

Claim

Claim: "



This image shows a Ukrainian F-16 fighter jet which was shot down by Russia as part of the large-scale Russian invasion in Ukraine."

Actions

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reverse_search(![image 22] (media/73.jpg))
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Evidence

Evidence from **reverse_search**

The image (



) shows the wreckage of an F-16 that crashed into a warehouse in May 2019. The crash occurred near March Air Reserve Base due to improperly installed parts and hydraulic failure. The pilot ejected and survived. The Press-Enterprise published an article on May 1, 2020, about the crash, and the missiles on board did not explode because they were not armed.

The articles can be found here: [Source](#), [Source](#), and [Source](#).

Elaboration

The image depicts the wreckage of an F-16 fighter jet that crashed in May 2019 near March Air Reserve Base due to mechanical failure. The pilot ejected safely. The claim that the image shows a Ukrainian F-16 shot down by Russia during the invasion is false.

Final Judgement

The image shows an F-16 that crashed in 2019 due to mechanical failure, not a Ukrainian F-16 shot down by Russia. The claim misrepresents the origin and context of the image.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The image depicts a 2019 crash of an F-16 near March Air Reserve Base due to mechanical failure, not a Ukrainian F-16 shot down by Russia as claimed. The pilot ejected safely, and

the missiles did not explode, as reported by the [Press-Enterprise](#).