#### Claim

Claim: "As the tensions between Israel and Hezbollah escalate in October, 2024, the U.S. government is offering Americans loans to pay for flights out of Lebanon while they have been flying Israeli citizens out of Israel on chartered flights for a year 'on US taxpayers' dime."

## **Actions**

web\_search("US government loans for Americans Lebanon flights October 2
web\_search("US chartered flights for Israeli citizens")

# **Evidence**

#### Evidence from web\_search

The U.S. government is offering emergency loans and arranging flights for U.S. citizens and their immediate families to depart Lebanon amid escalating conflict between Hezbollah and Israel in October 2024. The State Department is providing loan assistance to help Americans



Sources: <a href="https://www.texasstandard.org/stories/how-americans-can-leave-lebanon-beirut-us-citizens-assistance-embassy/">https://www.texasstandard.org/stories/how-americans-can-leave-lebanon-beirut-us-citizens-assistance-embassy/</a>, <a href="https://www.usnews.com/news/politics/articles/2024-10-03/us-arranges-flights-to-bring-americans-out-of-lebanon-as-others-seek-escape">https://www.texassistance-embassy/</a>, <a href="https://www.usnews.com/news/politics/articles/2024-10-03/us-arranges-flights-to-bring-americans-out-of-lebanon-as-others-seek-escape">https://www.usnews.com/news/politics/articles/2024-10-03/us-arranges-flights-to-bring-americans-out-of-lebanon-as-others-seek-escape</a>, <a href="https://www.kqed.org/news/12008953/leave-lebanon-now-what-assistance-is-available-for-u-s-citizens-in-the-region">https://www.kqed.org/news/12008953/leave-lebanon-now-what-assistance-is-available-for-u-s-citizens-in-the-region</a>

Evidence from web\_search

The U.S. State Department is offering charter flights to Europe to help Americans leave Israel,

starting October 13, 2023, and they will be asked to repay the U.S. (



) The State Department has also begun "assisted departure flights" from Israel for U.S. citizens and lawful residents, including via cruise ship, commercial or charter flights, or U.S. government-operated flights. Non-profits and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis have organized charter flights from Tel Aviv.

Sources: <a href="https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-working-charter-flights-help-americans-leave-israel-sources-2023-10-12/">https://www.newsweek.com/state-dept-starts-exit-flights-israel-trump-mulls-war-entry-2088832</a>, <a href="https://www.cbsnews.com/news/mike-huckabee-us-evacuation-americans-in-israel/">https://www.cbsnews.com/news/mike-huckabee-us-evacuation-americans-in-israel/</a>

# **Elaboration**

The U.S. government is offering loans to Americans for flights out of Lebanon in October 2024, and arranging flights. The U.S. government has also been providing charter flights for U.S. citizens and lawful residents to leave Israel since October 13, 2023. The evidence indicates that those using the flights from Israel will be asked to repay the U.S. government.

The claim that the U.S. has been flying Israeli citizens out of Israel on chartered flights for a year "on US taxpayers' dime" is not supported by the evidence. The evidence indicates that the flights from Israel are for U.S. citizens and lawful residents, and they are expected to repay the U.S. government.

# **Final Judgement**

The U.S. government is providing assistance to U.S. citizens in both Lebanon and Israel, including loans and chartered flights. The evidence indicates that those using the flights from Israel will be asked to repay the U.S. government. The claim that the U.S. is flying Israeli

citizens out of Israel on chartered flights for a year "on US taxpayers' dime" is not supported by the evidence.

false

**Verdict: FALSE** 

## **Justification**

The U.S. government is providing emergency loans and arranging flights for U.S. citizens to depart Lebanon amid escalating conflict, as well as charter flights for U.S. citizens and lawful residents to leave Israel since October 2023, with repayment expected for the latter, according to sources like <a href="Reuters">Reuters</a>. The claim that the U.S. is flying Israeli citizens out of Israel on chartered flights for a year "on US taxpayers' dime" is not supported by the evidence.