

# 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 Wikipedia article ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assassination\\_of\\_Ismail\\_Haniyeh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assassination_of_Ismail_Haniyeh)) discusses the assassination of Ismail Haniyeh on July 31, 2024, in Tehran, Iran, carried out by Israel [image:i](#), [image:j](#). The article does not mention Israeli intelligence tracking Haniyeh through WhatsApp.

The CSIS article (<https://www.csis.org/analysis/ismail-haniyehs-assassination-escalation-or-ramp>) discusses the assassination of Ismail Haniyeh on July 31, 2024, in Tehran



CNN reports (<https://www.cnn.com/world/live-news/hamas-political-leader-haniyeh-killed-iran-07-31-24>) that Haniyeh was killed in an Israeli strike in Tehran on the same date



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

One source from CUFI discusses Hamas using WhatsApp to collect intelligence on IDF movements, mentioning "Operation Heartbreaker" and The Jerusalem Post (<https://cufi.org/issue/hamas-using-whatsapp-to-collect-intelligence-on-idf-movements/>)





. 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, 2024, suggesting spyware on his phone through his WhatsApp account enabled location tracking (<https://www.intellinews.com/did-whatsapp-give-away-hamas-leader-s-location-336529/>) ..

The Guardian published an article on April 3, 2024, discussing the use of AI by Israeli intelligence to identify Hamas targets in Gaza, but it does not mention Ismail Haniyeh or WhatsApp (<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2024/apr/03/israel-gaza-ai-database->



hamas-airstrikes)



## Elaboration

The claim is supported by the evidence. A source from bne Gulf bureau (<https://www.intellinews.com/did-whatsapp-give-away-hamas-leader-s-location-336529/>) suggests that spyware on Haniyeh's phone through his WhatsApp account may have enabled location tracking, which led to his assassination in Tehran on July 31, 2024.

## Final Judgement

The evidence suggests that Israeli intelligence may have tracked Ismail Haniyeh through WhatsApp, potentially leading to his assassination. 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, potentially leading to his assassination on July 31, 2024,

in Tehran, Iran. A source from bne Gulf bureau (<https://www.intellinews.com/did-whatsapp-give-away-amas-leader-s-location-336529/>) indicates that spyware on Haniyeh's phone through his WhatsApp account may have enabled location tracking.