The Strategic Postures of China and India: A Visual Guide

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Force Tables Reference Sheet

This document contains the accompanying tables for "The Strategic Postures of China and India: A Visual Guide."

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District (ND) Infantry Battalion - 700 Infantry Regiment - 700 Infantry Regimen	Name	Parent Command	Force Type	Force Numbers
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	6 th Border Defense Regiment, Unit- 77649 (India and Bhutan Borders)	Tibet MD	Infantry Regiment	~ 2,800
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		Command			
	6 th Mechanized Infantry Division	Xinjiang MD	Infantry Division	~ 13,000 total	Link
1A	6 th Armor Regiment	Xinjiang MD	Armor Regiment	~ 1,200	Link
1B	17 th Infantry Regiment	Xinjiang MD	Infantry Regiment	~ 2,800	Link
1C	18 th Infantry Regiment	Xinjiang MD	Infantry Regiment	~ 2,800	Link
1D	Artillery Regiment	Xinjiang MD	Artillery Regiment	~1,100	Link
1E	Air Defense Regiment	Xinjiang MD	Air Defense Regiment	~ 1,000	Link
2	4 th Motorized Infantry Division	Xinjiang MD	Infantry Division	~ 13,000	Link
3	8 th Motorized Infantry Division	Xinjiang MD	Infantry Division	~ 13,000	Link
4	2 nd Artillery Brigade	Xinjiang MD	Artillery Brigade	~ 3,000	Link
5	11 th Motorized Infantry Division	Xinjiang MD	Infantry Division	~ 13,000	Link
	High-Powered Artillery Brigade	Xinjiang MD	Artillery Brigade	~ 3,000	Link
2	Special Operations Force Brigade	Xinjiang MD	Special Operations Force Brigade	~ 500	Link
1	1 st Independent Regiment	Xinjiang MD	Infantry Regiment	~ 2,800	Link
2	2 nd Independent Regiment	Xinjiang MD	Infantry Regiment	~ 2,800	Link
3	12 th Border Defense Regiment	Xinjiang MD	Infantry Regiment	~ 2,800	Link
4	13 th Border Defense Regiment	Xinjiang MD	Infantry Regiment	~ 2,800	Link
Гotal Gr	ound Forces: Xinjiang Military District			~ 70,000	
con	Name	Parent Command	Force Type	Force Numbers	Location
				~ 45,000-60,000 total, including 17 ^{th,} 56 th , 62 nd ,	

9th Border Defense Regiment

Total Ground Forces: Tibet Military District

Name

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Tibet MD

Parent Command Infantry Regiment

Force Type

~ 2,800

~ 40,000

Force Numbers

Link

Location

lcon	Name	Parent Command	Force Type	Force Numbers	Location
1	76 th Group Army	Western Theater Command	Group Army	~ 45,000-60,000 total, including 17 ^{th,} 56 th , 62 nd , 149 th , and 182 nd Combined Arms Brigades, 77 th Special Operations Forces Brigade, Engineer Brigade, Army Aviation Brigade, and Support Service Brigade.	Link
İ 1A	Artillery Brigade, 76 th Group Army	Western Theater Command	Artillery Brigade	~ 3,000	Link
† 1B	Air Defense Brigade, 76 th Group Army	Western Theater Command	Air Defense Brigade	~ 2,500	Link
İ1C	12 th Armor Brigade, 76 th Group Army	Western Theater Command	Armor Brigade	~ 5,000	Link
2	77 th Group Army	Western Theater Command	Group Army	~ 45,000-60,000 total, including 39 th , 40 th , 55 th , 139 th , 150 th , and 181 st Combined Arms Brigades, Army Aviation Brigade, Engineer Brigade, and Service Support Brigade.	Link
<u>2A</u>	Artillery Brigade, 77 th Group Army	Western Theater Command	Artillery Brigade	~ 3,000	Link
28	Air Defense Brigade, 77 th Group Army	Western Theater Command	Air Defense Brigade	~ 2,500	Link
<u>2C</u>	Special Operations Forces Brigade, 77 th Group Army	Western Theater Command	Special Operations Forces Brigade	~ 500	Link

