

Claim



Claim: "This image shows the coffins of 18 British Special Forces who were killed in November 2024 in the Odessa Region in Ukraine."

Actions

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web_search("British Special Forces killed Odessa Ukraine")
image_search("coffins British flag military plane")
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Evidence

Evidence from **web_search**

The search results discuss claims related to British Special Forces in Ukraine. One source, from [UA Wire](#), debunks a claim by Dutch journalist Sonja van den Ende that 18 British special forces soldiers were killed in Odesa, with the Southern Defense Forces spokesperson stating there was no evidence.



Another source, from [Detector Media](#), denies a claim that Russian aircraft destroyed a group of British SAS special forces in Odesa.

A third source, from [EADaily](#), reports that Russian special forces captured two British officers in Ukraine.

Evidence from `image_search`

The image shows coffins draped in the British flag inside a military plane (



The greatest loss of life in a single incident took place in September 2006, when 14 servicemen died when their RAF Nimrod spy plane exploded in mid air. An inquiry found the blast was due to a malfunction. The highest annual number of fatalities took place in 2009, when there were 107 deaths.

). The image is not related to the claim. One source states that the image is related to the

coffins of 14 servicemen who died when their RAF Nimrod spy plane exploded in mid-air in September 2006. Another source shows a British flag-draped coffin being carried away from a military cargo plane on March 29, 2003, at Brize Norton Royal Air Force Base, England (



). The coffins were the first of Britain's combat victims to return home from service in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The International Business Times UK published an article about the flag-draped coffins of 14 military personnel killed when an RAF Nimrod aircraft crashed in Afghanistan (

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The flag-draped coffins of 14 military personnel killed when an RAF Nimrod aircraft crashed in Afghanistan are transported back to the UK. The RAF Nimrod crashed on 2 September 2006, killing 14 military personnel in Britain's biggest single loss since the Falklands War (PHOTO: MOD)

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Elaboration

The claim that the image shows the coffins of 18 British Special Forces killed in November 2024 in the Odessa Region in Ukraine is not supported by the evidence. The image search results indicate that the image depicts coffins draped in the British flag, but they are associated with different events. One source states that the image is related to the coffins of 14 servicemen who died when their RAF Nimrod spy plane exploded in mid-air in September 2006.

Furthermore, the web search results debunk claims of British Special Forces casualties in Odesa. One source specifically debunks a claim by a Dutch journalist about 18 British special forces soldiers killed in Odesa, with the Southern Defense Forces spokesperson stating there was no evidence.

Therefore, based on the evidence, the claim is false.

Final Judgement

The image is not related to the claim. The image search results indicate that the image depicts coffins draped in the British flag, but they are associated with different events. The web search results debunk claims of British Special Forces casualties in Odesa.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is false. The image depicts coffins draped in the British flag, but they are associated with events unrelated to the claim, such as the 2006 RAF Nimrod crash, as indicated by the image search results. Furthermore, web search results, such as the one from [UA Wire](#), debunk claims of British Special Forces casualties in Odesa.