## Claim

Claim: "



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

# **Actions**

web\_search("Bashar al-Assad Russian passport")
image\_search("Bashar al-Assad passport")

#### **Evidence**

## Evidence from web\_search

An AOL article from January 8, 2025, fact-checks an image of a Russian passport purportedly belonging to Bashar al-Assad and states that the image is fake and photoshopped. The article also mentions that Logically Facts debunked the claim. (



The Wikipedia article on Bashar al-Assad mentions that he was born in Damascus on September 11, 1965, and that in November 2024, Assad fled to Moscow and was granted political asylum by the Russian government. (



) The search result from NV.ua discusses the arrest of relatives of Bashar al-Assad at Beirut's airport on December 28, who were attempting to leave using fake passports. (

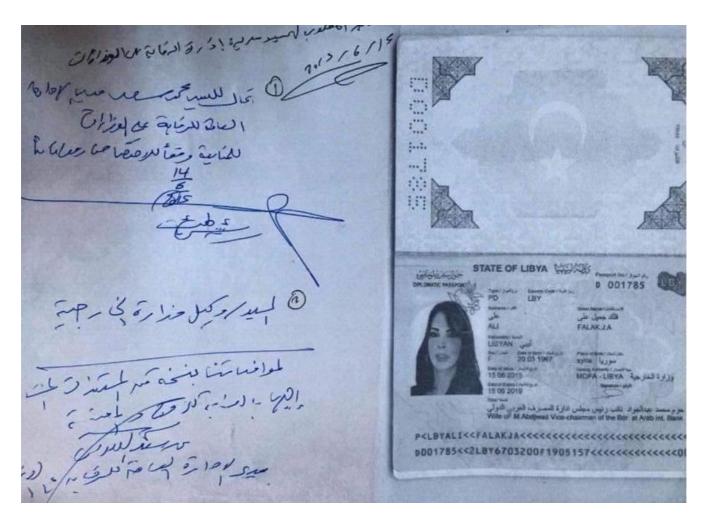


#### Evidence from image\_search

The search results include an article from Alestiklal.net discussing Syrian passports (<a href="https://www.alestiklal.net/en/article/bashar-al-assad-regime-no-more-passports-to-syrians">https://www.alestiklal.net/en/article/bashar-al-assad-regime-no-more-passports-to-syrians</a>) and an article from Libya Observer about Bashar al-Assad's cousin receiving a Libyan diplomatic passport (<a href="https://libyaobserver.ly/news/bashar-al-assads-cousin-granted-libyan-diplomatic-">https://libyaobserver.ly/news/bashar-al-assads-cousin-granted-libyan-diplomatic-</a>







A Wikipedia article about Syrian passports was also found (<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syrian passport">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syrian passport</a>).

## **Elaboration**

The claim that the image shows an authentic Russian passport of Bashar al-Assad is false. An AOL article explicitly states that the image is fake and photoshopped. Additionally, the search results mention that Bashar al-Assad fled to Moscow and was granted political asylum, which could be a reason for him to obtain a Russian passport. However, the evidence provided confirms that the image is not authentic.

# **Final Judgement**

The claim is demonstrably false. Multiple sources confirm that the image of the passport is fake or photoshopped. false

#### **Verdict: FALSE**

#### **Justification**

The claim is false. An AOL article explicitly states that the image of the Russian passport is fake and photoshopped, debunking the claim that it belongs to Bashar al-Assad.