

# Claim

Claim: "



This image shows a vegetable stand in Gaza in January 2025 with a Merkava tank, the pride of the Israeli army, as its decor."

## Actions

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web_search("vegetable stand Gaza Merkava tank")
image_search("vegetable stand tank Gaza")
reverse_search(![image 43] (media/71.jpg))
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## Evidence

### Evidence from **web\_search**

The image (



) shows a Syrian T-55 tank, not an Israeli Merkava tank, modified into a fruit stand. The image was taken in Syria, not Gaza. The article was published on February 3, 2025. (<https://www.aol.com/fact-check-image-claims-show-141025316.html>)

The Merkava tank is a main battle tank used by the Israel Defense Forces since 1979. It has been used in several wars, including the 2006 Lebanon War, Gaza War, and Operation Protective Edge. (





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shows a Merkava Mk 4M Windbreaker, equipped with the Trophy active protection system.  
(<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merkava>)

### **Evidence from image\_search**

Al Jazeera published an image of Merkava tanks (





). The Associated Press published an image of a vegetable market in Gaza (



Viory.video shows a Syrian market vendor selling fruit and vegetables from an abandoned tank (





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## Evidence from **reverse\_search**

From [Source](#): Found exact image on website with title: In Syria, an abandoned tank has become a fruit and vegetable stand. Content: The search result from Haberler.com shows an image of a tank used as a fruit and vegetable stand in Syria. The article is dated December 15, 2024.



The article mentions clashes between regime-opposing armed groups and Bashar al-Assad's forces in Syria. The image shows the tank after it was abandoned by regime forces.

## Elaboration

The claim is inaccurate. The image depicts a Syrian T-55 tank, not an Israeli Merkava tank. The image was taken in Syria, not Gaza. The tank was converted into a fruit and vegetable

stand.

## Final Judgement

The image shows a Syrian T-55 tank, not an Israeli Merkava tank, used as a fruit stand in Syria, not Gaza. The claim misidentifies the tank and the location.

false

**Verdict: FALSE**

## Justification

The image shows a Syrian T-55 tank, not an Israeli Merkava tank, used as a fruit stand in Syria, not Gaza. This is confirmed by a fact-check from [AOL](#) and a reverse image search that found the image on a website with the title "In Syria, an abandoned tank has become a fruit and vegetable stand".