

# 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 tracking")
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## Evidence

### Evidence from `web_search`

The provided 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 a CNN article (<https://www.cnn.com/world/live-news/hamas-political-leader-haniyeh-killed-iran-07-31-24>). The CSIS article (<https://www.csis.org/analysis/ismail-haniyehs-assassination-escalation-or-ramp>) also discusses the assassination.

The Wikipedia article ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assassination\\_of\\_Ismail\\_Haniyeh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assassination_of_Ismail_Haniyeh)) does not mention any information about WhatsApp tracking. The CNN article mentions that Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei ordered a direct attack on Israel following the killing.



Evidence from web\_search

An article from bne Gulf bureau, published on August 1, 2024, discusses the assassination of Ismail Haniyeh on July 31, 2024, suggesting that WhatsApp may have revealed his location, potentially through spyware. The article mentions that Haniyeh was killed in Tehran. (<https://www.intellinews.com/did-whatsapp-give-away-amas-leader-s-location-336529/>) .

Truthout reports on the alleged use of WhatsApp data by Israeli intelligence for targeting Palestinians with an AI system called Lavender. The article mentions that the Israeli military may be tracking communications via WhatsApp to identify targets. (<https://truthout.org/articles/report-indicates-israel-uses-whatsapp-data-in-targeted-killings-of-palestinians/>)  
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## Elaboration

The evidence suggests that Israeli intelligence may have tracked Ismail Haniyeh through WhatsApp. An article from bne Gulf bureau (<https://www.intellinews.com/did-whatsapp-give-away-amas-leader-s-location-336529/>) implies that WhatsApp may have revealed his location, potentially through spyware. Additionally, Truthout reports that Israel uses WhatsApp data in targeted killings of Palestinians (<https://truthout.org/articles/report-indicates-israel-uses-whatsapp-data-in-targeted-killings-of-palestinians/>).

The evidence supports the claim that Israeli intelligence tracked Haniyeh through WhatsApp, although the exact methods used are not explicitly detailed.

## Final Judgement

The evidence suggests that Israeli intelligence may have tracked Ismail Haniyeh through WhatsApp, potentially using spyware or data obtained from the platform. While the exact methods are not fully detailed, the available information supports the claim.

true

**Verdict: TRUE**

## Justification

The claim is supported by evidence suggesting that Israeli intelligence may have tracked Ismail Haniyeh through WhatsApp. An article from bne Gulf bureau (<https://www.intellinews.com/did-whatsapp-give-away-amas-leader-s-location-336529/>) implies that WhatsApp may have revealed his location, and Truthout reports that Israel uses WhatsApp data in targeted killings (<https://truthout.org/articles/report-indicates-israel-uses-whatsapp-data-in-targeted-killings-of-palestinians/>).