

Claim

Claim: "



This image shows an authentic Russian passport of deposed Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad."

Actions

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web_search("Bashar al-Assad Russian passport")  
reverse_search(![image 21] (media/69.jpg))
```

Evidence

Evidence from web_search

The AOL article (<https://www.aol.com/fact-check-assad-passport-image-140122086.html>) fact-checks the claim about Bashar al-Assad's Russian passport and states that the image is fake and photoshopped. The original passport image was found on Wikipedia.

The NV.ua article (<https://english.nv.ua/nation/relatives-of-bashar-al-assad-arrested-at-beirut-airport-using-fake-passports-50477670.html>) discusses the arrest of Bashar al-Assad's relatives for using fake passports and mentions that his regime collapsed and he fled to Moscow. The Wikipedia article discusses Bashar al-Assad's presidency and the fall of the Assad regime.



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Evidence from **reverse_search**

The image of the Russian passport (

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) appears on the Wikipedia article "East Slavic name" (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Slavic_name) and on a website about Russian internal passports (<https://ukrainian-passport.com/blog/internal-russian-passport/>). The image also appears on Wikimedia Commons (https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Pasport_RF.jpg), which shows a Russian passport.

Elaboration

The claim that the image shows an authentic Russian passport of Bashar al-Assad is false. The AOL article (<https://www.aol.com/fact-check-assad-passport-image-140122086.html>) states that the image is photoshopped. The reverse image search confirms that the passport image is a real Russian passport, but the image has been altered.

Final Judgement

The evidence indicates that the image is a manipulated version of a real Russian passport. The AOL fact-check explicitly states the image is photoshopped. Therefore, the claim is not accurate. `false`

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is false. An AOL fact-check (<https://www.aol.com/fact-check-assad-passport-image-140122086.html>) states that the image is photoshopped. The reverse image search confirms that the passport image is a real Russian passport, but the image has been altered.