



Chile Expands Northern Border Plan to Stop Illegal Drugs from Entering

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Chile drug trafficking: A Chilean police officer guards the Chacalluta crossing north of Arica, at the country's border with Peru. Chile is pushing its Northern Border Plan further into the remote Atacama Desert to stop the flow of illegal drugs.

SANTIAGO — Chile is pushing its Northern Border Plan further into the remote Atacama Desert in an effort to stem the entry of illegal drugs from neighboring Peru and Bolivia.

The government said that even though it enacted the plan in 2011, smugglers have simply avoided areas where patrols were increased and detection technology deployed — moving their activities into difficult-to-access and uninhabited sections of the border.

“The Northern Border Plan will be implemented in

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