# Claim

Claim: "



This is an authentic image of a mother holding the bones of her son in Gaza in March 2025. After more than a year and a half of searching for him under the rubble of their bombed-out house."

# **Actions**

#### **Evidence**

No new evidence found.

#### **Elaboration**

Insufficient information to verify the claim. The reverse image search did not yield any results.

#### **Actions**

web\_search("Gaza mother holding skeleton")
web\_search("Gaza conflict casualties")

#### **Evidence**

#### Evidence from web\_search

The Guardian published an article on July 5, 2025, discussing the critical shortage of baby milk in Gaza, with images of a malnourished baby and a child in a hospital bed, and mentioning 66 Palestinian children who have starved to death since October 2023. (<a href="https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/05/theyre-skin-and-bones-doctors-in-gaza-warn-babies-at-risk-of-death-from-lack-of-formula">https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/05/theyre-skin-and-bones-doctors-in-gaza-warn-babies-at-risk-of-death-from-lack-of-formula</a>) The BBC article from January 23, 2025, discusses the search for missing people in Gaza, with images of human remains and a man who found a skeleton in his home. (<a href="https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c6269pd5y2ko">https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c6269pd5y2ko</a>)

NPR published an article on August 5, 2025, discussing images of a starving baby in Gaza, Mohammad Al-Motawaq, and his mother, Hidayat Al-Motawaq. (<a href="https://www.npr.org/2025/08/05/nx-s1-5488798/gaza-baby-starvation-update">https://www.npr.org/2025/08/05/nx-s1-5488798/gaza-baby-starvation-update</a>) The Guardian article includes images of a mother holding her malnourished baby



and a small child lying in a



The BBC article



and of a man who found



a skeleton in his home
The NPR article includes images of a starving baby

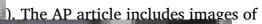


## Evidence from web\_search

The Wikipedia article on casualties of the Gaza war (<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casualties">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casualties</a> of the Gaza war) provides information on casualties, including civilian deaths, and mentions that the death toll in Gaza is likely an undercount. An Al Jazeera article (<a href="https://www.aljazeera.com/news/longform/2023/10/9/israel-hamas-war-in-maps-and-charts-live-tracker">https://www.aljazeera.com/news/longform/2023/10/9/israel-hamas-war-in-maps-and-charts-live-tracker</a>) mentions a ceasefire and the recovery of bodies, with the death toll in Gaza reaching at least 61,709 people as of February 3, 2025, and at least 14,222 people still believed to be trapped under the rubble. The Associated Press reports that the Palestinian death toll from the Israel-Hamas war passed 55,000 as of June 11, 2025 (<a href="https://www.ap.org/news-highlights/spotlights/2025/more-than-55000-palestinians-have-been-killed-in-the-israel-hamas-war-gaza-health-officials-say/">https://www.ap.org/news-highlights/spotlights/2025/more-than-55000-palestinians-have-been-killed-in-the-israel-hamas-war-gaza-health-officials-say/</a>). The Al Jazeera article includes images of destruction in Gaza (









injured Palestinians in a hospital (



## **Elaboration**

The evidence confirms that the Gaza conflict has resulted in a high number of casualties, including civilian deaths, and that many people are still missing. The BBC article mentions the discovery of human remains, and the NPR and Guardian articles show images of suffering in Gaza. However, the evidence does not confirm the authenticity of the specific image in the claim.

## **Actions**

image\_search("mother holding skeleton Gaza")

## **Evidence**

## Evidence from image\_search

The image search results include an article from Mondoweiss that shows an image of a skeleton and a shoe



and an article from ABP Live that states the image is digitally generated



## **Elaboration**

The image search results indicate that the image in the claim is digitally generated and therefore not authentic.

# **Final Judgement**

The image search results indicate that the image is digitally generated and not authentic. The claim is therefore false. false

**Verdict: FALSE** 

#### Justification

The claim is false. While the Gaza conflict has resulted in numerous casualties and suffering, the image of the mother holding a skeleton is digitally generated, as indicated by image search results from ABP Live and Mondoweiss (<a href="https://www.mondoweiss.net/">https://www.mondoweiss.net/</a>).