

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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reverse_search(![image 5] (media/6.jpg))  
web_search("F-16 shot down Black Sea August 2024")
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Evidence

Evidence from **reverse_search**

The image



Evidence from web_search

Defense News reported on August 29, 2024, that an F-16 jet crashed in Ukraine during a Russian attack, killing the pilot (





). The War Zone discusses claims about a Ukrainian F-16 shooting down a Russian Su-35S Flanker fighter, mentioning the death of F-16 pilot Oleksiy Mes in August 2024 (





). The Guardian reported on August 28, 2024, that Volodymyr Zelenskiy said F-16s were used to shoot down Russian missiles (



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The provided sources are: [Defense News](#), [The War Zone](#), and [The Guardian](#).

Elaboration

The evidence indicates that an F-16 jet crashed in Ukraine during a Russian attack in August 2024, and there are claims of Ukrainian F-16s shooting down Russian missiles and a Russian Su-35S Flanker fighter. However, the evidence does not mention a US F-16 being shot down over the Black Sea after refusing Russian orders.

The claim is not supported by the provided evidence.

Final Judgement

The claim is demonstrably false. While there is evidence of F-16s being involved in combat in August 2024, the specific scenario described in the claim, involving a US F-16 shot down

over the Black Sea after disobeying Russian orders, is not supported by the provided evidence. The image itself appears to depict a MiG-29, not an F-16. *false*

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is false. While there were reports of F-16s being involved in combat in Ukraine in August 2024, the specific scenario described in the claim, involving a US F-16 shot down over the Black Sea, is not supported by the evidence. The image appears to depict a MiG-29, not an F-16.