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Military logistics hub within next decade

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| Aden YEMEN | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | none (due to conflict) | UAE (conflict) | Port of Aden operational in March 2017; Sana'a Airport only for humanitarian and UN flights. Sea mines off coast deterring international use. |
| Alexandria EGYPT | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Road / Air | USA (port call, crew R+R) India (port call) UK (port call) Russia (port call) Germany (rescue) | No diplomatic relations w/ Iran. |
| Aqaba JORDAN | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Limited | Road / Air / Rail | USA (logistics, crew R+R)UK (meetings, training R+R)Russia (logistics) | Russia negotiating access to port. |
| Assab ERITREA | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Limited | Road / Air | UAE (docking; fuel, air, and ground basing; repairs) | UAE has 30-year military lease use of Assab port/airport. UAE built a deepwater port facility adjacent to the airbase. |
| Bandar Abbas IRAN | No | No | No | Yes | Limited | Road / Air / Rail | India (exercises, diplomacy) Russia (diplomacy, exact purpose unk.) China (diplomacy, exercises) Pakistan (diplomacy, joint exercises) Italy (diplomacy) | Potential (limited) logistics hub for Eurasian navies. |
| Benghazi LIBYA | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Limited | Road / Air | ■ UAE has an airbase ~100 km from Benghazi | Several rail lines are under construction, including one connecting Benghazi and Surt. |
| Berbera SOMALILAND | No | No | No | Yes | Limited | Air / Road | UAE given permission to construct a naval base in Berbera Port Netherlands (diplomacy) | UAE also obtained a lease for Berbera airport to make it an airbase. |

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| Chabahar IRAN | No | No | No | Yes | Moderate | Road / Air / Rail | ■ None | Railroad connecting Chabahar and Zahedan currently under construction with funding from India. |
| Djibouti DJIBOUTI | No | No | No | Yes | Limited | Air / Rail | USA (fuel, food, crew R+R) China (fuel, food, crew R+R) Iran (food, fuel) France (meeting) Spain (training) Japan (training) Italy (meetings) Russia (meetings, crew R+R) | China expanding ship maintenance capability (2017); new International Airport opens 2018; highways doubled to 113,000 km, expected to double again in next 3 years. |
| Duqm OMAN | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Road / Air / Rail (IOC ~2020) | USA (fuel, logistics hub)UK (base)India (berthing rights) | International rail system expected 2018. |
| Fujairah UAE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Road / Air / Rail | USA (fuel, food, repairs, crew R+R, base) Italy (diplomacy) Australia (port call) | World's second largest bunkering port and top storage/bunkering centers in the world. Port dock is 26 meters in depth—the deepest in the Middle East. |
| Gwadar PAKISTAN | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Road / Air | China (economic development) | China has 40-year lease to develop Gwadar port and provides ships to Pakistan for port defense. Railroad in the works, completion date unknown. Airport under construction, to be completed by December 2019. |
| Hodeidah YEMEN | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | | none (due to conflict) | none, due to conflict | Has an international airport, but most air traffic directed through Sanaa International Airport. |
| Jazan SAUDI ARABIA | No | Yes | Yes | No | Limited | Road / Air | none | N/A |
| Jebel Ali UAE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Road / Air / Rail | ■ USA (repairs, crew R+R) | Etihad Rail will complete aterminal at Jebel Ali by 2030. |
| Jeddah SAUDI ARABIA King Faisal Naval Base King Abdul Aziz IAP | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Road / Air | China (diplomacy, merchant escort) Spain (diplomacy) France (diplomacy) India (diplomacy) Pakistan (diplomacy) UK (diplomacy) USA (supporting detachments) | N/A |

