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VERDICT: FAKE NEWS

Query News Sample



"He's Iranian Athlete Beit Sayah Sadegh. After winning the gold in #Paralympics2024, he openly displayed the ISIS flag. Disqualified...! Imagine displaying the ISIS flag openly and getting away with a mere disqualification. He should have been treated like a terrorist..."

Top Visual Evidence



"Iranian Athlete who displayed flag of Jihad used by terrorist organizations gets stripped of Paralympic gold, stirs massive outrage"

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Final Unified Reasoning

- Detailed Reasoning:

The overwhelming evidence points to the news post being entirely fabricated. The strongest indicator is **Evidence 3 (Web Search)**, which assigns a very low support score (-20.0), indicating a strong refutation of the claim that the athlete displayed an ISIS flag. This is a critical factual assertion in the text, and its lack of support from credible sources is damning.

- FOR FAKE Classification:

- **Strong Web Search Refutation (Evidence 3):** The web search results definitively contradict the core claim of the post. This is the most significant piece of evidence.

- **Image-Text Mismatch (Evidence 1):** The text's angry and accusatory tone clashes with the image's depiction of a seemingly dejected athlete. Furthermore, the image clearly shows the Iranian flag, not an ISIS flag, directly contradicting the text.

- **Image-Image Contradiction (Evidence 2):** The comparison of the query image with a retrieved image reveals a stark contrast in emotional tone and action. One image shows disappointment, the other celebration, further undermining the narrative presented in the text.

- AGAINST FAKE Classification:

- There is no evidence to suggest the athlete is not Iranian, as the uniform and flag in the image appear to be Iranian. However, this is irrelevant to the central claim about displaying an ISIS flag.

- The Paralympics setting is consistent with the text, but this is a minor detail that doesn't validate the false claim about the flag.

- **Confidence Level: High.** The combination of a strong web search refutation, significant image-text and image-image inconsistencies, and the lack of any supporting evidence leaves no reasonable doubt that the news post is fabricated. The claim is demonstrably false and designed to mislead.

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Image vs. Text Analysis (Query)

Okay, let's break down this image and text pairing step-by-step.

STEP 1: Sentiment Alignment

1. Text Sentiment: The text expresses strong negative sentiment. It's filled with anger, outrage, and condemnation. Words like "Disqualified...!", "terrorist," and the accusatory tone clearly indicate a negative emotional state.

2. Image Sentiment: The image depicts a young athlete, seemingly dejected, holding a flag. While there's a sense of disappointment, the image itself doesn't inherently convey anger or outrage. It's a relatively neutral scene, focusing on a moment of apparent sadness or contemplation.

3. Comparison:

- Classification: Sentiment Mismatch

- Reasoning: The text is highly charged with negative emotion, while the image presents a more subdued and potentially sad, but not overtly angry, scene.

STEP 2: Entity Consistency

1. Text Entities: The text mentions:

- Beit Sayah Sadegh (Person - Iranian Athlete)
- Paralympics2024 (Event)
- ISIS (Organization - Terrorist group)

2. Image Entities:

- The image shows a young man who appears to be an athlete. He is wearing a uniform with what appears to be the flag of Iran.
- The background clearly shows a sporting event, likely a track and field competition, consistent with the Paralympics.
- The flag he is holding is not the ISIS flag.

3. Comparison:

- Classification: Entities Mismatch

- Reasoning: While the image depicts an athlete and a sporting event aligning with the text's mention of Beit Sayah Sadegh and the Paralympics, the crucial claim about the flag being an ISIS flag is demonstrably false based on the image.

STEP 3: Event/Action Consistency

1. Text Event/Action: The text describes an athlete winning a gold medal, then displaying an ISIS

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flag, and subsequently being disqualified and facing calls for harsher treatment.

2. Image Depiction: The image shows an athlete standing on a track, holding a flag. He appears to be reflecting or possibly disappointed. There's no indication of a gold medal or any display of an ISIS flag.

3. Comparison:

- Classification: Event/Action Mismatch

- Reasoning: The text describes a specific sequence of events (winning, flag display, disqualification) that are not reflected in the image. The image simply shows an athlete with a flag.

STEP 4: Final Judgment

- Judgment: FAKE

- Brief Reasoning: The combination of Sentiment Mismatch and Entities Mismatch strongly indicates that the image and text are not consistent. The text makes a false claim about the flag displayed in the image, and the overall narrative presented in the text is not supported by the visual evidence. The Event/Action analysis further reinforces this conclusion. The image does not depict the events described in the text.

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Query Image vs. Evidence Image Analysis

Okay, let's analyze the two images step-by-step.

- STEP 1: Sentiment Alignment
 - **Image 1 Sentiment:** The image shows a young athlete looking down, holding a jacket with the flag of Iran draped over his arm. His posture and expression suggest disappointment or sadness, possibly after a competition.
 - **Image 2 Sentiment:** The image shows an athlete running and holding the Iranian flag high, with a joyful expression. It conveys a sense of victory and pride.
 - **Comparison:** Sentiment Mismatch
 - **Reasoning:** Image 1 depicts a moment of potential disappointment, while Image 2 shows a moment of triumph. The emotional tones are directly opposite.

