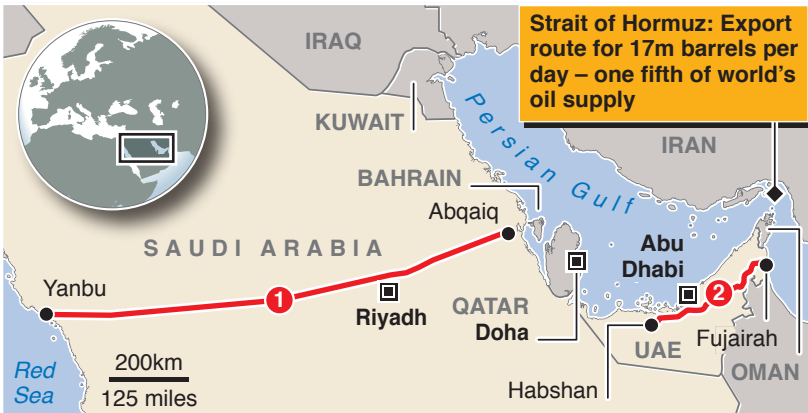


Pipelines bypassing Hormuz oil route open

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates have opened new pipelines bypassing the Strait of Hormuz, reducing Iran's power over oil markets.

Tehran has repeatedly threatened to close the vital oil trade route



1. EAST-WEST PIPELINE

Length: 1,200km

Capacity: 2m b/d – 25% of Saudi Arabia's oil exports

Natural gas pipeline converted to allow it to carry crude oil

2. ABU DHABI OIL PIPELINE

Length: 423km

Cost: \$4.2 billion

Capacity: 1.5m b/d – 65% of UAE exports

New links will more than double pipeline capacity bypassing strait to 6.5m b/d – 40% of total transiting Hormuz