Claim

Claim: "



This is an authentic image of Israel bombing Beirut's International Airport in October 2024."

Actions

web_search("Beirut airport bombing October 2024")
reverse_search(![image 10] (media/10.jpg))

Evidence

Evidence from web_search

NPR reported on October 20, 2024, about Israeli airstrikes on Beirut, near the airport, which continued to operate. (https://www.npr.org/2024/10/20/nx-s1-5159029/israel-airstrikes-beirut-hezbollahs-financial-lebanon) The BBC reported on October 4, 2024, about Israeli air strikes near Beirut airport. (https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c17lpydd8420)

Wikipedia discusses the 2024 Israeli invasion of Lebanon, mentioning Israeli strikes in Beirut, including the near-total closure of Beirut's airport. Many airlines shut down services at

Beirut–Rafic Hariri International Airport due to Israeli airstrikes.

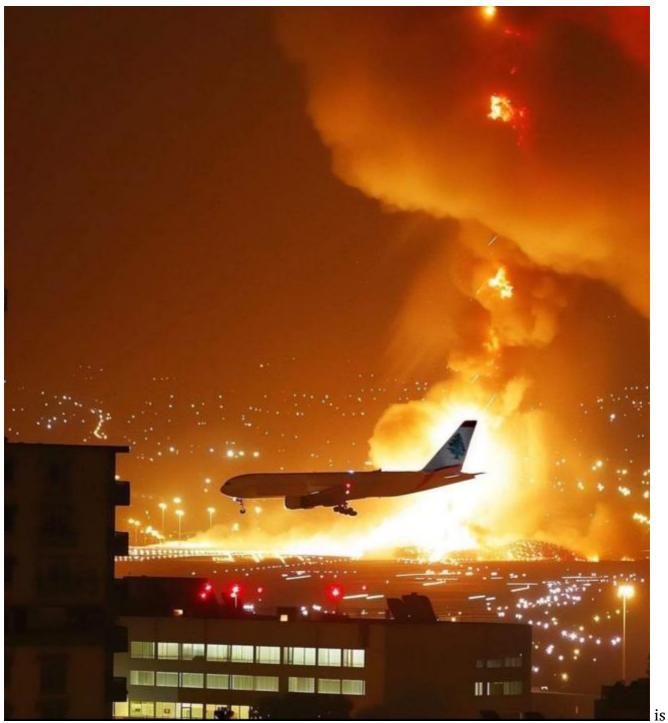






Evidence from reverse_search

The image

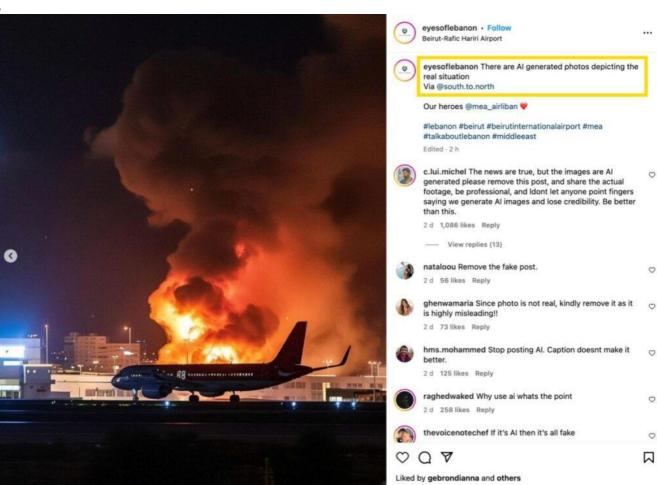


AI-generated and does not depict a real event. According to an article from India Today (https://www.indiatoday.in/fact-check/story/fact-check-photo-middle-east-airlines-flight-israel-airstrikes-beirut-lebanon-ai-generated-2622766-2024-10-24), the image was posted on Instagram and was confirmed as AI-generated by AI detection tools.

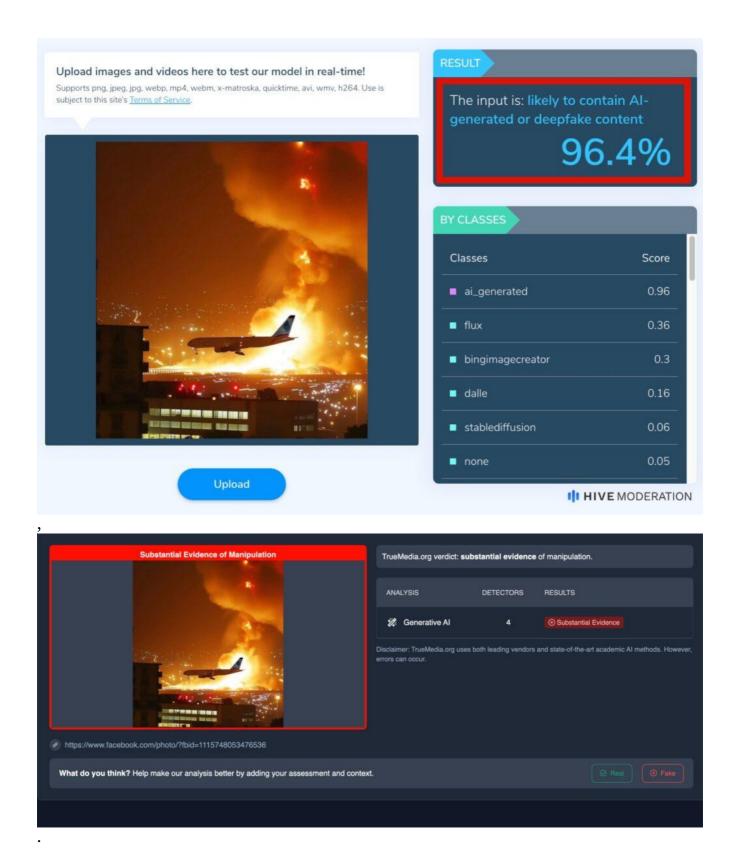
Factly.in (https://factly.in/an-ai-generated-image-of-a-plane-landing-at-beirut-international-airport-surrounded-by-fire-and-smoke-is-falsely-shared-as-real/) also confirms the image is AI-generated. The article includes other AI-generated images



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, and AI detector results



Elaboration

The image is AI-generated and does not depict a real event. Multiple sources confirm that the image was created using AI and is not authentic.

Final Judgement

The claim is based on an AI-generated image. While there were Israeli airstrikes near Beirut airport in October 2024, the image itself is not authentic.

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The image in the claim is AI-generated, as confirmed by reverse image searches and fact-checking articles from sources like <u>India Today</u> and <u>Factly.in</u>.