

1,000 More Refugees Enter Germany Despite Renewed Border Checks



Berlin, September 15 (RHC)-- Nearly one thousand more refugees have arrived in southern Germany from Austria amid Berlin's surprise decision to reinstate border controls in a bid to stem the tide of asylum seekers into the nation.

Germany's federal police spokesman Rainer Scharf stated that hundreds of refugees continue to cross the border, although at a slower pace than before Germany's decision to re-establish the border control process over the weekend, AFP reported.

"The federal police department of Rosenheim has recorded around 1,000 people arriving since midnight," Scharf added late Monday as quoted in the report, referring to Germany's Bavarian region over the border from the Austrian city of Salzburg.

The development came after Berlin announced the new border checks following complaints by German authorities in the Bavarian state capital of Munich that they were struggling to deal with the tide of new refugee arrivals.

Scharf also verified that most of the asylum seekers came from Middle East nations through Turkey, Greece, the Balkans, Hungary as well as Austria before arriving in Germany, which remains among Europe's most stable economies.

This is while nearly 63,000 refugees have arrived by rail to the main station in Munich since August 31st, including 20,000 over each of the past two weekends.

Meanwhile, German Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokesman stated on Monday that Berlin was not shutting its gates to the refugees, arguing that the renewed border checks were aimed at restoring order to the process of accepting asylum seekers.

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