

# Soldiers: Carney said he believes that NATO can handle the job of defending Greenland

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Mr. Carney did not respond to a question about whether Canada is prepared to join other NATO countries in building up a military presence in Greenland as a show of support.

Mr. Trump has justified his demand to make Greenland a U.S. territory by saying the strategically located island and its valuable critical mineral resources should not be allowed to fall under the control of Russia or China.

Mr. Carney invoked Russia's invasion of Ukraine as he outlined his response to Mr. Trump's latest pressure tactic to gain control of Greenland.

"It's a serious situation, and we're concerned. We're concerned about this escalation," the Prime Minister said of Mr. Trump's tariff threat.

"The future of Greenland and decisions about the future of Greenland are for Greenland and Denmark to decide."

U.S. legislators from both the Democratic and Republican parties have criticized Mr. Trump's threat to take Greenland and his subsequent tariff threat. The U.S. President has said he feels Denmark is ill-equipped to defend the island and its resources.

But Mr. Carney said he believes that NATO can handle the job of defending Greenland. He said that during his recent

trip to Paris he talked to NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte about protecting the Arctic.

The Prime Minister said he and Mr. Rutte spoke about how "we're going to further enhance that security umbrella" over the northern flank of the NATO territory.

Mr. Carney said Canada will always support the "sovereignty and territorial integrity of countries, wherever their geographic location is," adding that he talked to the Emir of Qatar about a number of threats to sovereignty and territorial integrity, "Ukraine being a very prominent example."

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