Claim

Claim: "



This image shows an authentic Russian passport of deposed Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad."

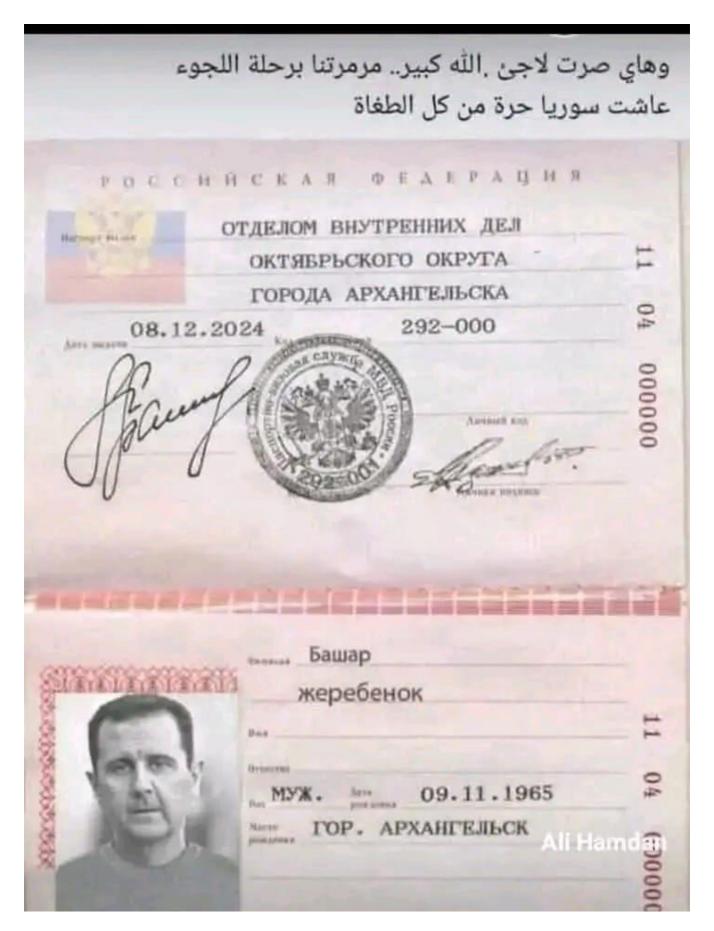
Actions

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reverse_search(![image 21](media/69.jpg))
web_search("Bashar al-Assad Russian passport")
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Evidence

Evidence from reverse_search

The image appears in multiple sources. One source is a Wikipedia article about East Slavic names, which includes an image of a Russian internal passport (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East-Slavic name). Another source is Wikimedia Commons, which contains an image of a Russian passport (https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Pasport RF.jpg). The third source is a website discussing Russian internal passports, which also includes the image as an example (https://ukrainian-passport.com/blog/internal-russian-passport/).



Evidence from web_search

The AOL article fact-checks the claim that the image shows Bashar al-Assad's Russian passport and states that the image is fake and photoshopped. The original passport image was found on Wikipedia. The Wikipedia article discusses Bashar al-Assad's presidency, including the Russian intervention in 2015, and mentions the 2024 Syrian opposition

offensives and the fall of Damascus. The NV.ua article discusses the arrest of relatives of Bashar al-Assad at Beirut airport on December 28, who were attempting to leave using fake passports, and mentions that Bashar Assad's regime had fallen and that he fled Damascus.

- https://www.aol.com/fact-check-assad-passport-image-140122086.html
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bashar_al-Assad
- https://english.nv.ua/nation/relatives-of-bashar-al-assad-arrested-at-beirut-airport-using-fake-passports-50477670.html

The image



is not mentioned in the search result.

Elaboration

The evidence indicates that the image is fake. The AOL fact-check article explicitly states that the image is photoshopped. The original passport image was found on Wikipedia. The NV.ua

article mentions the arrest of Bashar al-Assad's relatives using fake passports.

Final Judgement

The image is a photoshopped fake. The AOL fact-check article confirms this, and the original passport image was found on Wikipedia. The NV.ua article also supports this by discussing the use of fake passports by Bashar al-Assad's relatives. false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is false. The image is a photoshopped fake, as confirmed by an AOL fact-check article (https://www.aol.com/fact-check-assad-passport-image-140122086.html). The original passport image was found on Wikipedia, and the NV.ua article discusses the use of fake passports by Bashar al-Assad's relatives.