

# Claim

Claim: "An Algerian judo athlete withdrew from his Olympics 2024 match against an Israeli opponent."

# Actions

`web_search("Algerian judo athlete withdraws Olympics 2024 Israeli oppon`

# Evidence

## Evidence from `web_search`

The International Judo Federation is investigating why Algerian judoka Messaoud Redouane Dris failed to make weight, preventing a match against Israeli Tohar Butbul at the Paris Olympics, according to reports from ESPN (<https://www.espn.com/olympics/story//id/40680600/judo-org-probe-failed-weigh-match>) and The Guardian (<https://www.theguardian.com/sport/article/2024/jul/29/algerian-judoka-investigated-after-failing-to-make-weight-for-bout-with-israeli>) and the Associated Press (<https://apnews.com/article/olympics-2024-israel-algeria-5925a924c57c1d6440b2cbf09d57cb75>). Dris' disqualification marked the third time an opponent has not faced Butbul over the past two Olympics. In Tokyo, another Algerian, Fethi Nourine withdrew from the Olympics to avoid a potential



fight against Butbul. [image:i](#)



## Elaboration

The evidence indicates that Algerian judoka Messaoud Redouane Dris failed to make weight, which prevented his match against Israeli Tohar Butbul at the Paris Olympics. The International Judo Federation is investigating the incident. This is not explicitly a withdrawal, but rather a disqualification due to failing to make weight.

The evidence also mentions that this is not the first time an Algerian judoka has avoided a match against Butbul. In the Tokyo Olympics, Fethi Nourine withdrew to avoid a potential fight.

## Final Judgement

The claim is partially accurate. While the Algerian judoka did not compete against the Israeli opponent, the reason was failing to make weight, not a withdrawal. The evidence confirms the event, but the claim's wording is not entirely correct. `false`

**Verdict: FALSE**

## **Justification**

An Algerian judoka, Messaoud Redouane Dris, did not compete against Israeli Tohar Butbul at the Paris Olympics because he failed to make weight, as reported by ESPN ([https://www.espn.com/olympics/story/\\_/id/40680600/judo-org-probe-failed-weigh-match](https://www.espn.com/olympics/story/_/id/40680600/judo-org-probe-failed-weigh-match)), The Guardian (<https://www.theguardian.com/sport/article/2024/jul/29/algerian-judoka-investigated-after-failing-to-make-weight-for-bout-with-israeli>) and the Associated Press (<https://apnews.com/article/olympics-2024-israel-algeria-5925a924c57c1d6440b2cbf09d57cb75>). The International Judo Federation is investigating the incident.