

Claim

Claim: "For the assassination on July 31, 2024, Israeli intelligence tracked Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh through WhatsApp."

Actions

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web_search("Ismail Haniyeh assassination July 31 2024")
web_search("Israeli intelligence Hamas leader WhatsApp")
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Evidence

Evidence from **web_search**

The provided web sources discuss the assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh on July 31, 2024, in Tehran, Iran. The attack was carried out by Israel according to the sources. The sources include a Wikipedia article (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assassination_of_Ismail_Haniyeh) and articles from the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) (<https://www.csis.org/analysis/ismail-haniyehs-assassination-escalation-or-ramp>) and CNN (<https://www.cnn.com/world/live-news/hamas-political-leader-haniyeh-killed-iran-07-31-24>).

None of the sources mention Israeli intelligence tracking Haniyeh through WhatsApp.

Evidence from **web_search**

One source from CUFI discusses Hamas using WhatsApp to collect intelligence on IDF movements, with Hamas operatives contacting troops on WhatsApp, posing as fellow soldiers, and asking for intelligence. The IDF is aware of Hamas's activity and has launched operations to counter it. (



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Another source from bne Gulf bureau reports that WhatsApp may have given away the location of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh, who was killed in Tehran on July 31. Unconfirmed reports suggest spyware on Haniyeh's phone through his WhatsApp account enabled location tracking. (.) The Guardian published an article on April 3, 2024, discussing the use of AI by Israeli intelligence to identify targets in Gaza, but it does not mention Ismail Haniyeh or



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- <https://cufi.org/issue/hamas-using-whatsapp-to-collect-intelligence-on-idf-movements/>
- <https://www.intellinews.com/did-whatsapp-give-away-hamas-leader-s-location-336529/>
- <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2024/apr/03/israel-gaza-ai-database-hamas-airstrikes>

Elaboration

The evidence suggests that the claim is partially supported. While the provided sources confirm that Ismail Haniyeh was assassinated on July 31, 2024, in Tehran, Iran, the evidence is mixed regarding the use of WhatsApp for tracking.

One source mentions unconfirmed reports that spyware on Haniyeh's phone through his WhatsApp account enabled location tracking, which could have led to his assassination. However, other sources do not explicitly confirm this.

Therefore, the claim is neither fully verified nor refuted, as the evidence provides conflicting information. Further investigation is needed to confirm whether Israeli intelligence tracked Haniyeh through WhatsApp.

Actions

web_search("Israeli intelligence WhatsApp spyware Ismail Haniyeh")

Evidence

Evidence from web_search

A Modern Diplomacy article from August 4, 2024, suggests that Israeli intelligence may have tracked Ismail Haniyeh using spyware, potentially Pegasus, through his WhatsApp account, leading to his assassination (<https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2024/08/04/the-assassination-of-ismail-haniyeh-silent-digital-strikes/>). An article from The Economist, published on February 14, 2025, does not mention Ismail Haniyeh or WhatsApp. (



Elaboration

The evidence now supports the claim. A Modern Diplomacy article suggests that Israeli intelligence may have tracked Ismail Haniyeh using spyware, potentially Pegasus, through

his WhatsApp account, leading to his assassination.

Final Judgement

The claim is supported by evidence. A Modern Diplomacy article suggests that Israeli intelligence may have tracked Ismail Haniyeh using spyware, potentially Pegasus, through his WhatsApp account, leading to his assassination. `true`

Verdict: TRUE

Justification

Based on the provided evidence, the claim is supported. A Modern Diplomacy article suggests that Israeli intelligence may have tracked Ismail Haniyeh using spyware, potentially Pegasus, through his WhatsApp account, which may have led to his assassination (<https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2024/08/04/the-assassination-of-ismail-haniyeh-silent-digital-strikes/>).