# Missile Defense Program Overview For The Washington Roundtable On Science And Public Policy



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## Why Missile Defense

A nuclear strike on a city may result in millions of lives lost and economic losses in the trillions

20+ nations have ballistic missiles

Since 2002, there have been an average of 90 foreign ballistic missiles launches per year - last year, there were about 100

Many nations are working to increase missile range, lethality, and countermeasures

Nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons may be delivered by a ballistic missile

**Ballistic Missiles Pose A Growing, Potentially Catastrophic Threat** 



# North Korean Ballistic Missile Capabilities

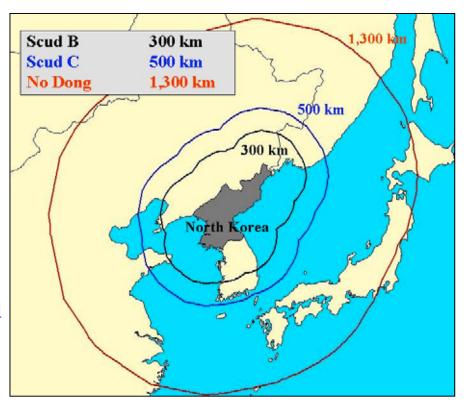
## •500 Scuds (300-500 km)





## • No Dong (1,300 km)

- Reaches Japan and all South Korea
- Scaled-up Scud technology
- Flight-tested in May 1993 and July 2006



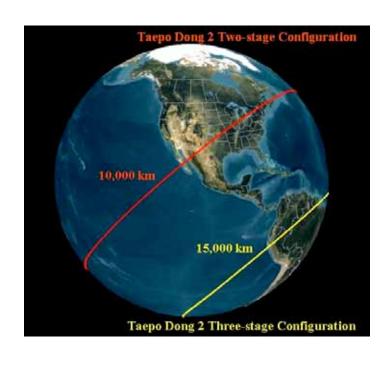


## North Korean Ballistic Missile Capabilities



### • Taepo Dong-1 Space Launch Vehicle

- Flight tested 1998
- Third stage failed, but first two stages demonstrated several key technologies required for an ICBM, including stage separation





## • Taepo Dong-2 SLV/ICBM

- 2-stage: 10,000 km

- 3-stage: 15,000 km

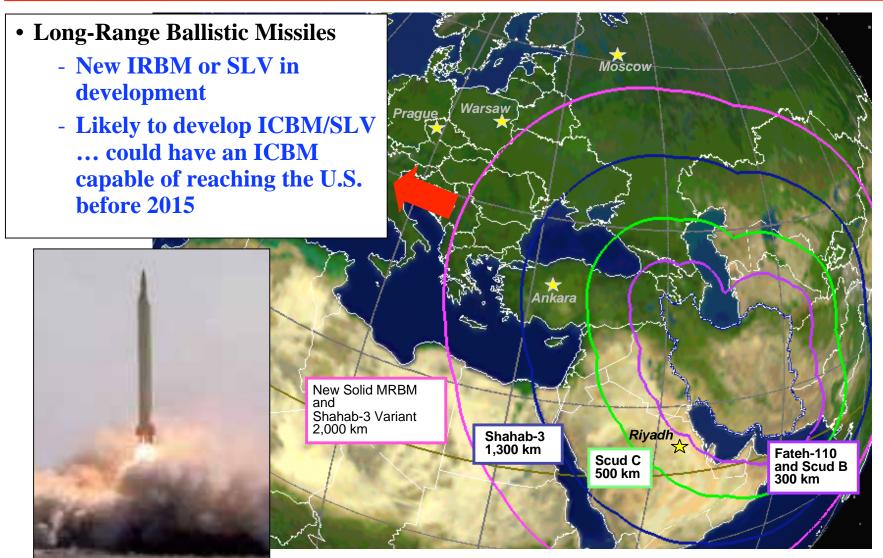
- 4 JUL 06 test failed shortly

after launch

• North Korea is also developing an intermediate-range ballistic missile, approximately 3,200 km range. This IRBM represents a qualitative improvement in performance



