

# *Bulgaria Militarizes Border Over Refugee Influx*

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Sofia, September 18 (RHC)-- Bulgaria has started mobilizing as many as 1,000 forces to its border with Turkey to stop trespassing refugees amid ongoing measures elsewhere across Europe to handle the influx.

"We have triggered a plan for the start of the step-by-step deployment of up to 1,000 troops along the whole Bulgarian-Turkish border (within the next week)," Bulgarian Interior Ministry chief of staff Georgy Kostov said on Thursday, AFP reported.

Hundreds of refugees currently remain stranded for a third day on the Turkish side. Bulgaria has already sent more than 1,000 extra police to the 260-kilometer (160-mile)-long border and propped up a razor-wire fence spanning 30 kilometers (18 miles) there. The country has registered a total of 7,400 asylum seekers, mainly Syrians, so far this year.

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