

Latvia Builds Barbed Wire Fence on Russian Border to Combat Migration

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The Latvian border service

Latvia has completed construction of a 93-kilometer barbed wire fence on the border with Russia to combat illegal migration, media outlets reported, citing the Latvian border service.

The 2.7-meter-tall fence, [announced](#) in 2015, alternates between sensor-based systems and surveillance camera zones. It is part of a 21 million euro (\$23.8 million) project to modernize 283 kilometers of Latvia's border with Russia.

The first 93 kilometers of the new border have now been completed, the state-run TASS news agency quoted the Latvian border service as [saying](#) on Monday.

Construction work along the Russian border is expected to wrap up in 2020.

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