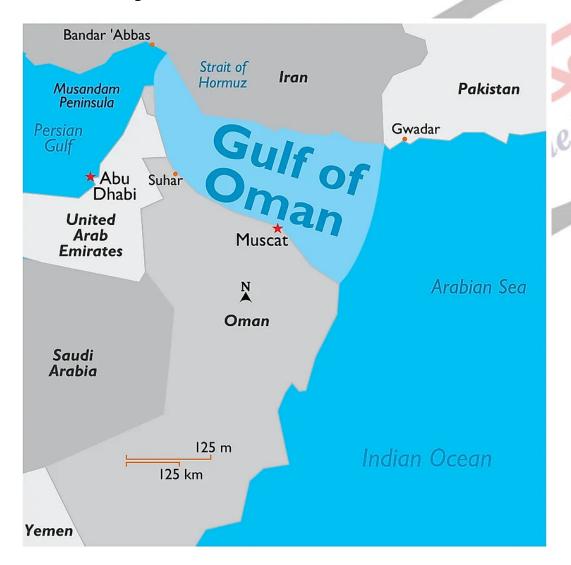


Maritime Security Belt 2025

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China, Iran, and Russia held the **Maritime Security Belt 2025** naval drills in the **Gulf of Oman**, near the **Strait of Hormuz**, amid tensions over Iran's nuclear program.

- About Gulf of Oman: It is a western extension of the Arabian Sea, connecting it to the <u>Strait of Hormuz</u> and the <u>Persian Gulf</u>.
- Bordering Countries: It borders Iran (north), UAE (west), and Oman (south).



- Important islands: Sheytan Island, Al Fahal Island, Dimaniyat Islands, and Sawadi Islands.
- **Significance:** It is the **only maritime route for Iran to access open seas**, making it crucial for global trade and energy transportation.
 - About a fifth of the volume of the world's total oil trade passes through the Strait of

Hormuz on a daily basis that opens in the Gulf of Oman.

■ The Strait of Hormuz connects the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman, and is situated between Iran, the UAE, and Oman.

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