



Red Sea



Key Points

▪ Physical Geography:

- An inlet of the Indian Ocean between Africa and Asia. One of the most saline bodies of water in the world.
- **Bordering Countries:** Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Sudan, Eritrea and Djibouti.
- Connected to the Indian ocean in south **through the Bab el Mandeb strait and the Gulf of Aden.**
- In the north are the **Sinai Peninsula, the Gulf of Aqaba, and the Gulf of Suez** (leading to the Suez Canal).
- Occupies **a part of Great Rift Valley** (Afro-Arabian Rift Valley).

▪ Recent Related Events:

- **Conflict in Yemen** (Between the internationally recognized government, which is backed by a Saudi-led military coalition, and Houthi rebels supported by Iran).
- **Suez Canal jam.**
- **First Joint Naval Exercise: US, UAE, Bahrain and Israel**

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