## Claim

Claim: "



This image shows an Israeli helicopter shot down by Hezbollah amid clashes in Southern Lebanon on November 23, 2024."

## **Actions**

image\_search("helicopter smoke trail flares")
geolocate(![image 6] (media/5.jpg))

## **Evidence**

#### Evidence from image\_search

The search results include images of helicopters deploying flares. One image from Shutterstock shows a navy SH-60B helicopter shooting flares (

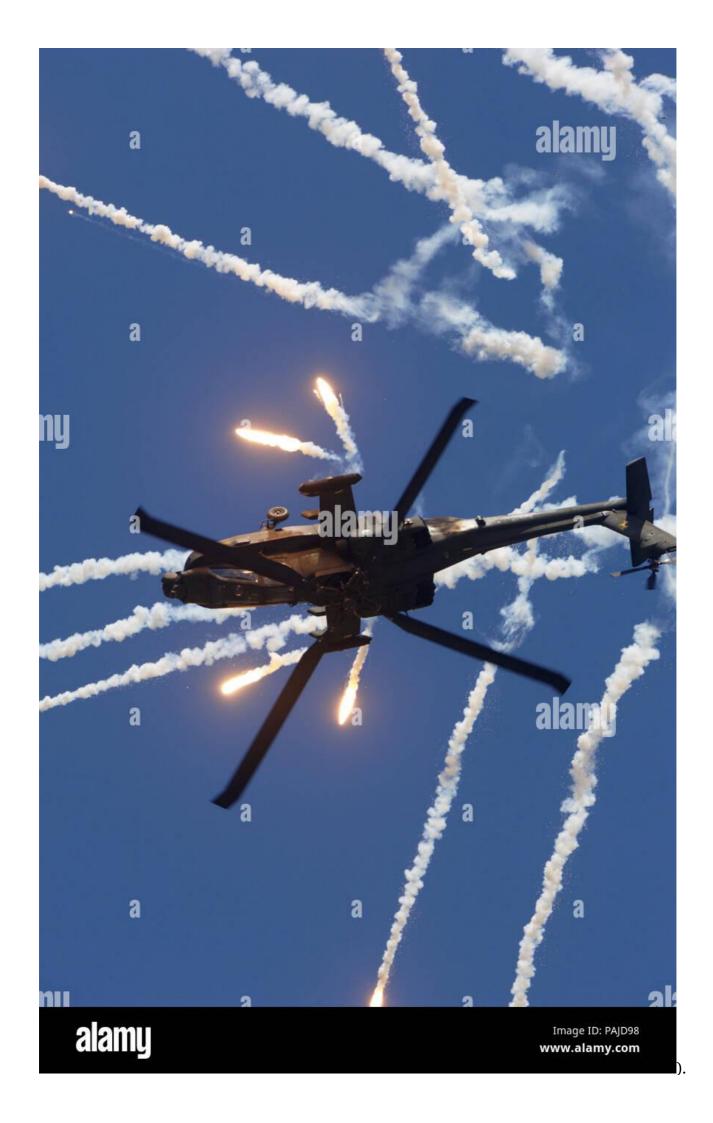


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). Another image from iStockphoto



Alamy also provides an image of an AH-64D Apache helicopter with flares (





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Evidence from web\_search

PesaCheck fact-checked a post claiming an Israeli helicopter was shot down in southern Lebanon, stating the image actually shows an Israeli helicopter shooting flares over the Gaza Strip in March 2019, as reported by The Times of Israel and credited to Mohammed Abed/AFP. (<a href="https://pesacheck.org/missing-context-this-image-is-not-of-an-israeli-helicopter-shot-down-in-southern-lebanon-cc0e6543a1f2">https://pesacheck.org/missing-context-this-image-is-not-of-an-israeli-helicopter-shot-down-in-southern-lebanon-cc0e6543a1f2</a>) NewsMobile also fact-checked a misleading claim about an Israeli helicopter being shot down in Lebanon, confirming the image shows an Israeli helicopter deploying flares over the Gaza Strip on March 25, 2019. (<a href="https://www.newsmobile.in/nm-fact-checker/fact-check-post-claiming-israeli-helicopter-shot-down-in-lebanon-is-misleading/">https://www.newsmobile.in/nm-fact-checker/fact-check-post-claiming-israeli-helicopter-shot-down-in-lebanon-is-misleading/</a>)

The Times of Israel reported that on November 2, 2024, an Israeli Air Force attack helicopter shot down a Hezbollah drone in the Binyamina area, south of Haifa. (<a href="https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog-entry/footage-shows-hezbollah-drone-from-lebanon-being-shot-down-by-iaf-helicopter-south-of-haifa/">https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog-entry/footage-shows-hezbollah-drone-from-lebanon-being-shot-down-by-iaf-helicopter-south-of-haifa/</a>) The image in the claim (



not of an Israeli helicopter shot down in Southern Lebanon.

### **Elaboration**

The claim is false. The image in the claim is not of an Israeli helicopter shot down in Southern Lebanon. Fact-checkers have identified the image as showing an Israeli helicopter deploying flares over the Gaza Strip in March 2019.

# Final Judgement

The image depicts an Israeli helicopter deploying flares over the Gaza Strip in March 2019, not being shot down in Southern Lebanon on November 23, 2024. Therefore, the claim is demonstrably false. false

**Verdict: FALSE** 

Justification

The claim is false. The image shows an Israeli helicopter deploying flares over the Gaza Strip in March 2019, not being shot down in Southern Lebanon on November 23, 2024, as confirmed by fact-checks from <a href="PesaCheck">PesaCheck</a> and <a href="NewsMobile">NewsMobile</a>.