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Why West is interested in region

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Geography, Oil & Gas

- Balance of power
- Oil & Gas
- Suez canal

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Map 2: Israel Within the 1949 Armistice Lines (pre-1967 Borders)



















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Oil & Gas

↕	Country	↕	Production (bbl/day)	↕	Share of World %	↕	Date of Information
—	<i>World</i>		84,820,000 ^[6]		100%		2011 est.
1	 Russia		10,900,000		13.28%		2013 est. ^{[7][8]}
2	 Saudi Arabia		9,900,000		12.65%		2013 est. ^{[7][9]}
3	 United States		8,453,000		10.93%		2013 est.
4	 Iran		4,231,000		4.77%		2013 est.
5	 China		4,073,000		4.56%		2013 est.
6	 Canada		3,592,000		3.90%		2013 est.
7	 Iraq		3,400,000		3.75%		2013 est.
8	 United Arab Emirates		3,087,000		3.32%		2013 est.
9	 Venezuela		3,023,000		4.74%		2013 est.
10	 Mexico		2,934,000		3.56%		2013 est.
11	 Kuwait		2,682,000		2.96%		2013 est.
12	 Brazil		2,633,000		3.05%		2013 est.
13	 Nigeria		2,525,000		2.62%		2013 est.
14	 Norway		1,998,000		2.79%		2013 est.
—	 Texas		1,894,884 ^[10]		2.66%		2011 est.
15	 Algeria		1,885,000		2.52%		2013 est.

6 countries in region have 30% of world's identified oil reserves
 Libya has 5th largest oil reserves in the world

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Balance of power

- Crimean War ... 1853/1856
- Gibraltar, Malta & Cyprus
- Indian subcontinent

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Politics

- Justice and Development Party ... Turkey
- Freedom and Justice Party (Muslim Brotherhood) ... Egypt
- Islamic Resistance Movement (HAMAS) ... Gaza

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