

Claim

Claim: "



This image shows a chemical attack by the Armed Forces of Ukraine during the Kursk offensive in August 2024."

Actions

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reverse_search(![image 12] (media/22.jpg))  
image_search("chemical attack Kursk offensive August 2024")
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Evidence

Evidence from **image_search**

The Institute for the Study of War published a map of the Ukrainian incursion into Kursk Oblast as of August 10, 2024 (

Ukrainian Incursion into Kursk Oblast as of August 10, 2024, 3:00 PM ET

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Geolocated footage posted on August 10 indicates that Ukrainian forces advanced west of Semenovka.

Geolocated footage posted on August 9 indicates that Ukrainian forces advanced in southern Cherkasskoye Porechnoye.

**Kursk Oblast
(Russia)**

Russian sources claimed on August 10 that Russian forces captured Makhnovka and Zamostye, while geolocated footage posted on August 10 indicates that Ukrainian forces previously operated in Makhnovka. ISW cannot confirm the Ukrainian presence in Makhnovka at this time.

A Russian source claimed on August 10 that Ukrainian forces retreated from Plekhovo, while a Russian source claimed on August 10 that Ukrainian forces seized Plekhovo.

**Sumy Oblast
(Ukraine)**



Observed Ukrainian Forces



Russian Field Fortifications



Claimed Limit of Ukrainian
Advances*
(Not All Confirmed)



Russian and Ukrainian
Settlements

0 5 10 20 Kilometers

Map by George Barros, Daniel Mealie, Noel Mikkelsen, Mitchell Belcher,
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Area of Detail

Sumy

Kharkiv

Ukraine

Dnipro

Donetsk

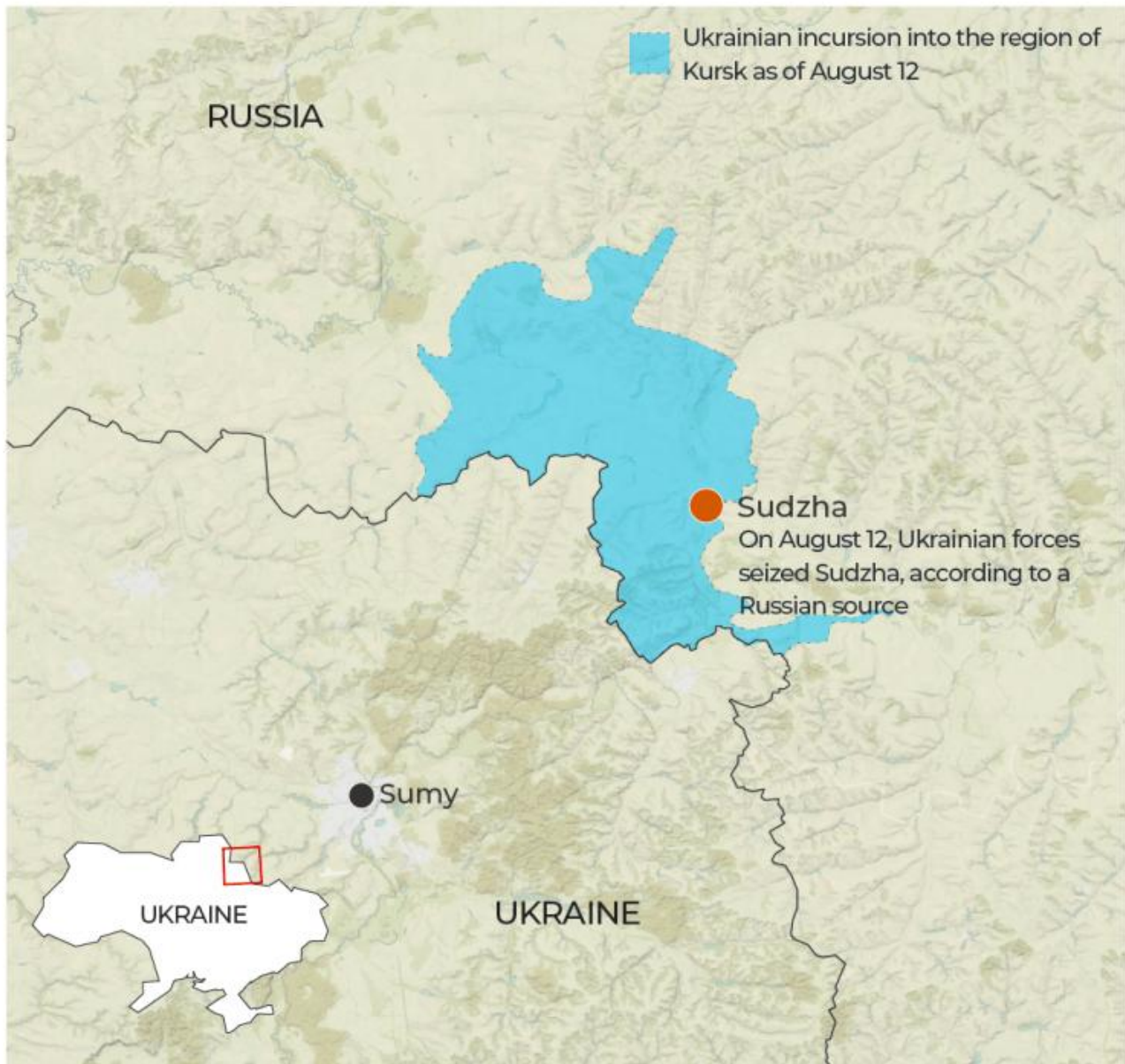
Note: The Claimed Limit of Ukrainian Advances layer depicts territory that Russian sources claim are Ukrainian-occupied when there is no observed contradictory evidence that could disprove the Russian claims.

). Al Jazeera published an article on August 13, 2024, about the attack on the Russian border region of Kursk (

RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

Attack on Russian border region of Kursk

Kyiv launched a surprise offensive in Kursk in the most significant attack across the border since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine began in February 2022.



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Source: Al Jazeera, Institute for the Study of War | August 13, 2024



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The provided sources are from <https://www.understandingwar.org/backgrounder/russian-offensive-campaign-assessment-august-10-2024> and <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/liveblog/2024/8/13/russia-ukraine-live-news-russia-hits-back-at-ukrainian-forces-in-kursk>.

Elaboration

The evidence confirms that there was an offensive in the Kursk region in August 2024. However, the provided evidence does not contain any information about a chemical attack. Therefore, the claim cannot be verified.

Final Judgement

The claim is not factually accurate because the provided evidence does not contain any information about a chemical attack. `false`

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is not supported by the evidence. While there was an offensive in the Kursk region in August 2024, as reported by the [Institute for the Study of War](#) and [Al Jazeera](#), there is no mention of a chemical attack.