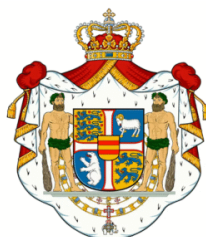


News from Denmark

November, 2025



The Royal Court

The royal calendar for November included, among other things:

- His Majesty The King received ambassadors in an inaugural audience from Norway, Israel, Belgium, Ivory Coast, Finland, Egypt, Ghana and USA
- His Majesty The King held a Royal Hunt in Gribskov followed by a hunting table
- His Majesty The King participated in the Clock Parade at the Royal Life Guards and presented the "King's Clock", i.e. an honorary award for a conscript guard. The guard in question is democratically appointed by the superiors and the comrades together, with emphasis placed on both good soldierly service and demonstrated camaraderie

The Royal House is breaking tradition by celebrating Christmas in Copenhagen. King Frederik, Queen Mary and their four children will celebrate Christmas in their home apartments at Amalienborg this year, together with Queen Margrethe. The celebration will therefore not take place at Marselisborg Castle in Aarhus, which has normally formed the setting for the royal family's Christmas Eve. This year, The Royal Family will attend the Christmas Eve service in Vor Frue Kirke [Church of Our Lady] in Copenhagen on 24 December. The following day, the family will also be present during the high mass in the church. All this will be without Prince Joachim and Princess Marie, who will spend the Christmas days in Washington D.C. together with their children.



The Municipal Elections

The municipal elections on November 18th have been the big news throughout the month. First the election campaign between the many parties. In the Danish parliament, the Folketing, there are 12 parties (in addition to the Faroese and Greenlandic ones) and all the parties ran for the municipal elections. Some in all 98 Danish municipalities, others only in selected ones. In addition, there were one or more local lists in every municipality. After the elections, the elected city councils had to agree on a mayor and who to have the various attractive positions in the municipality. At each and every selection this process implies broken agreements, foxholes, enmities, etc. The last agreements have only just now come into place.

The most significant election result occurred in Copenhagen, where the Social Democrats (which are probably considered by most to be in the middle of the political spectrum) lost the mayoralty after having held it for over 100 years. The largest party in the capital is now the most left-wing party in the Folketing.

In connection with the election, Russian hackers have shut down the websites of several municipalities for short periods.



A Society of Trust?

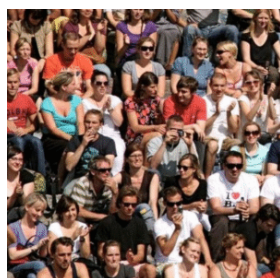
In the past, Danes have known where the country's prime minister was when they packed their bags and went from Christiansborg. But that is apparently over now. Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen has moved from her apartment in the Inner City of Copenhagen and is now living at a secret address. The reason is allegedly that there have been several demonstrations in front of her residence.

Denmark is a society of trust, and it is a dramatic sign of declining trust when something like this happens. It is a sign of illness.



Sanctions Violated

Danish police have charged 11 companies with violating sanctions against Russia. Compared to other countries, the number is said to be relatively low, which is because Danish companies, with a few exceptions, have historically not had close commercial ties to Russia.



Sources of Concern

A new study shows that almost every second Dane worry about economic uncertainty. Almost as many are worried about their own expectations of what they can do. Global insecurity and war is in fourth place with 26%, while more, namely 31%, are worried about too much work.



Violent Students

At least 8,000 primary school teachers, or an average of 11 per school, have been subjected to violence by students in the past 12 months. And the problem is increasing. Today, a teacher may not use any form of physical force against students and the school principal cannot expel a student from school.

The Prime Minister, Mette Frederiksen is now proposing to give the country's school principals the discretionary power to expel violent students in the oldest grades from primary school, as she believes that the cohesion of the entire society is at stake.

Perhaps the proposal will also prevent as many teachers from leaving primary school as is the case today.



Black Friday

Black Friday landed again on a payday and surpassed last year's significant record by 2% in terms of both turnover and number of transactions. This is according to the payment service MobilePay. It was especially women who were diligent in swiping. 69% of all transactions were thus made by women.

It was not only Friday that was characterized by shopping. From Monday to Saturday, overall, purchases were 4% more than last year.



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