

U.S. moves carrier to Middle East

The Pentagon is sending the aircraft carrier USS Eisenhower and its strike group of a cruiser and destroyers to the Middle East in an effort to deter others from escalating the Israel-Hamas conflict

■ USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Nimitz-class carrier

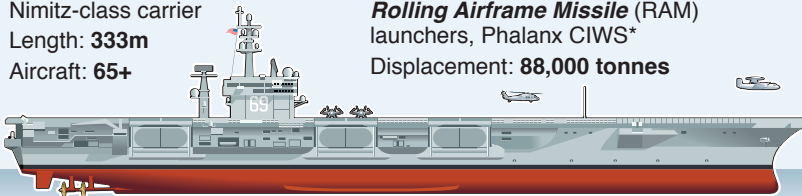
Length: 333m

Aircraft: 65+

Armament: *NATO Sea Sparrow* and *Rolling Airframe Missile* (RAM)

launchers, Phalanx CIWS*

Displacement: 88,000 tonnes



Propulsion: Two nuclear reactors

Speed: 30+ knots

Crew: 5,680

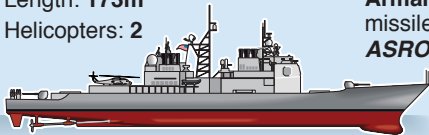
■ GUIDED-MISSILE CRUISER: Ticonderoga-class

Length: 173m

Helicopters: 2

Armament: 2 x 127mm guns, *Tomahawk* missiles, *Standard* surface-to-air and *ASROC* anti-submarine missiles, Mk-46 torpedoes, CIWS

Displacement: 9,750 tonnes



Propulsion: Four gas turbines

Speed: 30+ knots

Crew: 364

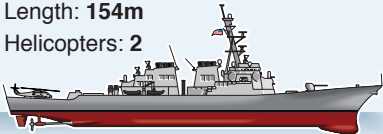
■ GUIDED-MISSILE DESTROYERS: Arleigh Burke-class (at least two)

Length: 154m

Helicopters: 2

Armament: 127mm gun, Tomahawk, Standard and ASROC missiles, *Evolved Sea Sparrow* missiles, Mk-46 torpedoes, CIWS

Displacement: 9,000 tonnes



Propulsion: Four gas turbines

Speed: 30+ knots

Crew: 329

■ ATTACK SUBMARINE: Virginia-class (assumed presence)

Length: 115m

Armament: Tomahawk missiles, Mk-48 torpedoes

Displacement: 7,925 tonnes



Propulsion: One nuclear reactor

Speed: 25+ knots

Crew: 132