

Claim

Claim: "Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy started the 2022 war in Ukraine with Russia."

Actions

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web_search("Volodymyr Zelenskyy Russia war 2022")
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Evidence

Evidence from web_search

The Wikipedia article on Volodymyr Zelenskyy (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Volodymyr_Zelenskyy) mentions that he has been the President of Ukraine since 2019 and discusses the Russo-Ukrainian War. Sky News (<https://news.sky.com/story/ukraine-war-latest-russia-rape-putin-zelenskyy-12541713>) reports on the ongoing Ukraine war, mentioning meetings and calls between various leaders.

Al Jazeera (<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/2/20/fact-check-did-ukraine-start-its-war-with-russia-as-trump-claims>) discusses Donald Trump's claim that Zelenskyy started the war, stating that Russia launched an invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022. [image:i](#)

Elaboration

The evidence indicates that Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022. The provided sources do not support the claim that Zelenskyy initiated the war.

The Al Jazeera article specifically addresses the claim that Ukraine started the war, which contradicts the claim. The other sources mention Zelenskyy's presidency and the ongoing war but do not provide evidence to support the claim.

To verify the claim, more information is needed about the events leading up to the 2022 invasion and any actions taken by Zelenskyy that could be interpreted as starting the war.

Final Judgement

The search results show that Russia initiated the full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. The provided sources do not support the claim that Zelenskyy started the war. The Al Jazeera article directly contradicts the claim.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is false. Evidence from sources like Al Jazeera (<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/2/20/fact-check-did-ukraine-start-its-war-with-russia-as-trump-claims>) indicates

that Russia launched the invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, contradicting the assertion that Zelenskyy initiated the war.