

# [***FACT CHECK: Photo Showing 'Mass Exodus' Out Of Ben Gurion Airport Is From 2022; The image is featured in a Times of Israel article from June 2022.***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BTC-YBB1-DXXD-700B-00000-00&context=1516831)

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[*Link to Image*](https://cdn01.dailycaller.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/GettyImages-1249577983-scaled-e1713191196436.jpg)

An image [*shared on X*](https://twitter.com/Le__Resistance/status/1779233348704944508), formerly Twitter, purports to show a recent “mass exodus” out of Ben Gurion Airport in Israel.

Media sources report: “Right now, Ben Gurion Airport in Israel is witnessing a mass exodus as tens of thousands of Zi0nist families flee Israel to their countries of origin.”[*#Israel*](https://twitter.com/hashtag/Israel?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw) [*#MassExodus*](https://twitter.com/hashtag/MassExodus?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw) [*#BenGurionAirport*](https://twitter.com/hashtag/BenGurionAirport?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw) [*pic.twitter.com/HjDYLfMA7p*](https://t.co/HjDYLfMA7p)

- The Resistance (@Le\_\_Resistance) [*April 13, 2024*](https://twitter.com/Le__Resistance/status/1779233348704944508?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

**Verdict: Misleading**

While the image does show a large crowd of travelers at Ben Gurion Airport in Israel, the photo is from 2022, and is not recent. The image is featured in a June 2022 Times of Israel article.

**Fact Check:**

Israel has reopened its airspace following a recent attack where Iran “launched more than 300 projectiles,” according to the [*Times of Israel*](https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-reopens-airspace-as-airlines-cancel-flights-in-wake-of-iran-attack/). Both the U.S. and Europe have urged Israel to show restraint and not engage in a retaliatory strike against Iran, [*Reuters*](https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/europe-joins-us-urging-restraint-by-israel-after-iranian-attack-2024-04-15/) reported.

The X image purports to show a recent “mass exodus” out of Ben Gurion Airport in Israel. “Media sources report: 'Right now, Ben Gurion Airport in Israel is witnessing a mass exodus as tens of thousands of Zi0nist families flee Israel to their countries of origin,'” the image's caption reads. The image, viewed over 300 times, shows a packed airport full of travelers.

The claim is misleading. While the image does show a large crowd of travelers at Ben Gurion Airport in Israel, the image is not recent. Check Your Fact conducted a reverse image search and found the image featured in a [*June 2022 article*](https://www.timesofisrael.com/chaos-at-ben-gurion-airport-seems-to-worsen-as-lines-stretch-out-of-terminal/) from the Times of Israel. According to the outlet, Ben Gurion Airport was crowded ahead of the Jewish holiday, Passover at the time. The surge in large numbers of travelers also correlated to eased COVID-19-related travel restrictions, the outlet reported.

Likewise, Check Your Fact did not find the image referenced in [*any recent credible news reports*](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=b153c82eb27ce53b&sca_upv=1&q=israel&tbm=nws&source=lnms&prmd=nmivsbtz&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjN3q6cucSFAxX0pokEHUAPDqEQ0pQJegQIDBAB&biw=1667&bih=877&dpr=2) about Israel. In fact, the opposite is true. [*Misbar*](https://misbar.com/en/factcheck/2024/04/14/this-photo-does-not-depict-a-jewish-exodus-amid-iran-israel-tensions) also indicated the image originally stemmed from the June 2022 Times of Israel article on April 14. Additionally, the image does not appear on the [*website*](https://www.iaa.gov.il/en/) for Ben Gurion Airport or its [*verified Instagram account*](https://www.instagram.com/bengurionairport_tlv). [***(RELATED: Image Claims To Show Oil Refineries Burning In Haifa)***](https://checkyourfact.com/2024/04/12/fact-check-image-claims-to-show-oil-refineries-burning-in-haifa/)

Check Your Fact has contacted Ben Gurion Airport for comment and will update this piece accordingly if one is received.

**Graphic**

JERUSALEM, ISRAEL - MARCH 27: Airport workers look at a departures flight board at Ben Gurion Airport showing cancellations to flights leaving Israel until further notice following widespread strikes in protest of the judicial overhaul on March 27, 2023 in Jerusalem, Israel. Yesterday's dismissal of Defense Minister Yoav Gallant intensified the political crisis sparked by the Netanyahu government's planned judicial overhaul, designed to limit the court's authority over Parliament. (Photo by Amir Levy/Getty Images)

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