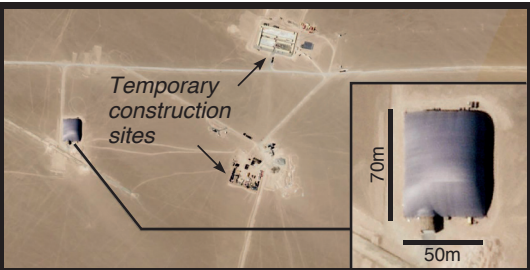


# China building new nuclear missile base

Satellite images appear to show China is building a new nuclear missile silo field, indicating a potentially vast expansion of Beijing's nuclear arsenal. It is the second such discovery in weeks

**Hami field:**  
U.S. analysts identify 110 silos in area of around 800sq km in Xinjiang province

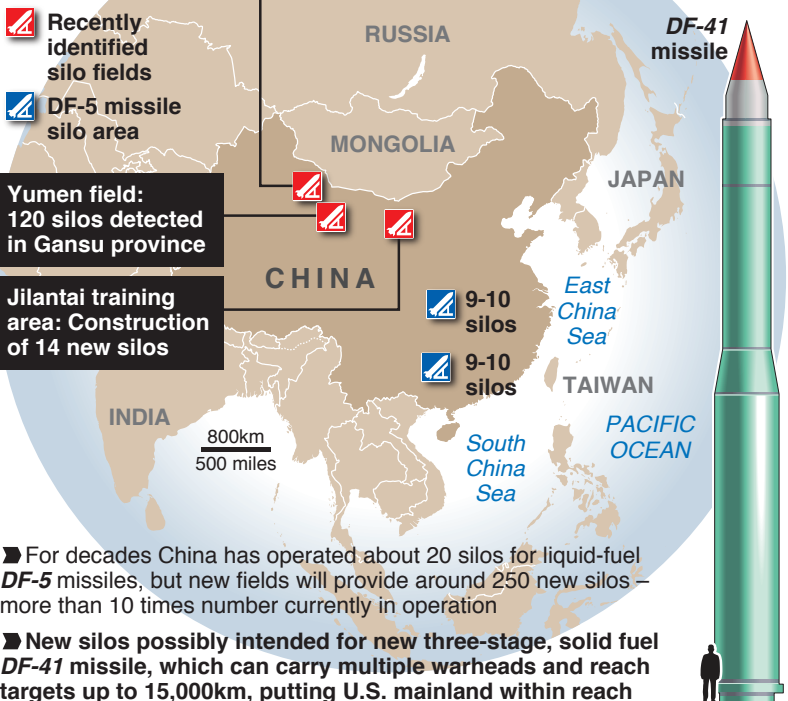
*Dome structure erected over one construction site*



-  Recently identified silo fields
-  DF-5 missile silo area

**Yumen field:**  
120 silos detected in Gansu province

**Jilantai training area:** Construction of 14 new silos



► For decades China has operated about 20 silos for liquid-fuel **DF-5** missiles, but new fields will provide around 250 new silos – more than 10 times number currently in operation

► New silos possibly intended for new three-stage, solid fuel **DF-41** missile, which can carry multiple warheads and reach targets up to 15,000km, putting U.S. mainland within reach