### Claim

Claim: "As the tensions between Israel and Hezbollah escalate in October, 2024, the U.S. government is offering Americans loans to pay for flights out of Lebanon while they have been flying Israeli citizens out of Israel on chartered flights for a year 'on US taxpayers' dime."

## **Actions**

web\_search("US government loans for Americans Lebanon October 2024")
web\_search("US chartered flights Israel citizens")

## **Evidence**

## Evidence from web\_search

NPR (<a href="https://www.npr.org/2024/10/04/nx-s1-5140168/u-s-citizens-are-advised-to-lease-lebanon-amid-conflict-with-israel">https://www.npr.org/2024/10/04/nx-s1-5140168/u-s-citizens-are-advised-to-lease-lebanon-amid-conflict-with-israel</a>) and The Texas Standard (<a href="https://www.texasstandard.org/stories/how-americans-can-leave-lebanon-beirut-us-citizens-assistance-embassy/">https://www.texasstandard.org/stories/how-americans-can-leave-lebanon-beirut-us-citizens-assistance-embassy/</a>) reported that the U.S. government is advising its citizens to leave Lebanon due to the conflict with



Reuters (<a href="https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/us-give-157-million-humanitarian-aid-response-lebanon-crisis-2024-10-04/">https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/us-give-157-million-humanitarian-aid-response-lebanon-crisis-2024-10-04/</a>) reported that the U.S. government will provide humanitarian aid to support populations affected by conflict in Lebanon.



## Evidence from web\_search

The U.S. State Department has arranged chartered flights for American citizens in Israel, starting in October 2023, with flights to Europe (



). The State Department has also begun assisted departure flights from Israel for U.S. citizens and lawful residents, which began after the war between Hamas and Israel on October 7,



). The U.S. government assisted American citizens in evacuating from Israel, with charter flights landing in Tampa, Florida.

Sources: <a href="https://www.newsweek.com/state-dept-starts-exit-flights-israel-trump-mulls-war-entry-2088832">https://www.newsweek.com/state-dept-starts-exit-flights-israel-trump-mulls-war-entry-2088832</a>, <a href="https://abcnews.go.com/US/state-department-announces-plan-fly-americans-israel/story?id=103934725">https://abcnews.go.com/US/state-department-announces-plan-fly-americans-israel/story?id=103934725</a>, <a href="https://www.cbsnews.com/news/mike-huckabee-us-evacuation-americans-in-israel/">https://www.cbsnews.com/news/mike-huckabee-us-evacuation-americans-in-israel/">https://www.cbsnews.com/news/mike-huckabee-us-evacuation-americans-in-israel/</a>

## **Elaboration**

The U.S. government is offering loans to Americans to leave Lebanon due to the conflict with Israel (<a href="https://www.npr.org/2024/10/04/nx-s1-5140168/u-s-citizens-are-advised-to-lease-lebanon-amid-conflict-with-israel">https://www.texasstandard.org/stories/how-americans-leave-lebanon-beirut-us-citizens-assistance-embassy/</a>). The U.S. government has also arranged chartered flights for American citizens in Israel, starting in October 2023, with flights to Europe, and has assisted with departure flights for U.S. citizens and lawful residents after the war between Hamas and Israel on October 7, 2023.

The claim that the U.S. government has been flying Israeli citizens out of Israel on chartered flights for a year "on US taxpayers' dime" is not supported by the evidence. The evidence indicates that the U.S. government has been assisting *American* citizens in leaving Israel.

The claim is partially supported, but it lacks information about the U.S. government flying Israeli citizens out of Israel.

# **Final Judgement**

The U.S. government is offering loans to Americans to leave Lebanon and has arranged

chartered flights for American citizens in Israel. However, the claim that the U.S. government has been flying Israeli citizens out of Israel on chartered flights for a year is not supported by the evidence.

false

#### **Verdict: FALSE**

#### **Justification**

The U.S. government is offering loans to Americans to leave Lebanon due to the conflict with Israel, as reported by sources like <u>NPR</u> and <u>The Texas Standard</u>. The U.S. has also arranged chartered flights for American citizens in Israel since October 2023. However, the claim that the U.S. government has been flying Israeli citizens out of Israel on chartered flights for a year is not supported by the provided evidence.