

Regarding Your 2009 Photo of Abandoned Village Near Lizereg, El Oued, Algeria

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Hi George,

I am Ari, Co-Founder and fact-check specialist of MAFINDO, a [certified](#) fact-checking organization by IFCN (International Fact-Checking Network).

Recently we receive report about [this](#) tweet,



Arab world
@Arabbeau

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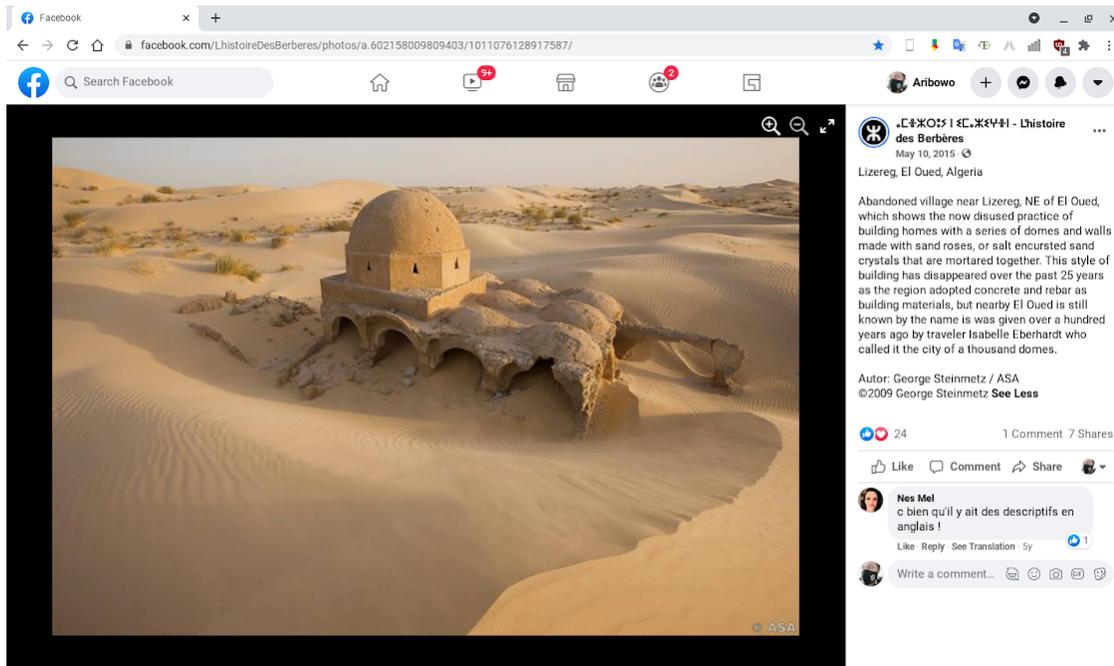
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and after doing some research I found out that the tweet doesn't match with the original description of the photo. I also found several sources a few years back who also shared with similar claims.

[This source](#)



led me to you, but unfortunately it's not sufficiently authoritative since the account is not verified.

Therefore, as the photographer, I need your help to confirm the original context of the photo. Hopefully your clarification can refute and end the repetitive false claims (by several sources that I've mentioned above), since I can't find any fact-check articles on the photo.

Thank you, appreciate your assistance.

Thank you,

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