

## Claim

Claim: "



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

### Evidence from `reverse_search`

The image



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## Evidence from web\_search

Defense News reported on August 29, 2024, that an F-16 jet crashed in Ukraine during a Russian attack, resulting in the pilot's death (



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). The War Zone discusses claims about a Ukrainian F-16 shooting down a Russian Su-35S Flanker fighter, mentioning the death of F-16 pilot Oleksiy Mes in August 2024 (



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The Guardian reported on August 28, 2024, that Volodymyr Zelenskiy said F-16s were used to shoot down Russian missiles (



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## Elaboration

The evidence suggests that F-16s were involved in combat in August 2024. One F-16 crashed in Ukraine during a Russian attack, and another was reportedly used to shoot down Russian missiles. However, the evidence does not confirm the claim that the image shows a US F-16 shot down over the Black Sea after refusing Russian orders. The image itself does not provide enough information to verify the claim.

The image appears to show a MiG-29, not an F-16.

## Final Judgement

The claim is not factually accurate. The image shows a MiG-29, not an F-16, and there is no

evidence to support the claim that it was shot down over the Black Sea. Additionally, the provided evidence indicates that F-16s were involved in combat in Ukraine, not over the Black Sea. false

## Verdict: FALSE

### Justification

The claim is false. The image depicts a MiG-29, not an F-16, and there is no evidence to support the claim that it was shot down over the Black Sea. While there were reports of F-16s being involved in combat in Ukraine in August 2024, as reported by [Defense News](

), the claim is not supported by the provided evidence.