

Danish prime minister visits Greenland as Trump seeks control of the Arctic territory

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Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen is in Greenland for a three-day trip aimed at building trust and cooperation with Greenlandic officials at a time when the Trump administration is seeking control of the vast Arctic territory.

Frederiksen announced plans for her visit after American Vice President JD Vance visited a US air base in Greenland last week and accused Denmark of under-investing in the territory.

Greenland is a mineral-rich, strategically critical



island that is becoming more accessible because of climate change.

Trump has said that the landmass is critical to US security. It's geographically part of North America, but

is a semi-autonomous territory belonging to the Kingdom of Denmark.

After her arrival Wednesday, Frederiksen walked the streets of the capital, Nuuk, with the incoming Greenlandic leader, Jens-Frederik Nielsen. She is also to meet with the future Naalakkersuisut, the Cabinet, in a visit due to last through Friday.

"It has my deepest respect how the Greenlandic people and the Greenlandic politicians handle the great pressure that is on Greenland," she said in government statement announcing the visit.