



The HDMS Knud Rasmussen, a Danish naval ship, patrols the waters near Nuuk, Greenland, on Thursday. Denmark says a 'fundamental disagreement' remains with the United States over the future of the island. EVGENIY MALOLETKA/ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Canadian citizen killed by Iranian authorities, Anand says

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A Canadian has been killed by Iran's authorities, Foreign Affairs Minister Anita Anand said Thursday, as Iranian Canadians said their family members are sheltering inside in fear amid a ubiquitous military presence in Tehran.

Thousands of Iranians who took to the streets across the country in protest against the theocratic regime in recent weeks have faced a violent crackdown, with at least 2,500 protesters killed, according to U.S.-based Human Rights Activists News Agency.

On Thursday in a post on X, Ms. Anand said she had "just learned that a Canadian citizen has died in Iran at the hands of the Iranian authorities."

"Our consular officials are in contact with the victim's family in Canada and my deepest condolences are with them at this time," she said.

Global Affairs declined to give further details about the circumstances of the Canadian's death or their identity, citing privacy reasons.

"Peaceful protests by the Iranian people - asking that their voices be heard in the face of the Iranian regime's repression and ongoing human-rights violations - has led the regime to flagrantly disregard human life," Ms. Anand added on X.

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## Allies send troops to Greenland as U.S. escalates takeover talk

European countries increase military presence in effort to show NATO can defend Arctic together

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Troops from several European countries continued to arrive in Greenland on Thursday in support for Denmark as talks between representatives of Denmark, Greenland and the United States highlighted "fundamental disagreement" over the future of the Arctic island.

Several European partners - including France, Germany, Britain, Norway, Sweden and the Netherlands - started sending symbolic numbers of troops already on Wednesday or promised to do so in the following days, part of what is called Operation Arctic Endurance.

Maya Oufherhat, a spokesperson for

Canadian Defence Minister David McGuinty, said in a statement Thursday that Canada is actively engaged in multilateral discussions about Arctic sovereignty.

"As a member of NATO and the Arctic Council, Canada stands shoulder to shoulder with the people of Greenland and Denmark. While the Canadian Armed Forces are not initiating any new operations at this time, we have several joint operations with European allies, including in Greenland," she said in an e-mailed response to a question asking whether Canada is participating in Operation Arctic Endurance.

The disagreement came into starker focus Thursday, with the White House describing coming talks with officials from Denmark and Greenland as "technical talks on the acquisition agreement" for

the U.S. to acquire Greenland.

That was a far cry from Danish Foreign Minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen's description of the effort as a working group that would discuss ways to work through differences between the nations.

"The group, in our view, should focus on how to address the American security concerns, while at the same time respecting the red lines of the Kingdom of Denmark," he said after a Wednesday meeting with officials in Washington.

The arrival of European troops was intended to portray unity and send a signal to President Donald Trump that an American takeover of Greenland is not necessary as NATO together can safeguard the security of the Arctic region amid rising Russian and Chinese interest.

■ GREENLAND, A17

## CRTC launches study on gaps in cell coverage after years of calls for action

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Canada's telecommunications regulator is launching a public consultation to get a clearer picture of cellphone dead zones after several provinces ordered their own studies over concerns that current maps underestimate gaps in coverage.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission issued a call for comments on Thursday on how cellular coverage data are collected and reported, saying the consultation will help it address gaps in coverage and inform funding decisions.

"This will help service providers, governments, public safety organizations, and Canadians better identify where coverage is strong and where improvements are needed," the CRTC said in a news release.

The CRTC's announcement is a step toward that goal. Yet it issued its request for comments nine months after it received the recommendations on which it is now asking for feedback, and three years after François-Philippe Champagne, then minister of innovation, science and industry, issued a policy directive ordering the telecom agency to develop and implement a standardized and robust approach for reporting mobile wireless coverage.

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## At a historic U.K. greenhouse, a daunting renovation plants the seeds of a climate-positive future

IAN BROWN LONDON

Even on an overcast day, it is hot in the all-glass Palm House at London's Kew Gardens. The clammy heat intensifies as you climb the spiral staircase in the graceful Victorian conservatory, up to the second-storey balcony, where you can overlook its jam-packed collection of tropical plants. You experience a different world up there, a pretechnological version of the now commonplace drone view, as your gaze rides over the tops of the arcing green palms. You're looking down on a thicket of plants and history.

Just for the harrowing thrill of it, even if you're not a gardener, imagine that you

are in charge of renovating this, the most famous tropical greenhouse in the world - the 177-year-old glass and wrought-iron Palm House, the greeny glowing centerpiece of London's Kew Gardens, one of the largest and most popular curated collections of tropical plants anywhere in the world (1,300 plants and 935 species in the glass house alone, a third of which are threatened), not to mention the living botanical record of the British Empire's rise and fall.

To renovate the building, you first have to move all the vegetation out of the building. But very few of the rare and valuable tropical plants in the glass house can survive outside, even in England's mild-but-getting-hotter climate.

You have to manoeuvre the exotics out

of the Palm House - some of them are more than eight metres tall - and into warm, moist temporary quarters known as "decant houses."

Then you have to strip and clean and repaint and refurbish and rethink the national treasure sometimes known as "the stove of Kew," replacing its complicated heating and watering colonics and its 16,000 panes of glass.

In the course of doing that - and this is really important - you have to transform the Victorian relic into the prototype of the world's first carbon-neutral glass conservatory, all without destroying its heritage as a symbol of Britain's world domination. Then you have to move the plants back in.

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