

# Claim

Claim: "



This image shows a vegetable stand in Gaza in January 2025 with a Merkava tank, the pride of the Israeli army, as its decor."

## Actions

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reverse_search(![image 43] (media/71.jpg))  
web_search("vegetable stand tank Gaza")
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## Evidence

### Evidence from **reverse\_search**

From [Source](#): Found exact image on website with title: In Syria, an abandoned tank has become a fruit and vegetable stand. Content: The search result is from a Turkish news


website and shows an image of a tank being used as a fruit and vegetable stand. The article states that the tank was abandoned by regime forces in Syria. The article is dated December 15, 2024.



### Evidence from web\_search

An AOL article from February 3, 2025, fact-checks an image of a vegetable stand and tank, stating that the tank is a Syrian T-55, not an Israeli Merkava, and the image was taken in Syria. The article also mentions a video identifying the vendor as Ali Youssef. (<https://www.aol.com/fact-check-image-claims-show-141025316.html>)



The Kuwait Times published an article on August 10, 2025, about a Gaza farmer growing vegetables in a displacement camp, mentioning the scarcity of food and aid in Gaza due to the war. (<https://kuwaittimes.com/article/31711/business/gaza-farmer-grows-vegetables-in-tent-city-to-survive-another-day/>) 

### Elaboration

The claim is inaccurate. The image depicts a Syrian T-55 tank, not an Israeli Merkava tank,

used as a vegetable stand in Syria, not Gaza. The image was taken before January 2025, as indicated by the Turkish news website article dated December 15, 2024, and the AOL fact-check article from February 3, 2025, which also identifies the vendor as Ali Youssef.

## **Final Judgement**

The claim is false because the image is of a Syrian tank, not an Israeli Merkava, and the location is Syria, not Gaza. The image was also taken before January 2025. false

**Verdict: FALSE**

## **Justification**

The image shows a vegetable stand with a Syrian T-55 tank, not an Israeli Merkava, and the location is Syria, not Gaza, as confirmed by a Turkish news website ([Source](#)) and an AOL fact-check article. The image predates January 2025.