- STEP 2: Entity Consistency
 - **Entities in Image 1:** The athlete, the Iranian flag, and the stadium are visible.
 - **Entities in Image 2:** The athlete, the Iranian flag, and the stadium are also visible.
 - **Comparison:** Entities Aligned
 - **Reasoning:** Both images feature the same athlete and the Iranian flag within a stadium setting.
- STEP 3: Event/Action Consistency
 - **Event/Action in Image 1:** The athlete appears to be dejectedly holding a jacket and the flag after a competition.
 - **Event/Action in Image 2:** The athlete is celebrating a victory by running with the flag.
 - **Comparison:** Event/Action Mismatch
 - **Reasoning:** The actions depicted are contradictory. One shows a moment of potential loss, while the other shows a moment of victory.

- STEP 4: Final Judgment
 - **Judgment:** FAKE
 - **Brief Reasoning:** The significant sentiment and event/action mismatch between the two images strongly suggest a misleading pairing. The images appear to be juxtaposed to create a false narrative or to manipulate the viewer's perception of the athlete's performance. While the entities are aligned, the conflicting emotional tones and actions make the pairing untrustworthy.

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Text vs. Text Factual Consistency Analysis

Evidence Snippet #1

Factual Score: 1

Rationale: Both sentences describe the same event: an Iranian athlete, Beit Sayah Sadegh, winning a gold medal at the Paralympics 2024 and then displaying a flag associated with ISIS (referred to as 'ISIS flag' and 'flag of Jihad used by terrorist organizations'). Both sentences state that he was disqualified as a result. The sentences align on the core facts of the event and its outcome.

Evidence Snippet #2

Factual Score: -1

Rationale: Sentence A claims that Iranian athlete Beit Sayah Sadegh displayed the ISIS flag after winning a gold medal at the Paralympics 2024 and was only disqualified. Sentence B is from BOOM, a fact-checking website, and explicitly states that a photo of an Iranian Paralympian waving a religious flag is falsely being circulated as the ISIS flag. This directly debunks the claim made in Sentence A.

Evidence Snippet #3

Factual Score: -1

Rationale: Sentence A claims that Iranian athlete Beit Sayah Sadegh displayed the ISIS flag after winning a gold medal at the Paralympics 2024 and was only disqualified. Sentence B is from DFRAC_ORG, a fact-checking organization, and the title of the article is 'Did Iranian Athlete unfurl ISIS flag in Paralympics, Paris 2024?'. This indicates that Sentence B is explicitly debunking the claim made in Sentence A.

Evidence Snippet #4

Factual Score: 0

Rationale: Sentence A claims that Iranian athlete Sadegh Beit Sayah displayed the ISIS flag after winning gold at the Paralympics 2024 and was only disqualified. Sentence B, from the Hindustan Times, asks about the reason for Sadegh Beit Sayah's disqualification and Navdeep's gold upgrade.

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While both sentences refer to the same athlete and Paralympics, they present different aspects of the situation. Sentence A makes a specific claim about displaying an ISIS flag, which is not directly addressed in the headline of Sentence B. Therefore, they do not describe the same real-world situation.

Evidence Snippet #5

Factual Score: 0

Rationale: Sentence A claims that Sadegh Beit Sayah displayed the ISIS flag after winning a gold medal and suggests he should have been treated like a terrorist. Sentence B simply states that he was stripped of his gold medal. While both refer to the same athlete and event (Paralympics and Sadegh Beit Sayah), they present different facts. Sentence B does not confirm or deny the claim about the ISIS flag, nor does it discuss the suggested treatment of a terrorist. Therefore, they describe different facts.

Evidence Snippet #6

Factual Score: -1

Rationale: Sentence B is from a fact-checking source and explicitly states that the claim in Sentence A (Iranian athlete displaying an ISIS flag) is false. It clarifies that he displayed a religious flag, not an ISIS banner.

Evidence Snippet #7

Factual Score: 0

Rationale: Sentence A claims that Iranian athlete Sadegh Beit Sayah displayed the ISIS flag after winning a gold medal and suggests he should have been treated like a terrorist. Sentence B simply states that Sadegh Beit Sayah was disqualified from the Paralympics. While both sentences refer to the same athlete and event (Paralympics 2024), they present different facts. Sentence B does not confirm or deny the claim about the ISIS flag, and therefore they do not describe the same real-world situation.

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Text vs. Text Analysis (cont.)

Evidence Snippet #8

Factual Score: -1

Rationale: Sentence A claims that Iranian athlete Beit Sayah Sadegh displayed the ISIS flag after winning a gold medal at the Paralympics 2024 and was only disqualified. Sentence B, from IRNA English (a state-run Iranian news agency), reports that Iran's Beit Sayah's Paralympics gold was stripped over a religious flag. This implies that the claim of displaying an ISIS flag is being contested by a fact-checking source (IRNA), thus debunking the claim in Sentence A.

Evidence Snippet #9

Factual Score: -1

Rationale: Sentence B is from News Mobile, a fact-checking website, and the title indicates it addresses the claim made in Sentence A (that the Iranian athlete displayed an ISIS flag). The title explicitly states it will provide the 'Truth' regarding this claim, implying a debunking or verification of the claim. Therefore, Sentence B is explicitly debunking the claim in Sentence A.

Evidence Snippet #10

Factual Score: 0

Rationale: Sentence A claims that Iranian athlete Sadegh Beit Sayah displayed the ISIS flag after winning a gold medal at the Paralympics 2024 and suggests he should have been treated like a terrorist. Sentence B is a news article explaining the disqualification of Sadegh Beit Sayah. While both refer to the same athlete and disqualification, Sentence B does not confirm the claim about displaying the ISIS flag. Therefore, they describe different facts.