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Greek Aide Defends Controls on Borders

ATHENS — Greece is doing everything it can to stop the flow of Kurdish refugees, the minister of public order, Georges Romainos, said Sunday.

Germans "must know that their borders are not as secure as they seem," he

said after the German interior minister, Manfred Kanther, asserted that Greece was failing to patrol its ports.

Mr. Romainos placed the blame on Turkey, saying said he spoken with Mr. Kanther and "stressed that in 1997, 62 Turks smuggling illegal immigrants had been arrested in Greece." He also said controls along the Greek coast would be increased, with new patrol boats equipped with high-tech cameras. (AFP)