

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("US warships Lebanon coast August 2024")
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Evidence

Evidence from **reverse_search**

The image (



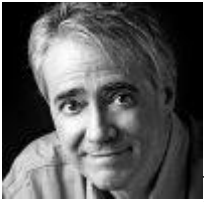
) shows the USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20) arriving in Kiel, Germany, on June 19, 2024, after completing BALTOPS 24, which took place in the Baltic Sea on June 8, 2024. The image is also found on a U.S. government website.

The image is related to the Baltic Operations 2024 exercise and an article discussing NATO.

- <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/474750/uss-mount-whitney-lcc-20-arrives-kiel-germany-marking-its-final-stop-after-completing-baltops-24>
- <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/3828763/us-officials-agree-natos-worth-is-unquestionable/>

Evidence from web_search

NPR reported on August 3, 2024, that the U.S. is sending more warships to the Middle East as Israel steps up attacks, with Israel expecting an attack from Iran and its allies (



). USNI News reported on August 2, 2024, that the USS Abraham Lincoln is heading to the Middle East in response to threats from Iran, and mentions the presence of a three-ship Wasp Amphibious Ready Group in the Eastern Mediterranean (



). Military.com reported on September 20, 2024, about the increased U.S. military presence in the Middle East, including warships in the eastern Mediterranean Sea, such as the USS Wasp amphibious assault ship (

The sources are: <https://www.npr.org/2024/08/03/nx-s1-5061738/the-u-s-is-sending-more-warships-to-the-middle-east-as-israel-steps-up-attacks>, <https://news.usni.org/2024/08/02/carrier-uss-abraham-lincoln-heads-to-middle-east-as-iran-threatens-strikes-against-israel>, and <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2024/09/20/us-warplanes-ships-and-troops-ready-middle-east-if-conflict-expands.html>.

Elaboration

The image (



Final Judgement

The image provided shows the USS Mount Whitney arriving in Kiel, Germany, in June 2024, not en route to Lebanon. While there is evidence of increased U.S. military presence in the Middle East in August and September 2024, the image is unrelated to the claim.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The image provided in the claim is of the USS Mount Whitney arriving in Kiel, Germany, in June 2024, after completing BALTOPS 24, and is unrelated to the claim of U.S. warships en route to Lebanon in August 2024. While there is evidence of increased U.S. military presence in the Middle East in August and September 2024, as reported by [NPR](#), [USNI News](#), and [Military.com](#), the image does not support the claim.