

# Claim

Claim: "



This image shows Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky arriving in August 2024 in the Sudzha of Kursk region, Russia, which had just been occupied by Ukrainian troops in the Kursk Offensive, and meeting with representatives of the people there."

## Actions

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reverse_search(![image 7] (media/9.jpg))  
web_search("Volodymyr Zelensky Kursk Offensive")
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## Evidence

### Evidence from **reverse\_search**

The image in the claim (



) appears in multiple sources. According to the BBC, the image shows Volodymyr Zelensky visiting troops in the Kharkiv region, with the article published on May 29, 2022. (<https://www.bbc.com/news/live/world-europe-61612803>). Telegrafi.com also features the image, reporting on Zelensky's visit to the front line where he met Ukrainian troops in the Kharkiv region. (<https://telegrafi.com/en/zelensky-on-a-rare-trip-outside-kyiv-visited-the-front-line-where-he-met-ukrainian-troops/>).

### Evidence from web\_search

The BBC News article from November 12, 2024, discusses the Ukrainian incursion into Russia's Kursk region, with Volodymyr Zelensky stating the operation is holding down 50,000 Russian troops. The article mentions a New York Times report suggesting Russia has amassed troops in Kursk, including North Korean soldiers, for a counter-offensive. (<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c9vn1x23x88o>)



The Moscow Times reports on the ongoing conflict in the Kursk region, mentioning a shock



offensive launched by Kyiv in August 2024, and Zelensky's statement that Ukraine's army was still fighting in Russia's Kursk. (<https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2025/04/27/zelensky-says-ukraine-still-fighting-in-russias-kursk-a88884>)







The ABC News article, published on January 7, 2025, discusses the ongoing conflict in the Kursk region, reporting that Zelenskyy stated Ukraine is bringing the war "back to Russia" and that Russia has lost over 38,000 troops in the area since August. The article mentions a new Ukrainian offensive in the region, with fighting reported near Sudzha, which Ukraine captured in August. ([https://abcnews.go.com/International/ukraine-bringing-war-back-](https://abcnews.go.com/International/ukraine-bringing-war-back-russia-zelenskyy-after-new/story?id=117408954)



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# Elaboration

The claim is partially verifiable. The image (



## Final Judgement

The image in the claim shows Volodymyr Zelensky, but it was taken in May 2022 in the Kharkiv region, not in August 2024 in the Kursk region. While there are reports of a Ukrainian offensive in the Kursk region in August 2024, the image is misrepresented.

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**Verdict: FALSE**

## Justification

The image in the claim, which shows Volodymyr Zelensky, was taken in May 2022 in the Kharkiv region, not in August 2024 in the Kursk region as the claim states. While there are reports of a Ukrainian offensive in the Kursk region in August 2024, the image is misrepresented.