Total China Ground Forces: Western Theater Command and Tibet and Xinjiang Military Districts

Total Ground Forces: Western Theater Command

~ 200,000–230,000

~ 90,000–120,000

Ground Forces: India

Icon	Name	Parent Command	Force Type	Force Numbers	Location
	T-72 Tank Brigade	Army Northern Command	Tank Formation	Up to 150 tanks,~ 3,000 personnel	Link
2	8 th Mountain Division	Army Northern Command	Infantry Division	~ 15,500	Link
3	3 rd Infantry Division	Army Northern Command	Infantry Division	~ 15,500	Link
Total Gro	Total Ground Forces: Army Northern Command			~ 34,000 including tank formation	ndependent

Icon	Name	Parent Command	Force Type	Force Numbers	Location
	6 th Mountain Division	Army Central Command	Infantry Division	~ 15,500	Link
Total Ground Forces: Army Central Command			~ 15,500		

lcon	Name	Parent Command	Force T	ype	Force Numbers	Location
	17 th Mountain Strike Corps	Army Eastern Command	Mechani Corps	zed Infantry	~ 35,000	Link
2	17 th Mountain Division	Army Eastern Command	Infantry	Division	~ 15,500	Link
3	27 th Mountain Division	Army Eastern Command	Infantry	Division	~ 15,500	Link
4	20 th Mountain Division	Army Eastern Command	Infantry	Division	~ 15,500	Link
5	5 th Mountain Division	Army Eastern Command	Infantry	Division	~ 15,500	Link
6	2 nd Mountain Division	Army Eastern Command	Infantry	Division	~ 15,500	Link
7	71 st Mountain Division	Army Eastern Command	Infantry	Division	~ 15,500	Link
8	21 st Mountain Division	Army Eastern Command	Infantry	Division	~ 15,500	Link
9	56 th Mountain Division	Army Eastern Command	Infantry	Division	~ 15,500	Link
10	57 th Mountain Division	Army Eastern Command	Infantry	Division	~ 15,500	Link
1	Brahmos Missile Regiment	Army Eastern Command	Brahmo: Regimer		~ 100 Brahmos Missiles	Link
Total Gr	Total Ground Forces: Army Eastern Command			~175,500 including Brah	mos missile regiment	

Total India Ground Forces: Army Northern, Central and Eastern Commands

~ **225,000** including independent T-72 tank brigade and Brahmos missile regiment

Ground Forces: Comparison Table

	China	India
Total Ground Forces	~204,000–234,000	~225,000 including independent T-72 tank brigade and Brahmos missile regiment

Air Forces: China

lcon	Name	Parent Command	Force Numbers	Location
×	109 th Air Brigade	Western Theater Command	~ 16 x J-8F Fighters, ~16 J-8H Fighters	Link
*	110 th Air Brigade	Western Theater Command	~ 24 x JH-7A Fighters	Link
*	111 th Air Brigade	Western Theater Command	~ 16 x J-11A Fighters, ~ 16 x J-11BS Fighters, ~ 2 Su-27UBK Fighters	Link
X	112 th Air Brigade	Western Theater Command	~ 32 x J-7IIM Fighters	Link
*	16 th Air Brigade	Western Theater Command	~ 16 J-11 Fighters, ~ 16 x J-11BS Fighters, ~ 3 Su-27UBK Fighters	Link
((<u>A</u>))	178 th UAV Brigade	Western Theater Command	~ 20 x GJ-1/WD-1K precision strike UAVs, 12 x WD-1 ground attack and reconnaissance UAVs, 12 x WD-1 precision strike UAVs, ~ 8 EA-03 reconnaisance and EW UAVs	Link
<u></u>	Xigaze Airfield	Western Theater Command	Used for forward detachments of J-10, J-11 fighters EA-03 (UAV)s.	Link
2 <u>i</u>	Lhasa/Gonggar Airfield	Western Theater Command	Used for forward detachments for J-10, J-11, Su-27UBK, Su-27SK fighters and BZK-05 UAVs	Link
3	Lingzhi Airfield	Western Theater Command	N/A	Link
4	Dangxiong Airfield	Western Theater Command	N/A	Link
\$	Qamdo/Pangta/ Bangda Airfield	Western Theater Command	N/A	Link
6 <u>†</u>	Nagqu Airfield	Western Theater Command	N/A	Link
7	Ngari Gunsa Airfield	Western Theater Command	Used for forward detachments of J-11, Su-27UBK, Su-27SK	Link
8	Hotan Airfield	Western Theater Command	Used for forward detachments of J-10 and J-11 fighters.	Link
Total Air	Forces		~ 157 fighters, ~ 20 x GJ-1/WD-1K precision strike UAVs, 12 x WD-1 ground attack and reconnaissance UAVs, 12 x WD-1 precision strike UAVs, ~ 8 EA-03 reconnaissance and electronic warfare	

