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**IRAN THREATENS 'TARGETS' IN EUROPE, AS EU WARSHIPS FLOCK TO SOUTH CYPRUS**

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The EU has continued its military build-up in the Eastern Mediterranean after Iran threatened to strike any European nations seen helping the US-Israeli attack.

Germany said on Sunday (8 March) it was sending a frigate to join French, Dutch, Greek, Italian, and Spanish warships already in or en route to the area, as well as Italian, Greek, and British warplanes and air-defence systems being sent there.

French president Emmanuel Macron and Greek prime minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis will also travel to Cyprus(\*) on Monday to coordinate defence operations and regional repatriation efforts.

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