

# [***FACT CHECK: Video Claims To Show Russian Su-27 Shot Down In Belgorod***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BKY-2R01-DXXD-700F-00000-00&context=1516831)

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A video [*shared on Facebook*](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=295315186911322&id=100092985277429) claims to show a Russian Su-27 shot down in Belgorod in March 2024.

**Verdict: False**

The video is from February 2022.

**Fact Check:**

Pro-Ukrainian Russian groups, such as the Freedom of Russia Legion and the Siberia Battalion, launched attacks against Russian border areas in mid-March, according to [*Business Insider*](https://www.businessinsider.com/russian-defectors-fighting-for-ukraine-are-invading-their-motherland-2024-3).

Social media users are sharing a video of smoke-filled air, claiming it shows a Russian Su-27 being shot down in Belgorod.

“BREAKING - Russian Su-27 fighter aircraft reportedly shot down over Belgorod, on the Russian side of the border with Ukraine, where the pro-Ukraine Russian Freedom Legion is currently active,” one user wrote.

This claim, however, is false. Through a reverse image search, Check Your Fact found that the video is from February 24, 2022, the first day of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The video was shared to [*Telegram*](https://t.me/nexta_live/16468) by Nexta Live with the message,”Explosion in a military unit in Kalinovka, Vinnytsia region.”

The claim was also debunked by

[*GeoConfirmed*](https://twitter.com/GeoConfirmed/status/1767501413943529891)

, an organization of volunteers that geolocate videos and images in conflicts such as the Russian-Ukrainian war.

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“GeoConfirmed UKR. 'Some Russian media report that a Russian Su-27 aircraft was shot down over Belgorod region.' The video with this claim is a 2 year old video. (07u30, 24 FEB 2022),” GeoConfirmed tweeted.

**Graphic**

A picture taken on October 12, 2018 shows the Ukrainian Su-27 UB fighter (Combat Trainer) flights during an air force exercises on Starokostyantyniv military airbase. - Ukraine's general staff said on October 16, 2018 that two pilots died when a Sukhoi fighter jet crashed during military exercises with the United States and other NATO countries. "A Sukhoi-27 plane crashed at around 5:00 pm local time (1400 GMT) during a training flight," the general staff said on its Facebook page, adding that "the bodies of the two pilots have been found." (Photo by Genya SAVILOV / AFP) (Photo credit should read GENYA SAVILOV/AFP via Getty Images)

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