Claim

Claim: "As the tensions between Israel and Hezbollah escalate in October, 2024, the U.S. government is offering Americans loans to pay for flights out of Lebanon while they have been flying Israeli citizens out of Israel on chartered flights for a year 'on US taxpayers' dime."

Actions

web_search("US government loans for Americans Lebanon October 2024")
web_search("US chartered flights for Israeli citizens")

Evidence

Evidence from web_search

The U.S. government is advising U.S. citizens to leave Lebanon due to the conflict with Israel and is offering emergency loans to U.S. citizens in Lebanon who want to relocate to safer



State Department is assisting U.S. citizens to leave Lebanon. The U.S. government is also providing nearly \$157 million in humanitarian assistance to support populations affected by conflict in Lebanon (



Sources include articles from NPR (https://www.npr.org/2024/10/04/nx-s1-5140168/u-s-citizens-are-advised-to-lease-lebanon-amid-conflict-with-israel), The Texas Standard (https://www.reuters.com/beirut-us-citizens-assistance-embassy/), and Reuters (<a href="https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/us-give-157-million-humanitarian-aid-response-lebanon-crisis-2024-10-04/).

Evidence from web_search

The U.S. government is offering charter flights to help Americans leave Israel, with options to Athens or Frankfurt by air, or sea from Haifa to Cyprus. Americans will be asked to sign an agreement to repay the U.S. government. (



) The State Department has begun "assisted departure flights" for U.S. citizens and lawful

residents out of Israel.

Sources: Reuters, Newsweek, CBS News.

Elaboration

The U.S. government is offering emergency loans to U.S. citizens in Lebanon to relocate to safer areas and is assisting U.S. citizens to leave Lebanon. The U.S. government has also started "assisted departure flights" for U.S. citizens and lawful residents out of Israel. The evidence does not specify whether the U.S. government is flying Israeli citizens out of Israel.

The claim that the U.S. government is offering loans to Americans to pay for flights out of Lebanon is supported by the evidence. The claim that the U.S. government has been flying Israeli citizens out of Israel on chartered flights for a year "on US taxpayers' dime" cannot be verified with the provided evidence. More information is needed to verify this part of the claim.

Actions

web_search("US government chartered flights Israeli citizens")

Evidence

Evidence from web_search

From <u>Source</u>: Content: ABC News reports that the State Department is arranging chartered flights for American citizens in Israel to sites in Europe, starting Friday, October 13, 2023.



. The State Department expects these flights to facilitate the safe departure of thousands of U.S. citizens per week. The article is authored by Justin Gomez and Shannon K. and was published on October 12, 2023.

Elaboration

The U.S. government arranged chartered flights for American citizens in Israel to Europe starting October 13, 2023. The evidence does not mention flights for Israeli citizens. The claim that the U.S. government has been flying Israeli citizens out of Israel on chartered flights for a year "on US taxpayers' dime" is not supported by the evidence.

Final Judgement

The U.S. government is offering loans to Americans to leave Lebanon and has arranged chartered flights for American citizens in Israel. However, there is no evidence to support the claim that the U.S. government has been flying Israeli citizens out of Israel on chartered flights for a year.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The U.S. government is offering emergency loans to U.S. citizens in Lebanon and has arranged chartered flights for American citizens in Israel, starting in October 2023, to facilitate their departure amid the conflict with Israel and Hezbollah. However, there is no

evidence to support the claim that the U.S. government has been flying Israeli citizens out of Israel on chartered flights for a year.