

Denmark Imposes Controls at German Border



Stockholm, January 5 (RHC)-- Denmark has imposed controls at its border with Germany to limit the flow of refugees entering the country, Danish Prime Minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen says.

The move came on Monday only hours after the Swedish government announced controls on a major bridge-and-tunnel link with Denmark to limit the number of refugees arriving from Denmark.

Sweden's control policies require all train, bus and ferry operators to check the photo identification of passengers travelling from Denmark. Stockholm said the move came as it could not cope with the flow of refugees.

"When other Nordic countries seal their borders, it can have major consequences for Denmark. It can lead to more asylum seekers," Rasmussen said. The Danish premier warned that Sweden's move could have a domino effect on Denmark and increase the number of refugees there.

Rasmussen justified Denmark's plan as a reaction "to a decision made in Sweden. We are introducing temporary border controls but in a balanced way. This is not a happy moment at all."



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