

# Claim

Claim: "



This image shows a Russian ammunition depot in Toropets, Tver Oblast, before and after it was hit by a, possible nuclear, strike from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)."

## Actions

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reverse_search(![image 23](media/74.jpg))  
web_search("Russian ammunition depot Toropets Tver Oblast")  
geolocate(![image 23](media/74.jpg))
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## Evidence

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

The image



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

The provided sources discuss a Ukrainian drone attack on a Russian ammunition depot in Toropets, Tver Oblast, Russia. The attack, which occurred on September 17-18, 2024, caused explosions and fires at the depot, which stored various munitions, including missiles and artillery ammunition. Satellite images of the depot before and after the explosion are included in the reports



The Wikipedia article ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toropets\\_depot\\_explosions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toropets_depot_explosions)) mentions the involvement of the CIA in providing intelligence to Ukraine. CNN (<https://edition.cnn.com/2024/09/18/europe/ukraine-russian-weapons-depot-drone-attack-intl>) reports that the depot was storing Iskander and Tochka-U missile systems, guided aerial bombs, and artillery ammunition.

## Evidence from geolocate

The most likely countries where the image was taken are: {'Bhutan': 0.24, 'China': 0.21, 'Malaysia': 0.13, 'Cambodia': 0.09, 'Ghana': 0.09, 'Taiwan': 0.07, 'Madagascar': 0.03, 'Nigeria': 0.02, 'Brazil': 0.01, 'Colombia': 0.01}

## Elaboration

The image shows a Russian ammunition depot in Toropets, Tver Oblast, before and after an attack. The web search results confirm that the depot was hit by a Ukrainian drone attack on September 17-18, 2024, causing explosions and fires. The depot stored various munitions, including missiles and artillery ammunition.

The claim that the attack was a possible nuclear strike from NATO is not supported by the evidence. The evidence indicates a Ukrainian drone attack, not a NATO strike.

The geolocation results do not provide any information about the location of the depot.

## Final Judgement

The image depicts a Russian ammunition depot in Toropets, Tver Oblast, before and after a Ukrainian drone attack, not a NATO strike. The evidence from the web search confirms the Ukrainian attack and the resulting explosions and fires. The claim misrepresents the cause of the attack.

false

**Verdict: FALSE**

## Justification

The image depicts a Russian ammunition depot in Toropets, Tver Oblast, before and after a Ukrainian drone attack, not a NATO strike. The web search results confirm the Ukrainian attack on the depot, which stored various munitions, including missiles and artillery

ammunition, as reported by CNN (<https://edition.cnn.com/2024/09/18/europe/ukraine-russian-weapons-depot-drone-attack-intl>) and Wikipedia ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toropets depot explosions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toropets_depot_explosions)).