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Greenland Condemns US visits amid tensions over Island's future



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Greenland's politicians have strongly condemned the planned visits by Usha Vance, the second lady of the United States, and National Security Adviser Mike Waltz, following recent tensions over President Donald Trump's threats to acquire the island.

Vance is scheduled to visit this week for cultural engagements, including attending Greenland's national dogsled race, while Waltz, accompanied by Energy Secretary Chris Wright, is expected to visit beforehand. Outgoing Greenlandic Prime Minister Mute Egede described the visits as aggressive, particularly Waltz's trip, which he considered a show of force. Both visits, he pointed out, were not initiated by Greenland's government.

Greenland, an autonomous territory of Denmark, governs its domestic affairs but relies on Copenhagen for foreign and defense policies. Despite its strategic location between the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans, Greenland's politicians, including the likely next Prime Minister Jens-Frederik Nielsen, criticized the visits as a sign of disrespect from the U.S.

The recent controversy escalated after Trump suggested that the U.S. might annex Greenland, raising alarm among local politicians. Although Trump has voiced support for Greenland's right to self-determination, his comments have been met with resistance, as polls show that nearly 80% of Greenlanders support independence from Denmark, and most reject becoming part of the U.S.

The White House emphasized Vance's visit would celebrate Greenlandic culture and unity, but for many, it underscores growing concerns over Greenland's sovereignty. As Greenland faces increasing pressure, it remains wary of outside interest in its strategic position and mineral resources.