#### Claim

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This image shows a Russian ammunition depot in Toropets, Tver Oblast, before and after it was hit by a, possible nuclear, strike from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)."

### **Actions**

web\_search("Russian ammunition depot Toropets Tver Oblast")
web\_search("Toropets Tver Oblast NATO strike")
reverse\_search(![image 23](media/74.jpg))

#### **Evidence**

# Evidence from web\_search

The provided sources discuss a Ukrainian drone attack on a Russian ammunition depot in Toropets, Tver Oblast, Russia, on September 17-18, 2024. The depot, which was renovated in 2018, stored a large amount of military munitions, including fuel tanks, missiles (Iskander and Tochka-U), guided aerial bombs, artillery ammunition, and potentially North Korean munitions. The attack caused a large fire, multiple explosions, and seismic activity.

The sources include articles from Wikipedia (<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/</a>
Toropets depot explosions), CNN (<a href="https://edition.cnn.com/2024/09/18/europe/ukraine-russian-weapons-depot-drone-attack-intl">https://edition.cnn.com/2024/09/18/europe/ukraine-russian-weapons-depot-drone-attack-intl</a>), and Euronews (<a href="https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2024/09/18/what-was-stored-at-the-russian-arms-depot-in-tver-region-struck-by-ukraines-drones">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/</a>
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Europe/2024/09/18/what-was-stored-at-the-russian-arms-depot-in-tver-region-struck-by-ukraines-drones</a>). The image





Evidence from web\_search

The Associated Press reports that Ukrainian drones struck a military depot in Toropets, Russia, causing a large fire. The depot housed Iskander and Tochka-U missiles, as well as

glide bombs and artillery shells. The image





# Evidence from reverse\_search

The image (





) appears in articles from Reuters (<u>Source</u>), The Washington Post (<u>Source</u>), and The Kyiv Post (<u>Source</u>). These articles, published in September 2024, report on a Ukrainian drone attack on a Russian ammunition depot in Toropets, Tver Oblast. The Reuters article mentions a massive

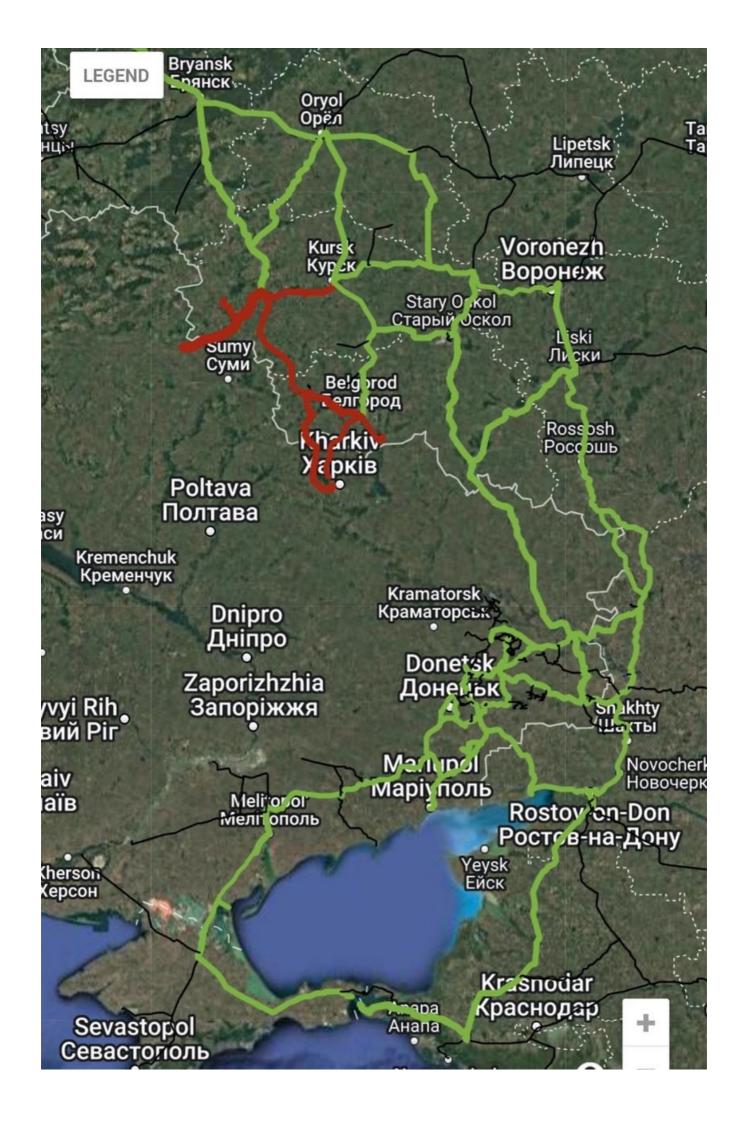
explosion, while The Kyiv Post article includes satellite images (



) and an image



The Kyiv Post article also notes that the depot was considered the most modern and attack-resistant munitions storage facility in Russia. The article also includes a map (



) and an image of Dmitry Bulgakov (



# **Elaboration**

The claim that the image shows a NATO strike is false. The evidence indicates that the image depicts a Ukrainian drone attack on a Russian ammunition depot in Toropets, Tver Oblast. The attack caused a fire and explosions.

# **Final Judgement**

The claim is demonstrably false. The evidence shows that the image depicts a Ukrainian drone attack, not a NATO strike. The claim misrepresents the cause of the damage to the ammunition depot. false

#### **Verdict: FALSE**

#### **Justification**

The claim is false. The image depicts a Ukrainian drone attack on a Russian ammunition depot in Toropets, Tver Oblast, as reported by sources like <u>Reuters</u>, <u>The Washington Post</u>, and <u>The Kyiv Post</u>. These sources confirm the attack and the resulting fire and explosions, contradicting the claim of a NATO strike.