

# [***FACT CHECK: Image Showing Burning Russia And Billboard Is AI; The original image was created and was not taken in Russia***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BKY-2R01-DXXD-70J5-00000-00&context=1516831)

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[*Link to Image*](https://cdn01.dailycaller.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/GettyImages-1248338435-scaled-e1703033501940.jpg)

An image [*shared on X*](https://twitter.com/saintjavelin/status/1769299261751955887) claims to show Russia burning with a billboard that says “stability.”

good morning to the russians.

the billboard says “stability” [*pic.twitter.com/VDzWBuaa2T*](https://t.co/VDzWBuaa2T)

- Saint Javelin (@saintjavelin) [*March 17, 2024*](https://twitter.com/saintjavelin/status/1769299261751955887?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

**Verdict: False**

The original image was created and was not taken in Russia.

**Fact Check:**

Thousands of children are being evacuated from Belgorod as pro-Ukrainian Russian fighters have attacked Russian border areas, according to [*BBC News*](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-68605562).

Social media users are sharing an image of buildings on fire with a billboard in the foreground, claiming it shows Russia. One user wrote, “good morning to the russians. the billboard says 'stability.'”

However, the image was not taken in Russia. Through a reverse image search, Check Your Fact found that the image was created by a pro-Ukrainian designer who goes by Kherson Designer. The image was posted to [*Telegram*](https://t.me/khersondesigner/1169) in January 2024 with the caption “In connection with the recent events in the swamps.”

Kherson Designer addressed the claim that it was real in a March 18 [*Telegram post*](https://t.me/khersondesigner/1313).

“Who would have thought that this picture would become popular all over the world) Journalists from abroad write and ask 'Is this a real photo or a processed image?) Unfortunately, the picture became popular without specifying the author, and people really think that it is a photo,” Kherson Designer wrote.

The claim was also [*debunked*](https://twitter.com/Shayan86/status/1769356254076457177) by BBC Verify reporter Shayan Sardarizadeh in a March 17 post. [***(RELATED: Video Claims To Show Vehicles On Fire Near Belgorod)***](https://checkyourfact.com/2024/03/19/fact-check-video-vehicles-fire-belgorod/)

This image, which claims to show a pro-Putin billboard with the word “stability” on it in Russia while a huge fire burns in the background, is AI-generated.

It was posted on Telegram by a pro-Ukrainian designer in January. [*pic.twitter.com/PKu9dfExy7*](https://t.co/PKu9dfExy7)

- Shayan Sardarizadeh (@Shayan86) [*March 17, 2024*](https://twitter.com/Shayan86/status/1769356254076457177?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

'This image, which claims to show a pro-Putin billboard with the word 'stability' on it in Russia while a huge fire burns in the background, is AI-generated. It was posted on Telegram by a pro-Ukrainian designer in January,” Sardarizadeh tweeted.

**Graphic**

TOPSHOT - A Ukrainian serviceman attaches a hand grenade on a drone to use in an attack, near Bakhmut, in the region of Donbas, on March 15, 2023. (Photo by ARIS MESSINIS/AFP via Getty Images)

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