

Claim

Claim: "



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This image shows a screenshot of the X profile of UNRWA which has placed a black band over its profile photo in mourning for the death of Yahya Sinwar, Hamas leader in the Gaza Strip, in October 2024."

Actions

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web_search("UNRWA profile Yahya Sinwar")
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Evidence

Evidence from web_search

The DW article (<https://www.dw.com/en/fact-check-black-ribbon-on-unrwa-logo-does-not-show-mourning-for-sinwar/a-70532996>) fact-checks the claim that UNRWA is mourning the death of Yahya Sinwar, stating that the black ribbon was added to the UNRWA profile picture on X before Sinwar's death, specifically by October 22, 2023, and on Facebook on October 11, 2023. The Canadian Press News (<https://www.thecanadianpressnews.ca/fact-checking/black-band-on-unrwas-social-media-profiles-appeared-before-yahya-sinwars-death/article-33032eb2-f64b-55c6-8a57-3289e6a014cf.html>) also fact-checked the claim and found that the black band was present before Sinwar's death.

The New York Post (<https://nypost.com/2024/10/17/us-news/unrwa-teachers-passport-found-on-hamas-leader-sinwars-slain-body-after-israeli-forces-killed-him-photos-show/>) reports that an apparent passport belonging to a UNRWA teacher was found on the body of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar after he was killed by Israeli forces.



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How they got him

- 1 **Late Oct. 16:** IDF tank unit on regular patrol in Rafah spots movement in a building.



- 2 IDF launches a shell, then sends in drone to survey damage.



- 3 Footage shows injured Sinwar sitting on a couch.

- 4 The terrorist struggles to throw object at the drone.

- 5 IDF orders second strike on building, killing Sinwar and two other Hamas terrorists.



- 6 Lifeless Sinwar seen lying in rubble with a head wound, in a bulletproof vest and surrounded by grenades.

- 7 He was confirmed dead via DNA samples from when he was IDF prisoner.



Reuters

New York Post



Elaboration

The claim is inaccurate. The evidence indicates that the black band on the UNRWA profile picture predates the death of Yahya Sinwar. The DW article (<https://www.dw.com/en/fact-check-black-ribbon-on-unrwa-logo-does-not-show-mourning-for-sinwar/a-70532996>) and The Canadian Press News (<https://www.thecanadianpressnews.ca/fact-checking/black-band-on-unrwas-social-media-profiles-appeared-before-yahya-sinwars-death/article-33032eb2-f64b-55c6-8a57-3289e6a014cf.html>) both confirm this.

Final Judgement

The claim is false because the black band on the UNRWA profile picture was present before the death of Yahya Sinwar. false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim that UNRWA placed a black band on its profile picture to mourn the death of Yahya Sinwar is false. Fact-checks by DW (<https://www.dw.com/en/fact-check-black-ribbon-on-unrwa-logo-does-not-show-mourning-for-sinwar/a-70532996>) and The Canadian Press News (<https://www.thecanadianpressnews.ca/fact-checking/black-band-on-unrwas-social-media-profiles-appeared-before-yahya-sinwars-death/article-33032eb2-f64b-55c6-8a57-3289e6a014cf.html>) show that the black band was added before Sinwar's death.