Allied & Partner Reflections on the Challenges & Opportunities of the Arctic

Advancing Norwegian Defense and Security

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The Norwegian ice breaker Svalbard at the «Top of the world» 21 August 2019

Credit: Norwegian Coastguard
Norway is an arctic country with demanding topography and challenging conditions where the population is widely distributed. The ability to defend the country and national interests require armed forces adaptable to these challenges.
Challenges & Opportunities!

So what?

- National Presence
- Allied Integration
- NATO Framework

- The bastion indicates the patrolling area of the Russian strategic submarines
- Inner defence – ambition of control
- Outer defence – ambition of denial
National operations

Norway’s operational defence structure consists primarily of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Home Guard and the Norwegian Special Operations Command.
Allied presence and integration
FIGHTER AIRCRAFT
AIR DEFENCE
INTELLIGENCE
SURVEILLANCE
SUBMARINES
New Investments
Når du glemmer å kildesortere, og det plutselig ringer på døra.
What can possibly go wrong?

It is in the High North that we are seeing the most rapid developments in our immediate neighbourhood.

- Then Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg (SecGen NATO)