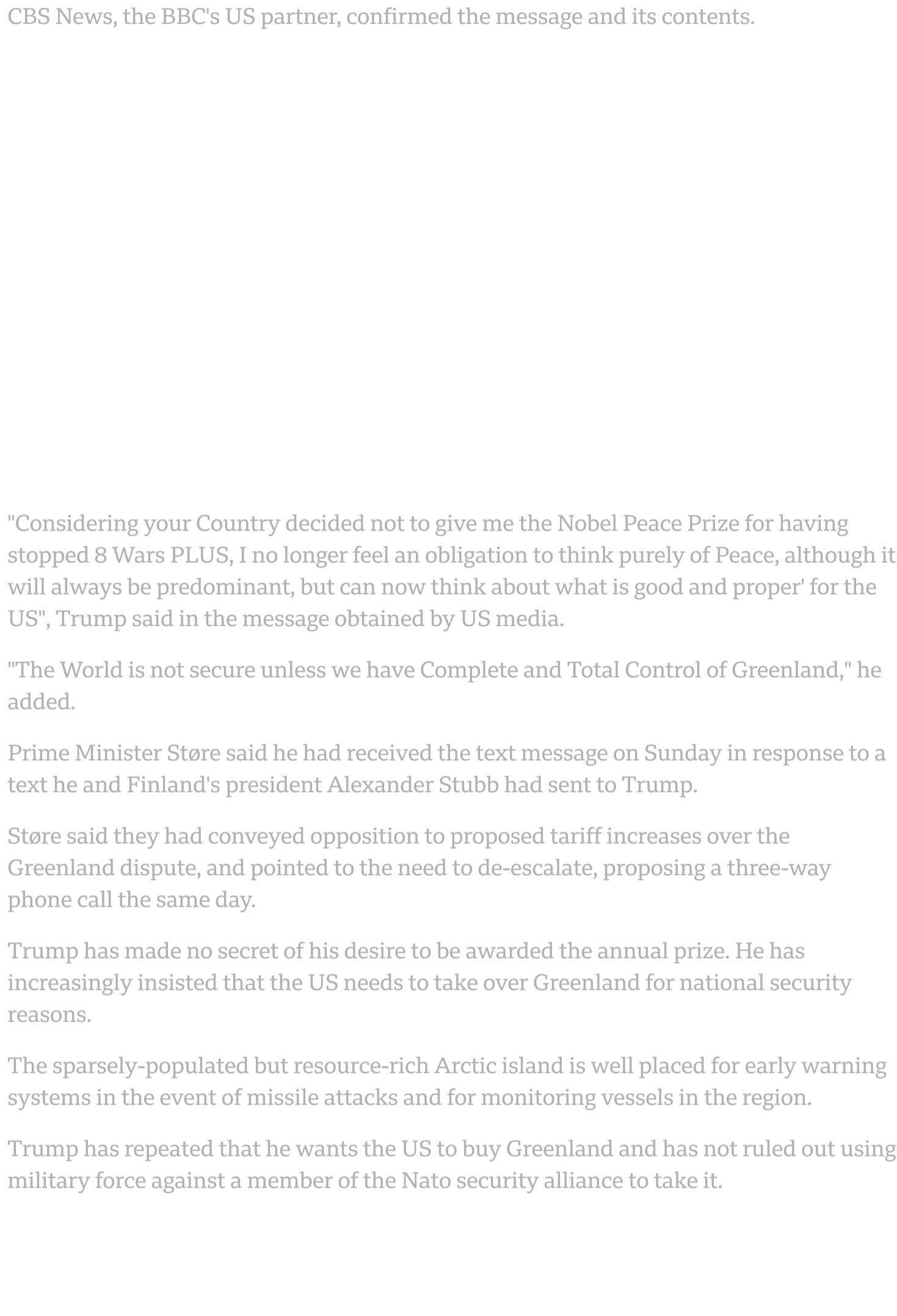


# Trump ties Greenland demands to Nobel Prize in message to Norway leader

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US President Donald Trump has said he no longer feels obliged to think only of peace after he did not receive the Nobel Peace Prize, as he again repeated his demand for control of Greenland.

In a message to Norway's Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre, Trump blamed the country for not giving him the prize.

In his reply to Trump, Støre explained that an independent committee, not the government of Norway, awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in October to Venezuela's opposition leader María Corina Machado.

CBS News, the BBC's US partner, confirmed the message and its contents.

"Considering your Country decided not to give me the Nobel Peace Prize for having stopped 8 Wars PLUS, I no longer feel an obligation to think purely of Peace, although it will always be predominant, but can now think about what is good and proper for the US", Trump said in the message obtained by US media.

"The World is not secure unless we have Complete and Total Control of Greenland," he added.

Prime Minister Støre said he had received the text message on Sunday in response to a text he and Finland's president Alexander Stubb had sent to Trump.

Støre said they had conveyed opposition to proposed tariff increases over the Greenland dispute, and pointed to the need to de-escalate, proposing a three-way phone call the same day.

Trump has made no secret of his desire to be awarded the annual prize. He has increasingly insisted that the US needs to take over Greenland for national security reasons.

The sparsely-populated but resource-rich Arctic island is well placed for early warning systems in the event of missile attacks and for monitoring vessels in the region.

Trump has repeated that he wants the US to buy Greenland and has not ruled out using military force against a member of the Nato security alliance to take it.

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UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer said on Monday that any decision about the future status of Greenland "belongs to the people of Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark alone", and called the use of tariffs against allies "wrong".

Danish Defence Minister Troels Lund Poulsen and Greenlandic Foreign Affairs Minister Viviane Mönitzfeldt are due to meet on Monday with Nato Secretary General Mark Rutte.

Last week, the Danish and Greenlandic governments, together with Nato allies, decided to increase military presence and exercise activity in the Arctic and the North Atlantic.

Several European states sent small numbers of military personnel to Greenland in a so-called reconnaissance mission.

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