

Storm brewing in North West Passage

Canada is to increase its military presence and build a deep water port in its Arctic north in an effort to assert sovereignty over the North West Passage – or the Canadian Internal Waters as it is also known – an oil-rich region which the U.S. and EU claim is an international strait

— **North West Passage:** First sea traversal in 1906 by **Roadl Amundsen**.
Now, as global warming melts Arctic ice, opening up as viable sea lane

*Estimated 25% of world's
undiscovered oil
and gas lies
under Arctic*

Hans Island
Ownership of 1.3km²
rock contested
by Denmark



Six to eight Arctic Patrol ships will operate in passage approaches, but only during summer months. U.S. and Russia have heavy icebreakers able to operate year round