

The Telegraph launches border security campaign

[an open letter from the country's most senior security experts](#) calling for a review of border security.

SIR – The recent terrorist attacks in Belgium and France are a wake-up call for the British Government over the need better to secure this country's borders.

The recent risk analysis report by the EU agency Frontex made clear that terrorists are using the migration crisis to enter Europe and plot atrocities across the continent. EU member states reported a record 1.82 million illegal border crossings last year – six times more than in 2014. Our own National Crime Agency found that migrants have been paying people-traffickers to find new ways to avoid tighter security at Dover and Calais.

Irrespective of whether Britons vote to leave the EU on June 23, we urge the Government to review security at our borders. We would support any new measures to tighten up procedures in order to make Britons safer in an ever more uncertain world.

These could include better sharing of intelligence about potential extremists from other EU countries, and the maintenance of proportionate communications data provisions necessary to protect Britain from attack.

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