

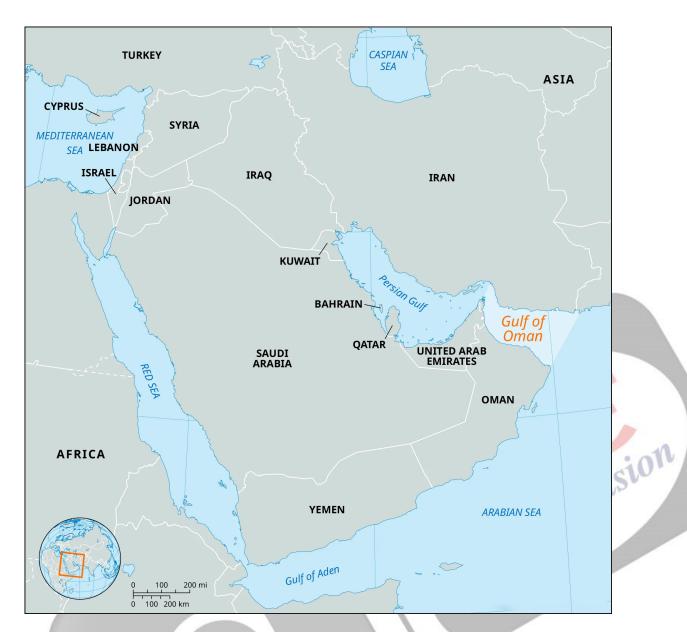
Marine Security Belt 2024

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Iran, Russia, and China began a joint naval drill in the **Gulf of Oman.** The drill, called **"Marine Security Belt 2024".** The drill, which includes warships and aviation, is their fourth joint military exercise since 2019.

- Naval representatives from Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Oman, India, and South Africa are acting as **observers** during the exercise.
- The Gulf of Oman is a western extension of the Arabian Sea and is situated in the Middle East between the countries of Iran, Oman, and the United Arab Emirates.
- The Gulf connects the Arabian Sea with the <u>Strait of Hormuz</u>, which then empties into the <u>Persian Gulf.</u>
 - The Gulf of Oman is bordered by Pakistan and Iran in the north; by the United Arab Emirates in the west and by Oman in the south.





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