

Border Patrol Beefed Up

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Beefed-up border patrols went into action as federal officials launched a campaign to slow illegal immigration across the Rio Grande.

Sixty-nine **Border Patrol** agents and a battery of surveillance equipment from floodlights to night-vision scopes were put in place.

Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Doris M. Meissner said "Operation Rio Grande" was a continuation of similar get-tough efforts already in place in San Diego and El Paso.

This "is the next major step in our efforts to gain control of the **border** and improve the quality of life for **border** communities in Texas and New Mexico," she said in a ceremony marking the start of the operation.

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