

# Claim

Claim: "During the January 2025 wildfires, eight mansions belonging to Ukrainian military officials burned down in Los Angeles, California."

# Actions

`web_search("January 2025 wildfires Los Angeles Ukrainian military offic`

# Evidence

## Evidence from `web_search`

Pro-Kremlin social media accounts spread a baseless narrative that mansions belonging to Ukrainian military officials burned down in the Los Angeles wildfires in January 2025. This claim was debunked by fact-checkers from Greece and the United States. The Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council's Center for Countering Disinformation described the claim as "Russian propaganda." The story originated on a pro-Russian Telegram channel, and there is zero evidence to support the claim. The Forbes article mentions Valerii Zaluzhnyi as one of the individuals named in the claims.



NPR (<https://www.npr.org/2025/01/16/nx-s1-5259842/los-angeles-california-fires-russia-ukraine>) and Houston Public Media (<https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/npr/2025/01/16/nx-s1-5259842/russia-tried-to-use-the-l-a-wildfires-to-spread-anti-ukraine-propaganda/>) reported on the claim. Forbes (<https://www.forbes.com/sites/petersuciu/2025/01/13/satire-or-disinformation-ukrainian-generals-lost-homes-in-la-fires/>)



also discussed the claims.

## Elaboration

The claim is false. The evidence indicates that the claim originated from pro-Kremlin social media accounts and has been debunked by fact-checkers. There is zero evidence to support the claim. The Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council's Center for Countering Disinformation labeled it as "Russian propaganda."

## Final Judgement

The claim that eight mansions belonging to Ukrainian military officials burned down in Los Angeles wildfires in January 2025 is false. This claim originated from pro-Kremlin sources and has been debunked by fact-checkers. There is no evidence to support the claim, and it has been identified as Russian propaganda.

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**Verdict: FALSE**

## Justification

The claim is false. The information was spread by pro-Kremlin social media accounts and debunked by fact-checkers. The Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council's Center for Countering Disinformation labeled the claim as "Russian propaganda," and there is no evidence to support it.