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- **Gulf Cooperation Council** is a regional intergovernmental political and economic union consisting of all Arab states of the Persian Gulf viz. Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates
- **Gulf of Oman** is a gulf that connects the Arabian Sea with the Strait of Hormuz
- **Strait of Hormuz** provides the only sea passage from the Persian Gulf to the open ocean and is one of the world's most strategically important choke points
- **Iraq is India's top crude oil** supplier in 2019-20, meeting close to one-fourth of the country's oil needs.

## 9) Iran

- USA unilaterally abrogated the **Iran nuclear deal (JCPOA)** in 2018
- JCPOA was signed by **P5+1 countries** (P5 plus **Germany**)
- **E3 countries** are UK, Germany, and France
- Iranian General Qassem Soleimani, head of **Quds Force**, part of Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) was assassinated by the USA
- The entire West Asian region, extending from the **Straits of Hormuz to the Suez Canal**, has become unstable because of the US attack
- FATF placed **Iran on its black list** after it failed to comply with international anti-terrorism financing norms
- Iran is a **member** of nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (**NPT**)
- **Chabahar port** located in southeastern Iran, on the Gulf of Oman, is developed by India and provide an alternative for trade between India and Afghanistan
- The **Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict** is the first international treaty that focuses exclusively on the protection of cultural property in armed conflict. Under this the UNESCO is primarily responsible for the dissemination and monitoring of compliance
- The **International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)** is a specialized agency of the United Nations. It changes the principles and techniques of international air navigation and fosters the planning and development of international air transport to ensure safe and orderly growth. Its headquarters is located in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.