

A time of humiliation

The summer takes its normal course in South Greenland. Hot, sunny days that make people leave their houses to enjoy the summer at the square and roads. Often the fog in the evening covers the fiord and the town, but the next day the sun burns it away before noon. Suddenly the wind has changed, and the rain comes to the town from the southeast. It is a summer like summers in South Greenland should be.

Much is at stake for the South Greenlandic society. Often, the red containers are placed outside one of the houses in the town. Another family has packed their belongings and will move away to a new life either in the capital Nuuk or even to an uncertain future as more or less a stranger in Denmark in Europe.

The political system seems neither to have the courage, the will or the heart to stop this development. The humiliation of an entire region is allowed to continue, while the leading politicians promote themselves on the polished floors in the capital of the kingdom or as far away as China, Korea and Australia. The leadership of the country is truly in the hands of a bureaucracy in the Self-Government and in the management of the publicly owned companies. They have always followed their own interests,

needs and goals.

It is obvious to anyone, who has followed the development in Greenland in the recent years that things take the wrong way. The spirit in the work to develop the self-government seems to have evaporated and mistrust of the elected rises - helped by a more or less Danish press which never has shared the Greenlandic people's visions of ownership to their own country and independence.

A considerable part of the population in South Greenland has always lived on the edge of the modern society. Those people are now truly reduced to poverty. The block grant from the state and the EU funds do not sufficiently reach the parents, the children and the young people who really need support for a bridge building to education and employment. The money remains with the upper middle classes who procure the revenue for the public finances.

Many of the people living in poverty have only a limited understanding of how it all hangs together, and that means they often follow politicians who always have easy solutions to their problems, but who ultimately only promote their own interests.



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