

# *Frederiksen bets on Greenland for Denmark election*

COPENHAGEN (Reuters) - Denmark will hold a parliamentary election on March 24, Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen announced on Thursday, seeking to capitalize on a surge in support for her defiant stance against the US over Greenland.

She has spent recent months rallying European leaders against US President Donald Trump's renewed interest in annexing the Arctic island, an effort that opinion polls suggest has bolstered her popularity after public dissatisfaction over rising living costs and pressures on welfare services.

"This will be a decisive election because it will be in the next four years that we as Danes

and as Europeans will really have to stand on our own feet. We need to define our relationship with the US, and we must rearm to ensure peace on our continent," Frederiksen said.

"We must stick together in Europe, and we must secure the future of the Danish Commonwealth," she added, referring to the Danish kingdom, which consists of Denmark, Greenland, and the Faroe Islands.

The Greenland crisis has further raised Frederiksen's profile on the international stage, where she gained attention for her swift response in navigating Denmark through the COVID-19 pandemic and for building European support for Ukraine.