

Claim

Claim: "



This image shows a vegetable stand in Gaza in January 2025 with a Merkava tank, the pride of the Israeli army, as its decor."

Actions

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reverse_search(![image 43] (media/71.jpg))  
web_search("vegetable stand Gaza Merkava tank")
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Evidence

Evidence from **reverse_search**

From [Source](#): Found exact image on website with title: In Syria, an abandoned tank has become a fruit and vegetable stand. Content: The search result is from a Turkish news

website and shows an image of a tank used as a fruit and vegetable stand. The article states that the tank was abandoned by regime forces in Syria. The article is dated December 15, 2024.



Evidence from web_search

The image (



shows a vegetable stand with a tank. According to a fact-check published on aol.com, the tank is a Syrian T-55, not an Israeli Merkava tank, and the image was taken in Syria, not Gaza. The Merkava tank is a main battle tank used by the Israel Defense Forces since 1979, and has been used in several conflicts, including the Gaza War. Forbes published an article discussing a guide distributed by Hamas on how to destroy Israeli Merkava tanks.

- <https://www.aol.com/fact-check-image-claims-show-141025316.html>
- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merkava>
- <https://www.forbes.com/sites/davidaxe/2023/10/15/hamas-distributed-a-handy-guide-to-destroying-israeli-tanks/>

Elaboration

The claim is inaccurate. The image depicts a vegetable stand with a tank, but the tank is a Syrian T-55, not an Israeli Merkava tank. The image was taken in Syria, not Gaza. The evidence from the reverse image search confirms the image's origin in Syria.

Final Judgement

The claim is false. The image shows a vegetable stand with a tank, but the tank is a Syrian T-55, not an Israeli Merkava tank, and the image was taken in Syria, not Gaza. The evidence from the reverse image search and web search confirms the image's origin in Syria and identifies the tank.

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Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The image depicts a vegetable stand with a tank, but the tank is a Syrian T-55, not an Israeli Merkava tank, and the image was taken in Syria, not Gaza, as confirmed by a reverse image search and a fact-check published on aol.com.