

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 due to improperly installed parts or hydraulic failure. The crash occurred near March Air Reserve Base. The pilot ejected and survived. The missiles on board did not explode because they were not armed.

The articles were published by The Press-Enterprise ([Source](#)), Air & Space Forces Magazine ([Source](#)), and The Sun ([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, not as a result of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The pilot ejected and survived.

Final Judgement

The claim is inaccurate because the image shows a crash that occurred in 2019 due to mechanical failure, not as a result of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The image depicts a 2019 crash of an F-16 fighter jet near March Air Reserve Base due to mechanical failure, not a result of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, as reported by The Press-

Enterprise ([Source](#)), Air & Space Forces Magazine ([Source](#)), and The Sun ([Source](#)).