

RESOURCES AND SIGNIFICANCE

- Coastal areas are the world's largest single source of crude oil
(http://www.persianorarabiangulf.com/index.php?c_page=5)
- The *Safaniya oil field* is considered the largest offshore oil field in the world.
(<https://www.dovregrroup.com/news/safaniya-oil-field.html>)
- Large gas finds and dominations of related industries
(<https://www.dovregrroup.com/news/safaniya-oil-field.html>)

Conclusion: *Because of its natural resources, access to the Persian Gulf has become the focus of international tension, such as the 1990-1988 Iraq-Iran War and 1990-1991 Persian Gulf War.*
(http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Persian_Gulf)