threat to forward U.S. bases

U.S. bases in the Asia-Pacific region could be vulnerable to a pre-emptive Chinese missile strike, and satellite images suggest Beijing is practising for attacks against a range of targets at a test site in western China

CHINESE MISSILE RANGES (maximum)



TEST SITE (Possible missile targets)



CHINA'S ARSENAL*

Conventionally-armed missiles, accurate to within 5m, could hit targets in minutes

SRBM	1,200
MRBM	108-274
LACM	450-1,250

Vehicles hit by cluster bombs could simulate attack on U.S. Patriot batteries – main defence against Chinese missiles

2km
1.25 miles

*Number of intermediate-range (max. 5,000km) missiles unknown

