

China challenges Western dominance

Chinese military technology is reaching “near-parity” with the West and western dominance in advanced military systems can no longer be taken for granted, reports the International Institute for Strategic Studies



PL-10 missile: 5th-generation short-range infrared homing air-to-air missile for China's new **Chengdu J-20** stealth fighter



J-20

Following high-speed launch, PL-10 can accelerate to Mach 4 (4,939km/h) in 2.5 seconds. Missile capable of intercepting **Lockheed Martin F-22 Raptor** flying at Mach 2.25 (2,778km/h)

Type-052D guided-missile destroyer:

At least 13 ships in service or under construction



Comparable to U.S. Arleigh Burke-class destroyer

Top defence budgets (2016, US\$ billions)

 NATO members

604.5
United States

China

145.0

Russia

58.9

Saudi Arabia

56.9

UK

52.5

51.1

India

47.3

Japan

47.2

France

38.3

Germany

33.8

South Korea