

# An apparently AI-generated hoax of an explosion at the Pentagon went viral online — and markets briefly dipped

A fake image of an explosion near the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., may have been created by artificial-intelligence tools.

But that didn't stop it from being spread by dozens of accounts on social media — and the stock market briefly dipped as the fake news spread.

An image appearing to show a massive cloud of smoke near a building and claims that there had been an explosion near the Pentagon started circulating on Twitter early Monday.

But the image and associated claims were fake, the Arlington Police Department said.

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