
IRAN CRISIS POSES FRESH TEST FOR DIVIDED EU

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Already strained by Russias war and managing relations with Donald Trump, the EU is now scrambling to respond to a conflict where it has even less leverage.

Ursula von der Leyen will on Monday chair an emergency meeting of European commissioners as the conflict with Iran deepens and after the EUs 27 foreign ministers differed over a joint statement.

As missiles rained across the Middle East and with fears of a threat to Cyprus, the EU pivoted to crisis mode, calling emergency Sunday sessions and planning a series of extraordinary meetings. It faces the difficult task of pulling together a coherent foreign policy response for a region where it doesnt have huge leverage while confronting challenges on several fronts at home and abroad.

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