Pentagon Thanks Denmark for 14 Anti-ISIS Therapists in Syria but... Can They Sell Greenland Instead?

WASHINGTON - The Pentagon announced that Denmark would be sending troops to Syria to fight ISIS, which was a surprise to some. The move was seen as a boost to the anti-ISIS coalition and was welcomed by many in the U.S. military. However, the Pentagon also said that they would be requesting $500 million from Congress to fund the operation.

"We are sending troops to Syria," said Secretary of Defense Mark Esper, "this is a critical moment in the fight against ISIS and we must do everything we can to stop them." Esper added that the troops would be sent to an existing base in northern Syria and would be tasked with supporting the Syrian Democratic Forces.

"This is a difficult decision," Esper said, "but we believe it is necessary to protect American interests and to prevent ISIS from regaining its former strength."

Denmark, which has a long history of military involvement in the Middle East, said that it was willing to contribute to the fight against ISIS. "We believe that this is a just war," said Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen, "and we are proud to support our friends and allies in the fight against terrorism."

The move was not without its critics, however. Some lawmakers on Capitol Hill expressed concern that sending troops to Syria would be a costly and dangerous endeavor.

"I am concerned about the safety of our soldiers," said Representative John McCain, a Republican from Arizona, "and I fear that this mission will be too risky for them."

Others, however, were more supportive of the move. "I believe that this is the right thing to do," said Senator Kamala Harris, a Democrat from California, "and I am confident that our troops will be successful in this mission."