

Claim

Claim: "



This image shows a US F-16 fighter jet which was shot down in August 2024 in airspace over the Black Sea after refusing to obey Russian orders."

Actions

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image_search("F-16 fighter jet shot down Black Sea")  
web_search("F-16 shot down Black Sea August 2024")
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Evidence

Evidence from **image_search**

NPR published an article about an F-16 warplane crash (



). The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) published an article about F-16s and their impact on the war in Ukraine ([link](#))



). The South China Morning Post published an article about Ukraine destroying a Russian fighter jet ([link](#))



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The provided sources do not contain information about a US F-16 fighter jet being shot down in August 2024 in airspace over the Black Sea after refusing to obey Russian orders.

Evidence from web_search

Defense News reports that an F-16 jet crashed during a Russian missile attack in August 2024, killing the pilot. The War Zone discusses claims of a Ukrainian F-16 shooting down a Russian Su-35S Flanker and mentions the death of an F-16 pilot, Oleksiy Mes, during a Russian aerial barrage in August 2024. The Guardian states that F-16s were used to shoot down Russian missiles.

The sources include images of F-16s (





,) and a downed Su-35S (



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- <https://www.defensenews.com/global/europe/2024/08/29/ukraine-f-16-jet-crashes-during-russian-attack-killing-pilot/>
- <https://www.twz.com/air/claims-swirl-around-russian-su-35s-flanker-shootdown>
- <https://www.theguardian.com/world/article/2024/aug/28/ukraine-war-briefing-zelenskiy-says-f16s-shooting-down-russian-missiles>

Elaboration

The evidence suggests that an F-16 jet crashed in August 2024 during a Russian attack, resulting in the pilot's death. There are also claims of Ukrainian F-16s shooting down Russian aircraft. However, the evidence does not support the claim that a US F-16 was shot down in the Black Sea after refusing Russian orders.

The image provided in the claim appears to depict a jet being hit, but the evidence does not confirm the type of aircraft or the circumstances of the event.

Therefore, the claim is not supported by the evidence.

Final Judgement

The evidence indicates that while F-16s have been involved in incidents, including crashes and combat, there is no evidence to support the specific claim of a US F-16 being shot down in the Black Sea after refusing Russian orders. The image provided does not confirm the type of aircraft or the circumstances of the event.

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Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is unsubstantiated. While there are reports of F-16s being involved in incidents, including a crash in August 2024, and claims of Ukrainian F-16s shooting down Russian aircraft, there is no evidence to support the specific claim of a US F-16 being shot down in the Black Sea after refusing Russian orders. The image provided does not confirm the type of aircraft or the circumstances of the event.