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CZECH BORDER CONTROLS BLOCKING MIGRANTS' ROUTE TO GERMANY FRUSTRATE SLOVAKIA

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Slovakia on Thursday (10 November) put pressure on the Czech Republic to ease border controls in place for weeks to combat an increase in the number of migrants, mainly from Syria, who are heading to Germany and Western Europe.

The controls have raised tensions between the allies, with Slovak Prime Minister Eduard Heger challenging their use under European Union rules. He discussed the issue with his Czech counterpart, Petr Fiala, on Thursday evening in Prague.

The controls at entry points along the 252-km (157-mile) Czech-Slovak border to deter migrants on foot and being smuggled in vehicles have snarled truck transport, often causing hours-long delays and angering Slovak truck drivers.

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