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The Persian Gulf (Persian: خلیج عرب, Xalij-e Fars, lit. Gulf of Fars), (Arabic: خليج الفرس, translit. Xalij-e Fārs, lit. Gulf of Fars), is a strategic region that has been a focal point of global strategic interests. The Gulf is home to some of the world's most significant oil and gas reserves, making it a key area of strategic concern. The strategic value of the region extends beyond its natural resources to include its role as a conduit for international trade and as a geopolitical chokepoint.

The Gulf region is characterized by a complex web of rivalries and alliances, with the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) being a prominent player. The GCC, consisting of the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, and Saudi Arabia, has been at the forefront of regional missile defense strategies. The United States, recognizing the importance of the Gulf region, has been actively involved in crafting a missile defense umbrella for the region.

The Ballistic Missile Defense Review (BMDR) Report is a 48-page document that outlines the United States' strategic approach to missile defense in the region. It emphasizes the need for a holistic integrated air and missile defense (IAMD) vision, which includes both homeland and regional missile defense capabilities.

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Early humans adapted by fashioning primitive defenses, which at the time of creating viable active missile defenses for both the homeland and regional in all phases (boost, mid-course, and terminal) of ballistic missile trajectories by...