BULGARIA ADMITS TO STAFFING, EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS AT TURKISH BORDER

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A dysfunctional fence, a lack of border policemen and poor and insufficient equipment were among the problems Interior Minister Ivan Demerdzhiev raised during a parliamentary hearing convened Thursday to discuss the recent death of a border policeman.

The hearing occurred in response to the death of a 30-year-old border policeman who was shot from Turkish territory while patrolling the border and examining a cut in the metal fence. Two people have been detained in Turkey for the murder.

There are not enough trained border policemen, their equipment is insufficient, the roads are in bad condition, there are not enough cars, and the fencing equipment does not work correctly, Demerdzhiev told lawmakers.

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