## **Iranian Ballistic Missile Threat**



Source: NASIC, B&CM Threat 2006, Jacoby Testimony March 2005



## **Challenges And Uncertainties**

- Rogue states view ballistic missiles as a means for gaining or maintaining their own freedom of action and raising revenue
  - North Korea uses missiles for coercion, intimidation and deterrence proliferates to other nations
  - Iran views ballistic missiles as element of asymmetric strategy against U.S. and allies proliferates to both state and non-state actors

## • Emerging Threats

- Several nations are pursuing ballistic missiles of all ranges, increasing missile numbers and sophistication emphasis on countermeasures
- Future threats difficult to predict but likely to arise both technical and political surprises
- Evolving role for ballistic missiles and possibly cruise missiles
  - Lebanon crisis demonstrated
    - Rogue state support of non-state actors
    - Use of ballistic missiles and rockets as terror weapons



# **Ballistic Missile Defense Policy And Mission**

## **Policy**

"... The United States plans to begin deployment of a set of missile defense capabilities in 2004. These capabilities will serve as a starting point for fielding improved and expanded missile defense capabilities later."

National Security Presidential Directive / NSPD-23 16 DEC 02

### **Direction**

- Establish a single program to develop an integrated system under a newly titled Missile Defense Agency
- Apply a capability-based requirements process for missile defense

SecDef Memorandum
Missile Defense Program Direction, 2 JAN 02

## **Mission**

- Develop an integrated layered Ballistic Missile Defense System
  - To defend the United States, its deployed forces, allies and friends
  - From ballistic missiles of all ranges
  - Capable of engaging them in all phases of flight



## **Missile Defense Program Strategy**

- Field an initial increment (2004-2005) of capability to provide
  - Initial protection of entire U.S. from North Korea, partial protection of the U.S. from Middle East threat
  - Protection of deployed forces, allies and friends with terminal defenses
- Field next increment (2006-2007) of capability to provide
  - Complete protection of U.S. from Middle East
  - Expand coverage to allies and friends
  - Increase countermeasure resistance, and increase capability against shorter-range threats
- Follow on increments (2008+) begin to increase robustness of interceptor inventory and sensors
  - Addresses unconventional attacks



