Claim

Claim: "As the tensions between Israel and Hezbollah escalate in October, 2024, the U.S. government is offering Americans loans to pay for flights out of Lebanon while they have been flying Israeli citizens out of Israel on chartered flights for a year 'on US taxpayers' dime."

Actions

web_search("US government loans for Americans Lebanon October 2024")
web_search("US chartered flights for Israeli citizens")

Evidence

Evidence from web_search

The U.S. government is offering emergency loans to U.S. citizens in Lebanon who want to relocate to safer areas amid the escalating conflict between Hezbollah and Israel, according to articles published by The Texas Standard (https://www.texasstandard.org/stories/how-americans-can-leave-lebanon-beirut-us-citizens-assistance-embassy/) on October 7, 2024, and NPR (https://www.npr.org/2024/10/04/nx-s1-5140168/u-s-citizens-are-advised-to-lease-lebanon-amid-conflict-with-israel) on October 4, 2024.

Reuters (https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/us-give-157-million-humanitarian-aid-response-lebanon-crisis-2024-10-04/) reported on October 4, 2024, that the U.S. will provide nearly \$157 million in humanitarian aid to support populations affected by conflict in





Evidence from web_search

The U.S. State Department arranged chartered flights for American citizens in Israel to Europe starting October 13, 2023, due to terrorism and civil unrest, as reported by ABC News (https://abcnews.go.com/US/state-department-announces-plan-fly-americans-israel/story?id=103934725)



. Reuters also reported on October 12, 2023, that the U.S. State Department will offer charter flights to help Americans leave Israel, with passengers asked to repay the U.S. (https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-working-charter-flights-help-americans-leave-israel-sources-2023-10-12/)



CBS News reported that the U.S. government is not offering loans to Americans (https://www.cbsnews.com/news/mike-huckabee-us-evacuation-americans-in-israel/).

Elaboration

The U.S. government is offering emergency loans to U.S. citizens in Lebanon to relocate to safer areas amid the escalating conflict between Hezbollah and Israel (https://www.texasstandard.org/stories/how-americans-can-leave-lebanon-beirut-us-citizens-assistance-embassy/). The U.S. State Department arranged chartered flights for American citizens in Israel to Europe starting October 13, 2023 (https://abcnews.go.com/US/state-department-announces-plan-fly-americans-israel/story?id=103934725). Passengers were asked to repay the U.S. for the flights (https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-working-charter-flights-help-americans-leave-israel-sources-2023-10-12/).

The claim that the U.S. government is offering loans to Americans in Lebanon is supported by the evidence. However, the evidence does not support the claim that the U.S. has been flying Israeli citizens out of Israel on chartered flights for a year "on US taxpayers' dime." The flights were for American citizens, and passengers were expected to repay the U.S.

Final Judgement

The U.S. government is offering loans to Americans in Lebanon, and chartered flights were arranged for American citizens in Israel. The flights were not for Israeli citizens, and

passengers were expected to repay the U.S. for the flights. Therefore, the claim is partially false. false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The U.S. government is offering emergency loans to U.S. citizens in Lebanon amid the escalating conflict, as reported by The Texas Standard (https://www.npr.org/2024/10/04/nx-s1-5140168/u-s-citizens-assistance-embassy/) and NPR (https://www.npr.org/2024/10/04/nx-s1-5140168/u-s-citizens-are-advised-to-lease-lebanon-amid-conflict-with-israel). The U.S. State Department arranged chartered flights for American citizens in Israel starting October 13, 2023, with passengers expected to repay the U.S., as reported by ABC News (https://abcnews.go.com/US/state-department-announces-plan-fly-americans-israel/story?id=103934725) and Reuters (https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-working-charter-flights-help-americans-leave-israel-sources-2023-10-12/).