

China's Expanding Military Influence in Africa

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Guiding Questions from KAS

1. What is the nature of Chinese force projection and defense cooperation in Africa?
2. How have these been received by developing countries there?
3. How is China's force projection and defense cooperation in Africa similar or different from those of other countries?
4. What are the strategic implications of Chinese military influence in Africa in light of brewing great power competition?

Key points

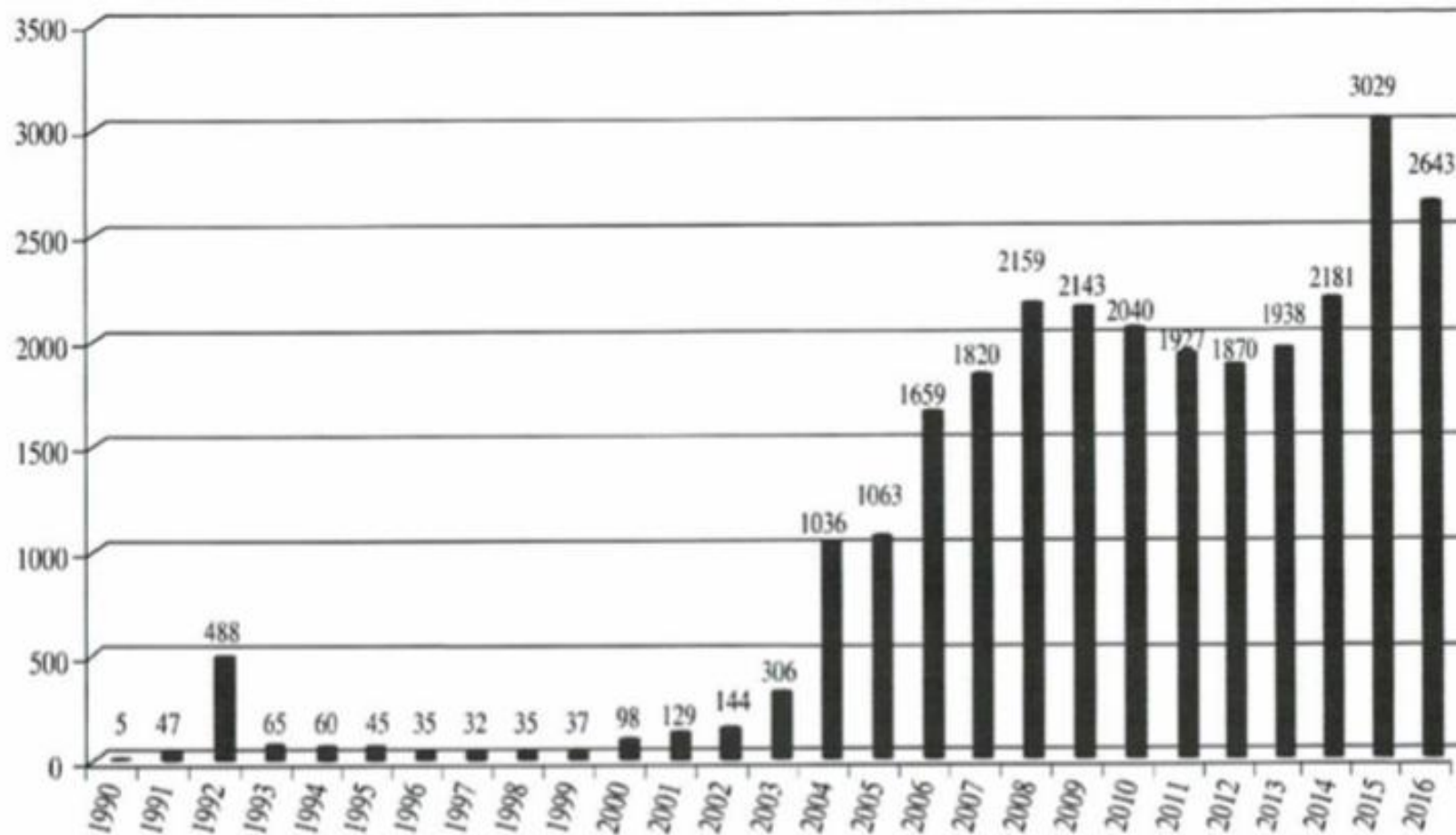
1. China as a security partner to Africa
2. Three things to bear in mind
 1. China supporting the UN-centric world order
 2. Direct and indirect relations between military and economy
 3. A heightened sense of (symmetric and asymmetric) rivalry

The nature of Chinese force projection and defense/security cooperation with Africa

- Reflecting how China protects/expands its national interests -

1. promoting multilateralism
 - keeping the UN-centric order (UN peacekeeping operations)
 - Emphasizing the importance of multilateral forum (e.g., FOCAC/AU/China-Africa Peace and Security Forum/IGAD)
2. By conducting bilateral defense diplomacy
 - Capacity building
 - Ebola crisis
3. By Protecting Chinese citizens and assets
 - non-combatant evacuation operations
 - anti-piracy operations
4. By experimenting, testing and expanding defense/security capabilities
 - all of the above
 - Djibouti base
 - Conflict mediation

