

US' GREENLAND PUSH RATTLES NATO ALLIANCE, EXPERTS SAY

Security arrangements face scrutiny
after territorial tug-of-war

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Greenland — the world's biggest island — covers over 2.16 million square kilometers, is strategically located between the Arctic Ocean and the North Atlantic Ocean, and has a small population of around 57,000 people.

Inside The majority of the island is located in the Arctic Circle, and its nearest neighbors are Canada and Iceland.

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The large, icy island, roughly six times the size of Germany, has been embroiled in an even bigger

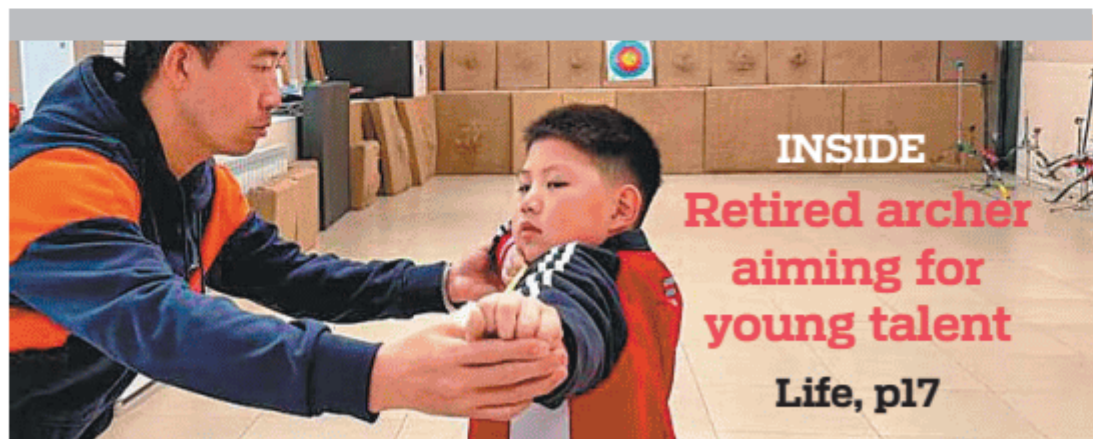


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international diplomatic row after US President Donald Trump ramped up his desire this month to place the Danish territory under the United States' control.

Trump said his quest to acquire the territory, known to be rich in natural resources, including critical rare earth minerals, was for "US national security" reasons, claiming on Jan 9 that it was "covered with Russian and Chinese ships all over the place".

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