

Australia to expand northern military bases

Australia is investing A\$747 million (\$580 million) to upgrade military bases and expand joint exercises with the United States, following a deterioration of diplomatic relations with China

BASE UPGRADES

Weapon firing ranges to be overhauled and new training facilities set up for defence personnel and U.S. Marines

1 Robertson Barracks

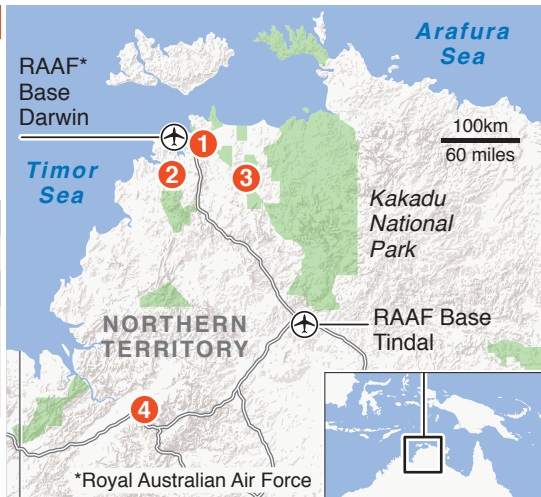
2 Kangaroo Flats

3 Mount Bundey

4 Bradshaw Field

Airstrip will also be lengthened to support larger aircraft

Upgrades to begin in 2021 and be finished by 2026



U.S. Marines during Talisman Sabre 2019 war games in Australia

More than 2,000 U.S. Marines are already in northern Australia as part of annual joint training activities. Biennial Australia-U.S. war games typically involve more than 30,000 troops