China's UN peacekeeping troop contribution

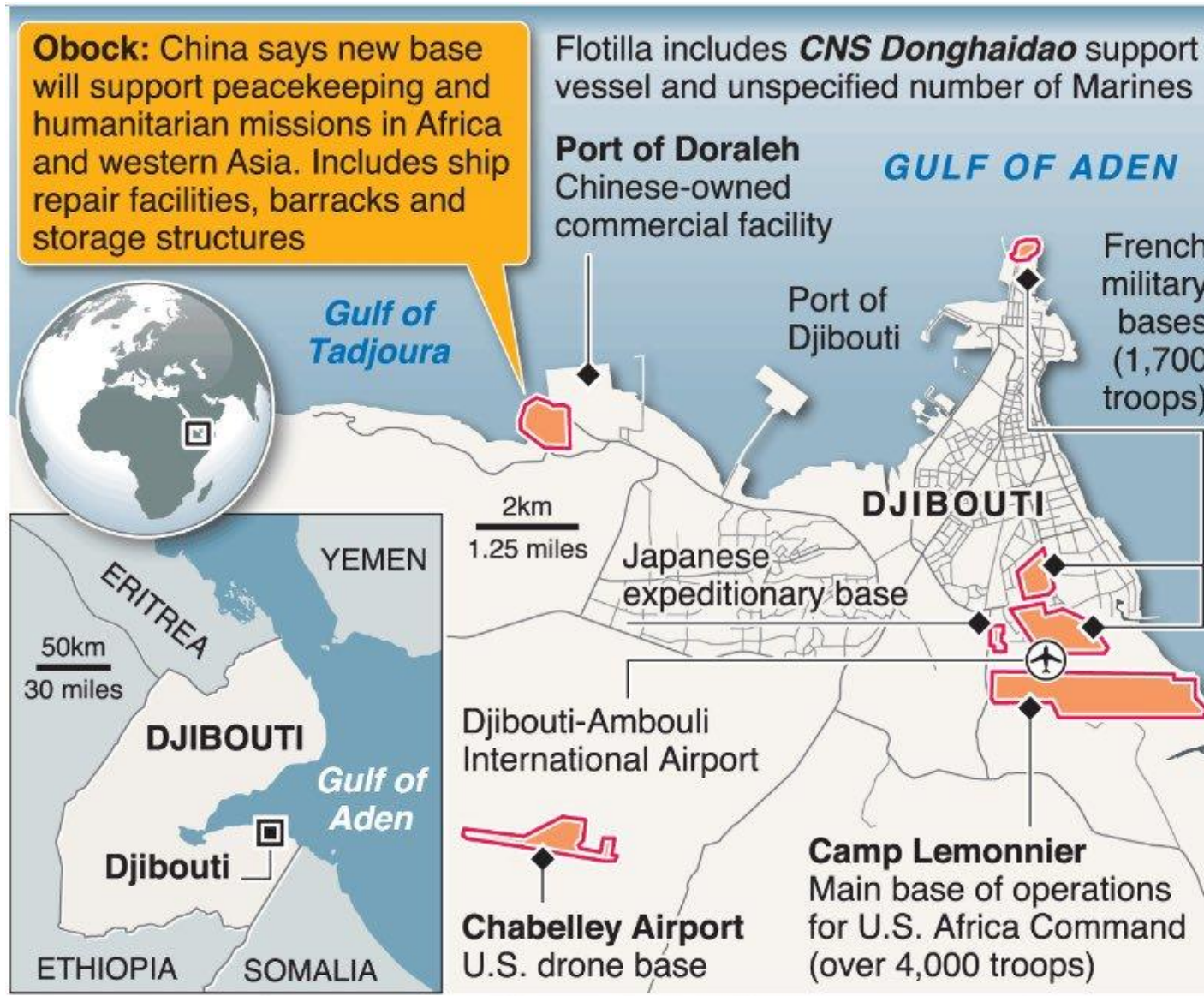


Source: Hirono (2018).

UN peacekeeping troop contribution ranking (as of September 2019)

Order	country_name	Male	Female	Total	report_date
1	Ethiopia	6416	631	7047	30/09/2019
2	Bangladesh	6209	245	6454	30/09/2019
3	Rwanda	5952	417	6369	30/09/2019
4	India	6093	81	6174	30/09/2019
5	Nepal	5420	259	5679	30/09/2019
0	Pakistan	5015	57	5072	30/09/2019
7	Egypt	3105	48	3153	30/09/2019
8	Indonesia	2791	121	2912	30/09/2019
9	Ghana	2374	422	2796	30/09/2019
10	China	2440	81	2521	30/09/2019
11	United Republic of Tanzania	2114	186	2300	30/09/2019
12	Senegal	2146	133	2279	30/09/2019
13	Morocco	2095	38	2133	30/09/2019
14	Burkina Faso	1644	106	1750	30/09/2019
15	Chad	1426	28	1454	30/09/2019

Source: UN (2019).



Source: News of Bahlane, 14 July 2017.

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