

Claim

Claim: "



This image shows U.S. warships being en route to the Lebanon coast in August 2024 to support the Israel Defence Forces (IDF)."

Actions

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reverse_search(![image 55] (media/86.jpg))  
web_search("U.S. warships Lebanon coast August 2024")  
web_search("U.S. warships support IDF August 2024")
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Evidence

Evidence from **reverse_search**

The image shows multiple military ships at sea (



). The image was taken on June 8, 2024, in the Baltic Sea, and is related to the exercise Baltic Operations 2024. The USS Mount Whitney arrived in Kiel, Germany, on June 19, 2024, after participating in BALTOPS 24.

The image is found on a website called DVIDS (<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/474750/uss-mount-whitney-lcc-20-arrives-kiel-germany-marking-its-final-stop-after-completing-baltops-24>) and a U.S. government website (<https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/3828763/us-officials-agree-natos-worth-is-unquestionable/>).

Evidence from web_search

The USNI News article from August 2, 2024, reports that the USS Abraham Lincoln is heading to the Middle East, and a three-ship Wasp Amphibious Ready Group is in the Eastern Mediterranean, potentially for non-combatant evacuation from Lebanon. The NPR article, published on August 3, 2024, states that the U.S. is deploying ships and fighter jets to the Middle East to defend Israel. The Guardian article from August 3, 2024, mentions that the U.S. military will deploy additional Navy cruisers and destroyers to the Middle East.

The articles discuss the U.S. increasing its military presence in the Middle East due to rising tensions. The articles can be found here: <https://news.usni.org/2024/08/02/carrier-uss-abraham-lincoln-heads-to-middle-east-as-iran-threatens-strikes-against-israel>, <https://www.npr.org/2024/08/03/nx-s1-5062390/us-military-deployment-middle-east-israel-iran>, and <https://www.theguardian.com/world/article/2024/aug/03/us-bolsters-military-presence-in-middle-east-as-threat-of-regional-escalation-intensifies>.



Evidence from web_search

In August 2024, the U.S. sent additional warships and fighter jets to the Middle East to help

defend Israel from possible attacks by Iran, according to the BBC (<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cw5y5637eqdo>). The Pentagon also announced the deployment of additional Navy warships to the Middle East to increase support for the defense of Israel (<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/pentagon-tells-israel-it-will-adjust-us-troops-middle-east-2024-08-02/>). The USS Dwight D. Eisenhower was mentioned in the Reuters article.



Elaboration

The image in the claim shows military ships at sea. However, the reverse image search reveals that the image was taken on June 8, 2024, in the Baltic Sea, and is related to the exercise Baltic Operations 2024. Therefore, the image does not depict U.S. warships en route to the Lebanon coast in August 2024. The claim is false.

Final Judgement

The claim is demonstrably false. The image was taken in the Baltic Sea in June 2024, not in August 2024 near Lebanon. The image is also not related to supporting the IDF. false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The image in the claim, which shows military ships at sea, was taken in the Baltic Sea on June 8, 2024, and is related to the exercise Baltic Operations 2024, as confirmed by a reverse image search (<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/474750/uss-mount-whitney-lcc-20-arrives-kiel-germany-marking-its-final-stop-after-completing-baltops-24>). Therefore, the image does not depict U.S. warships en route to the Lebanon coast in August 2024 to support the IDF.