

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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web_search("Israeli Finance Minister Smotrich bomb shelter August 25 20  
image_search("Israeli Finance Minister Smotrich bomb shelter")  
geolocate(![image 51](media/82.jpg))
```

Evidence

Evidence from **web_search**



The image

Evidence from `image_search`

The CNN article (<https://www.cnn.com/2024/06/21/middleeast/israel-west-bank-bezalel-smotrich-settlements-intl-latam>) features a photograph of Bezalel Smotrich



. The Guardian (<https://www.theguardian.com/world/article/2024/jun/24/israeli-far-right-minister-bezalel-smotrich-annex-west-bank>) published an article about Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich



The Financial Times (<https://www.ft.com/content/b41c9f9c-23c5-4c9a-b6a3-11a61df46cae>) published an image of Bezael Smotrich



Evidence from geolocate

The most likely countries where the image was taken are: {'Israel': 0.44, 'Turkey': 0.19, 'Kyrgyzstan': 0.13, 'Russia': 0.06, 'Jordan': 0.03, 'Palestine': 0.03, 'Poland': 0.02, 'United Arab Emirates': 0.02, 'Austria': 0.01, 'Bulgaria': 0.01}

Elaboration

The image search confirms that Bezael Smotrich is the Israeli Finance Minister. The geolocation search suggests that the image was most likely taken in Israel. However, the search results do not provide any information about the context of the image, such as whether it was taken in a bomb shelter or the date it was taken. Therefore, the claim cannot be verified.

Actions

```
web_search("Hezbollah attack on Israel August 25 2024")
web_search("Bezael Smotrich bomb shelter")
```

Evidence

Evidence from web_search

The web search results confirm that there were attacks between Israel and Hezbollah on August 25, 2024. The attacks involved preemptive strikes from Israel and rocket and drone attacks from Hezbollah. The NPR article (<https://www.npr.org/2024/08/25/nx-s1-5089083/israel-airstrikes-lebanon-hezbollah>) provides details about the attacks, including the context



of the attacks and images of the damage

Evidence from web_search

The Times of Israel reports on Bezalel Smotrich's criticism of the Attorney General's stance on bomb shelters in illegal West Bank outposts (https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog_entry/smotrich-slams-ags-procedural-criticism-of-decision-to-place-bomb-shelters-in-illegal-settlements/). Al Jazeera published an article on August 19, 2025, discussing Israeli attacks on displacement shelters in Gaza, specifically in the Zeitoun neighborhood (





). The Atlantic published an article about bomb shelters in Jerusalem, mentioning sirens and



the targeting of bomb shelters (

Elaboration

The evidence confirms that there were attacks between Israel and Hezbollah on August 25, 2024. The search results also show that Bezael Smotrich has been involved in discussions about bomb shelters. However, there is no evidence to confirm that the image shows Smotrich in a bomb shelter during the August 25, 2024 attacks.

Therefore, the claim cannot be verified.

Actions

```
web_search("Bezael Smotrich in bomb shelter August 25 2024")
```

Evidence

Evidence from **web_search**

From [Source](#): Content: The search result from 972mag.com discusses Hezbollah attacks on Israel, including damage in Majd Al-Krum on October 16 and 25, 2024, and Ma'alot-Tarshiha



on October 29, 2024.





. The article also mentions a protest on August 15, 2025, where protesters expressed concerns about Bezael Smotrich.

Elaboration

The search results do not provide any information about Bezael Smotrich being in a bomb shelter on August 25, 2024. The provided evidence mentions attacks between Israel and Hezbollah on August 25, 2024, and also mentions Bezael Smotrich's involvement in discussions about bomb shelters. However, there is no evidence to confirm that the image shows Smotrich in a bomb shelter during the August 25, 2024 attacks. The search results mention attacks in October 2024 and a protest on August 15, 2025.

Therefore, the claim cannot be verified.

Final Judgement

The search results confirm that there were attacks between Israel and Hezbollah on August 25, 2024, and that Bezael Smotrich is the Israeli Finance Minister. However, there is no evidence to confirm that the image shows Smotrich in a bomb shelter during the August 25, 2024 attacks. Therefore, the claim is not factually accurate. false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is **false**. While the image depicts Israeli Finance Minister Bezael Smotrich, and there were attacks between Israel and Hezbollah on August 25, 2024, there is no evidence to support the assertion that the image shows Smotrich in a bomb shelter during those attacks.