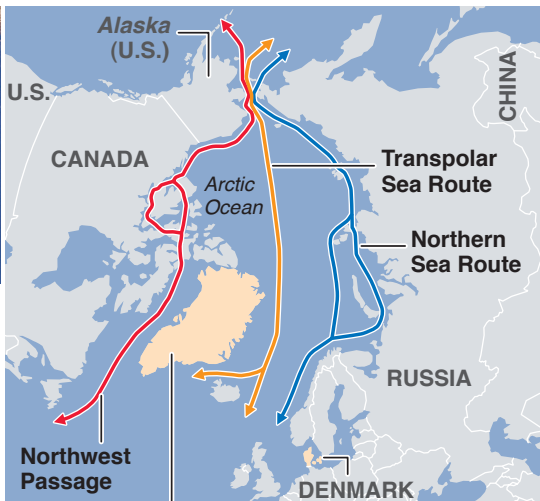


U.S. discussing options to acquire Greenland

The White House says President Donald Trump is discussing “a range of options” for acquiring Greenland, including utilising the U.S. military to take control of the island



Trump often describes Greenland as key for U.S. national security and says control of island is necessary to counter Russian and Chinese influence in Arctic



U.S. PURCHASE

■ Greenland is self-governing part of Denmark and both governments say island is not for sale

■ **Recent poll shows 85% of Greenlanders oppose territory becoming part of U.S.**

TRADE AGREEMENT

■ Trump could get Greenland to sign **Compact of Free Association (COFA)** deal – allowing U.S. to put troops on ground in return for providing services, protection and free trade

Greenland: Island's untapped mineral riches have drawn interest from Russia and China, as melting ice raises possibility of new trade routes

SECURITY DEAL

■ European leaders strongly oppose idea of U.S. annexing Greenland, but Trump could win them over by offering security guarantees in peace talks to end **Russia-Ukraine War**

■ If Europe does not agree, Trump could retaliate by pulling out of negotiations or promoting peace deal favourable to Russia

MILITARY TAKEOVER

■ Pentagon already has military base and around 200 troops on Greenland – island has few defences and no army of its own. Experts say U.S. could take capital, Nuuk, within half an hour

■ **Any U.S. attempt to seize island would bring it into conflict with another NATO member – Denmark – likely putting alliance in peril**