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Daily news summary**Strait of Hormuz Geographical Significance Maritime Chokepoint**

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WHY IN NEWS

- Maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz showed fluctuations amid diplomatic talks between Oman and Iran.

WHAT IS THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ?

- Narrow maritime passage connecting the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea.
- Bordered by Iran to the north and Oman (Musandam peninsula) and UAE to the south.

WHY IT MATTERS

- World's most critical oil transit chokepoint, handling approximately one-fifth of global petroleum liquids consumption.
- Vital energy security channel for crude imports to major Asian economies including India.

KEY TERMS

- **Maritime Chokepoint:** Narrow strategic passage along high-traffic maritime routes that can constrain global trade flows if blocked.

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PRELIMS FACTS

- Strait of Hormuz separates Iran from Oman and the United Arab Emirates.
- It connects the Persian Gulf directly with the Gulf of Oman.

KEY DATA

- **Connecting Water Bodies:** Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman - Primary physical geography identification for UPSC prelims.

- **Northern Littoral State:** Iran - Controls the northern coast and territorial waters of the strategic strait.

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