# Claim



Claim: "This image shows the coffins of 18 British Special Forces who were killed in November 2024 in the Odessa Region in Ukraine."

## **Actions**

web\_search("British Special Forces killed Ukraine Odessa November 2024"
image\_search("coffins Union Jack military plane")

## **Evidence**

## Evidence from web\_search



The image ( in the claim is misleading and has been digitally altered. The original image is from a 2006 BBC

article. The claim about 18 British Special Forces members killed in the Odessa Region in Ukraine is false, according to a fact-check from <a href="NewsMobile">NewsMobile</a>. The claim was also debunked by the Southern Defense Forces spokesperson Dmytro Pletenchuk, who stated that the journalist provided no evidence for her claims, as reported by <a href="UA Wire">UA Wire</a>. The Odessa region is mentioned as one of the oblasts where civilian casualties were reported in November 2024, according to <a href="AOAV.org.uk">AOAV.org.uk</a>.

### Evidence from image\_search

The Belfast Telegraph published an image of a coffin draped in the Union Jack being carried by soldiers (



). The NBC News search result contains an image of coffins draped with the American flag inside a military plane (



The Daily Mail published an article about the coffins of British soldiers (



### **Elaboration**

The claim is false. The image has been digitally altered, and the original image is from a 2006 BBC article. Fact-checkers from NewsMobile (<a href="https://www.newsmobile.in/nm-fact-checker/fact-check-video-show-18-british-special-forces-members-killed-in-ukraine-find-truth-here/">https://www.newsmobile.in/nm-fact-checker/fact-check-video-show-18-british-special-forces-members-killed-in-ukraine-find-truth-here/</a>) and UA Wire (<a href="https://www.uawire.org/false-allegations-of-british-sas-casualties-in-odesa-dutch-journalist-s-controversial-claims-debunked-by-ukrainian-military">https://www.uawire.org/false-allegations-of-british-sas-casualties-in-odesa-dutch-journalist-s-controversial-claims-debunked-by-ukrainian-military</a>) have debunked the claim.

# **Final Judgement**

The image is digitally altered, and the claim about British Special Forces members killed in Ukraine is false. The original image is from a 2006 BBC article. Fact-checkers have debunked the claim.

false

**Verdict: FALSE** 

#### **Justification**

The claim is false. The image is digitally altered, and the original is from a 2006 BBC article. The assertion about 18 British Special Forces members killed in the Odessa Region in Ukraine is debunked by fact-checkers like <a href="NewsMobile">NewsMobile</a> and <a href="UA Wire">UA Wire</a>.