BULGARIAN, GREEK DEFENCE MINISTERS TO DISCUSS MIGRATION PRESSURE AT EU BORDERS

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The refugee crisis in Europe and migration pressure on EU borders will be on the agenda of talks between the defence ministers of Greece and Bulgaria on Thursday.

Bulgarias Defence Minister Nikolay Nenchev will pay a one-day official visit to Athens for talks with his Greek counterpart Panos Kammenos, the Defence Ministry in Sofia said in a statement on Wednesday.

Nenchev reaffirmed last month Bulgaria's readiness to build a wire fence along its border with Greece in preparation for a possible increase in migration pressure following the closure for migrants of the so-called Western Balkan route to Western Europe via Macedonia and Serbia.

Two weeks ago Bulgarian troops held a joint training exercise with border police at Ilinden crossing on the countrys border with Greece as part of Bulgarias efforts to adequately respond to a potential increase in migration flow after the closure of the Western Balkans route.

The talks will also focus on various aspects of the cooperation between the two countries military as well as matters of the current agenda of NATO and the EU.

The chiefs of defence of Bulgaria and Greece, Constantin Popov and Evangelos Apostolakis will also take part in the talks.

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