

Denmark, Greenland Stress Security Cooperation While Rejecting Forced Acquisition



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COPENHAGEN – Denmark and Greenland have reaffirmed their readiness to cooperate on Arctic security but stressed that any collaboration must respect territorial integrity, international law, and the UN Charter, officials said.

Former NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen highlighted the position in a social

media post Thursday, emphasizing the importance of dialogue based on international norms.

On Friday, cabinet ministers from Denmark and Greenland met to assess the island's preparedness and discuss ongoing security concerns. They issued a joint statement affirming their commitment to a stable and lawful approach in the Arctic.

The remarks come amid renewed attention to former US President Donald Trump's 2019 proposal to acquire Greenland. The plan faced strong opposition in Washington, including from Trump's own Republican Party. Lawmakers from both parties have expressed support for legislation limiting the president's authority to seize territory, citing the Constitution's allocation of war powers to Congress.

Despite this, a separate House bill backing Greenland's annexation has been introduced, intensifying debate over the island's future.

Public opinion also strongly opposes the idea. A Reuters/Ipsos poll found only 17 percent of Americans approve of Trump's efforts, with majorities of Democrats and Republicans rejecting military force to acquire the territory. Trump dismissed the survey as "fake."

Denmark and Greenland's statements reaffirm the island's commitment to cooperation while making clear that any security arrangements must be voluntary, lawful, and respect sovereignty.