

Claim

Claim: "During the January 2025 wildfires, eight mansions belonging to Ukrainian military officials burned down in Los Angeles, California."

Actions

`web_search("January 2025 wildfires Los Angeles Ukrainian military offic`

Evidence

Evidence from `web_search`

Pro-Kremlin social media accounts spread a baseless narrative that mansions belonging to Ukrainian military officials burned down in the Los Angeles wildfires. This claim was debunked by fact-checkers from Greece and the United States. The Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council's Center for Countering Disinformation described the claim as "Russian propaganda." The story first emerged on a pro-Russian Telegram channel and was later reposted without any mention of it being a joke. There is zero evidence to support this



claim.



The claim is part of a disinformation campaign based on the unsubstantiated belief that Ukrainian officials are getting rich while the war continues. NPR has not obtained evidence

that any Ukrainian generals owned homes in Los Angeles that were destroyed by the fires.

Sources:

- <https://www.npr.org/2025/01/16/nx-s1-5259842/los-angeles-california-fires-russia-ukraine>
- <https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/npr/2025/01/16/nx-s1-5259842/russia-tried-to-use-the-l-a-wildfires-to-spread-anti-ukraine-propaganda/>
- <https://www.forbes.com/sites/petersuciu/2025/01/13/satire-or-disinformation-ukrainian-generals-lost-homes-in-la-fires/>

Elaboration

The evidence indicates that the claim is false. It originated from pro-Kremlin social media accounts and is considered Russian propaganda. Fact-checkers from Greece and the United States have debunked it. There is no evidence to support the claim.

Final Judgement

The claim that eight mansions belonging to Ukrainian military officials burned down in Los Angeles wildfires in January 2025 is false. This claim originated from pro-Kremlin sources and has been debunked by fact-checkers. There is no evidence to support it.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is false. It originated from pro-Kremlin social media and has been debunked by fact-checkers. There is no evidence to support the claim, and it is considered Russian propaganda, as reported by [NPR](#) and [Houston Public Media](#).