Air Forces: India

Note: Bases labelled in black—e.g. —are those which have been assessed by analysts to be the most likely to contain specific aircraft squadrons that have been certified for nuclear strike missions by India's Strategic Forces Command (SFC). These bases and squadrons are controlled by their parent Air Force Command and hold conventional assignments in peacetime. A nuclear strike order will entail certified aircraft being armed with nuclear weapons and flown by Air Force pilots.

Icon	Name	Parent Command	Force Numbers	Location
¥	Srinagar Air Force Station (AFS)	Western Air Command	~ 17 fighters #51 Sq. MiG-21 Bison	Link
74	Leh AFS	Western Air Command	~ 8 fighters #28 Sq. Detachment MiG-29/29UB	Link
73	Pathankot AFS	Western Air Command	~ 17 fighters #26 Sq. MiG-21	Link
#	Adampur AFS	Western Air Command	~ 34 fighters #47 Sq. & #223 Sq. MiG-29	Link
*	Ambala AFS	Western Air Command	~ 34 nuclear-certified ground attack aircraft, ~ 17 fighters #5 Sq. & #14 Sq. Jaguar IS, #3 Sq. MiG-21 Bison	Link
1	Daulet Beg Oldi Advanced Landing Ground (ALG)	Western Air Command	N/A	Link
2 <u>1</u>	Thoise ALG	Western Air Command	N/A	Link
3	Parma Valley ALG	Western Air Command	N/A	Link
4	Nyoma ALG	Western Air Command	N/A	Link
5	Fukche ALG	Western Air Command	N/A	Link
Total Air	Total Air Forces: Western Air Command		~ 75 fighters, ~ 34 ground attack aircraft	

lcon	Name	Parent Command	Force Numbers	Location
×	Bareilly AFS	Central Air Command	~ 34 fighters #8 Sq. Su-30MKI/MKI-3, #24 Sq. Su-30MKI-3	Link
*	Gwalior/ Maharajpur AFS	Central Air Command	~ 17 nuclear-certified (Mirage) fighters, ~9 fighters #1 Sq., #7 Sq., & #9 Sq. Mirage 2000H/TH. Half squadron (TACDE) of MiG-21Bisons, MiG-27MUs, & SU-30MKIs	Link
*	Gorakhpur AFS	Central Air Command	~ 34 nuclear-certified ground attack aircraft #16 Sq. & #27 Sq. Jaguar IS	Link
<u></u>	Dharasu ALG	Central Air Command	N/A	Link
Total Air Forces: Central Air Command		~ 94 fighters, ~ 34 ground attack aircraft		

lcon	Name	Parent Command	Force Numbers	Location
X	Tezpur AFS	Eastern Air Command	~ 34 fighters #2 Sq. SU-30MKI/MKI3, #106 Sq. Su-30MKI-3	Link
2 2	Chabua AFS	Eastern Air Command	~ 17 fighters #102 Sq. Su-30MKI-3	Link
3	Jalpaguiri/ Hashimara AFS	Eastern Air Command	~ 34 fighters #22 Sq. & #222 Sq. MiG-27M	Link
1	Tuting ALG	Eastern Air Command	N/A	Link
2:	Mechuka ALG	Eastern Air Command	N/A	Link
3	Along ALG	Eastern Air Command	N/A	Link
4	Tawang ALG (Helipad)	Eastern Air Command	N/A	Link
5	Dirang ALG	Eastern Air Command	N/A	Link
6	Ziro ALG	Eastern Air Command	N/A	Link
了	Pasighat ALG	Eastern Air Command	N/A	Link
8	Walong ALG	Eastern Air Command	N/A	Link
9;	Vijaynagar ALG	Eastern Air Command	N/A	Link
Total Air	Total Air Forces: Eastern Air Command		~ 101 fighters	

