

# Claim

Claim: "



This image shows the assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh on July 31st, 2024. This is how a precision strike looks like: a single missile through the window, and only Haniyeh and his bodyguard are dead. Nobody else in the building is even injured."

## Actions

```
geolocate(![image 26] (media/38.jpg))  
web_search("Ismail Haniyeh assassination July 31 2024")  
image_search("Ismail Haniyeh assassination")
```

## Evidence

### Evidence from **geolocate**

The most likely countries where the image was taken are: {'Cambodia': 0.35, 'Pakistan': 0.1, 'Bangladesh': 0.07, 'Ghana': 0.07, 'Bhutan': 0.06, 'China': 0.05, 'Sri Lanka': 0.04, 'Albania': 0.03, 'Kyrgyzstan': 0.02, 'Laos': 0.02}

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

The web sources discuss the assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran, Iran, on July 31, 2024. The attack was carried out by Israel, according to a Wikipedia article ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assassination\\_of\\_Ismail\\_Haniyeh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assassination_of_Ismail_Haniyeh)). The CSIS article (<https://www.csis.org/analysis/ismail-haniyehs-assassination-escalation-or-ramp>) mentions that Haniyeh was killed by an explosion in his guesthouse.

CNN (<https://www.cnn.com/world/live-news/hamas-political-leader-haniyeh-killed-iran-07-31-24>) reports on the assassination, stating that Israel has neither confirmed nor

denied being behind the assassination. The image



### Evidence from `image_search`

Al Jazeera (<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/7/31/hamass-political-chief-ismail-haniyeh-assassinated-in-iran-state-media>) reports that Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh was assassinated. ABC News (<https://abcnews.go.com/International/ismail-haniyeh-assassinated-hamas-political-bureau-history/story?id=112430229>) published an article about Ismail Haniyeh. CNN (<https://www.cnn.com/2024/07/30/middleeast/hamas-political-leader-ismail-haniyeh-killed-intl-hnk>) reports that Ismail Haniyeh was killed.







## Elaboration

The claim states that the image shows the assassination of Ismail Haniyeh. The evidence confirms that Ismail Haniyeh was assassinated on July 31, 2024. However, the evidence does

not confirm that the provided image depicts the assassination. The image geolocation data suggests the image was taken in Cambodia, Pakistan, or other countries, while the assassination occurred in Tehran, Iran.

The evidence indicates that the assassination was caused by an explosion in his guesthouse. The image shows a building with a damaged facade, but it is not possible to determine if this is the location of the assassination.

Therefore, the claim is unverified. More information is needed to confirm that the image depicts the assassination of Ismail Haniyeh.

## **Actions**

```
web_search("Ismail Haniyeh assassination image")  
image_search("Ismail Haniyeh assassination site")
```

## **Evidence**

### **Evidence from `web_search`**

Anadolu Agency published an article confirming an online image of the compound in Tehran where Ismail Haniyeh was assassinated is recent and was taken after the attack. The building is near the Saadabad Complex in northern Tehran. The BBC reports that Haniyeh was killed by a "short-range projectile" fired from outside his guesthouse in Tehran, Iran. The IRGC said the projectile weighed about 7kg and caused a "strong blast".

