

Gulf states boost defences

Concerns over Iran's regional ambitions are prompting Gulf Co-operation Council states to seek strategic reassurance from the U.S. and acquire the most modern military equipment available. Since 2008 the UAE and Saudi Arabia have committed \$17.6bn and \$12bn respectively on arms purchases

PATRIOT MISSILE BATTERIES

 To be delivered

 Existing

ISRAEL



 Tehran

Iran's gas centrifuges showing signs of deterioration but stockpile of enriched uranium continues to grow and will be sufficient for two weapons when further enriched

Shahab-3 missile
capable of reaching Israel and U.S. bases in Gulf

IRAQ

U.S. forces:
115,000
(dropping to 50,000 in Aug 2010)

KUWAIT



U.S. forces:
c15,000

BAHRAIN



HQ of U.S. 5th Fleet.

U.S. forces: **1,447**

QATAR



U.S. forces:
433

UAE



U.S. forces:
104

SAUDI ARABIA



4-6 batteries

OMAN

200km
125 miles

Two U.S. cruisers, equipped with **Aegis** missiles, patrolling continuously in Gulf



Picture: Lockheed Martin