

Claim

Claim: "



This image shows a Ukrainian F-16 fighter jet which was shot down by Russia as part of the large-scale Russian invasion in Ukraine."

Actions

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reverse_search(![image 22] (media/73.jpg))
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Evidence

Evidence from **reverse_search**

The image (



) shows the wreckage of an F-16 that crashed into a warehouse in May 2019. The crash occurred near March Air Reserve Base due to improperly installed parts and hydraulic failure. The pilot ejected and survived. The Press-Enterprise published an article on May 1, 2020, about the crash, and the missiles on board did not explode because they were not armed.

The articles can be found here: [Source](#), [Source](#), and [Source](#).

Elaboration

The image depicts the wreckage of an F-16 fighter jet that crashed near March Air Reserve Base in May 2019, not during the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The crash was due to mechanical failure, not being shot down. The pilot ejected safely.

Final Judgement

The claim is inaccurate. The image shows a 2019 crash of an F-16 near March Air Reserve Base due to mechanical failure, not a Russian attack in Ukraine. The claim misrepresents the origin and context of the image.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The image depicts a 2019 crash of an F-16 near March Air Reserve Base due to mechanical

failure, as reported by the [Press-Enterprise](#), [Air & Space Forces Magazine](#), and the [San Bernardino Sun](#). The claim incorrectly attributes the image to a Russian attack in Ukraine.