

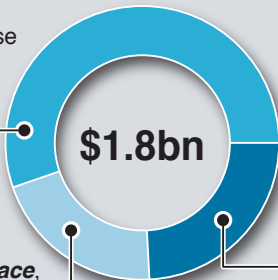
# U.S. arms sales to Taiwan angers China

The \$1.8bn arms deal comprises three weapons systems that would make a Chinese amphibious invasion of Taiwan more difficult

■ **AGM-84H Standoff Land Attack Missile Expanded Response (SLAM-ER):** Precision-guided, air-launched cruise missile made by Boeing. Range: **278km**



Units: **135**  
Cost: **\$1bn**



■ **M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS)** Truck-based rocket launcher made by **Lockheed Martin**. Carries six precision-guided rockets or one tactical missile

Units: **11**  
Cost: **\$436m**

*HIMARS has maximum range of 70km (rocket) and 300km (missile)*

■ **MS-110 multispectral airborne reconnaissance pods** Made by **Collins Aerospace**, allow real-time transmission of imagery and data from aircraft back to ground stations

Units: **6** Cost: **\$367m**



*MS-110 can be carried on General Atomics **MQ-9 Reaper** unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)*



*MQ-9B SeaGuardian*

■ Other arms transfers to Taiwan valued at between \$5bn and \$7bn, and believed to include MQ-9 drones and **Harpoon** coastal missile defence systems, are reportedly in various stages of approval