

Claim

Claim: "



This image shows a US F-16 fighter jet which was shot down in August 2024 in airspace over the Black Sea after refusing to obey Russian orders."

Actions

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reverse_search(![image 5] (media/6.jpg))  
web_search("F-16 shot down Black Sea August 2024")
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Evidence

Evidence from **reverse_search**

The image



Evidence from web_search

Defense News reported on August 29, 2024, that an F-16 jet crashed in Ukraine during a Russian attack, killing the pilot. The article mentions that some F-16s have been used to intercept Russian missiles. (<https://www.defensenews.com/global/europe/2024/08/29/ukraine-f-16-jet-crashes-during-russian-attack-killing-pilot/>)



The War Zone discusses claims of a Ukrainian F-16 shooting down a Russian Su-35S Flanker. It mentions a Ukrainian F-16 pilot, Oleksiy Mes, who died in August 2024 after shooting down Russian cruise missiles and a drone. (<https://www.twz.com/air/claims-swirl-around-russian-su-35s-flanker-shootdown>)



The Guardian published an article on August 28, 2024, discussing the Ukraine war, mentioning that Volodymyr Zelenskiy said F-16s were used to shoot down Russian missiles. (<https://www.theguardian.com/world/article/2024/aug/28/ukraine-war-briefing-zelenskiy-says-f16s-shooting-down-russian-missiles>)



Elaboration

The evidence suggests that F-16s were involved in the conflict in Ukraine in August 2024. One F-16 crashed during a Russian attack, and Ukrainian F-16s were used to intercept Russian missiles. However, the image provided shows a MiG-29, not an F-16.

The claim is therefore false.

Final Judgement

The image shows a MiG-29, not an F-16. While F-16s were involved in the conflict in Ukraine in August 2024, the image does not depict an F-16. The claim is therefore inaccurate.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is false. While F-16s were involved in the conflict in Ukraine in August 2024, as reported by [Defense News](#) and [The Guardian](#), the image depicts a MiG-29, not an F-16.