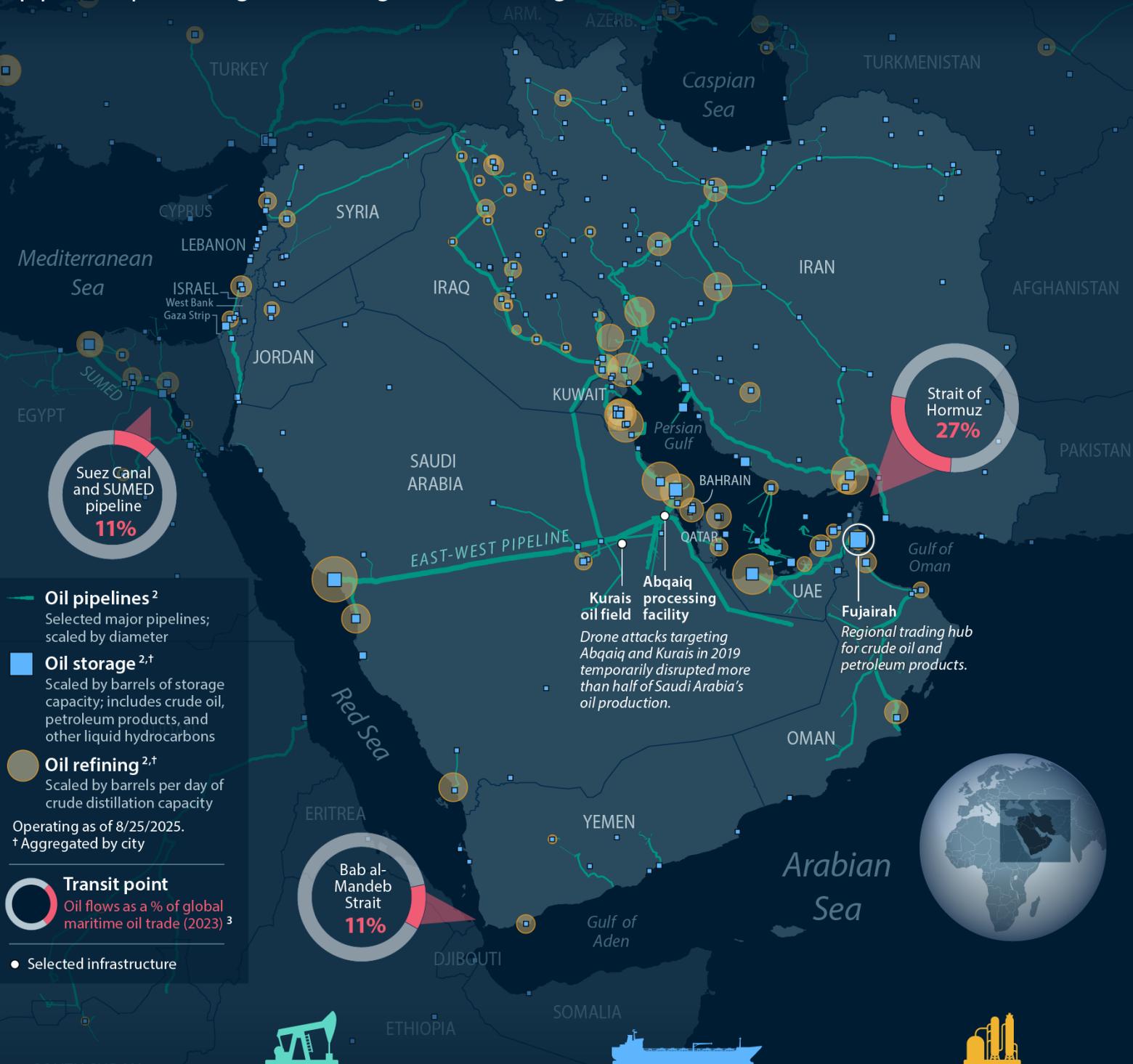


# Middle East Oil

Oil production, trade, and refining in the Middle East are important for global oil markets. Three maritime transit points for crude oil and petroleum products are in or near the region. Conflicts within and among Middle East countries and regional militant groups have included attacks—more than 200 since 2017<sup>1</sup>—targeting oil infrastructure, including production fields, pipelines, processing and refining facilities, storage terminals, and tankers.



## OIL PRODUCTION

Middle East, % Global	Crude oil (2024) <sup>4</sup>	Spare capacity (2/2026) <sup>5</sup>
	Thousand BPD	Thousand BPD
SAUDI ARABIA	9,203	1,840
IRAN	4,340	Not assessed
IRAQ	4,308	520
UAE	3,316	670
KUWAIT	2,411	300
QATAR	1,321	Not available
OMAN	993	0
OTHER ME	228	Not available

## OIL EXPORTS

Crude oil (2024) <sup>4</sup>	Oil products (2024) <sup>4</sup>
Thousand BPD	Thousand BPD
6,420	1,233
Included in Other ME	Included in Other ME
3,597	523
3,658	1,986
1,203	895
Included in Other ME	Included in Other ME
Included in Other ME	Included in Other ME
3,276	1,462

## OIL REFINING

Refining capacity (2024) <sup>4</sup>
Thousand BPD
11%
3,289
2,460
1,219
1,271
1,430
429
564
1,057

**Crude oil** includes crude, shale/tight oil, oil sands, and lease condensate or gas condensates that require further refining. **Oil products** include gasoline, diesel/gasoil, fuel oil, and other refined petroleum products. **Spare capacity** changes monthly and is defined by the U.S. Energy Information Administration as “the volume of production that can be brought on within 30 days and sustained for at least 90 days.” Most spare oil production capacity is controlled by Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) members. **BPD** = Barrels per day. **UAE** = United Arab Emirates. **ME** = Middle East. Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

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