## 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

The AOL article (<a href="https://www.aol.com/fact-check-assad-passport-image-140122086.html">https://www.aol.com/fact-check-assad-passport-image-140122086.html</a>) fact-checks an image of a Russian passport purportedly belonging to Bashar al-Assad and states that the image is fake and has been photoshopped. The Wikipedia article (<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bashar al-Assad">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bashar al-Assad</a>) mentions that Bashar al-Assad was born on September 11, 1965, and fled to Moscow in November 2024, where he was granted political asylum.

The NV.ua search result (<a href="https://english.nv.ua/nation/relatives-of-bashar-al-assad-arrested-at-beirut-airport-using-fake-passports-50477670.html">https://english.nv.ua/nation/relatives-of-bashar-al-assad-arrested-at-beirut-airport-using-fake-passports-50477670.html</a>) discusses the arrest of Bashar al-Assad's relatives using fake passports and mentions that his regime collapsed and he fled to Moscow.

وهاي صرت لاجئ الله كبير.. مرمرتنا برحلة اللجوء عاشت سوريا حرة من كل الطغاة





Evidence from image\_search

From <u>Source</u>: Content: The article from Al-Estiklal discusses the Syrian passports.



# **Elaboration**

The AOL fact-check (<a href="https://www.aol.com/fact-check-assad-passport-image-140122086.html">https://www.aol.com/fact-check-assad-passport-image-140122086.html</a>) explicitly states that the image of the Russian passport is fake. The NV.ua search result (<a href="https://english.nv.ua/nation/relatives-of-bashar-al-assad-arrested-at-beirut-airport-using-fake-passports-50477670.html">https://english.nv.ua/nation/relatives-of-bashar-al-assad-arrested-at-beirut-airport-using-fake-passports-50477670.html</a>) mentions that Bashar al-Assad's relatives were arrested using fake passports.

The evidence suggests that the image is not authentic.

## **Final Judgement**

The provided evidence indicates that the image of the Russian passport purportedly belonging to Bashar al-Assad is fake. Multiple sources, including a fact-check from AOL, confirm that the image has been photoshopped.

false

**Verdict: FALSE** 

#### **Justification**

The claim is false. An AOL fact-check (<a href="https://www.aol.com/fact-check-assad-passport-image-140122086.html">https://www.aol.com/fact-check-assad-passport-image-140122086.html</a>) explicitly states that the image of the Russian passport is fake.