

VINTERSOL WINTER SUN

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Februar 2007 besøgte jeg byen Sisimiut. Sisimiut ligger tæt på Polarcirklen på den grønlandske vestkyst. Byen er den næststørste by i Grønland.

Det var et kort visit. Jeg fløj til byen fra hovedstaden Nuuk med et af Air Greenlands DASH-7 fly, og allerede to dage efter rejste jeg retur til min hjemby.

Ærindet var forbundet med mit job. Møde på byens Bygge- og Anlægsskole. Mødets fokus var uddannelse af arbejdskraft til mineindustrien.

Under opholdet havde jeg heldigvis lejlighed til et par gåture rundt i den smukke, vinterklædte by. Sent eftermiddag stod solen lavt på himlen, og gav et smukt lys over byens hverdagsliv. Temperaturen sneg sig ned på 12 graders frost. Det føltes isnende koldt, men

jeg nød den friske luft. Ude over havet lå der et tykt lag skyer. Måske sneede det derude på fiskebankerne?

Jeg nyder altid at opleve byens travle havn. Her er der en speciel stemning. Som sædvanlig var der travlhed. En rejetrawler var ved at være klar til togt efter rejer ude i Davis Strædet.

Byen Sisimiut har oplevet fremgang. Ikke mindst på grund af vækst i uddannelsesinstitutionerne i byen. Siden mit besøg i 2007 er befolkningen forøget med et par hundrede borgere. I dag bor 5.500 mennesker i byen. På et område er det dog gået voldsomt tilbage. I hele Sisimiut distriktet, byen og de omkringliggende bygder, er antallet af slædehunde faldet fra 1.836 slædehunde i 2007 til 1.252 slædehunde i 2021.

Winter sun

February 2007, I visited the town of Sisimiut. Sisimiut is located close to the Arctic Circle on the west coast of Greenland. The town is the second largest town in Greenland.

It was a short visit. From the capital Nuuk, I flew to the town by one of Air Greenland's DASH-7 planes, and already two days later I travelled back to my hometown.

The errand was connected to my job. Meeting at the town's Building and Construction School. The focus of the meeting was the training of labour for the mining industry.

During my stay, I luckily had the opportunity for a few walks around the beautiful, winter-clad town. Late afternoon, the sun was low in the sky, giving a beautiful light to the everyday life of the town. The temperature dropped to 12 degrees Celsius below zero. It felt freezing cold, but I enjoyed the fresh air.

Out at sea a thick layer of clouds was visible. Maybe it was snowing out there on the fishing grounds?

I always enjoy experiencing the town's busy port. Here there is a special atmosphere. As usual, there was a bustle. A shrimp trawler was getting ready to fish for shrimp out in the Davis Strait.

The town of Sisimiut has prospered. Not least because of the growth of educational institutions in the town. Since my visit in 2007, the population has increased by a few hundred citizens. Today, 5,500 people live in the town. In one area, however, it has declined dramatically. Throughout the Sisimiut District, the town and the surrounding settlements, the number of sledge dogs has decreased from 1,836 sledge dogs in 2007 to 1,252 sledge dogs in 2021.



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