EU Urges More Mediterranean Cooperation to Tackle Terror

BARCELONA - EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini called Monday for closer Mediterranean cooperation by Europe and its southern neighbours to prevent the EU's Middle East from becoming a battle zone. The call comes after the end of the first day of a summit in Athens attended by representatives of the 28 European Union member states and delegations from North Africa and Middle East nations of the southern rim of the Mediterranean. "It is important for us to be clear that this evolving geopolitical situation is alarming, said Mogherini. "It is the main message to the European Union and to the Arab world: A major push towards integration and shared stability is needed to allow for the resumption of the political process in the region."

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EUROPE TO REPLACE ASIA IN ASIA AFTER IRAN TALKS

TEHRAN - Top European countries launched a joint mission to protect oil tankers in the area next to Yemen, amid a new round of efforts to restart talks with Iran on its nuclear program.

Mogherini said that the EU countries would work with Iran to restore confidence in the region. She said that the EU was ready to engage with Iran on a range of issues, including security and stability.

The EU's joint mission was announced during a meeting of EU foreign ministers in Athens. It is the latest in a series of initiatives by the EU to engage with Iran and other countries in the region.

Mogherini said that the mission would begin immediately and that it would involve countries from the Mediterranean and the European Union.

The EU's joint mission comes as the United States and other countries are preparing to launch a new round of talks with Iran on its nuclear program. The talks are expected to take place in Vienna on Tuesday.

It is the second time in a month that the EU has announced a joint mission to the region. The first mission was launched in May.

The EU's joint mission is expected to involve countries from the Mediterranean, the European Union and the US.

The EU's joint mission is expected to be led by a senior diplomat from one of the EU's member states.

The EU's joint mission is expected to focus on issues such as security and stability, trade and investment.

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