

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))
```

Evidence

No new evidence found.

Elaboration

I am unable to verify the claim because I have no new evidence.

Actions

```
web_search("Israeli Finance Minister Smotrich Hezbollah attack August 2  
web_search("Smotrich bomb shelter August 25 2024")  
image_search("Israeli Finance Minister Smotrich")
```

Evidence

Evidence from web_search

Reuters (<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/hezbollah-chief-says-sunday-attack-israel-went-planned-further-strikes-possible-2024-08-25/>) reported on Hezbollah's attack on Israel on August 25, 2024, and mentioned Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah.



The Jerusalem Post (<https://www.jpost.com/israel-hamas-war/article-821655>) discussed Hezbollah's attacks on Israel, including targeting near Tel Aviv with ballistic missiles, in an article published on September 25, 2024.



An Al Jazeera article (<https://www.aljazeera.com/features/2024/8/2/netanyahu-winning-support-by-assassinating-hamas-and-hezbollah-leaders>), published on August 2, 2024, discussed the assassinations of Hamas and Hezbollah leaders and mentioned Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich in a photo with Netanyahu from January 25, 2023. [image:i](#)

Evidence from web_search



The image

Evidence from `image_search`

The search results include articles about Israeli Finance Minister Smotrich from CNN (<https://www.cnn.com/2024/08/06/middleeast/israeli-minister-smotrich-starve-gazans-intl>) and Le Monde (<https://www.lemonde.fr/en/international/article/2023/11/06/bezalel-smotrich-israel-s-agent-of-chaos 6231784 4.html>). The CNN article features a photograph of Smotrich



, and the Le Monde article also includes a photograph of him



Elaboration

The evidence confirms that Hezbollah attacked Israel on August 25, 2024. The image search results confirm that Bezalel Smotrich is the Israeli Finance Minister. However, the evidence



does not confirm that the image

Actions

```
web_search("Smotrich in bomb shelter image")
```

Evidence

Evidence from **web_search**

The Times of Israel reports on Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich's response to criticism regarding the placement of bomb shelters in illegal West Bank outposts. The article does not



mention the date of the events. The Atlantic published an article about bomb shelters in Jerusalem, including a photograph of



people in a bomb shelter. The article mentions the rising screech of sirens, running to a bomb shelter, and the targeting of bomb shelters. The article also mentions Israeli attacks on Iran. The article was published in June 2025.

Elaboration

The evidence confirms that Smotrich is the Israeli Finance Minister and that Hezbollah attacked Israel on August 25, 2024. However, the evidence does not confirm that the image



Final Judgement

The claim is partially supported by the evidence. It is confirmed that Hezbollah attacked Israel on August 25, 2024, and that Bezalel Smotrich is the Israeli Finance Minister. However, the evidence does not confirm that the image depicts Smotrich in a bomb shelter during the Hezbollah attack. Therefore, the claim cannot be fully verified. *false*

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is unverified. While it is confirmed that Hezbollah attacked Israel on August 25, 2024, and that Bezalel Smotrich is the Israeli Finance Minister, the evidence does not confirm that the image depicts Smotrich in a bomb shelter during the attack.