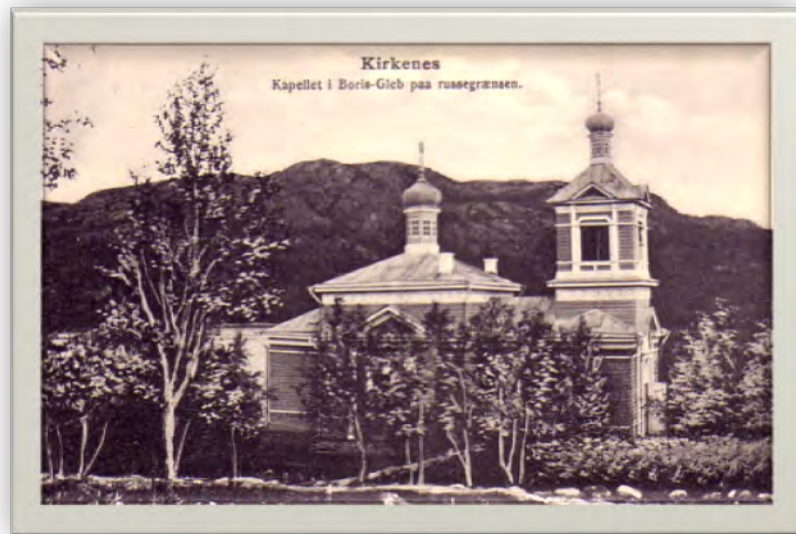


An aerial photograph of Kirkenes, Norway, in winter. The town is densely packed with buildings, mostly in shades of brown and grey, set against a backdrop of snow-covered hills and mountains. A large body of water, likely the Barents Sea, is visible in the background, with a dark, overcast sky above. The foreground shows snow-covered slopes with some tracks and a few buildings. The overall scene is a high-angle view of a coastal town in a northern, snowy environment.

Kirkenes – innfallsporten til Nordvest-
Russland
av Ordfører Linda Beate Randal

Kirkenes, a border area and mining community,



The Russian orthodox church at Borisoglebsk

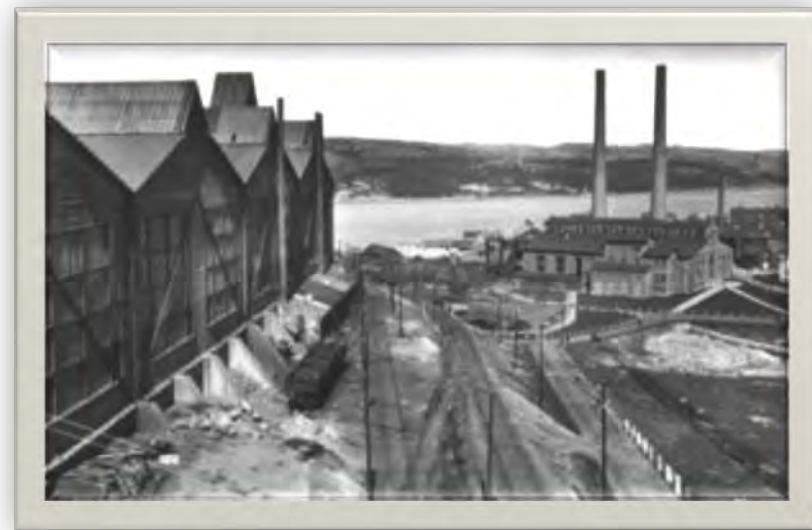


Photo: Sydvaranger AS in Kirkenes. Established 1906. Magnor Nilsen, Sør-Varanger Museum

Norwegian – Russian border established in 1826

Kirkenes was liberated by the Red Army in October 1944



Restructuring Kirkenes (1990-2000;) from Company town to the national Gateway to Russia

- ✓ In 1996 the Mining activity at AS Sydvaranger was closed down. 700-800 working places disappeared. At its peak production Sydvaranger employed 1.400 people.
 - ✓ A Restructuring programme for Sor-Varanger Municipality was launched by the national authorities

 - ✓ The Barents Cooperation, established in 1993 were gaining speed, and the Russian Federation had opened their Consulate General in Kirkenes already in 1993. The Barents Secretariat has its head office in Kirkenes.
 - ✓ Kimek developed a good cooperation servicing the the Russian Fishing Fleet from Murmansk and Arkhangelsk and started their industrial cooperation with Zvezdochka Shipyard in Severodvinsk
 - ✓ The Norwegian Nuclear Safety programme for Northwest-Russia had its project leaders in Kirkenes

- **It made out the basis for the new Kirkenes as the «Gateway to Russia»**

Industrial cooperation Kirkenes - Severodvinsk



Steel structure for Åsgaard B – (Client: Kværner)



Tide mill structure - delivered to ABB

Industrial cooperation
Between the yards
Kimek and
Zvezdochka



Fishing vessels, Client: Grumant Flot

Industrial cooperation, DYNO Nobel – Norilsk Nickel /
Pechenganikel





Kola Nuclear Power Plant

The Norwegian Nuclear Safety Programme



Atomflot, Murmansk



Decommissioned sub at Nerpa Yard

The Kursk rescue and recovering operation



Giant 4 at port in Kirkenes



Kursk back in Murmansk

Marketing Cooperation- Arctic Europe At ONS, OTC, OFFSHORE EUROPE, MIOGE/NEFTEGAZ



Photo: Erling Storvik .
Finnmark, Murmansk, Kirkenes stand at OTC 1998



Photo: Erling Storvik.
Head of Murmansk Government, A.
Malinin to the right, Tore Bergesen,
Kværner to the left.

