

# Claim

Claim: "French President Emmanuel Macron called Russian President Vladimir Putin a 'butcher' during his press conference with Donald Trump on Monday, Feb. 24, 2025."

## Actions

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web_search("Emmanuel Macron Vladimir Putin butcher February 24 2025")  
web_search("Emmanuel Macron Donald Trump press conference February 24 2025")
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## Evidence

### Evidence from **web\_search**

France 24 ([Source](#)) reported that Emmanuel Macron warned against escalating the situation after Joe Biden called Vladimir Putin a "butcher" [image:i](#). The Moscow Times ([Source](#)) also reported on Macron's warning after Biden's comment



, and mentioned Macron's plan to speak with Putin.

Yahoo News UK ([Source](#)) states that Macron did not call Putin a "butcher" during a press conference with Donald Trump on February 24, 2025. Instead, Macron was referring to the killings of Ukrainian civilians in Bucha in 2022



### Evidence from web\_search

On February 24, 2025, Emmanuel Macron and Donald Trump held a press conference at the White House, as reported by [Roll Call](#) and [PBS News](#). Reuters (<https://www.reuters.com/world/macron-arrives-white-house-ukraine-talks-with-trump-2025-02-24/>) also reported on the meeting, stating that Macron said Russia "is the aggressor" in the conflict. The Reuters article includes an image of Macron and Trump (



). The transcript from Roll Call does not contain the phrase "butcher" or any direct quotes from Macron referring to Putin.

## Elaboration

The claim is false. According to Yahoo News UK (<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/macron-didn-t-call-putin-113000978.html>), Macron did not call Putin a "butcher" during the press conference with Trump on February 24, 2025.

The press conference did take place on the specified date, as confirmed by multiple sources, including Roll Call (<https://rollcall.com/factbase/trump/transcript/donald-trump-press-conference-emmanuel-macron-france-february-24-2025>) and Reuters (<https://www.reuters.com/world/macron-arrives-white-house-ukraine-talks-with-trump-2025-02-24/>). However, the transcript from Roll Call does not contain the phrase "butcher" or any direct quotes from Macron referring to Putin.

## Final Judgement

The search results confirm that a press conference between Macron and Trump occurred on February 24, 2025. However, multiple sources, including Yahoo News UK, state that Macron did not call Putin a "butcher" during this press conference.

The claim is demonstrably false because it is directly contradicted by evidence from reliable sources. false

**Verdict: FALSE**

### Justification

The claim is false. While a press conference between Emmanuel Macron and Donald Trump did occur on February 24, 2025, as confirmed by sources like [Roll Call](#) and [Reuters](#), Macron did not call Putin a "butcher" during the conference, according to [Yahoo News UK](#).