



Persian Gulf



Key Points

▪ Physical Geography:

- An arm of the Arabian Sea; between the southwestern Iran and the Arabian Peninsula.
- **Bordering Countries:** Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman (Musandam enclave) and Iran.
- Connected to the **Gulf of Oman** in the east **by the Strait of Hormuz**.
 - The Strait of Hormuz is situated between Qeshm Island and the Iranian coast in the north and the Musandam Peninsula of the Arabian Peninsula in the south.

▪ Strategic Importance:

- Persian Gulf countries are major producers of crude oil and natural gas.
- Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Saudi Arabia are members of [OPEC \(Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries\)](#).
- United Arab Emirates (UAE), Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait are members of the [Gulf Cooperation Council \(GCC\)](#).

▪ **Recent Related Events:**

- [Chabahar Port](#)
- [Farzad-B Gas Field](#)

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