

# Claim

Claim: "French President Emmanuel Macron called Russian President Vladimir Putin a 'butcher' during his press conference with Donald Trump on Monday, Feb. 24, 2025."

## Actions

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web_search("Emmanuel Macron Vladimir Putin butcher February 24 2025")
web_search("Emmanuel Macron Donald Trump press conference February 24 2
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## Evidence

### Evidence from web\_search

France 24 ([Source](#)) reported that Emmanuel Macron warned against escalating the situation in Ukraine after Joe Biden called Vladimir Putin a "butcher" [image:i](#). The Moscow Times ([Source](#)) also reported on Macron's warning.

Yahoo News UK ([Source](#)) states that Macron did not call Putin a "butcher" during the press conference with Donald Trump on February 24, 2025. Instead, Macron referred to the killings of Ukrainian civilians in Bucha in 2022. The press conference took place at the White House



### Evidence from web\_search

On February 24, 2025, Emmanuel Macron and Donald Trump held a press conference at the White House. Reuters (<https://www.reuters.com/world/macron-arrives-white-house-ukraine-talks-with-trump-2025-02-24/>) reported on the meeting, and PBS News (<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/watch-macron-corrects-trump-after-he-says-european-support-for-ukraine-was-a-loan>) also covered the event. Macron stated that Russia "is the aggressor" in the conflict.



A transcript of the press conference does not contain any instance of Macron calling Putin a "butcher" (<https://rollcall.com/factbase/trump/transcript/donald-trump-press-conference-emmanuel-macron-france-february-24-2025>).

## Elaboration

The evidence indicates that Emmanuel Macron did not call Vladimir Putin a "butcher" during the press conference with Donald Trump on February 24, 2025. Instead, Macron referred to the killings of Ukrainian civilians in Bucha in 2022. The press conference took place at the White House.

## Final Judgement

The search results confirm that Macron and Trump held a press conference on February 24, 2025, but Macron did not call Putin a "butcher" during the conference.

The claim is demonstrably false because it is disproven by evidence from multiple and reliable sources. false

**Verdict: FALSE**

## Justification

The claim is false. While Emmanuel Macron and Donald Trump did hold a press conference on February 24, 2025, at the White House, Macron did not call Putin a "butcher" during the conference, according to reports from [Yahoo News UK](#) and a transcript of the press conference.