Claim

Claim: "



This image shows a chemical attack by the Armed Forces of Ukraine during the Kursk offensive in August 2024."

Actions

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reverse_search(![image 12](media/22.jpg))
web_search("chemical attack Kursk offensive August 2024")
geolocate(![image 12](media/22.jpg))
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Evidence

Evidence from web_search

The provided web sources discuss the Kursk campaign, which took place from August 6, 2024, to March 2025, during the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The campaign involved an incursion by the Armed Forces of Ukraine into Russia's Kursk Oblast. The sources provide a timeline of events, including the initial invasion on August 6, 2024, and subsequent developments.

The sources include information about the date, location, belligerents (Ukraine, Russia, and North Korea), commanders, units involved, and casualties. The article also mentions the impact of the offensive, including the displacement of civilians and damage to infrastructure. One article mentions that on August 13, Russia struck back in Kursk with missiles, drones, and air strikes. Another article mentions that on August 19, Zelenskiy said his forces control more than 1,250 sq km and 92 settlements.



- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kursk campaign
- https://www.rand.org/pubs/commentary/2024/09/the-kursk-offensive-triumph-or-tragedy-in-the-making.html
- https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/ukraines-attack-russias-fightback-kursk-2025-03-12/

Evidence from geolocate

The most likely countries where the image was taken are: {'Palestine': 0.27, 'Jordan': 0.13, 'Ukraine': 0.08, 'Israel': 0.05, 'Argentina': 0.03, 'Kyrgyzstan': 0.03, 'Lesotho': 0.03, 'Mexico': 0.03, 'Pakistan': 0.03, 'Russia': 0.03}

Elaboration

The evidence confirms the existence of the Kursk offensive in August 2024, as stated in the claim. The provided web sources detail the campaign's timeline, involved parties, and impact.

However, the evidence does not mention any chemical attacks during the Kursk offensive. The image's geolocation data is inconclusive, with Russia having a low probability.

Therefore, the claim that the image depicts a chemical attack by the Armed Forces of Ukraine during the Kursk offensive in August 2024 cannot be verified due to the lack of evidence.

Final Judgement

The provided evidence confirms the existence of the Kursk offensive in August 2024, but it does not mention any chemical attacks. The geolocation data is inconclusive. Therefore, the claim cannot be verified due to the lack of evidence. false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim cannot be verified. While the provided sources confirm the existence of the Kursk offensive in August 2024 (<u>Wikipedia</u>, <u>Rand</u>, <u>Reuters</u>), they do not mention any chemical attacks. The geolocation data is also inconclusive.