Federal Minister of the Interior extends border controls

The Federal Minister of the Interior, Alexander Dobrindt, extended temporary internal border controls for another 6 months beyond 15 March 2026. A notification is currently being sent to the European Commission.

Shortly after entering into office, Minister Dobrindt ordered increased controls at all nine German internal borders with neighboring countries. The aim of the measures is to ensure long-term political and social stability in Germany and to take decisive action against smuggling and trafficking.

Source(s)

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