## **Integrated Ballistic Missile Defense System**

#### **Sensors**













**Program** 

**Defense Support Space Tracking And Surveillance System** 

**Sea-Based Radars** 

Forward-Based Radar With Adjunct Sensor

Midcourse X-Band Radar

**Early Warning** Radar

**Boost Defense** Segment

Midcourse Defense Segment

**Terminal Defense Segment** 



Airborne Laser



**Kinetic Energy** Interceptor



**Aegis Ballistic** Missile Defense / Standard



**Multiple Kill Vehicle** 

Missile-3



Midcourse **Defense** 



**Terminal** High Altitude Area Defense





**Patriot** Advanced Capability-3

Command, Control, Battle Management & Communications

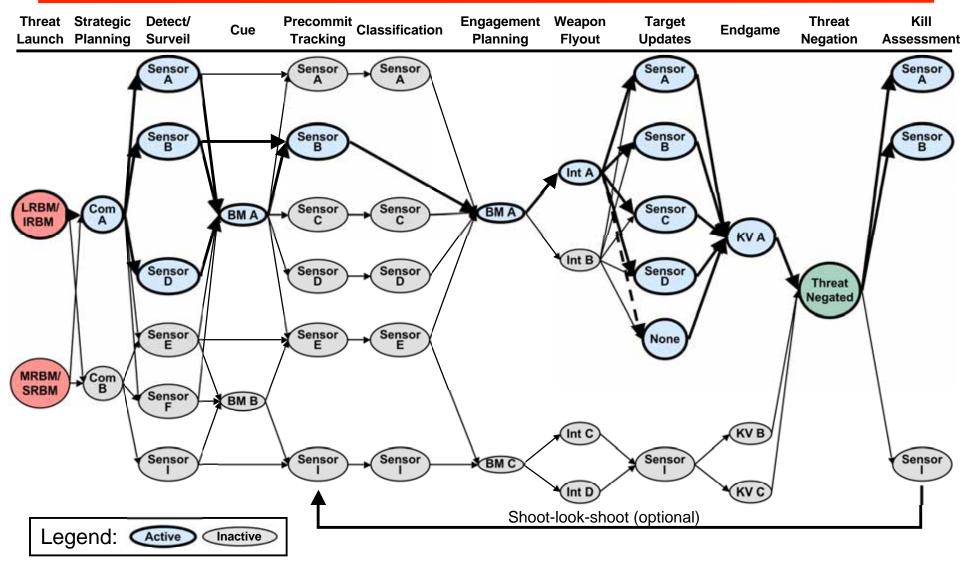


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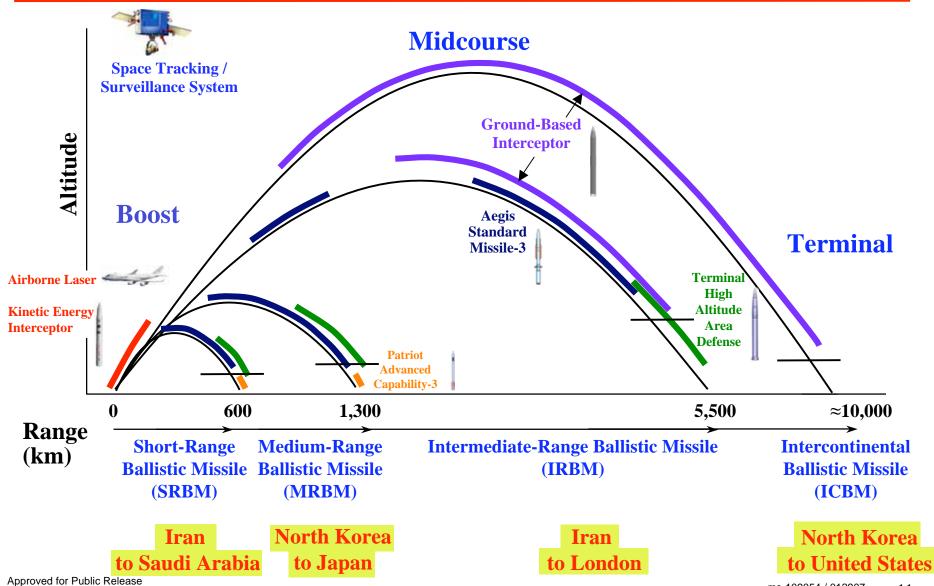
## **Integrated BMDS "Kill Web"**

## "Mixing And Matching Sensors And Interceptors"





## **Current Planned BMD System**

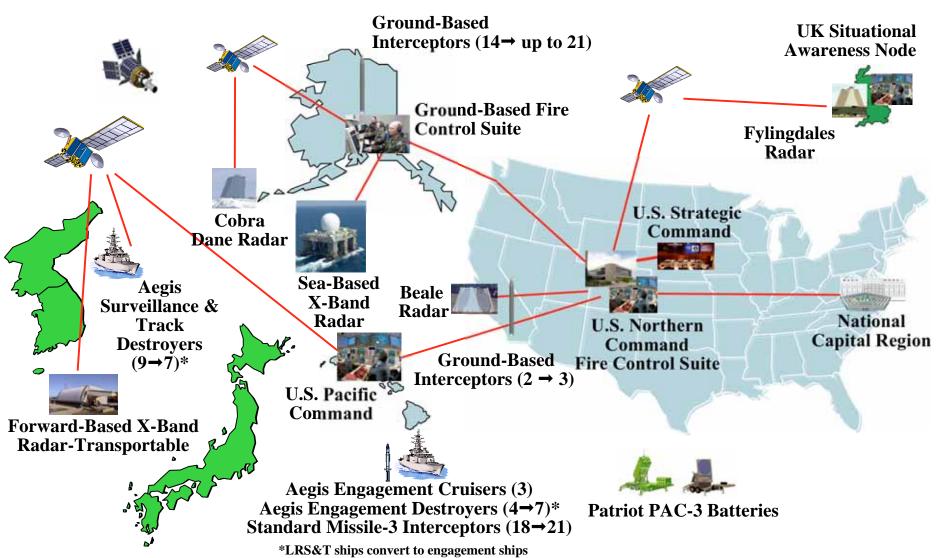


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# System Configuration End February 2007 → End 2007





## **Ground-Based Midcourse Defense**

## Ft. Greely, Alaska







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## **Vandenberg Air Force Base**





# **Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense**





## **Forward Based X-Band Radar**











# **Early Warning Radars**







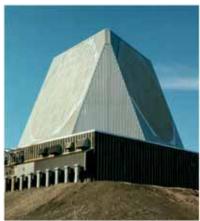
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Fylingdales (United Kingdom)



