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Trump renews interest in Greenland, hints at U.S. control



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Tensions between Washington and Copenhagen escalated after former U.S. President Donald Trump reiterated his desire for U.S. control over Greenland, suggesting it was essential for national security.

Trump told reporters on Friday that acquiring Greenland was crucial to securing the U.S.'s Arctic position, reigniting controversy over the strategic, resource-rich territory. His remarks followed a week of diplomatic strain between the U.S. and Denmark and coincided with U.S. Vice President JD Vance's visit to the island.

Speaking from the U.S. Pituffik Space Base in Greenland, Vance suggested military intervention would be unnecessary if Greenland chose to sever ties with Denmark and negotiate directly with Washington. He also criticized Denmark's governance of the island, prompting Danish Foreign Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen to condemn his remarks as "disrespectful."

Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen announced plans to visit Greenland soon, aiming to reinforce ties between Copenhagen and the local government. Unlike Vance, she intends to meet with officials and residents to discuss Greenland's future.

Meanwhile, Greenland's government recently announced a new coalition between its Democratic Party and other political factions, adding another layer of uncertainty to the territory's evolving political landscape