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Greece Bolsters Border Security

ATHENS — Fearing a mass influx of destitute Albanians and other immigrants, Greece has begun a large-scale effort to use the military and the police to plug the country's porous northern frontiers.

Greek media reported Tuesday that the security curtain could stretch the entire 1,200-kilometer (720-mile) length of the border from Turkey to Albania.

George Florendis, a senior Public Order Ministry official, declined to give details, but noted that the military, coast guard and the police were involved in the operation.

"Albania's collapsed pyramid schemes and continuing unrest may lead Albanians to bail out of their country and into Greece," said Mr. Florendis. "We are concerned about this development and have to prevent it." (AP)