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President Trump's "total access" Greenland framework stirred global attention, triggering NATO calls for stronger Arctic defenses amid Chinese and Russian influence.

Spain's rejection of Trump's Board of Peace underscores fracturing allied support, while EU officials warn U.S. unpredictability strains transatlantic relations. Denmark and NATO are accelerating Arctic security cooperation in response.

Markets reacted sharply, with the U.S. dollar dipping amid geopolitical uncertainty. Trilateral talks in Abu Dhabi between the U.S., Ukraine, and Russia aim to address ongoing territorial disputes, highlighting Washington's balancing act between diplomacy and power projection.

Analysts note that Trump's Greenland reversal signals European leverage over U.S. policy, reinforcing the lesson that multilateral resolve remains a counterweight to unilateral U.S. initiatives in global geopolitics.

Here are top ten news articles defining the region:

1. **Trump touts 'total access' Greenland deal as NATO asks allies to step up**

(Reuters)

U.S. President Trump secured a NATO framework giving "total and permanent" U.S. access to Greenland, easing tensions and prompting allied calls to strengthen Arctic security against Chinese and Russian influence.

 <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/trumps-greenland-climbdown-triggers-relief-way-forward-unclear-2026-01-22/>

2. **Spain will not join Trump's Board of Peace, PM says** (Reuters)

Spain declines participation in Trump's global "Board of Peace," stressing multilateralism and UN primacy, reflecting fracturing support among U.S. allies for the initiative.

 <https://www.reuters.com/world/spain-will-not-join-trumps-board-peace-pm-says-2026-01-23/>

3. **Denmark, NATO seek to boost Arctic security amid Greenland crisis** (Reuters)

Denmark and NATO agree to enhance Arctic defense cooperation as U.S.–Greenland diplomatic strains persist following Trump's access framework announcement.

 <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/denmark-nato-seek-boost-arctic-security-amid-greenland-crisis-2026-01-23/>

4. **Putin agrees next steps with U.S. envoys but Kremlin says territory is key**

(Reuters)

Russia and U.S. envoys prepare for trilateral Ukraine peace talks in Abu Dhabi;

Russia emphasizes territorial issues remain central.

🔗 <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/putin-meets-us-envoys-late-night-talks-ukraine-2026-01-22/>

5. **Morning Bid: Trump's Arctic pantomime chills the dollar** (Reuters)
Market analysis highlights global equities and the U.S. dollar reacting to Trump's Greenland deal, potential Canadian exclusion from peace board, and broader foreign policy impacts.
🔗 <https://www.reuters.com/world/china/global-markets-view-europe-2026-01-23/>
6. **US, Ukraine and Russia head to Abu Dhabi for first three-way talks** (The Guardian)
Trilateral negotiations begin with U.S., Ukraine, and Russia aiming to address Ukraine war diplomacy amid frozen territorial disputes.
🔗 <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2026/jan/23/us-ukraine-russia-abu-dhabi-talks-putin-witkoff-kushner>
7. **Relations with US have taken 'big blow', says EU foreign policy chief** (The Guardian)
EU leaders decry unpredictability of U.S. policy after Greenland tensions and tariff threats, signaling a serious diplomatic rift.
🔗 <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2026/jan/22/eu-leaders-meet-in-brussels-to-discuss-new-reality-of-relations-with-us>
8. **Trump news at a glance: president's 'board of peace' takes shape** (The Guardian)
Summary of Trump's global peace board launch at Davos, sovereign disputes over Greenland, and diplomatic backlash including Canada's exclusion.
🔗 <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/jan/22/trump-administration-news-updates-today>
9. **Denmark, NATO seek to boost Arctic security amid Greenland crisis** (AP/parallel Reuters theme)
Allied strategy to elevate Arctic defense cooperation amid U.S.–EU tensions, highlighted by diplomatic dialogues and military planning.
🔗 <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/denmark-nato-seek-boost-arctic-security-amid-greenland-crisis-2026-01-23/>
10. **Trump's Greenland U-turn was spectacular. The lesson for Europe: strongmen understand only strength** (The Guardian commentary)
Opinion analysis on Trump's policy reversal on Greenland, asserting European firmness shaped U.S. diplomatic recalibration.
🔗 <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/23/europe-trump-climbdown-genuflecting-tacos-greenland>