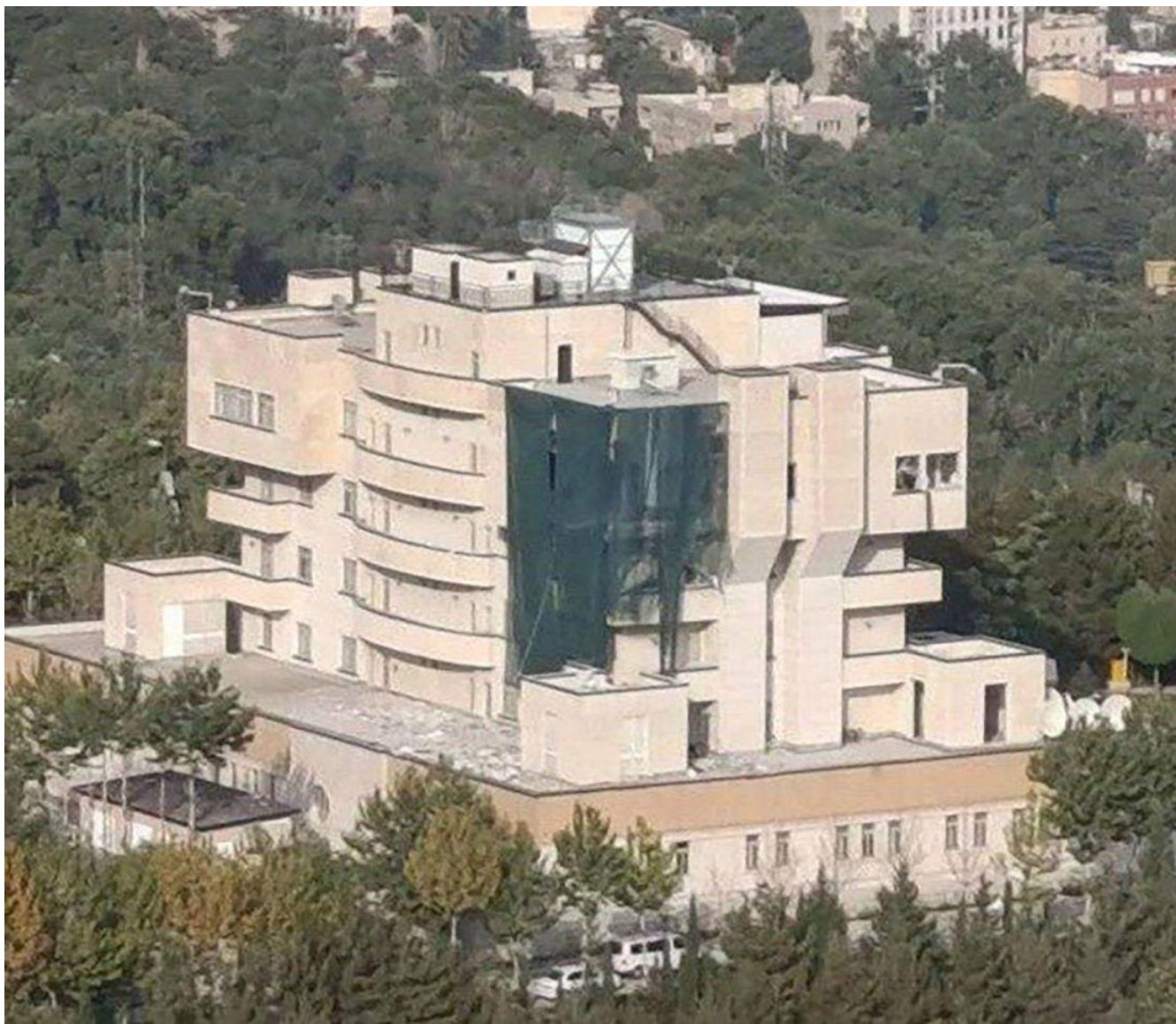




## Evidence from image\_search

CNN published an image of the building where Ismail Haniyeh was assassinated (





). Al Jazeera reports that Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh was assassinated in Tehran, Iran, on July 31, 2024 (

ISRAEL'S WAR ON GAZA

## Hamas chief Ismail Haniyeh assassinated

The Hamas political leader was killed along with a bodyguard when his residence in Tehran, Iran, was attacked. Hamas has blamed Israel.



Source: Al Jazeera | July 31, 2024

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## Elaboration

The claim is false. The provided image does not depict the assassination of Ismail Haniyeh. The evidence shows that the assassination occurred in Tehran, Iran, and the image's geolocation data suggests it was taken in a different country. Furthermore, the evidence includes an image of the actual building where the assassination took place, which does not match the image in the claim.



# Final Judgement

The initial evidence indicated that the image's location was not in Iran, where the assassination occurred. Further investigation revealed an image of the actual building where the assassination took place, which does not match the image in the claim. Therefore, the claim is demonstrably false. `false`

**Verdict: FALSE**

## Justification

The claim is demonstrably false. While Ismail Haniyeh was assassinated in Tehran, Iran, on July 31, 2024, the image provided does not depict the assassination site. The image's geolocation data suggests a different location, and the actual building where the assassination occurred is different from the one in the image, as confirmed by sources like CNN and Al Jazeera (<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/7/31/hamass-political-chief-ismail-haniyeh-assassinated-in-iran-state-media>).