

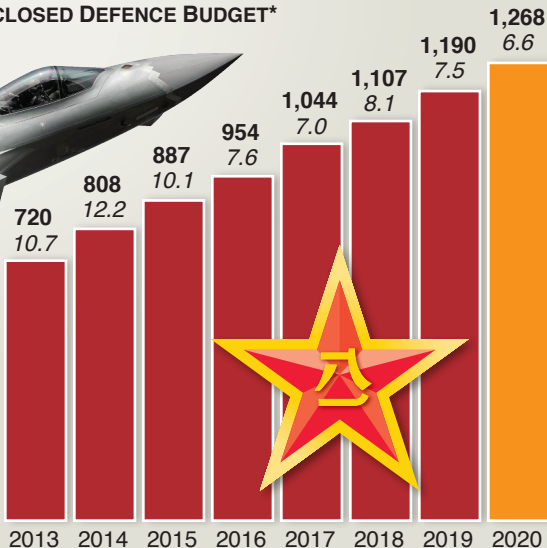
# China lowers defence budget growth

China's 2020 defence spending will rise 6.6 percent to 1.3 trillion yuan (\$180 billion), the lowest growth rate in years as it battles an economic crisis brought on by the coronavirus outbreak

## CHINA'S PUBLICLY DISCLOSED DEFENCE BUDGET\*

(billion yuan)

J-20 stealth jet

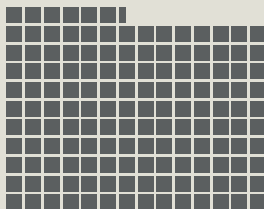


*Figures in italics indicate increase over previous year*

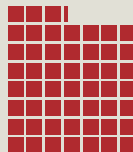
\*Pentagon and global arms bodies estimate actual spending may be 40-50 percent higher than publicly disclosed amounts

## TOP DEFENCE SPENDERS IN 2019 (\$ billion)

China's estimated spend was almost 1.5 times larger than official figure, but still dwarfed by U.S. military outlay



United States: 732



China: 261



India: 71

■ = \$5bn