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## **EU POSTPONES RUSSIAN OIL-BAN, AS IRAN ENERGY SHOCK AGGRAVATES RIFTS**

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*The EU is delaying a Russian oil ban, as the Iran war aggravates old frictions in European politics.*

The European Commission will no longer put forward a legal proposal to ban all Russian oil imports on 15 April as planned, it told press in Brussels on Tuesday (24 March).

The commission said it might come out after the Easter break instead, without giving a new date, but warned against sensationalising the delay, as a nervous oil market looked for signs of how the Iran war-linked energy crisis was being seen.

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