

Claim

Claim: "



This image shows a Ukrainian F-16 fighter jet which was shot down by Russia as part of the large-scale Russian invasion in Ukraine."

Actions

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reverse_search(![image 22] (media/73.jpg))
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Evidence

Evidence from **reverse_search**

The image (



) shows the wreckage of an F-16 that crashed into a warehouse near March Air Reserve Base, Calif., in May 2019. The crash was caused by improperly installed parts in the aircraft's hydraulic system. The pilot ejected and survived.

The Press-Enterprise published an article on May 1, 2020, about the crash, stating that the missiles on board did not explode because they were not armed. The article can be found here: [Source](#). Another article, published on April 28, 2020, by Brian W. Everstine, can be found here: [Source](#). The search result from The Press-Enterprise, published on April 23, 2020, can be found here: [Source](#).

Elaboration

The image depicts the wreckage of an F-16 fighter jet that crashed near March Air Reserve Base in California in May 2019. The crash was caused by improperly installed parts in the aircraft's hydraulic system. The pilot ejected and survived. The claim that the image shows a Ukrainian F-16 shot down by Russia is false.

Final Judgement

The image shows the wreckage of an F-16 fighter jet that crashed near March Air Reserve Base in California in May 2019 due to mechanical failure, not a Russian attack in Ukraine. The claim misrepresents the origin and context of the image.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The image depicts the wreckage of an F-16 fighter jet that crashed near March Air Reserve Base in California in May 2019 due to mechanical failure, not a Russian attack in Ukraine, as reported by [The Press-Enterprise](#) and [Air & Space Forces Magazine](#).