

China security deal with Solomon Islands

A pact between China and the Solomons has alarmed Western nations concerned about a possible Chinese military base in the South Pacific

CHINA'S FOREIGN MILITARY BASES AND BASE CANDIDATES



1 Djibouti: Only acknowledged base, opened in 2017. Boasts 2,000 personnel, 400m runway and docking facilities for large warships

2 Cambodia: Reportedly signed secret 2019 agreement allowing China to place armed forces at **Ream Naval Base**

3 Pakistan: China has funded projects at **Gwadar** – port is key component of China's economic and potentially military expansion

4 Sri Lanka: Chinese infrastructure lending has forced Sri Lankan government to hand over control of southern port of **Hambantota**

5 Equatorial Guinea: Alleged Chinese push to establish West African base on Atlantic Ocean

6 Solomon Islands: Draft deal says Chinese warships could stop for “logistical replenishment” and China could send police and military personnel to islands