

PLA

Second Artillery Corps

CLAWS RESEARCH TEAM

The PLA Second Artillery Corps (SAC) was officially established on 6 June 1966. However, by then surface-to-surface missile (SSM) units had already existed in the PLA for almost a decade. Under the camouflage of the PLA artillery corps, these units carried out all missile test launches prior to 1966 and also provided nucleus for the SAC. By 1961, the PLA had formed five SSM battalions. Under the order of the Central Military Commission (CMC), the PLA Second Artillery Corps headquarter was officially formed on the basis of the disbanded PLA Public Security Army headquarters. The headquarters for operations is located at Qinghe. Second Artillery Corps is under the direct command of the Chinese Central Military Commission.

The SAC is the component of the People's Liberation Army that controls China's nuclear ballistic and conventional missiles. China's total nuclear arsenal size is estimated to be about 240 nuclear weapons in total, with about 180 of them actively deployed. The SAC comprises approximately 90,000-120,000 personnel and six ballistic missile brigades. The six brigades are independently deployed in different military regions throughout the country.

ORBAT

Second Arty Corps is organised into 7 Base Units. Each Base Unit has several brigades under its command. The known location of Base Units are:-

- 51 Base: Shenyang
- 52 Base: Qimen
- 53 Base: Kunming
- 54 Base: Luoyang
- 55 Base: Huaihua
- 56 Base: Xining
- 22 Base: Baoji

Type and Range of Missile Holdings

TYPE	RANGE (in Km)	Nos (2006-10)/Type
CSS-6(DF15/M-9)	600	500-700 (SRBM)
CSS-7(DF11/M-11)	280	200 (SRBM)
CSS- 8 (M-7)	150	500 (SRBM)
CSS-N-3 (JL-1)	3300	Nos NK
M-18	1000	Nos NK
CSS-2 (DF-3)	2800	MRBM
CSS-5 (DF-21)	1800	MRBM
DF-25	2500	-
CSS-3 (DF-4)	7000	ICBM
CSS-4(DF-5)	13000	ICBM
DF-31	8000	12
DF-31 A	12000	Replacement for DF-4
JL-2 (SLBM)	8000	16 msl on bd

Delivery Systems

35 X ICBMS (DF - 5) (8000-13000 KM).

12 X SLBMS (JL – 2) (8000 KM) (*UNDER TRIALS*).

50 X IRBMS (DF – 3/4/15/21) (600-4750 KM).

600 X SRBMS (DF – 11/M – 7) (UPTO 600 KM).

120 X H-6 BOMBERS - NUC CAPABLE.

- DF- 31A UNDER DEVP.
- RAIL VERSION DF - 31 A UNDER DEVP.