Claim

Claim: "



This image shows an authentic Russian passport of deposed Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad."

Actions

reverse_search(![image 21](media/69.jpg))
web_search("Bashar al-Assad Russian passport")

Evidence

Evidence from reverse_search

The image in question,



, appears in multiple sources. One source is a Wikipedia article about East Slavic names, which includes an image of a Russian internal passport (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East Slavic name). Another source is Wikimedia Commons, which shows a Russian passport (https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Pasport RF.jpg). The third source is a website discussing Russian internal passports (https://ukrainian-passport.com/blog/internal-russian-passport/), which uses the image as an example.

Evidence from web_search

An AOL article from January 8, 2025, fact-checks the claim that the image shows Bashar al-Assad's Russian passport and states that the image is fake and photoshopped. The original passport image was found on Wikipedia. The Wikipedia article discusses Bashar al-Assad's presidency, including the Russian intervention in 2015, and mentions the 2024 Syrian opposition offensives, which led to Assad fleeing to Moscow and being granted political asylum. The NV.ua article discusses the arrest of relatives of Bashar al-Assad at Beirut airport on December 28, who were attempting to leave using fake passports, and mentions that Bashar Assad's regime had fallen and that he fled Damascus.

The sources are: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bashar al-Assad, and https://english.nv.ua/nation/relatives-of-bashar-al-assad-arrested-at-beirut-airport-using-fake-passports-50477670.html. The image



is not mentioned in the search result.

Elaboration

The AOL article fact-checks the claim and states that the image is fake and photoshopped. The original passport image was found on Wikipedia. The NV.ua article discusses the arrest

of relatives of Bashar al-Assad at Beirut airport on December 28, who were attempting to leave using fake passports.

Final Judgement

The image is a photoshopped version of a Russian passport. The AOL article fact-checks the claim and states that the image is fake.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The image of the Russian passport is a fabrication, as confirmed by an AOL fact-check article (https://www.aol.com/fact-check-assad-passport-image-140122086.html).