

Claim

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

Actions

`image_search("Volodymyr Zelenskyy Russia war 2022")`

Evidence

Evidence from `image_search`

The PBS article discusses Zelenskyy and the war in Ukraine (



). Al Jazeera published an article on March 22, 2022, about Zelenskyy renewing an offer of talks with Putin (



The NBC News article contains an image of Volodymyr Zelenskyy (



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Elaboration

The evidence includes images of Zelenskyy and mentions articles about the war in Ukraine and offers of talks with Putin. However, the evidence does not provide any information about who started the war.

More information is needed to verify the claim.

Actions

image_search("timeline of 2022 Russia Ukraine war")

image_search("causes of 2022 Russia Ukraine war")

Evidence

Evidence from image_search

Al Jazeera published a timeline of the Russia-Ukraine war, showing the flow of people fleeing Ukraine after the Russian invasion (

RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

Where are people fleeing to?

The UN says more than 5.6 million people, mostly women and children, have fled Ukraine since Russia invaded. Most have sought refuge in neighbouring countries.



). The DW article provides a timeline of the Ukraine crisis, starting in November 2013 and ending with Russia attacking Ukraine on February 24, 2022 (

Timeline of the Ukraine crisis



Ukraine makes gains in eastern counteroffensive

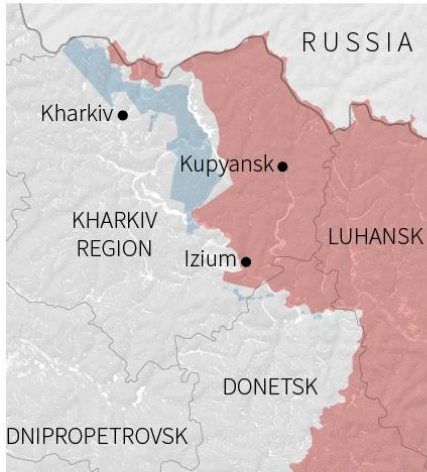
Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said his military had made major, rapid advances against Russian forces in the past week, taking back dozens of towns in regions in the south and east that Russia has declared annexed. In the east, Ukrainian forces have been expanding an offensive after capturing the main Russian bastion in the north of Donetsk, the town of Lyman.



■ Ukrainian counteroffensive

■ Russian-occupied Ukrainian territory

SEPT. 7, 2022



SEPT. 11



OCT. 4



Sources: Institute for the Study of War with American Enterprise Institute's Critical Threats Project; Natural Earth; OpenStreetMap

A. Bhandari | Reuters, 5/10/2022

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Elaboration

The DW article provides a timeline of the Ukraine crisis, indicating that Russia attacked Ukraine on February 24, 2022. The evidence does not support the claim that Zelenskyy started the war.

Final Judgement

The evidence includes timelines and articles about the Russia-Ukraine war, including the date of the Russian invasion. The evidence does not support the claim that Zelenskyy started the war.

The claim is demonstrably false because the evidence indicates that Russia initiated the war.
false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is demonstrably false. Evidence, including a timeline from [DW](#), indicates that Russia initiated the war on February 24, 2022, not Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.