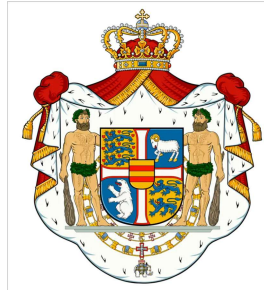


News from Denmark

March, 2026



The Royal Court

Their Majesties The King and Queen paid a state visit to Australia from 14-19 March 2026. The Deputy Prime Minister, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Climate, Energy and Utilities accompanied The Royal Couple during the visit, which also included a large Danish business delegation.

The state visit further developed the already strong relations between Australia and Denmark, both culturally, economically and regarding foreign policy. A strengthened partnership with Australia is particularly important at a time when geopolitical upheavals have economic and security policy consequences that bind developments in Europe and the Indo-Pacific region together. Building on the strategic partnership that was entered into between Australia and Denmark in 2023, the state visit strengthened cooperation in a wide range of areas, including green transition and economic security.

This is genuinely a fairy tale story. Mary Donaldson – a girl from Hobart, Tasmania who met a Danish prince in a Sydney bar during the 2000 Olympics – came back to Australia for the first time as actual Queen of Denmark. Her husband King Frederik stepped aside and let her be the star of the whole tour.

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The day after the general election on 24 March, Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen submitted the government's resignation, and King Frederik X received the Prime Minister for information at Amalienborg. After having received all 12 elected parties' advice on who should be appointed as a negotiating leader, the King initiated the same day negotiations on a new government with the Social Democrats, the Socialist Party and the Danish Liberal Party. These negotiations are still going on.

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The Royal Court announced that Her Royal Highness Princess Isabella will serve her military service at the Guard Hussar Regiment after completing her high school diploma. The Princess will be among the first to serve 11 months of military service, and also among the first women to serve as part of Denmark's compulsory military service.

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Two new horses in the royal stables are given names with an F for Frederik. Queen Mary has named the two new horses Flik and Flak. The names make good sense, as Flik and Flak have the same initial as the king, and they are the first new horses after the change of throne. There were also two horses named Flik and Flak under Christian X.

The horses were born and bred in Denmark and are of the Oldenburg breed. There have been many different horse breeds in the royal stables over time and it has been about two decades since there were last Oldenburg horses. In addition to the two new Oldenburgers, the stables now also house horses of the white-skinned Kladruber breed. The white horses are used for carriage driving on special occasions such as New Year's Eve, ambassadorial receptions, weddings and state visits.

The Royal Stables are located at Christiansborg and house around 14 to 16 carriage horses. The stables were created for Christian VI's horses in 1740. At that time, there were up to 250 horses in the stables.



Foreign Affairs

Denmark joins European cooperation on nuclear weapons. Together with a number of other European countries, Denmark has entered into a strategic cooperation with France on nuclear deterrence. This does not mean that nuclear weapons will be deployed in Denmark, the government says. The government's announcement is a major shift in Danish policy, as Denmark has always been against any form of nuclear involvement, both as an armament and power supply.

Since Denmark wants to take greater care of its own security, the cooperation with France is an example of something that we should accept. According to the Danish Defence Intelligence Service, it does not increase the threat to Denmark that we engage more in the nuclear issue.

Nine European countries are involved in the cooperation. These are the two European nuclear powers, France and Great Britain, as well as Germany, Poland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Greece, Sweden and Denmark.

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The United States is quietly negotiating with Denmark to gain access to three additional defense areas in Greenland – in addition to Pituffik Space Base, the former Thule Air Base in northern Greenland. This was stated by General Gregory Guillot, commander of the United States Northern Command – which includes the American military installations and forces in North America and the Arctic, including Greenland – during a Senate hearing in Washington on March 19. At the same time, the top American general described how Denmark and Greenland were “very cooperative”. That all the wishes of the

United States are being met. And that everything can be done within the current defense agreement between Denmark and the United States from 1951.

The new information thus suggests that the biggest crisis in Danish foreign policy in decades – the Greenland crisis – may be resolving itself peacefully, at least in the defense and security area.

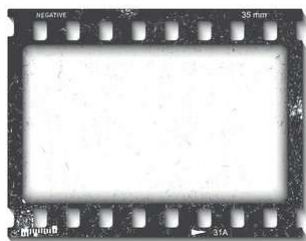


The General Election

The major political event in March was undoubtedly the Danish general election on 24 March - the 72nd election to the Danish Parliament. Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen called the election from the rostrum of the Danish Parliament on 26 February, and thus Denmark entered a three-week election campaign.

There were 4,317,926 eligible voters in the election, of whom 224,644 were first-time voters, corresponding to 5.2 per cent of all voters. All 179 seats were up for election – 175 on the Danish mainland, two from the Faroe Islands and two from Greenland.

The result showed that the three governing parties (the Social Democrats, the Liberals and the Moderates) all lost, and no prime ministerial candidate achieved a clear majority. All 12 parties running for the parliament made the cut of 2% and it is not possible to make a majority of at least 90 seats among the socialistic nor the liberal/conservative parties. The general opinion is that it will take many weeks before a new government is up and running.



Oscar

On March 15, Denmark celebrated a historic film joy: the partly Danish-produced documentary "Mr. Nobody against Putin" won an Oscar for Best Documentary at the 2026 Academy Awards. The film is attracting attention far beyond the film industry. Pavel Talankin, the Russian school teacher and co-director, is now in exile because he has been designated a "foreign agent" by Russian authorities. He does not expect to return to teaching in Russia.



Happiness

This year, the Danes are the 3rd happiest people, which means that we have dropped one place. However, Danish happiness is still high.

A recent study has shown that relationships and contact with other people are crucial to the Danes' quality of life. And these are the factors that, despite a decline in happiness among young people, keep Denmark high on the list in the World Happiness Report. Engaging in various clubs/associations is a common, almost mandatory trait in Denmark, and our trust in other people is very high. And then we have an incredibly high equality in quality of life compared to many other countries, with very little difference in quality of life across different parts of the country.

Finland and Iceland are in the top two places, while Swedes and Norwegians are the 5th and 6th happiest, respectively.

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