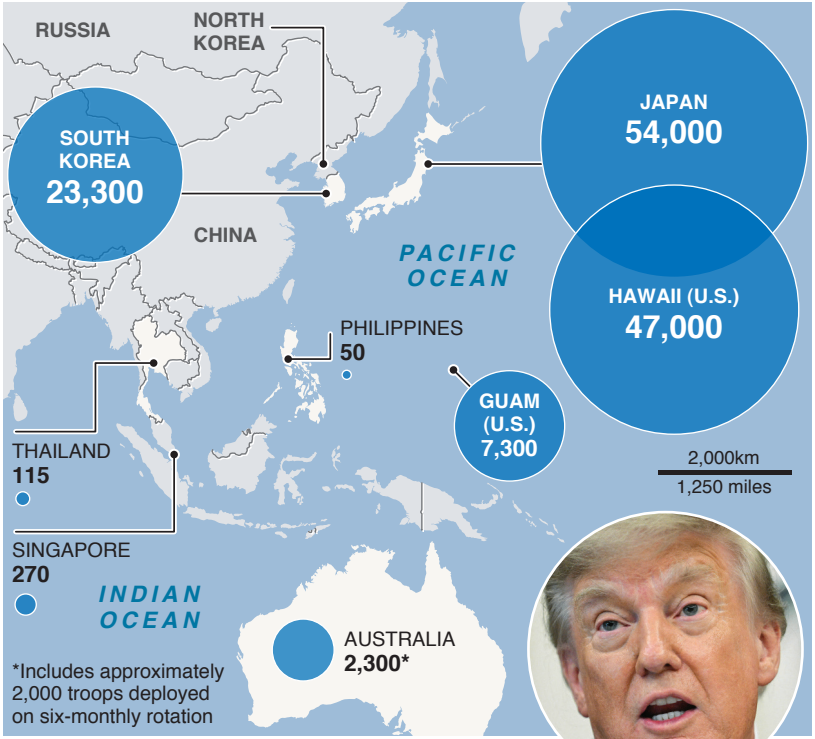
Trump seeks cuts to U.S.-South Korea drills

President Donald Trump says he instructed the Pentagon to scale back joint military exercises with South Korea, raising questions about U.S. commitment to Asian allies

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Trump (right) points to high cost of joint exercises, Seoul's refusal to take part in actions against Iran and his "very good relationship" with North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un

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