

# Claim

Claim: "



This image shows the Israeli army reaching Damascus in Syria in December 2024."

## Actions

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image_search("Israeli tanks Damascus Syria")  
web_search("Israeli army Damascus Syria")
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## Evidence

### Evidence from **image\_search**

The Times of Israel published an image of an Israeli tank (



). NDTV fact-checked a claim that Israeli tanks were spotted outside Damascus, labeling the claim as "FALSE" (



). The image in the claim is the same as the one in the search result. Al Jazeera published an article on December 8, 2024, about Israel seizing a buffer zone in Syria's Golan Heights, including an image of an Israeli tank (





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The claim that the image shows the Israeli army reaching Damascus in Syria in December 2024 is false.

### Evidence from **web\_search**

The provided web sources discuss Israeli actions in Syria, specifically in Damascus. Al Jazeera (<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/7/16/israel-bombards-syrias-damascus-as-us-says-steps-agreed-to-end-violence>) reports on Israeli airstrikes near the presidential palace and military headquarters in Damascus, with Israel stating the aim is to protect the Druze minority. CNN (<https://www.cnn.com/2025/07/16/middleeast/damascus-syria-airstrikes-intl>) mentions Israeli airstrikes on Damascus and US involvement in a ceasefire, and the BBC (<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cp90l77187zo>) reports on Israeli strikes, including on the Syrian defence ministry in Damascus, and mentions fighting in Suweida.

The BBC article also mentions that Israel has been carrying out strikes across Syria. The CNN article mentions the withdrawal of Syrian troops from a southern city after clashes with an Arab minority group. The articles were published in July 2025.











## Elaboration

The claim is demonstrably false. The image in the claim was fact-checked as false by NDTV. The search results show that the image was taken in December 2024, and the claim states that the image shows the Israeli army reaching Damascus in Syria in December 2024. The evidence also shows that Israel has been carrying out strikes in Syria, including in Damascus, but there is no evidence to support the claim that the Israeli army reached Damascus in December 2024.

## Final Judgement

The image in the claim was fact-checked as false by NDTV. The search results show that the image was taken in December 2024, and the claim states that the image shows the Israeli army reaching Damascus in Syria in December 2024. The evidence also shows that Israel has been carrying out strikes in Syria, including in Damascus, but there is no evidence to support the claim that the Israeli army reached Damascus in December 2024.

The claim is demonstrably false because the image was fact-checked as false by NDTV. The image was taken in December 2024, and the claim states that the image shows the Israeli army reaching Damascus in Syria in December 2024. There is no evidence to support the claim that the Israeli army reached Damascus in December 2024. `false`

**Verdict: FALSE**

### **Justification**

The claim is false. The image in the claim was fact-checked as false by NDTV, and the search results show that the image was taken in December 2024. While there have been Israeli actions in Syria, including airstrikes in Damascus, there is no evidence to support the claim that the Israeli army reached Damascus in December 2024.