# Claim

Claim: "



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

# **Actions**

reverse\_search(![image 10](media/10.jpg))
web\_search("Beirut International Airport explosion")

### **Evidence**

Evidence from reverse\_search

The image



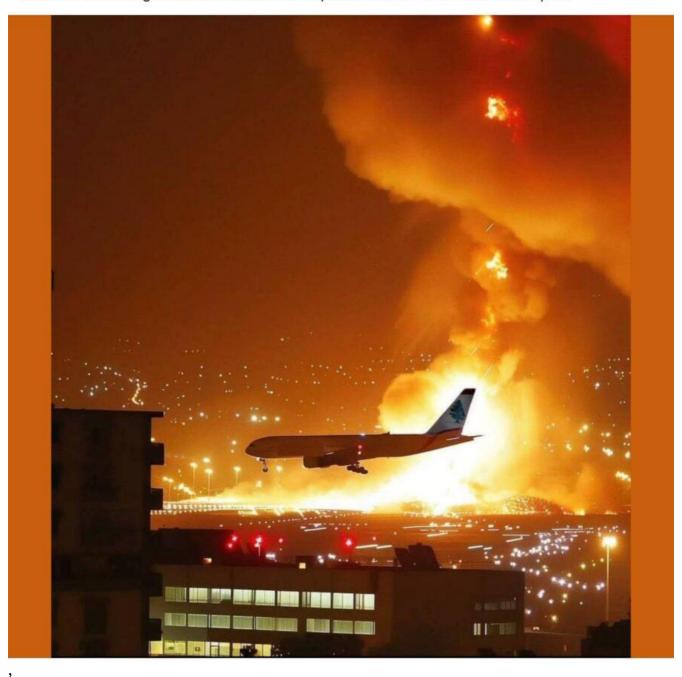
AI-generated and does not depict a real incident. According to <u>India Today</u>, the image shows a Middle East Airlines (MEA) flight landing in Beirut amid explosions and was fact-checked on October 24, 2024.

<u>Factly.in</u> also confirms the image is AI-generated and was posted on an Instagram account on October 21, 2024. The article includes images

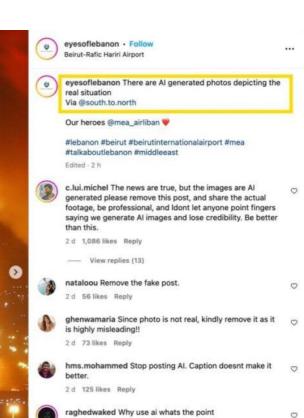


#### A PHOTO FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS

MEA airline landing in Beirut International Airport as Israeli rains fire on the airport.







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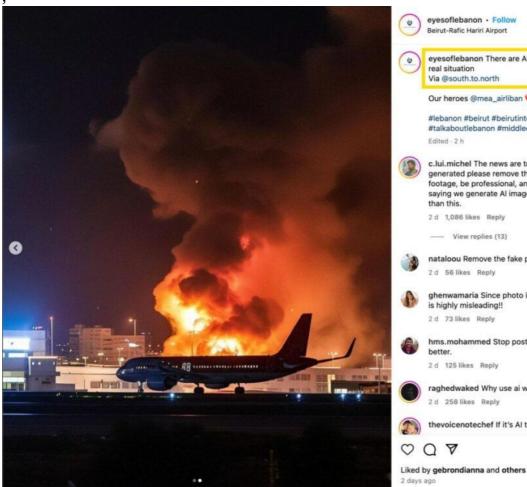
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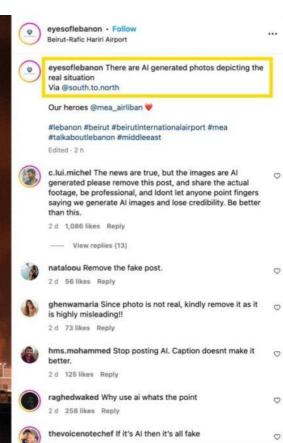
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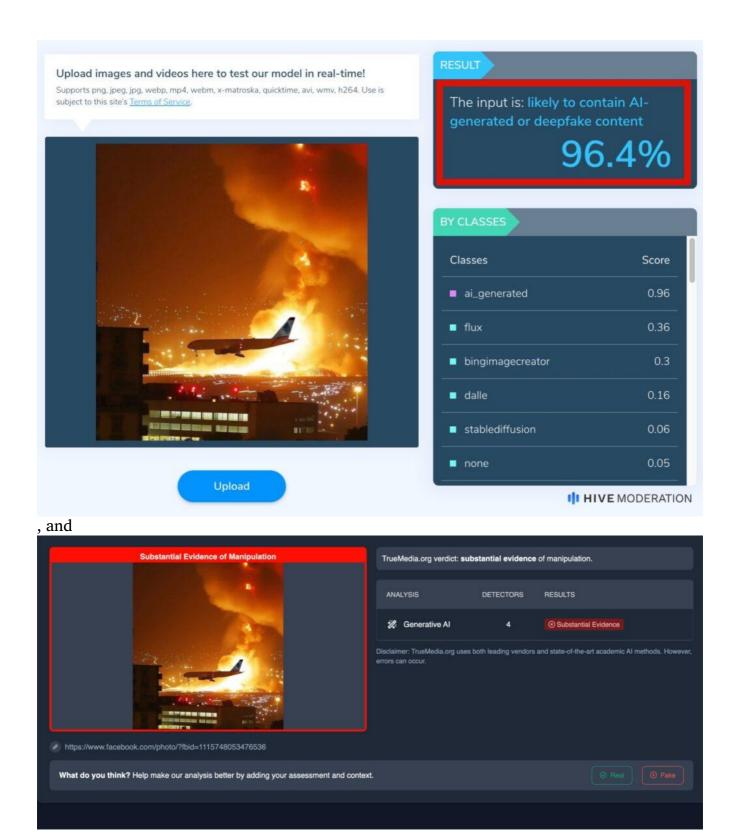
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### Evidence from web\_search

The Wikipedia article discusses the 2020 Beirut explosion, which caused moderate damage to Beirut–Rafic Hariri International Airport. The article includes images of the explosion and its aftermath. <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020 Beirut explosion image:k">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020 Beirut explosion image:k</a>

The BBC reported on October 3, 2024, about large explosions near Beirut-Rafic Hariri International Airport. <a href="https://www.bbc.com/news/videos/cpqz18e10gdo">https://www.bbc.com/news/videos/cpqz18e10gdo</a>

The Brookings article, published on July 13, 2006, discusses Israeli warplanes bombing Beirut.



## **Elaboration**

The image is AI-generated and does not depict a real event. The image was posted on social media on October 21, 2024, and was fact-checked by multiple sources. The BBC reported on explosions near Beirut-Rafic Hariri International Airport on October 3, 2024.

# **Final Judgement**

The claim is false because the image is AI-generated and does not depict an authentic event. The image was created and shared on social media, and fact-checked by multiple sources. false

**Verdict: FALSE** 

#### Justification

The image is AI-generated and does not depict an authentic event. Multiple sources, including <u>India Today</u> and <u>Factly.in</u>, confirm the image's AI origin.