

## Claim



Claim: "This image shows Israeli Finance Minister Smotrich, who previously threatened to invade Lebanon, taking shelter in an Israeli bomb shelter during Hezbollah's attack on Israel on August 25, 2024."

## Actions

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reverse_search(![image 51] (media/82.jpg))  
web_search("Israeli Finance Minister Smotrich bomb shelter Hezbollah at
```

## Evidence

### Evidence from **web\_search**

The BBC News article (<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c2e4m6m1r4eo>) discusses the escalating cross-border fire between Israel and Lebanon, mentioning Hezbollah and Israeli officials, including Finance Minister Bezael Smotrich, and the impact of the attacks. The

Wikipedia article ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Majdal\\_Shams\\_attack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Majdal_Shams_attack)) discusses the Majdal Shams attack on July 27, 2024, which Israel blamed on Hezbollah, and mentions the ongoing Israel–Hezbollah conflict. The CBS News article (<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/golan-heights-attack-israel-hezbollah-airstrikes/>) discusses the recent attacks between Israel and Hezbollah, including a rocket attack on a Golan Heights soccer field, and mentions Israeli

Finance Minister Bezalet Smotrich.





## Elaboration

The evidence confirms that Bezalel Smotrich is the Israeli Finance Minister and that there have been attacks between Israel and Hezbollah. However, the evidence does not confirm that the image shows Smotrich in a bomb shelter during a Hezbollah attack on August 25, 2024. The provided articles do not mention the specific date or location.

Therefore, the claim cannot be fully verified due to a lack of information regarding the image's context and the specific date of the event.

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web_search("Bezalel Smotrich bomb shelter August 25 2024 Hezbollah")
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Evidence from **web\_search**

The article from Kashif.ps (<https://kashif.ps/en/index.php/2024/08/25/old-photo-of-israeli-ministers-in-shelter-republished-as-during-hezbollahs-recent-bombing-of-sites-in-israel/>)



states that the image

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This suggests that the claim is likely false, as the image is not from the specific event described in the claim.

## Final Judgement

The image is an old photo that was republished during recent events. The claim that the image shows Smotrich in a bomb shelter during Hezbollah's attack on August 25, 2024, is therefore not accurate.

false

## **Verdict: FALSE**

### **Justification**

The claim is false. The image is an old photo, as indicated by the Kashif.ps article (<https://kashif.ps/en/index.php/2024/08/25/old-photo-of-israeli-ministers-in-shelter-republished-as-during-hezbollahs-recent-bombing-of-sites-in-israel/>), and was republished during recent events, not specifically on August 25, 2024.