Thule (Greenland)



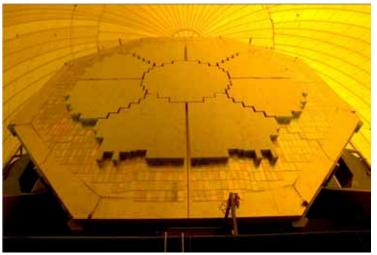


# **Sea-Based X-Band Radar (SBX)**



**SBX Under Way** 

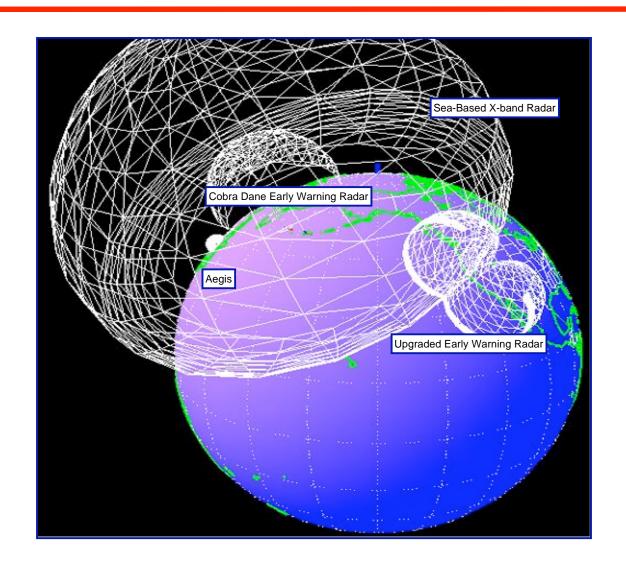




**SBX Interior** 



# **Sensor Viewing Comparisons**





## **Real World Events**

- On 4-5 JUL 06, North Korea conducted seven ballistic missile tests
  - The six short-range tests appeared successful, landing in Sea of Japan
  - The test of the long-range Taepo Dong-2 missile, of most interest to the U.S., failed shortly after launch
- BMDS handed over to the operators
- Aegis BMD radar surveillance ships were stationed east and west of Japan to track trajectory and identify either space or missile track
- Positioning of Forward-based X-band Radar in Japan was accelerated for data collection
- Sea-based X-band Radar off Hawaii was similarly standing by for data collection

We are Confident The Ballistic Missile Defense System Would Have Operated As Designed Had The Taepo Dong-2 Threatened The U.S.



## **Missile Defense Tests**

- 14 test successes in last 15 flight tests (with one no test)
  - Aegis Standard Missile-3 intercepts separating warheads (November 2005 and June 2006)
  - Successful Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) intercepts of unitary targets (July 2006, January 2007)
  - Successful intercept of target with long-range interceptor (September 2006)
- Upcoming tests in 2007
  - Two intercept flight tests (1 endo-atmospheric, 1 exo-atmospheric) of THAAD interceptor at Pacific Missile Range Facility against short-range unitary targets in middle and late 2007
  - Three Aegis Standard Missile-3 intercepts against short-and medium-range targets in middle and late 2007
  - Two intercept tests of long-range ground-based interceptors in late Spring and early Fall 2007
    - 24 Hit-to-Kill Intercepts In Low And High Endo-atmosphere, Midcourse And Terminal Exo-atmosphere Since 2001



# Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense FTM 04-1 – 24 FEB 05

## • Engages

- Short- to medium-range ballistic missiles
- From the sea
- In midcourse phase of flight

