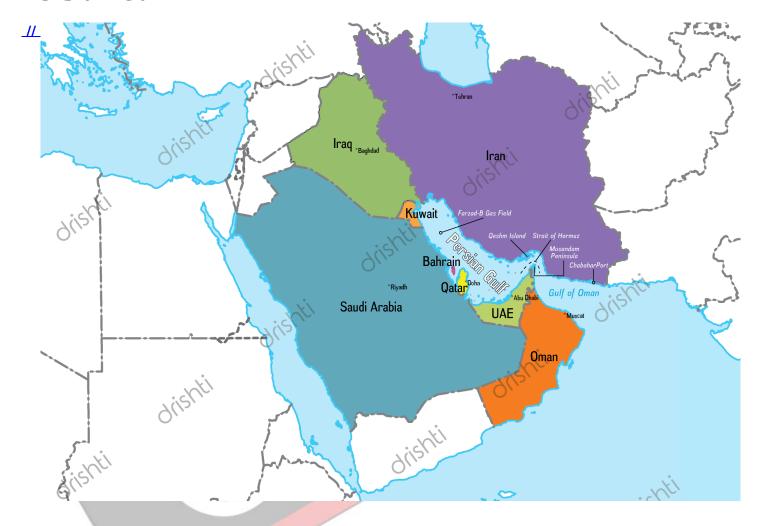


## **Persian Gulf**



# **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 exclave) and Iran.
- Connected to the **Gulf of Oman** in the east **by the** <u>Strait of Hormuz</u>.
  - 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 <u>OPEC</u> (<u>Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries</u>).
- United Arab Emirates (UAE), Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait are members of the <u>Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)</u>.

### • Recent Related Events:

- Chabahar PortFarzad-B Gas Field

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