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| Jubail SAUDI ARABIA King Abdulaziz Naval Base King Fahd Naval Academy | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Road / Air | USA (exercises, diplomacy, crew R+R) India (exercises, diplomacy) Pakistan (diplomacy) Jordan (diplomacy, exercises) | Design to build \$7 billion east-west railway to connect Jubail with Dammam complete. |
| Karachi PAKISTAN | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Road / Air / Rail | China (diplomacy, training) USA (humanitarian, training) Iran (diplomacy, training) Russia (training) Turkey (training) Australia (training) Indonesia (training) Japan (training) Malaysia (training) Sri Lanka (training) UK (training) | The port has a dedicated rail station. |
| Khalifa ABU DHABI | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Road / Air | USA (repairs, maintenance, crew R+R) | A rail system is planned, but no completion date established. |
| Khalifa bin Salman Port BAHRAIN | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Road / Air | USA (repairs, fueling, emergency)NAVCENT Headquarters | Bahrain/KSA to build road/rail causeway connecting Khalifa bin Salman Port with Saudi rail system; no diplomatic relations with Iran. |
| King Abdullah Port SAUDI ARABIA | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | Road/ Rail (IOC ~2017-18) | ■ None | High-speed rail system to be completed in 2017-18. |
| Larnaca CYPRUS | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Limited | Road / Air | USA (port call, supplies) | N/A |
| Limassol CYPRUS | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Limited | Road / Air | USA (port call)Russia (port call, fuel) | Russian Navy use; RAF Akrotiri base close to Limassol. |
| Mina Salman BAHRAIN | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Limited | | USA (maintenance) UK (forward operating base, accommodations, crew R+R) | N/A |
| Mina Zayed ABU DHABI | No | No | No | Yes | Limited | Air | China (diplomacy, training) USA (training) South Korea (counterpiracy) Italy (diplomacy, exercises) | Mina Zayed expected to be used entirely for cruise liners in the future. |

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| Mokha YEMEN | No | No | No | No | No | No | ■ None (due to conflict) | Control shifted between Houthi rebels and coalition forces during conflict. |
| Perim (Mayyun) Island YEMEN | No | No | No | No | No | No | Houthis, Yemenis, coalition | Houthis and Saudi coalition have fought over this incredibly strategic island. UAE is building an airbase either on Perim |
| Port Said EGYPT | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Road / Air | None | Second busiest container seaport in Arab world. Development hinges on heavy Russian and Chinese investment. |
| Port Sudan SUDAN | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Limited | Road / Air / Rail | Iran (port call, diplomacy, suspected arms transfers—kicked out in 2014) Saudi Arabia (joint naval exercises) USA (port call, diplomacy) Pakistan (port call, diplomacy) Turkey (port call, diplomacy) China (diplomacy) | Rail system slow. Sudan planning new rail line connecting Port Sudan and Khartoum. Iran kicked out of port in 2014 while building naval base. |
| Port Victoria SEYCHELLES | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Limted | Air | USA (port call)India (port call)UK (port call) | Seychelles government: foreign military bases will be allowed at their port. |
| Salalah OMAN | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Road / Air / Rail | China (food, repair, crew R+R) USA (fuel, supplies, crew R+R) Russia (food, water) Italy (training) Spain (counterpiracy, supplies) India (diplomacy, docking training) | Free Trade Zone will increase trade in the busiest container shipment seaport in Arab world. |
| Shuwaikh KUWAIT | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Road / Air | China (diplomacy, training) | Maritime environment complicated by Iran and Iraq interests. |
| Sohar OMAN | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Road / Air / Rail | ChinaIndia (crew R+R) | China looking at Sohar for One Belt, One Road initiative. No military activity to date. |
| Sultan Qaboos OMAN | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Road / Air | China (training, diplomacy) USA (crew R+R) Italy (fuel, resupply, counterpiracy) Australia (resupply, diplomacy, crew R+R) UK (diplomacy, crew R+R) | Ceased commercial operations in 2014, and is being transformed into a cruise ship port. |
| Tartus SYRIA | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Limited | Road / Rail | Russia (docking, fuel)Iran (dock, purpose unclear) | Russia there since 1972; sole Russian Navy base in the Mediterranean. Plans to improve base/port. |

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