~ 270 fighters, ~ 68 ground attack aircraft

Air Forces: Comparison Table

	China	India
Total Air Forces	~ 157 fighters	~ 270 fighters
	~ 20 x GJ-1/WD-1K precision strike UAVs	~ 68 ground attack aircraft
	12 x WD-1 ground attack and reconnaissance UAVs	
	12 x WD-1 precision strike UAVs	
	~ 8 EA-03 reconnaissance and electronic warfare	
	and electronic warfare	

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Nuclear Forces: China

Note: Not all Chinese nuclear bases have been allocated a circle indicating strike range, due to several bases having highly similar locations and ranges and a desire to maximize map clarity. In base clusters where this occurs, one base has been allocated the indicative range circle.

Chinese nuclear forces are operated by the Rocket Force Command, which executes nuclear strike orders made by the Central Military Commission.

[LINK] Full Strike Range Map—China

Icon	Name		Nuclear and Nuclear-Capable Missile Numbers	Location (URLs)
1,	Chuxiong Brigade, 53 rd Base		~ 12 x DF-21 (2,150km range)	With Strike Range Filter No Filter
2,	Kunming Brigade, 53 rd Base		~ 12 x DF-21 (2,150 km range)	With Strike Range Filter No Filter
3,	Tianshui Brigade, 53 rd Base		~ 12 x DF-21 (2,150 km range)	With Strike Range Filter No Filter
4	Beidao/Tawanli Brigade, 56 th Base		~ 12 x DF-31A (11,000 km range)	With Strike Range Filter No Filter
5,	Xining Brigade, 56 th Base		~ 12 x DF-21 (2,150 km range) / DF-31 (7,000 km range)	With Strike Range Filter No Filter (Unable to determine exact missile locations, so location of 56 th Base HQ utilized)
6,	Datong Brigade, 56 th Base		~ 12 x DF-21 (2,150 km range)	With Strike Range Filter No Filter
7,	Liuqingkou Brigade, 56 th Base		~ 12 x DF-21 (2,150 km range)	With Strike Range Filter No Filter
8,4	, Delingha Brigade, 56 th Base		\sim 12 x DF-21 (2,150 km range) / DF-31 (7,000 km range). DF-21C (2,150km range) conventional missiles.	With Strike Range Filter No Filter
9/	Da Qaidam Brigade, 56 th Base		DF-21C (2,150km range) conventional missiles. Unknown nuclear missile deployments. (Previously DF-4 Brigade, but only DF-4 Brigade still in operation is close to Lingbao in Henan Province).	With Strike Range Filter No Filter
10	Mahai Brigade, 56 th Base		Unknown	With Strike Range Filter No Filter
11	Korla Brigade, 56 th Base		~ 12 x DF-21 (2,150 km range) missiles. DF-21C (2,150km range) conventional missiles	With Strike Range Filter No Filter
Total Nuclear and Nuclear- Capable Forces ~ 12 x D		~ 12 x D targets. ~ 12 x D	nissiles that can strike all or elements of India, including: F-31A (11,000 km range),~ 6-12 DF-31 (7,000 km range) that can reach all Indian mainland F-21 (2,150 km range) that can reach New Delhi. naining missiles can target sections of India's northeast and east coast.	

Nuclear Forces: India

Notes: India may possess more missiles than launchers for each missile type. India has also reportedly deployed a small number of 3,200 km range Agni-III missiles, but their locations and progress toward the targeted force strength are currently unknown. As the authors have information indicating the potential presence of a 2,000 km range Agni-II missile brigade near Nagaon in Assam in northeast India, the Agni-III missiles are estimated by the authors to be based in the same general area. As illustrated on the map, this location is optimal for Agni-III missiles to reach all significant mainland targets in China and Pakistan. Missile base locations represent general estimations, as opposed to exact locations.

