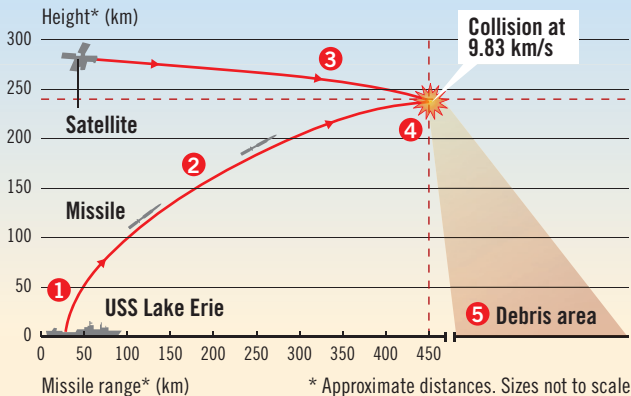


» BLOWING UP A SATELLITE



- 1 SM-3 missile launched from a US Navy cruiser USS Lake Erie in Pacific Ocean
- 2 The three-stage missile heads for collision location, where the relative “closing” speed will be 10km/s
- 3 Satellite reaches desired altitude of 247km, close to edge of atmosphere
- 4 Missile makes contact and breaks fuel tank, freeing hydrazine into space
- 5 50 per cent of debris will fall over hundreds of kilometres within the first 15 hours after the strike



Military posted a notice to airmen and mariners closing airspace about 1,000km west of Maui