

Greenland bans foreign political donations amid Trump threat to take over resource-rich island



Greenland Prime Minister Múte Egede (L) and Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen attend a joint press conference in Copenhagen in January 2025. (Photo by AFP via Getty Images)

Godthab, February 5 (RHC)-- Greenland's parliament has banned political parties from receiving contributions "from foreign or anonymous contributors", ahead of its upcoming parliamentary elections and in response to U.S. President Donald Trump's interest in acquiring the island.

"The bill must be seen in light of the geopolitical interests in Greenland and the current situation, where representatives of an allied great power have expressed interest in taking over and controlling Greenland," the document stated. "The country is particularly vulnerable to attempts to influence its elections and political decision-making processes."

The legislation, passed on Tuesday, also limits individual contributions to a maximum of 20,000 kroner (approximately \$2,770). Lawmakers fast-tracked the bill to protect the mineral-rich Arctic island in the face of outside interference, emphasizing the need to "safeguard the island's political integrity."

Before taking office in January, Trump did not rule out the use of military force to seize control of Greenland, calling it vital to U.S. security. A recent opinion poll, however, shows the vast majority of Greenland's population rejects any possibility of their ancestral land becoming part of the United States.

Greenland, the world's largest island and an autonomous Danish dependent territory with self-government and its own parliament, has long been reliant on Copenhagen for security.

Denmark, a founding member of NATO and a longtime U.S. ally, also hosts a large US military base in Greenland. "Greenland is ours," Greenland Prime Minister Múte Egede stated late last year. "We are not for sale and will never be for sale."

While Denmark is responsible for Greenland's security, concerns are rising over its ability to "secure" the island, given U.S. strategic interests and the evolving geopolitical circumstances in the Arctic region.

Greenland is scheduled to hold an election before April 6th.

Earlier, a member of Denmark's parliament representing Greenland warned about foreign meddling in the resource-rich island's affairs. "There will be different people, different groups that will try to affect the whole election in Greenland, not only in Greenland, but all over the world," Aaja Chemnitz told AFP.

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