

# Claim

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

## Actions

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web_search("January 2025 wildfires Los Angeles Ukrainian military offic
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## 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 claim originated on a pro-Russian Telegram channel and was part of a disinformation campaign. There is zero evidence to support the claim that eight mansions belonging to Ukrainian military officials burned down in the Los Angeles wildfires. The original post on Telegram used the hashtag "satire."



## Sources:

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

## Elaboration

The claim is false. The evidence indicates that the claim originated from pro-Kremlin sources and was debunked by fact-checkers. The Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council's Center for Countering Disinformation labeled it as Russian propaganda. The original post on Telegram used the hashtag "satire," and there is no evidence to support the claim.

## Final Judgement

The claim that eight mansions belonging to Ukrainian military officials burned down in the January 2025 wildfires in Los Angeles is false. This claim originated from pro-Kremlin sources and was debunked by fact-checkers. The Ukrainian government itself identified the claim as Russian propaganda, and the original post was labeled as satire.

false

**Verdict: FALSE**

## Justification

The claim is false. It originated from pro-Kremlin sources and was debunked by fact-checkers. The Ukrainian government identified it as Russian propaganda, and the original post was labeled as satire. See [NPR](#), [Houston Public Media](#), and [Forbes](#).