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Summary: The Japanese Defense Ministry has signed four missile-development and procurement contracts with the country's biggest defense firm, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. The contracts include one for development of a submarine-launched cruise missile and another for mass production of a hypersonic glide vehicle for island defense, which is expected to be delivered in 2026-27. In this year's budget, the Defense Ministry set aside more than ¥1.4 trillion (\$10.5 billion) to develop its missile capabilities. Japan is also set to buy Raytheon Technology Corp.'s Tomahawk missiles and Lockheed Martin Corp.'s Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile as part of its build-up.

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