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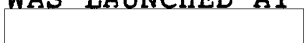
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XIA SSBN UNDERWAY
XIAOPING DAO SUBMARINE BASE, CHINA



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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** THE XIA, CHINA'S FIRST NUCLEAR-POWERED BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE (SSBN), IS OBSERVED UNDERWAY FOR THE FIRST TIME. (SWN)
2. **REMARKS:** THE SUBMARINE IS UNDERWAY ON A NORTHEAST HEADING OFF OF XIAOPING DAO SUBMARINE BASE, PROBABLY EN ROUTE TO AN OPERATIONS AREA FOR COMPATIBILITY TESTING OF THE CSS-NX-3 SUBMARINE-LAUNCHED BALLISTIC MISSILE (SLBM) AND CONTINUING CREW TRAINING. (SWN)

THE XIA SSBN IS THE SECOND CLASS OF CHINESE NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINE AND THE FIRST SSBN CONSTRUCTED BY THE CHINESE. THE XIA SSBN WAS LAUNCHED AT HULUDAO NAVAL SHIPYARD AND PORT FACILITY  IN APRIL 1981. IT WAS FIRST OBSERVED AT XIAOPING DAO SUBMARINE BASE IN PREPARATION FOR SEA TRIALS IN JANUARY 1983. THE XIA SSBN WILL HAVE A WEAPONS COMPLEMENT OF 12 CSS-NX-3 SLBM WHEN THE SSBN/SLBM SYSTEM BECOMES OPERATIONAL. (SWN)

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3.  COORDINATES 38-49-01N 121-29-39E

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