Extension of border controls for additional 6 months to reduce irregular migration and smuggling

Federal Minister of the Interior Nancy Faeser announced that temporary internal border controls at all German land borders will be extended beyond 15 March 2025 for a further six months up to and including 15 September 2025.

The temporary internal border controls shall effectively reduce irregular migration and smuggling of human beings.

The Federal Ministry of the Interior reported that there were:

- 80,000 unauthorised entries detected
- 1,900 smugglers arrested
- 47,000 refusals of entry (including in cases where people do not present valid or falsified documents or attempt to enter the country without a visa or valid residence permit)

The Federal Ministry of the Interior noted that temporary border controls have contributed to the decrease of asylum application in 2024.

Source(s)

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