BIG GUNS FOR BIG BUCKS
Patterns of military expenditure across the globe in a billion-dollar industry

SOME KEY FACTS
- Global military expenditure was $1,747 billion in 2013.
- Total military expenditure by the top 15 was $1,408 billion in 2013.
- Total spending fell by 1.9% in 2013.

Military spending by the US fell by 7.8%, to $640 billion. A large part of the fall can be attributed to the reduction in spending on overseas military operations.

THE TOP 15
The following countries were the top 15 spenders in 2013:
1. US
2. China
3. Russia
4. Saudi Arabia
5. France
6. UK
7. Germany
8. Japan
9. India
10. South Korea
11. Italy
12. Brazil
13. Australia
14. Turkey
15. UAE

Russia's military spending increased by 4.8%, and for the first time since 2003 it spent a bigger share of its GDP on the military than the US.

China's spending increased by 7.4%, representing a long-term policy of rising military spending in line with economic growth.

Saudi Arabia climbed from 7th (2012) to 4th, increasing military expenditure by 14%.

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- Military spending fell in the West - North America, Western and Central Europe, and Oceania - but increased in all other regions.

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Hey Big Spender!
77%
Afghanistan had the world's highest increase in military expenditure in 2013 at 77% - a spending increase of 557% since 2004.

$1,293m
Much of the total of $1,293m was spent on salaries and wages for the national army as the country built its defence and security forces in preparation for the departure of other foreign forces at the end of 2014.