### Claim

Claim: "



This is an authentic image of Esmail Qaani, the commander of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards, disguised in a hijab in fear of Israeli bombing."

### **Actions**

reverse\_search(![image 57] (media/88.jpg))
web\_search("Esmail Qaani hijab disguise")

## **Evidence**

### Evidence from reverse\_search

From <u>Source</u>: Found exact image on website with title: "From Commander To Ghost: Qaani's Great Escape?" - Foreign Affairs Content: The search result is from Nairaland, a Nigerian forum. It discusses an article titled "From Commander To Ghost: Qaani's Great Escape?" which references an image of Esmail Qaani, commander of Iran's IRGC Quds Force, in

civilian disguise. The article suggests this was a tactic following reported Israeli airstrikes. The post includes a link to an X post by @MOSSADil, which juxtaposes images of Qaani in military attire and civilian disguise. The forum also contains comments from users discussing the situation.



is included in the post.

### Evidence from web\_search

The Nairaland Forum discusses a photo of Esmail Qaani in a hijab, which circulated during the Israel-Hezbollah war, suggesting his escape when an attempt was made on his life while in Lebanon. The JFeed article discusses rumors that Qaani might be a spy for Israel's Mossad, and that he was reportedly killed in an Israeli airstrike. The New Arab reports that Qaani is in good health and includes a photo of him. <a href="mage:k">image:k</a>

The sources are: <a href="https://www.nairaland.com/8460455/commander-ghost-qaanis-great-escape/1">https://www.nairaland.com/8460455/commander-ghost-qaanis-great-escape/1</a>, <a href="https://www.newarab.com/news-israel/ismail-qaani-mossad-agent-rumors">https://www.newarab.com/news/iran-quds-forces-qaani-good-health-following-death-claims</a>.

### **Elaboration**

The evidence suggests that the image is of Esmail Qaani in disguise. The Nairaland forum

post, referencing an article, discusses the image in the context of reported Israeli airstrikes and Qaani's attempts to avoid being targeted. The web search results further support this, mentioning the image's circulation during the Israel-Hezbollah war and rumors of an assassination attempt.

The evidence does not explicitly confirm the reason for the disguise, but it implies that it was a tactic to avoid being targeted. The context provided by the sources suggests that the disguise was likely a response to threats or attacks.

The claim is likely true, based on the available evidence.

# **Final Judgement**

The image is of Esmail Qaani in disguise, as indicated by multiple sources. The context suggests the disguise was a tactic to avoid being targeted, possibly due to threats or attacks.

true

**Verdict: TRUE** 

#### **Justification**

The image depicts Esmail Qaani in disguise, as indicated by multiple sources, including a post on the <u>Nairaland forum</u>. The context suggests the disguise was a tactic to avoid being targeted, possibly due to threats or attacks.