

# China establishing Djibouti military base

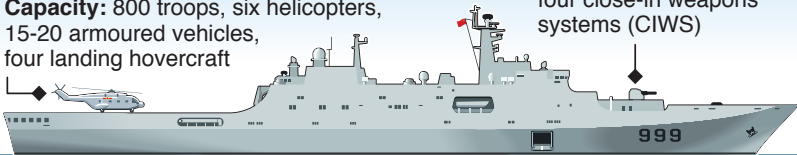
China has dispatched troops to set up its first ever overseas military base in the Horn of Africa nation of Djibouti. The move marks a key part of a wide-ranging expansion of the role of China's armed forces

**DEPLOYMENT:** *CNS Jinggangshan* amphibious warfare ship

**Displacement:** 25,000 tonnes. **Length:** 210m

**Armament:** 76mm gun, four close-in weapons systems (CIWS)

**Capacity:** 800 troops, six helicopters, 15-20 armoured vehicles, four landing hovercraft



**Obock:** China says new base will support peacekeeping and humanitarian missions in Africa and western Asia. Includes ship repair facilities, barracks and storage structures

Flotilla includes *CNS Donghai dao* support vessel and unspecified number of Marines

**Port of Doraleh**  
Chinese-owned commercial facility

**GULF OF ADEN**

French military bases (1,700 troops)



**Gulf of Tadjoura**

Port of Djibouti

**DJIBOUTI**

2km  
1.25 miles

Japanese expeditionary base

Djibouti-Ambouli International Airport

**Chabelley Airport**  
U.S. drone base

**Camp Lemonnier**  
Main base of operations for U.S. Africa Command (over 4,000 troops)

