

Claim

Claim: "During the January 2025 wildfires, eight mansions belonging to Ukrainian military officials burned down in Los Angeles, California."

Actions

`web_search("January 2025 wildfires Los Angeles Ukrainian military offic`

Evidence

Evidence from `web_search`

Pro-Kremlin social media accounts spread a false narrative that mansions belonging to Ukrainian military officials burned down in the Los Angeles wildfires in January 2025. This claim was debunked by fact-checkers from Greece and the United States, and the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council's Center for Countering Disinformation described it as "Russian propaganda." The story originated on a pro-Russian Telegram channel and was initially presented as satire, but later reposts omitted this context. There is no evidence to support the claim, and Valerii Zaluzhnyi, a former Ukrainian general, was falsely named as one of the individuals who supposedly lost their homes (



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NPR (<https://www.npr.org/2025/01/16/nx-s1-5259842/los-angeles-california-fires-russia-ukraine>) and Houston Public Media (<https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/npr/2025/01/16/nx-s1-5259842/russia-tried-to-use-the-l-a-wildfires-to-spread-anti-ukraine-propaganda/>) reported on the spread of this disinformation. Forbes (<https://>



[lost-homes-in-la-fires/](#)) also covered the claim (

Elaboration

The claim is false. The evidence indicates that the claim originated from pro-Russian sources and was debunked by fact-checkers. The Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council's Center for Countering Disinformation labeled it as Russian propaganda.

Final Judgement

The claim is demonstrably false. Multiple reliable sources, including NPR, Houston Public Media, and Forbes, have debunked the claim, identifying it as disinformation originating from pro-Russian sources. There is no evidence to support the claim that mansions belonging to Ukrainian military officials burned down in the Los Angeles wildfires.

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Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is false. It originated from pro-Russian sources and was debunked by fact-checkers. Multiple sources, including [NPR](#), [Houston Public Media](#), and [Forbes](#), have reported on the disinformation campaign.