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On the cover:

A decision made by the Norwegian Ministry of Defence (MoD) on 7 April calls for the procurement of a yet unknown number of new submarines, replacing the six "Ula" class (German Type 210) diesel-electric boats commissioned into service from 1989 to 1992. Undergoing extensive modernisation since 2006, with improved periscopes and Electronic Warfare (EW) systems, sonar enhancements, and communications upgrades added to the overall combat system, the "Ula" class now faces rapid obsolescence risks. Overcoming these developments, the MoD's procurement decision could result in larger, more modern boats due to enter service from the mid-2020s, significantly improving the Royal Norwegian Navy's submarine capability in the Arctic Ocean and around the country's High North region territorial waters. (Photo: Courtesy of Royal Norwegian Navy)

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