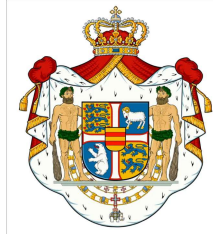


News from Denmark

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The Royal Court

On January 1, the Royal Couple held the traditional New Year's Eve reception for the government, the Speaker of the Danish Parliament, representatives of official Denmark and the Royal Court. This year, however, the group of participants was different than in the past, as it included a wider part of the population at the expense of, among others, military personnel.

The Royal Couple's twins, Prince Vincent and Princess Josephine, turned 15 on January 8.

The Royal Couple was on an official state visit to Estonia and Lithuania. The visit to Estonia focused in particular on digital resilience and cybersecurity. In Estonia, the main focus was on defense preparedness, including visits to the Lithuanian Home Guard and the military barracks of a voluntary defense force.

In the most recently published Epstein files, King Frederik appears twice. He was first mentioned in March 2012, when he was Crown Prince. It appears that the British tycoon Ian Osborne, who allegedly was one of Epstein's business contacts, was in Denmark and wrote to Epstein that he was to meet with the "Crown Prince". In July same year, the then Crown Prince, along with his private secretary, appeared on a list of confirmed attendees for a dinner that was to include 22 people. It is unknown whether he attended any of the above events. The Royal Court states that King Frederik has never met the late sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.



Now it's ENOUGH! (NU UK ≈ NOK = Enough)

A poll in March 2025 showed that the American reputation in Denmark at that time was the worst in 10 years. It is our clear perception that the reputation has deteriorated further during January – and very significantly so. It is probably at an all-time low these days.



The explanations are straightforward. First Trump's attempt to take over Greenland and later his contempt for the Danish (and other allies') efforts in the US's wars.

Denmark, like the other European countries, has striven to placate and please Trump. That seems to be coming to an end. In contrast to the past, when the left was especially critical of the US, the miserable reputation is anchored in all circles of the Danish society – exemplified by the following during January:

- The Rebild Society, which is the first Danish-American friendship association and has existed for more than 100 years, holds the Rebild Festival every year on July 4th to celebrate the United States' national day. In fact, it is the largest celebration of the day outside the US. Their homepage says "Rebild Festival is open to all", but this year it will be different as official political representation from the state, defense and embassy from the US will not be accepted. This is a requirement from the municipality of Aalborg in order to continue the municipality's sponsorship of the festival. In addition, the content will be different, because it would be problematic to "stand and pay tribute to American soldiers in the current situation"
- The former Speaker of the Danish Parliament and current member of the board of Rebildselskabet has resigned from this board with the words "...that's my way of reacting. It's so appalling, what the American president is championing"
- Former Prime Minister and Chairman of NATO, Anders Fogh Rasmussen (a fervent supporter of the Bush Jr. administration and all things American) was referring to something similar when he said "Ever since I was a child, I have looked up to the USA as the leader of the free world. I remember how John F. Kennedy talked about American global leadership. I remember how Ronald Reagan talked about the USA leading the free world. So for me it is very painful to see the development we are seeing now. I have always looked up to the USA as a champion of the free world" and adds "I had never imagined this situation"
- A number of demonstrations in various Danish cities and in Greenland
- High schools and schools have cancelled planned study trips to the USA
- The tourism company that invited the US special envoy to Greenland, to the Avannaata Qimussersua dog sled race, has withdrawn the invitation
- Denmark, together with a number of European countries, has entered into an agreement to supply 100 gigawatts of offshore wind less than a week after Trump complained about European wind power
- Danish veterans and the Chief of Defence were dumbfounded and highly critical of Trump's position on the Danish effort and placed 44 Danish flags with the names of soldiers killed in the war in Afghanistan in municipal flower beds in front of the US embassy, which removed the flags before the day was over. The embassy initially defended itself by saying that they "clean up in front of the embassy" every day. Later, the ambassador put up 44 new flags – without names. The veterans held a large silent demonstration ("No Words") in response to this too-late and too-little attempt to rectify the misdeeds

- The film “Melania” will not be shown in Denmark
- The Danish newspapers are full of advertisements about summer travel destinations. There are countless trips to choose from: European countries, Asia, South America, Africa, Canada etc etc. but none about trips to the USA, which further cementing that the Danes in 2025 were the country in Western Europe that most significantly turned their backs on the US and refrained from traveling there. 23.5% fewer Danes traveled to the USA in 2025 compared to the year before
- The right-wing parties in Denmark and the rest of Europe previously supported Trump, but they are now busy creating as much distance as possible from him and the US
- Apps that help identify and sort out American goods are currently the most downloaded on Danish phones
- The Danish pension funds have sold all their holdings of US Treasury Bills



Greenland choose Denmark

Much has been said about the relationship between Denmark and Greenland in recent weeks, while a historic situation has unfolded with pressure from the US President, Donald Trump.

With a shared history that goes back over 300 years, the relationship is complex and characterized by both conflict and cooperation. But recently, several things have happened that indicate that the bond between the two countries has been strengthened – at least for now. The mood is good at the moment, and there are an incredible number of Greenlanders who have become very happy and grateful for the huge support from both Denmark and almost the entire Danish political system.



Bornholm closed down

On January 21, the entire island of Bornholm was hit by a power outage. Despite the initial prediction that the power would be working again within 12 hours' time, it was already back four hours later. There was speculation that the outage was due to an attack as many cables in the Baltic Sea have been cut by the Russian shadow fleet, but it turned out to be a technical malfunction on a seabed cable.

Bornholm is located roughly 80 miles east of the rest of Denmark, and is the most distant part of mainland Denmark (and thus excluding the Faroe Islands and Greenland).



European Handball Champions

On February 1, Denmark won the European Championship in handball which means that today we hold all major handball championships, a feat only one country, France has pulled off before:

- Olympic champions 2024
- World champions 2025
- European champions 2026

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