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In 2024, India's military expenditure was 9 times that of Pakistan

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Context

- India's military spending in 2024 was nearly nine times that of Pakistan's expenditure, according to a study released on Monday by a leading **Swedish think tank** that comes amid growing tensions between the two countries over the Pahalgam terror attack.
- The country's military expenditure, **the fifth largest globally**, grew by 1.6% to \$86.1 billion while Pakistan spent \$10.2 billion, according to the '**Trends in World Military Expenditure 2024**' released by **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)**.
- The **top five military spenders** — the **United States, China, Russia, Germany and India** — accounted for 60% of the global total, with combined spending of \$1,635 billion, it said.
- China's military expenditure increased by 7% to an estimated \$314 billion, marking three decades of consecutive growth
- SIPRI said military spending in Europe (including Russia) rose by 17% to \$693 billion and was the main contributor to the global increase in 2024.
- With the **war in Ukraine** in its third year, military expenditure kept rising across the continent, pushing European military spending beyond the level recorded at the end of the Cold War, it noted.
- SIPRI said Russia's military expenditure reached an estimated \$149 billion in 2024, a 38% increase from 2023 and double the level in 2015. This represented 7.1% of Russia's GDP and 19% of all Russian government spending.
- Ukraine's total military expenditure grew by 2.9% to reach \$64.7 billion — equivalent to 43% of Russia's spending. At 34% of GDP, Ukraine had the largest military burden of any country in 2024, the report added.

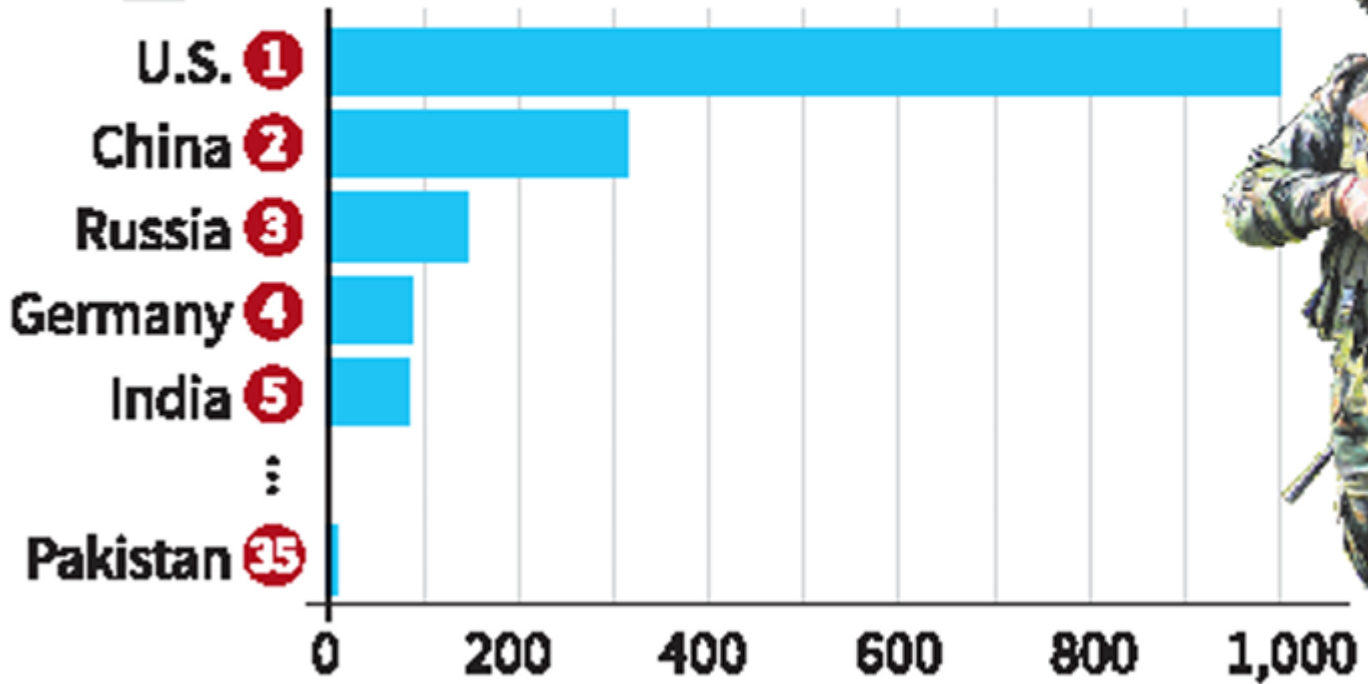
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The chart shows the top military spenders (in \$ billion) in the world in 2024. Pakistan ranked 35 among the spenders



Source : SIPRI

