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## Arctic Oil

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Russia aims to lay claim to North Pole natural resources

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Arctic region likely to become the center of World War III  
06/09/2008 / World / Europe

Global warming may take the struggle for the division of the Arctic region to the boiling point. The resources of the region will soon become available for mining. About 20-25 percent of world's crude and natural gas reserves are located on the Arctic shelf, experts say. In addition, Greenland gradually comes out of its ice anabiosis. It is not ruled out that this land will become independent on Denmark to turn into a large oil-mining country  
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United States to claim Arctic seabed 'as large as they can'  
08/06/2007 / World / Americas

A United States icebreaker leaves Seattle for an Arctic research mission shortly after Russia's identical expedition designed to lay claim to a section of the resource-rich region, the Coast Guard said. Pravda.Ru has decided to interview Rob Huebert and Michael Byers, Western Arctic experts, to find out possible scenarios of solving Arctic shelf problem.  
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Russia aims to lay claim to North Pole natural resources  
08/01/2007 / Russia / Politics

Two deep-sea submersibles Mir-1 and Mir-2 made an unprecedented test dive in polar waters, reaching the seabed 47 nautical miles (87 kilometers) north of Russia's northernmost archipelago, Franz Josef Land in the Barents Sea. The Akademik Fyodorov, the flagship of the expedition "Arktika-2007", has launched the submersibles, said Vladimir Strugatsky, a vice president of the Association of Russian Polar Explorers.  
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Russia's mission to claim Arctic sea bed set to reach North Pole  
08/01/2007 / Russia

An ambitious Russian expedition intended to symbolically claim a large swath of the Arctic for Moscow was within 100 miles of the North Pole Wednesday morning, and expected to reach the top of the world in the afternoon  
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Russia's Arctic oil exhibition resumes  
07/26/2007 / Russia

The expedition to explore the bottom of the Arctic Ocean and stake Moscow's claim to oil and natural gas riches under the sea bed ground to a sudden halt Wednesday when the Akademik Fyodorov research ship broke down in the Barents Sea  
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USA wants Russia to give foreign companies bigger roles in developing huge oil and gas fields  
07/18/2007 / World

A top adviser on foreign economic policy to U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice encouraged Russia on Wednesday to give foreign companies a bigger role in developing its vast but remote oil and gas reserves in the Arctic and Eastern Siberia  
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Canada plans to increase its Arctic military presence  
07/09/2007 / World

Canada wants to increase its Arctic military presence in an effort to assert sovereignty over the Northwest Passage - a potentially oil-rich region the United States says is international territory.  
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## Re:Arctic Oil

Posted by Lilybean - 2008/06/18 09:06

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A nightmare brewing, for sure. :(

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## Re:Arctic Oil

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Edmonton Journal

Massive reserves at stake in Arctic oil claim  
U.S. company projects 400 billion barrels  
Randy Boswell, Canwest News Service  
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A U.S.-based company that has controversially laid claim to nearly all of the Arctic Ocean's undersea oil said Thursday that new geological data suggests a "potentially vast" petroleum resource of 400 billion barrels. That figure is backed by a respected Canadian researcher who recently signed on as the firm's chief scientific adviser.

Las Vegas-based Arctic Oil & Gas has raised eyebrows around the world with its roll-of-the-dice bid to lock up exclusive rights to extract oil and gas from rapidly melting areas of the central Arctic Ocean, currently beyond the territorial control of Canada, Russia and other polar nations.

The company, which counts retired B.C. senator Edward Lawson among its directors, has filed a claim with the United Nations to act as the sole "development agent" of Arctic seabed oil and gas.

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