

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 10250](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 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 from a DVIDS website (<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/474750/uss-mount-whitney-lcc-20-arrives-kiel-germany-marking-its-final-stop-after-completing-baltops-24>).

The image is also found on a U.S. government website (<https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/3828763/us-officials-agree-natos-worth-is-unquestionable/>) and is related to the Baltic Operations 2024 exercise.

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. (<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>) 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 a three-ship Wasp Amphibious Ready Group in the Eastern Mediterranean.

<https://news.usni.org/2024/08/02/carrier-uss-abraham-lincoln-heads-to-middle-east-as-iran-threatens-strikes-against-israel>)

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, with about 40,000 forces, at least a dozen warships and four Air Force fighter jet squadrons spread across the region. ([https://www.military.com/daily-news/2024/09/20/us-warplanes-ships-and-troops-](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2024/09/20/us-warplanes-ships-and-troops-ready-middle-east-if-conflict-expands.html)



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Elaboration

The image (



Final Judgement

The image provided shows the USS Mount Whitney arriving in Kiel, Germany, on June 19, 2024, after completing BALTOPS 24, which took place in the Baltic Sea on June 8, 2024. The claim states that the image shows U.S. warships en route to the Lebanon coast in August 2024 to support the Israel Defence Forces (IDF). The web search results confirm that the U.S. has increased its military presence in the Middle East, including warships in the eastern Mediterranean Sea, in August and September 2024. However, the image itself is not related to the claim.

The claim is demonstrably false because the image is not related to the claim. *false*

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The image in the claim depicts the USS Mount Whitney arriving in Kiel, Germany, in June

2024, not U.S. warships en route to Lebanon in August 2024 as stated in the claim. While there was an increased U.S. military presence in the Middle East in August and September 2024, the image is unrelated to this. Therefore, the claim is false.