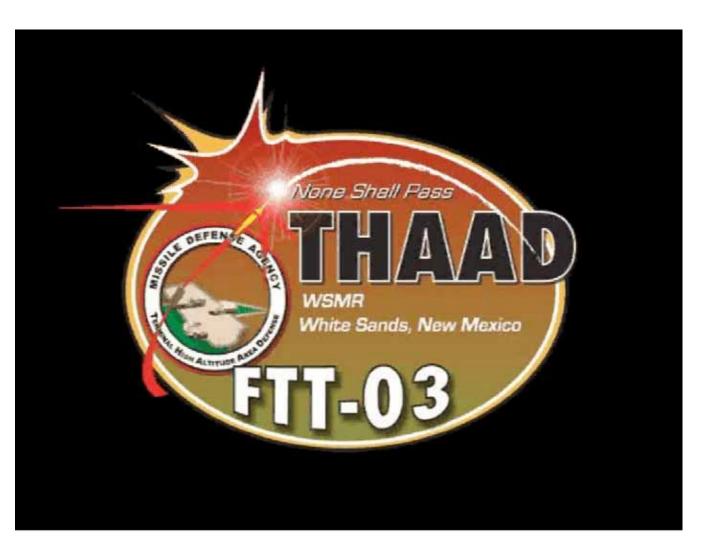




# Terminal High Altitude Area Defense FTT-03 – 12 JUL 06

### • Engages

- Short- to intermediate-range ballistic missiles
- From the ground
- In terminal phase of flight



VMA030aFTT03QL



# Terminal High Altitude Area Defense FTT-06 – 27 JAN 07

#### • Engages

- Short- to intermediate-range ballistic missiles
- From the ground
- In terminal phase of flight



VM300 THAAD 27 JAN 07



# Ground-Based Midcourse Defense FTG-02 – 1 SEP 06

#### • Engages

- Intermediate- to long-range ballistic missiles
- From the ground
- In midcourse phase of flight





# **Capabilities Through 2011**

- Increased capability against rogue nations
  - Up to 44 Ground-Based Interceptors in U.S.
  - First of 10 Ground-Based Interceptors in European Missile Defense Site
  - Large X-Band radar in Europe
  - Thule radar (Greenland) fully integrated
- Improved defense against asymmetric and improved capability against regional threats
  - 3 Aegis cruisers and 15 Aegis destroyers with 83 Standard Missile-3 interceptors
  - 48 Terminal High Altitude Area Defense interceptors with 2 X-band radars
  - Adding near-term sea-based terminal capability using Navy's SM-2 Block IV
- Greater mobility to address surprise threats
  - Two surveillance and tracking satellites
  - Up to 4 forward-based radars available including one to support European site
- Battle management and global integrated fire control for Middle East and Southwest Asia



















## **Baseline Development Program**

#### **Kinetic Energy Interceptor**

#### Airborne Laser



- Over 70 successful laser firings
- Atmospheric compensation and tracking test against target, **Summer 2007**
- Lethal shootdown FY09



21" Interceptor

#### **Multiple Kill Vehicle**



- Successful kill vehicle seeker test
- Hover test to 2009
- First flight 2012







• First launch of 2 demonstration satellites in 2007

#### **Sea-Based Terminal**



- Booster flight test in FY08
- Operational avail 2014

- Agreement with Japan signed June 2006
- First flight 2014
- Operational avail 2015



• Initial far-term program definition in work

## **Knowledge Points Drive Development Progress**



## **International Activity Highlights**

#### **Framework Partners**



Japan: Forward-based X-Band radar siting, 21" Missile Development



UK: Fylingdales UEWR, lethality studies system-level analyses, advanced technology programs, target development



**Australia:** Science and technology cooperation



**Denmark:** Upgrade Thule Early Warning Radar, Technology Discussions



**Italy:** Framework MOU near completion, MEADS partner, architecture analysis study

# **Continuing Activity**



Israel: Arrow Deployed, Arrow System Improvement Program



**Germany: MEADS Partner, Laser** 

**Cross-Link Technology** 



**Netherlands: PAC-3, Trilateral Frigate** 

**Program Maritime Cooperation** 



**NATO:** Active Layered Theater BMD Program Office, Missile Defense

**Feasibility Study** 

## **New Relations / Emphasis**



**Spain:** U.S. -Spain Missile Defense Technical Group established



**Poland:** Missile Defense Consultations and Workshops; expressed interest in hosting missile site



**Czech Republic:** Missile Defense Consultations; expressed interest in hosting midcourse radar



**Ukraine:** Exploring possible cooperative

projects



**India:** Missile Defense Discussions and

Workshops ongoing



**Russia:** Theater Missile Defense Exercise

**Program** 



**France:** Exploring interest



## Summary

- Major progress towards meeting Presidential Direction
- Capabilities are in the warfighters' arsenal while concurrently supporting further development efforts
- We will build on the current system to close performance gaps and improve its capabilities over time