

# Pakistan to launch first Chinese submarine

The Pakistan Navy expects its first Chinese-designed submarine to enter active service in 2026, bolstering Beijing's bid to counter regional rival India and project power toward the Middle East

**HANGOR-CLASS:** Variant of Type 039A (Yuan-class) attack submarine operated by Chinese Navy

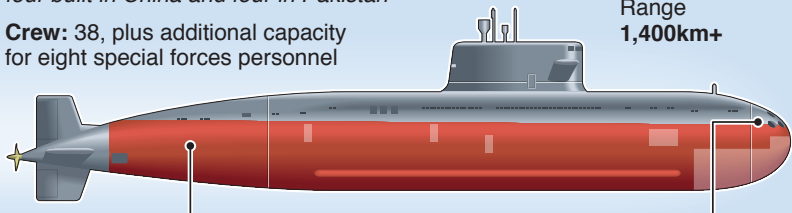
**\$5bn deal** will see Pakistan receive eight boats by 2028, four built in China and four in Pakistan

**Crew:** 38, plus additional capacity for eight special forces personnel

**Displacement:** 2,800 tonnes

**Length:** 76m

**Range:** 1,400km+



**Powerplant:** Four CHD620 diesel engines. Maximum submerged speed: **17 knots**

**Armament:** Six 533mm tubes for heavyweight torpedoes, anti-ship missiles or cruise missiles



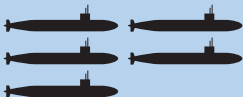
**PAKISTAN**

**SUBMARINE FORCES COMPARED**  
(as of 2025)

**INDIA**



**Attack submarines: 5**



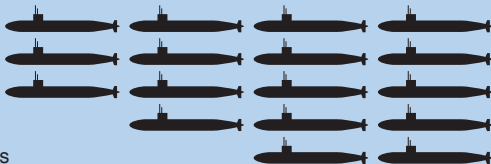
**Midget submarines: 3**



**Nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines: 2\***



**Attack submarines: 17**



\*Third vessel undergoing sea trials