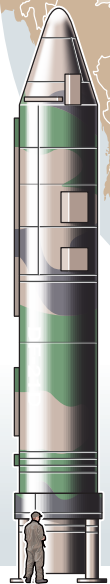


# U.S. plans anti-China missile network

The U.S. is planning a network of long-range, land-based missiles along the First Island Chain – the string of islands enclosing China's coastal seas – to boost its deterrence against Beijing



**Indo-Pacific Command** seeking **\$408m** in fiscal 2022 for ground-based weapons for First Island Chain and **\$2.9bn** from 2023-27



**DF-21D**  
Range:  
**2,000km**

Anti-ship ballistic missile is central to China's strategy of deterring any military action off eastern coast

- Chinese fleet HQ
- U.S. navy base

500km  
310 miles



■ Around **132,000** U.S. troops are stationed in Indo-Pacific theatre – including **55,000** in Japan and **28,000** in South Korea

■ China has more than **1,250** ground-launched missiles with ranges of 500-5,500km. **U.S. has none but is free to resume production following withdrawal from Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty in 2019**