

BORDER GUARD ESCAPE TO WEST BERLIN 'UNNOTICED'

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[Text] Berlin, 27 Sep (DPA) -- A GDR border guard succeeded in escaping unharmed to West Berlin near the Brandenburg Gate on Saturday. Another escape attempt at the Chausseestrausse crossing point in Wedding city borough failed on Friday night.

According to initial police reports, the border guard appears to have overcome the metal lattice fence and reached West Berlin territory unnoticed by his colleagues. He is at present being questioned by the police.

At around 0330 a man tried to crash through the border installations in his car at the Chausseestrausse crossing point. The car crashed into a concrete base and was badly damaged. The noise of the impact alerted West Berlin police, who from an observation tower saw frontier guards leading a man away. They could not see whether he was injured or not.

Four days ago, three GDR citizens succeeded in escaping to freedom across the Teltow canal.