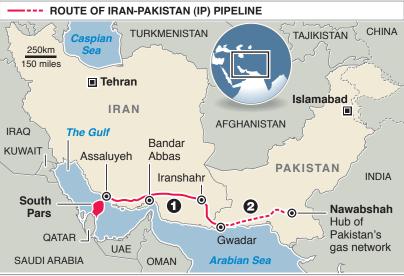
## Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline to go ahead

In the face of strong opposition from the United States, construction is due to start on the second phase of a long-delayed, \$7.5 billion pipeline project that will deliver Iranian natural gas to Pakistan



Iran: 1,170km-long section of gas pipeline from Assaluyeh to Iran-Pakistan border reportedly already complete. When Pakistani section is complete, gas will be supplied from giant South Pars field at rate of more than 21 million cubic metres per day

2 Pakistan: Construction of 785kmlong section of pipeline to start March 11, with work scheduled for completion by December 2014. Iran is loaning Pakistan \$500m to finance its share of project, with remaining \$1 billion to come from Pakistani government