

# Claim

Claim: "



This image shows a US F-16 fighter jet which was shot down in August 2024 in airspace over the Black Sea after refusing to obey Russian orders."

## Actions

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image_search("F-16 shot down Black Sea August 2024")
reverse_search(![image 5](media/6.jpg))
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## Evidence

### Evidence from **image\_search**

NPR published an article about a Ukrainian F-16 warplane crash (



). The Guardian published an article on August 28, 2024, about the war in Ukraine, including a photograph of F-16 fighter jets (



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### **Evidence from `reverse_search`**

The image (





) shows a Russian MiG-29S Fulcrum, not a US F-16. The image depicts a mid-air collision between two Russian MiG-29s during an airshow in Fairford, United Kingdom, on July 24, 1993. The pilot can be seen ejecting.

The image is available on [Airteamimages.com](https://airteamimages.com), [Peakpx.com](https://peakpx.com), and [Factcheckkorea.afp.com](https://factcheckkorea.afp.com).

## Elaboration

The claim is false. The image depicts a Russian MiG-29, not a US F-16. The image shows a mid-air collision during an airshow in 1993.

## Final Judgement

The image shows a Russian MiG-29, not a US F-16, and the event depicted is a mid-air collision during an airshow in 1993, not a shooting down in 2024. The claim misrepresents the aircraft, the event, and the date.

misleading

**Verdict: MISLEADING**

## Justification

The image in the claim depicts a Russian MiG-29, not a US F-16, and shows a mid-air collision during an airshow in 1993, not a shooting down in 2024. The claim is therefore misleading.