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A Return to East of Suez?
UK Military Deployment to the Gulf

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Foreword

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At a time of economic retrenchment and growing uncertainty within Europe, it may seem strange that the UK sees its future military security increasingly ‘east of Suez’. Such an emotive phrase suggests imperial ambitions at a time when UK armed forces are smaller than they have been for 200 years. But there are compelling reasons for the UK to take its Gulf relationships much more seriously.

The military intends to build up a strong shadow presence around the Gulf; not an evident imperial-style footprint, but a smart presence with facilities, defence agreements, rotation of training, transit and jumping-off points for forces that aim to be more adaptable and agile as they face the post-
Net imports of the top three net fossil fuel importing countries (2012)
quadrillion Btu

- **China**:
  - Natural gas: 5
  - Oil: 15
  - Coal: 5

- **Japan**:
  - Natural gas: 5
  - Oil: 10
  - Coal: 5

- **United States**:
  - Natural gas: 5
  - Oil: 15
  - Coal: 5

**Note:** The net exports are indicated by the shaded area.
“And we made of water every living thing”

The Holly Quran