#### Claim

Claim: "As the tensions between Israel and Hezbollah escalate in October, 2024, the U.S. government is offering Americans loans to pay for flights out of Lebanon while they have been flying Israeli citizens out of Israel on chartered flights for a year 'on US taxpayers' dime."

#### **Actions**

web\_search("US government loans for Americans Lebanon flights October 2
web\_search("US chartered flights for Israeli citizens")

## **Evidence**

#### Evidence from web\_search

The U.S. government is offering emergency loans and arranging flights for U.S. citizens and their immediate families to leave Lebanon due to the escalating conflict between Hezbollah and Israel in October 2024. The U.S. government is advising Americans not to travel to Lebanon and the embassy can help with loan assistance. (



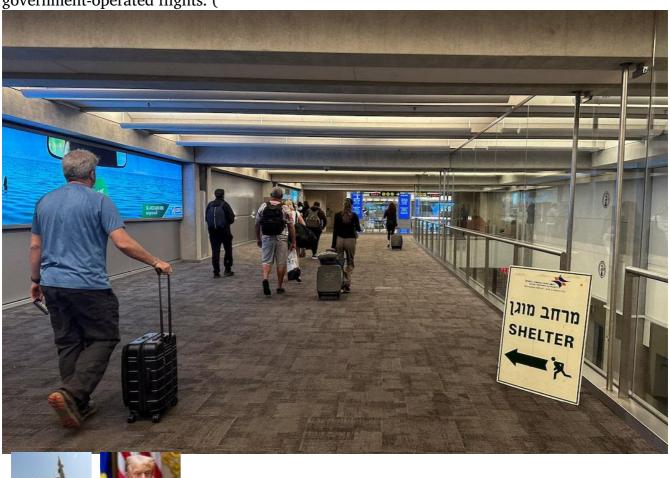
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# Evidence from web\_search

The U.S. State Department is offering assisted departure flights for U.S. citizens and lawful residents from Israel, including charter flights to Europe, starting in October 2023. Americans will be asked to repay the U.S. government for these flights. The U.S. embassy in Jerusalem is assisting with departures via cruise ship, commercial or charter flights, or U.S.

government-operated flights. (



Sources: Reuters, Newsweek, CBS News.

# Elaboration

The U.S. government is offering emergency loans and arranging flights for U.S. citizens to leave Lebanon in October 2024 due to escalating conflict. The U.S. government has also been providing assisted departure flights for U.S. citizens and lawful residents from Israel since October 2023, including charter flights.

The claim that the U.S. government is offering loans for flights out of Lebanon is supported by the evidence. The claim that the U.S. has been flying Israeli citizens out of Israel on chartered flights for a year is not supported by the evidence, which states that the U.S. has been assisting U.S. citizens and lawful residents from Israel since October 2023.

The claim is partially accurate.

# **Final Judgement**

The U.S. government is offering loans and arranging flights for U.S. citizens to leave Lebanon in October 2024. Additionally, the U.S. has been providing assisted departure flights for U.S. citizens and lawful residents from Israel since October 2023. The claim is partially accurate, as it correctly states the U.S. is offering loans and arranging flights for Americans in Lebanon, but the timeframe for flights from Israel is inaccurate. false

**Verdict: FALSE** 

### **Justification**

The U.S. government is offering emergency loans and arranging flights for U.S. citizens to leave Lebanon due to the escalating conflict in October 2024, as reported by sources like <u>Texas Standard</u>. Furthermore, the U.S. has been providing assisted departure flights for U.S. citizens and lawful residents from Israel since October 2023, as indicated by <u>Reuters</u>.