

Trump threatens to gain control of Greenland



GREENLAND

■ **Population:**

57,000

■ **Area:**

2,166,086 sq km

■ **Status:** Autonomous Danish territory with self-government

■ **Economy:** Despite boasting vast oil, gas, and rare earth mineral reserves, island depends heavily on fishing and annual subsidies from Denmark, which cover roughly half of public budget



■ **1946:** U.S. President **Harry Truman** offers \$100 million for Greenland, but Denmark declines

■ **1953:** Colony becomes formal territory of Denmark

■ **2009:** Granted broad self-governing autonomy, excluding only foreign affairs and defence

■ **2019:** Greenland and Denmark reject Trump's offer to buy island



■ **Donald Trump**

U.S. President-elect has refused to rule out using military to pursue acquisition of Greenland, which he says is vital to U.S. national security



■ **Mute Egede**

Greenland Prime Minister, who is pushing for independence, has said that island is not for sale and that its future should be determined by its people



■ **Mette Frederiksen**

Danish Prime Minister has said that "Greenland belongs to Greenlanders", and has stressed need for close co-operation with U.S., NATO ally