

## Out of Sight, Out of Mind? Turkey Starts Building Wall Along Syrian Border

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According to Turkish media reports, Ankara has begun putting up a wall along a 82kilometer section of the country's border with Syria which is currently under the control of Daesh (ISIL/ISIS). The fact, however, has not been verified by any government official.

Turkey has reportedly begun putting up a wall along a 82-kilometer section of its border with Syria, which will seal off a section which is currently under the control of Daesh, also known as ISIL/ISIS.Four-meter-high slabs have supposedly been placed along the border in the provinces of Kilis and Gaziantep, according to the Turkish News Agency Dogan.

The agency also said it has obtained video footage showing construction vehicles lining concrete blocks along the border.

The agency however couldn't verify the information with any government official.

The move apparently comes as a step up of security along the border line to prevent Daesh militants from entering Syria and crossing back into Turkey.

In August, Turkey also began constructing a wall along the border near the town Reyhanli, a main hotspot for smuggling, southwest of Kilis.

The border construction could also come as a radical response to the US pressure on Turkey to do more to stop jihadists crossing its border with Syria.

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