Claim

Claim: "



This image shows a traffic sign in Montreal in July 2024 which displays a 'Free Palestine. Escalate now' message and was authorized by Montreal's Mayor Valérie Plante."

Actions

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geolocate(![image 13](media/15.jpg))
image_search("Free Palestine sign Montreal")
reverse_search(![image 13](media/15.jpg))
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Evidence

Evidence from geolocate

The most likely countries where the image was taken are: {'Palestine': 0.85, 'Canada': 0.07, 'Germany': 0.02, 'Austria': 0.01, 'Israel': 0.01, 'Poland': 0.01, 'Slovenia': 0.01, 'South Korea': 0.01, 'Albania': 0.0, 'Andorra': 0.0}

Evidence from image_search

The Globe and Mail reported on a traffic sign in Montreal displaying a "Free Palestine" message (



). Another source shows a building in Montreal with a Palestine flag and the slogan "Palestine Libre" painted on the brick walls (



alamy

Image ID: PCJTF5 www.alamy.com

claim that the sign was authorized by Montreal's Mayor Valérie Plante is not supported by the evidence.

The claim is false because the evidence indicates that the signs were hacked and not authorized by the mayor. false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The image depicts a traffic sign in Montreal displaying a "Free Palestine" message, which was confirmed by image and reverse image searches. However, the sign was hacked, and the City of Montreal considered it an act of vandalism, contradicting the claim that the message was authorized by Montreal's Mayor Valérie Plante, as reported by <u>CBC News</u>.