

## Vulnerable: Persian Gulf Marine Security

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In one of the first visible effects on force readiness of the looming threat of across-the-board budget cuts scheduled to go into effect next month, the Defense Department has delayed the deployment of the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman and USS Gettysburg to the Persian Gulf.

The two vessels were scheduled to depart Norfolk, Va., this week for the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

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