



## 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 **Strait of Hormuz** and the **Persian Gulf**.
- **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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