

# China's military boosted under Xi

China's 2019 defence spending will rise by 7.5 percent to 1.19 trillion yuan, or \$177.5 billion, compared with President Donald Trump's request for \$750 billion for the U.S. military budget

China's publicly disclosed defence budget (¥ billions)\*



\*Pentagon and global arms bodies estimate actual spending may be 40-50 percent higher than publicly disclosed amounts

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