New East-West Infrastructure between Kirkenes and Murmansk



Photo: Kristin Høyby

Vice governor of Murmansk Oblast, N.Bereshnoy, Minister of Finance of Norway Kristin Halvorsen, Customs officials at Storskog Border Station



Norway finances new Russian Border Station at BorisGleb (opened 2003), and new road connection between Kirkenes and Murmansk (1996-2005).

Twin City cooperation – Nikel and Severomorsk

- Kirkenes has twin city cooperation with Nikel and Severomorsk
 - ❖ Health care
 - ❖ School cooperation, exchange of pupils and teachers
 - ❖ Cooperation between the city administrations (Technical departments, Education and Social Services)
 - ❖ Exchange of observers at political elections
 - ❖ Woman rights and possibilities
 - ❖ Economic development and Agricultural cooperation



The hospital in Kirkenes cooperates with the Regional hospital in Murmansk

Kirkenes – a «Russian» town in Norway



The web site of Sor-Varanger Municipality is in 4 languages;

- Norwegian
- English
- Russian
- Finish

The Russian Fishing Fleet, a driving force for the change in Kirkenes – leaving behind approx. 1 billion NOK each year.



Photo: Gry Andrassen, Sor-Varanger Museum

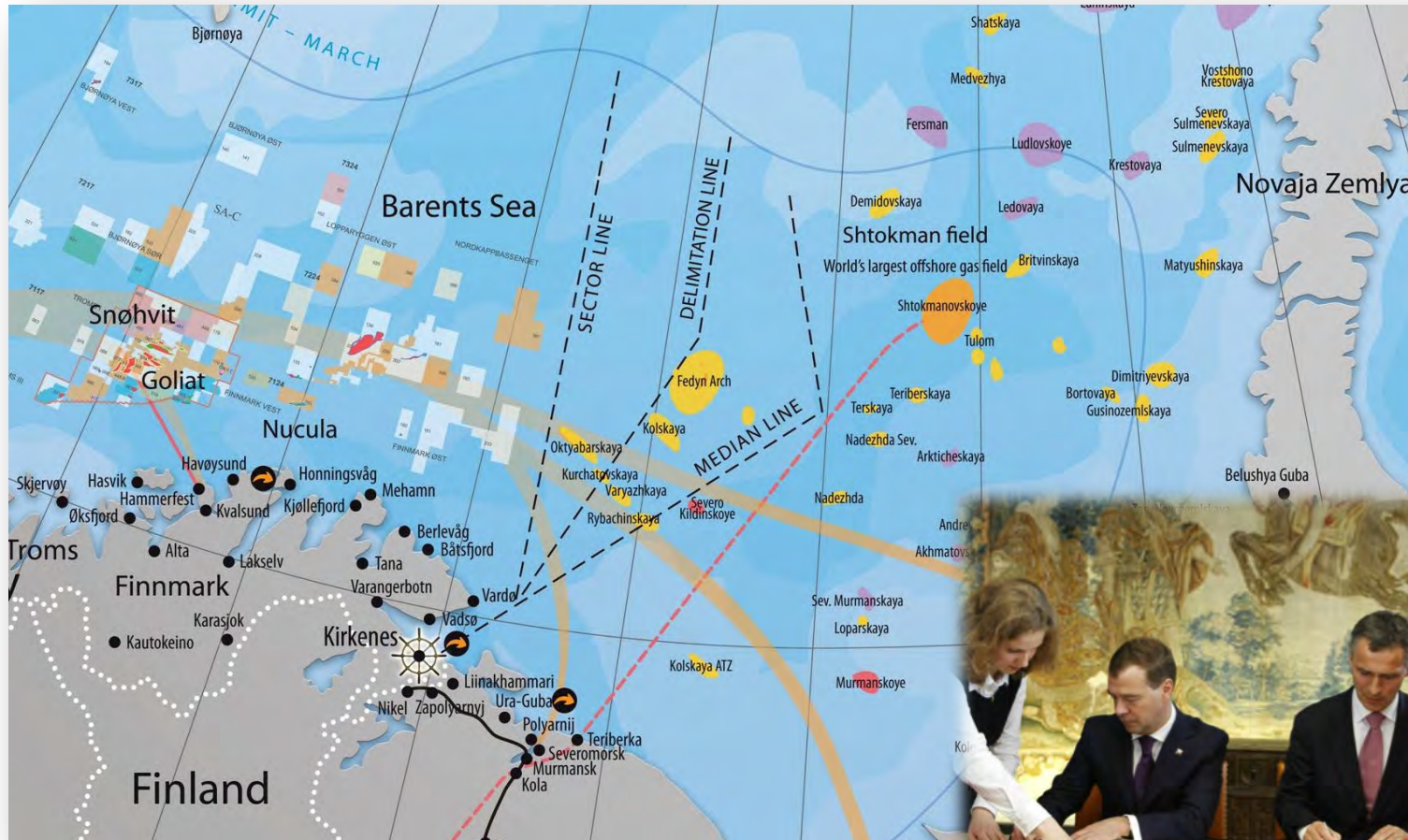


The kindergarten is bilingual, Russian and Norwegian.



Official buildings and streetnames are marked in Norwegian and Russian

Agreement about the Delimitation line in the Barents Sea between Norway and Russia



Map: Sherpa Konsult a.s.

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