### Claim

#### Claim: "



This image shows a Russian ammunition depot in Toropets, Tver Oblast, before and after it was hit by a, possible nuclear, strike from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)."

### **Actions**

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geolocate(![image 23](media/74.jpg))
reverse_search(![image 23](media/74.jpg))
web_search("Russian ammunition depot Toropets Tver Oblast")
web_search("Toropets Tver Oblast ammunition depot strike")
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### **Evidence**

### Evidence from geolocate

The most likely countries where the image was taken are: {'Bhutan': 0.24, 'China': 0.21, 'Malaysia': 0.13, 'Cambodia': 0.09, 'Ghana': 0.09, 'Taiwan': 0.07, 'Madagascar': 0.03, 'Nigeria': 0.02, 'Brazil': 0.01, 'Colombia': 0.01}

## Evidence from reverse\_search

#### The image (



) shows a Russian arms depot in Toropets, Tver Oblast, before and after a strike. According to Euronews (<a href="https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2024/09/18/what-was-stored-at-the-russian-arms-depot-in-tver-region-struck-by-ukraines-drones">https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2024/09/18/what-was-stored-at-the-russian-arms-depot-in-tver-region-struck-by-ukraines-drones</a>), the depot was struck by Ukrainian drones and stored approximately 30,000 tonnes of munitions. Reuters (<a href="https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/ukraine-targets-western-russian-regions-with-drones-russian-officials-says-2024-09-18/">https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/ukraine-targets-western-russian-regions-with-drones-russian-officials-says-2024-09-18/</a>) reports the attack caused a massive explosion.

The Associated Press (<a href="https://apnews.com/article/russia-ukraine-toropets-drones-attack-e3d05b2637d316b437e4789a35c7f59e">https://apnews.com/article/russia-ukraine-toropets-drones-attack-e3d05b2637d316b437e4789a35c7f59e</a>) also confirms the Ukrainian drone strike on the military depot in Toropets, which housed missiles and other ammunition, resulting in a fire and injuries.

### Evidence from web\_search

The provided sources discuss a Ukrainian drone attack on a Russian ammunition depot in Toropets, Tver Oblast, Russia. The attack, which occurred on September 17-18, 2024, caused explosions and fires. The depot stored various munitions, including missiles and artillery ammunition. Satellite images from Maxar Technologies show the depot before and after the explosion





### **Elaboration**

The claim that the image shows a Russian ammunition depot in Toropets, Tver Oblast, before and after a strike is supported by the evidence. The reverse image search and web search results confirm that the image depicts the depot and that it was struck.

The evidence indicates that the strike was carried out by Ukrainian drones, not NATO. The claim's assertion about a possible nuclear strike is not supported by the evidence.

The evidence does not provide information about the type of strike, but it does confirm that the depot was struck by Ukrainian drones.

# **Final Judgement**

The image shows a Russian ammunition depot in Toropets, Tver Oblast, before and after a strike. The strike was carried out by Ukrainian drones, not NATO. The claim's assertion about a possible nuclear strike is not supported by the evidence.

false

**Verdict: FALSE** 

#### Justification

The image depicts a Russian ammunition depot in Toropets, Tver Oblast, before and after a strike. However, the strike was carried out by Ukrainian drones, not NATO, as reported by Euronews (<a href="https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2024/09/18/what-was-stored-at-the-russian-arms-depot-in-tver-region-struck-by-ukraines-drones">https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2024/09/18/what-was-stored-at-the-russian-arms-depot-in-tver-region-struck-by-ukraines-drones</a>) and Reuters (<a href="https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/ukraine-targets-western-russian-regions-with-drones-">https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/ukraine-targets-western-russian-regions-with-drones-</a>

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