More emotional sanctions on Russia by EU next week?

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Reuters reported that new economic sanctions after some diplomatic clashes between France and Russia. “The European Union will approve more sanctions against Russia on Monday, France’s Minister for European Affairs Benjamin Haddad”, said Thursday this week. Haddad also condemned Russia’s decision on Wednesday to ban Le Monde newspaper reporter Ariane Chemin, freelance journalist and former Moscow correspondent Paul Gogo, as well as two French lawmakers, Sacha Houlie and Arthur Delaporte, from entering Russia.” Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot

said earlier on X that the fact the Kremlin was presenting the ban as a response to the expulsion from France in July of alleged Russian propagandist Xenia Fedorova "confirmed her ties to Russian authorities."

The scene above is typical emotional quarrels of a couple but in international politics. Both countries have sovereignties to expulse anyone, ideally according to domestic laws at least. More is the impact: economic sanctions. Really?

Russia is attacking Ukraine not EU. EU chooses to respond for Ukraine with economic sanction which is hardly considered as defence against Russia under international law i.e. not a declaration of war but a starving strategy from EU to deescalate aggressive behaviours. This seems legitimate and civilized. EU maintains a spirit of disapproval of Russia. However continuous aggressiveness of Russia, a further example from North Korea, effectiveness of the strategy is doubtful here especially due to fuel dependence on powerful Russia from Europe and even US. After a few years of the Russia-Ukraine war, the starving strategy is becoming the one to buy time until a better solution arrives. Shall we call this an emotional sanction?

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