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Cover: Fishermen pull in their net on a beach at sunset. Above: A lone Omani stands sentinel in the mountains (Photos: John Nowell)