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Medics train to deal with casualties whose evacuation has been delayed, led by U.S. Army Southern European Task Force, Africa at Caserma Del Din, Vicenza, Italy, on Jan. 8.

Beyond the 'golden hour'

Changes in war test ability to keep wounded alive on today's battlefield

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NAPLES, Italy — The Army is testing the ability of its combat medics to keep critically injured soldiers alive on the future battlefield, where they no longer will be able to rely on quick medical evacuations.

That new reality was the hallmark of the recent Best Medic Competition at U.S. Army Garrison Italy in Vicenza as 24 Army and in-

ternational competitors faced two grueling days that tested their fortitude and expertise.

The U.S. Army Southern European Task Force, Africa event featured service members from Ghana, Liberia and Italy alongside American counterparts.

The competition, which ended Thursday, included a four-hour test designed to assess and reinforce medics' ability to sustain life, prevent further deterioration and make sound clinical

decisions, said Sgt. Maj. Shanett Robinson, SE-TAF-AF's chief medical noncommissioned officer and lead planner for the competition.

"Ultimately, this focus ensures medics are prepared to save lives when evacuation timelines are uncertain, reinforcing readiness for the complex operational environments they are likely to face," Robinson said.

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Greenland tensions continue to increase

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President Donald Trump linked his aggressive stance on Greenland to last year's decision not to award him the Nobel Peace Prize, telling Norway's prime minister that he no longer felt "an obligation to think purely of Peace," two European officials said Monday.

Trump's message to Jonas Gahr Støre appears to ratchet up a standoff between Washington and its closest allies over his threats to take over Greenland, a self-governing territory of NATO member Denmark. To force European countries that have rallied around Denmark and Greenland toward talks, Trump on Saturday announced a 10% import tax starting in February on goods from eight nations, including Norway.

Those countries issued a forceful rebuke. But British Prime Minister Keir Starmer sought to de-escalate tensions on Monday.

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Danish soldiers disembark at the harbor in Nuuk, Greenland, on Sunday.