

Claim

Claim: "During the January 2025 wildfires, eight mansions belonging to Ukrainian military officials burned down in Los Angeles, California."

Actions

`web_search("January 2025 Los Angeles wildfires Ukrainian military offic`

Evidence

Evidence from `web_search`

Pro-Kremlin social media accounts spread a false narrative that mansions belonging to Ukrainian officials burned down in the Los Angeles wildfires in January 2025. This claim was debunked by fact-checkers from Greece and the United States. The claim originated from satire but was later reposted without context, and is part of a disinformation campaign.

The articles from NPR (<https://www.npr.org/2025/01/16/nx-s1-5259842/los-angeles-california-fires-russia-ukraine>) and LAist (<https://laist.com/brief/news/climate-environment/russia-tried-to-use-the-la-wildfires-to-spread-anti-ukraine-propaganda>) both discuss the false narrative. Forbes (<https://www.forbes.com/sites/petersuciu/2025/01/13/satire-or-disinformation-ukrainian-generals-lost-homes-in-la-fires/>) also covered the claim, noting its



satirical origins and its use in a disinformation campaign.

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Elaboration

The claim is false. The evidence indicates that the claim originated from satire and was spread as part of a disinformation campaign. Fact-checkers from Greece and the United States debunked the narrative.

Final Judgement

The claim that eight mansions belonging to Ukrainian military officials burned down in the January 2025 Los Angeles wildfires is false. This narrative was part of a disinformation campaign, originating from satire and later spread without context. Multiple fact-checkers have debunked this claim.

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Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is false. It originated from satire and was spread as disinformation, as reported by fact-checkers and news outlets like NPR (<https://www.npr.org/2025/01/16/nx-s1-5259842/los-angeles-california-fires-russia-ukraine>), LAist (<https://laist.com/brief/news/climate-environment/russia-tried-to-use-the-la-wildfires-to-spread-anti-ukraine-propaganda>), and Forbes (<https://www.forbes.com/sites/petersuciu/2025/01/13/satire-or-disinformation-ukrainian-generals-lost-homes-in-la-fires/>).