

Title 42 ending: Texas governor announces border force to ‘repel’ illegal immigrants

Gov. Greg Abbott (R-TX) designated National Guard troops on Monday to a newly formed state border force and called on them to “repel” immigrants who are expected to cross illegally into the U.S. in record numbers in the coming weeks.

The Lone Star State governor, who has been critical of President Joe Biden’s decision to end the Title 42 border policy this week, said members of the “Texas Tactical Border Force,” a special National Guard unit, were being loaded into Black Hawk helicopters for deployment.

“They will be deployed to hot spots along the border to intercept, repel, and to turn back migrants who are trying to enter Texas illegally,” Abbott said at a news conference.

Abbott said a similar strategy was conducted in December in El Paso. In more recent days, the National Guard identified and suppressed a surge near Brownsville, which borders the Mexican town of Matamoros and is near where a person drove into a group of people on Sunday.

The goal of the team will be to identify any crossing points along the Rio Grande and shut them down upon discovery. They will have access to aircraft, boats, riot gear, and night vision equipment.

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