

Claim

Claim: "Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy started the 2022 war in Ukraine with Russia."

Actions

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web_search("Volodymyr Zelenskyy start war Ukraine Russia 2022")
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Evidence

Evidence from web_search

The Al Jazeera article (<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/2/20/fact-check-did-ukraine-start-its-war-with-russia-as-trump-claims>) discusses claims that Ukraine started the 2022 war, stating that Russia launched an invasion on February 24, 2022. [image:0](#) The Voice of America article (<https://www.voanews.com/a/russia-uk-ambassador-falsely-claims-zelenskyy-started-russia-ukraine-war/7987874.html>) reports that the Russian Ambassador to the UK falsely claimed Zelenskyy started the war, noting the conflict began in 2014.



The Wikipedia article (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_invasion_of_Ukraine) states the conflict began on February 24, 2022, with Russia's invasion, but also mentions the conflict's origins in 2014. [image:i](#)

Elaboration

The evidence indicates that the claim is false. The Al Jazeera article (<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/2/20/fact-check-did-ukraine-start-its-war-with-russia-as-trump-claims>) and Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_invasion_of_Ukraine) state that the 2022 war began with Russia's invasion.

The Voice of America article (<https://www.voanews.com/a/russia-uk-ambassador-falsely-claims-zelenskyy-started-russia-ukraine-war/7987874.html>) reports that the claim that Zelenskyy started the war is false.

Final Judgement

The fact-check reveals that the claim is false. Multiple sources, including Al Jazeera and Wikipedia, confirm that the 2022 war began with Russia's invasion. The Voice of America article further supports this by reporting that the claim that Zelenskyy started the war is false.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is false. Multiple sources, including Al Jazeera (<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/2/20/fact-check-did-ukraine-start-its-war-with-russia-as-trump-claims>) and Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_invasion_of_Ukraine), indicate that the 2022 war began with Russia's invasion. The Voice of America (<https://www.voanews.com/a/russia-uk-ambassador-falsely-claims-zelenskyy-started-russia-ukraine-war/7987874.html>) also supports this by reporting that the claim that Zelenskyy started the war is false.