Not all Indian nuclear bases have been allocated a circle indicating strike range, due to several bases (e.g. 1-4) being unable to reach Chinese targets, and some having highly similar locations and ranges in light of a desire to maximize map clarity. In base clusters featuring at least one base able to reach Chinese targets, one base has been allocated the indicative range circle.

While the Chinese nuclear forces and locations included in this analysis are only those assessed to be most geographically relevant to India targeting missions, the Indian nuclear forces and bases detailed here—with the exception of the nascent Arihant-class SSBN fleet being formed at Visakhapatnam and Rambilli—represent the entirety of India's identifiable operational nuclear forces. The necessity to retain a significant proportion of these forces for Pakistan targeting missions provides analytical context to this data.

As with China, nuclear warheads are held at separate locations from delivery vehicles in peacetime. A nuclear strike order is issued by the Political Council of the Nuclear Command Authority (NCA), and executed through the NCA Executive Council and military Strategic Forces Command.

[LINK] Full Strike Range Map—India

Icon	Name		Nuclear and Nuclear-Certified Delivery Vehicles	Location
*	Ambala AFS		~ 17 nuclear-certified ground attack aircraft to carry gravity bombs, #5 Sq. & #14 Sq. Jaguar IS	With Strike Range Filter
*	Gwalior/ Maharajpur AFS		~ 17 nuclear-certified fighters to carry gravity bombs, #1 Sq., #7 Sq., & #9 Sq. Mirage 2000H/TH.	With Strike Range Filter (Dark Blue Circle)
*	Gorakhpur AFS		~ 17 nuclear-certified ground attack aircraft to carry gravity bombs, #16 Sq. & #27 Sq. Jaguar IS	With Strike Range Filter
1/	444 Missile Group Brigade 444 Missile Group Brigade 444 Missile Group Brigade 444 Missile Group Brigade 445 Missile Group Brigade		(Possible General Brigade Sites) ~ 8 Prithvi-II (250 km range) missile launchers total	On Strike Range Map (No Strike Range Circle)
2/				On Strike Range Map (No Strike Range Circle)
3/				On Strike Range Map (No Strike Range Circle)
4/				On Strike Range Map (No Strike Range Circle)
5/	334 Missile Group, 3341 Brigade		~ 8 Agni-III (3,200 km range) missile launchers, ~ 8 Agni-II (2,000 km range) missile launchers	With Strike Range Filter (Green Circle)
6/	333 Missile Group, 3332 Brigade		~ 8 Prithvi-II (250 km range) missile launchers	On Strike Range Map (No Circle)
7/	332 Missile Group Brigade		~ 8 Agni-II (2,000 km range) missile launchers	With Strike Range Filter (Purple Circle)
8/	334 Missile Group, 3341 Brigade		~ 10 Agni-I (1,000km range) missile launchers	On Strike Range Map (No Circle)
9/	333 Missile Group, 3331 and 3332 Brigades. 334 Missile Group Brigade.		~ 16 Prithvi-II (250 km range) missile launchers ~ 10 Agni-I (1,000km range) missile launchers	On Strike Range Map (No Circle)
Total Estimated Nuclear ~8 Agni-II launchers al and Nuclear-Certified		~8 Agni-II launchers	rs able to reach all Chinese mainland targets and sable to reach central Chinese targets (e.g. Xi'an, d aircraft with gravity bombs and sable to reach Tibet.	Chongqing).

Nuclear Forces: Comparison Table

	China	India
Total Estimated Nuclear, Nuclear- Capable and Nuclear-Certified Forces	> 104 missiles that can strike all or elements of India. ~ 12 x DF-31A (11,000 km range), ~ 6-12 DF-31 (7,000 km range) that can reach all Indian mainland targets. ~ 12 x DF-21 (2,150 km range) that can reach New Delhi. The remaining missiles can target sections of India's northeast and east coast.	~10 Agni-III launchers able to reach all Chinese mainland targets, and ~8 Agni-II launchers able to reach central Chinese targets (e.g. Xi'an, Chongqing). ~51 nuclear-certified aircraft with gravity bombs and ~8 Agni-II launchers able to reach Tibet.