

Claim

Claim: "



This image shows a Russian ammunition depot in Toropets, Tver Oblast, before and after it was hit by a, possible nuclear, strike from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)."

Actions

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web_search("Russian ammunition depot Toropets Tver Oblast")
web_search("Toropets ammunition depot NATO strike")
reverse_search(![image 23] (media/74.jpg))
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Evidence

Evidence from **web_search**

The provided sources discuss a Ukrainian drone attack on a Russian ammunition depot in Toropets, Tver Oblast, Russia, on September 17-18, 2024. The attack caused explosions and fires at the depot, which stored various munitions, including missiles, artillery ammunition, and potentially North Korean supplies. The depot was renovated in 2018 and was claimed to meet high international standards.

The articles from Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toropets_depot_explosions), CNN (<https://edition.cnn.com/2024/09/18/europe/ukraine-russian-weapons-depot-drone-attack-intl>), and Euronews (<https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2024/09/18/what-was-stored-at-the-russian-arms-depot-in-tver-region-struck-by-ukraines-drones>) all include images of the depot before and after the attack, showing the damage.



Evidence from **reverse_search**

The image (



) shows a Russian ammunition depot in Toropets, Tver Oblast, before and after a Ukrainian drone attack. Reuters (<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/ukraine-targets-western-russian-regions-with-drones-russian-officials-says-2024-09-18/>) reports that the attack triggered a massive explosion and destroyed a warehouse storing missiles, guided bombs, and artillery ammunition. The Associated Press (<https://apnews.com/article/russia-ukraine-toropets-drones-attack-e3d05b2637d316b437e4789a35c7f59e>) confirms the attack, which caused a fire and injured at least 13 people, and that the depot housed missiles, glide bombs, and artillery shells.

The Washington Post (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2024/09/18/ukraine-russia-blast-drones-missiles-tver/>) also reported on the attack, mentioning a massive fireball. The attack was carried out by Ukraine's Security Service, along with Ukraine's Intelligence and Special Operations Forces. The destroyed ammunition included North Korean KN-23 short-range ballistic missiles.

Elaboration

The claim is inaccurate. The evidence indicates that the ammunition depot in Toropets, Tver Oblast, was hit by a Ukrainian drone attack, not a NATO strike. The attack caused significant damage, including explosions and fires, and destroyed a warehouse storing various munitions.

Final Judgement

The claim is demonstrably false. The evidence clearly shows that the ammunition depot was attacked by Ukrainian drones, not NATO. The sources provide detailed information about the attack, including the type of munitions stored and the damage caused. false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The image depicts a Russian ammunition depot in Toropets, Tver Oblast, before and after a Ukrainian drone attack, not a NATO strike as the claim suggests. Multiple sources, including Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toropets_depot_explosions), CNN (<https://edition.cnn.com/2024/09/18/europe/ukraine-russian-weapons-depot-drone-attack-intl>), and Reuters (<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/ukraine-targets-western-russian-regions-with-drones-russian-officials-says-2024-09-18/>), confirm the Ukrainian attack, which resulted in explosions, fires, and the destruction of stored ammunition.