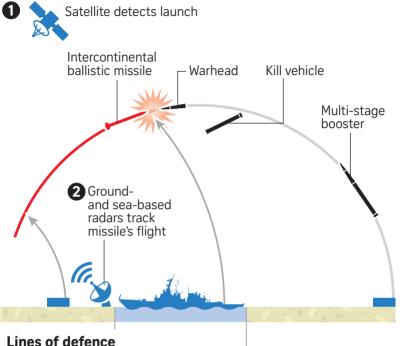
How the US anti-missile system works





Guam.

Thaad (Terminal Area Defence) interceptors from South Korea and



Aegis ballistic interceptors fire from warships in the Pacific.



Midcourse Defence (GMD) system which fires interceptors from Alaska and California. Interceptors will fly into the path of an incoming missile before releasing a kill vehicle which uses onboard sensors to hunt

down and physically collide with the warhead, destroying it on impact.

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