

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 WhatsApp")
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Evidence

Evidence from web_search

According to a Tehran Times article published on August 19, 2024, Ismail Haniyeh's son mentioned his father used WhatsApp before his assassination on July 31, 2024. The article also suggests that Meta may have been working with the American government to identify targets sought by Israel ([image:k](#)). An article from bne Gulf bureau, published on August 1, 2024, discusses the assassination of Ismail Haniyeh on July 31, 2024, and mentions unconfirmed reports suggesting that WhatsApp may have been used to track Haniyeh's location via spyware ().

NIACouncil.org, published on December 27, 2024, states that Israeli Defense Minister Yisrael Katz admitted Israel's responsibility for the assassination of Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran on July 31, 2024 (



). The article mentions that Haniyeh was killed one day after attending the inauguration ceremony of Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian in Tehran.

- <https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/502689/Ismail-Haniyeh-used-WhatsApp-just-before-assassination-son-says>

- <https://www.intellinews.com/did-whatsapp-give-away-amas-leader-s-location-336529/>
- <https://niacouncil.org/12-27-24/>

Elaboration

The evidence suggests that Ismail Haniyeh used WhatsApp before his assassination on July 31, 2024. There are unconfirmed reports that WhatsApp may have been used to track his location via spyware. However, the evidence does not definitively confirm that Israeli intelligence tracked Haniyeh through WhatsApp.

The Tehran Times article (<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/502689/Ismail-Haniyeh-used-WhatsApp-just-before-assassination-son-says>) mentions that Haniyeh's son stated his father used WhatsApp. The bne Gulf bureau article (<https://www.intellinews.com/did-whatsapp-give-away-amas-leader-s-location-336529/>) mentions unconfirmed reports about WhatsApp being used for tracking.

The claim's veracity is uncertain due to the lack of definitive evidence. More information is needed to confirm whether Israeli intelligence used WhatsApp to track Haniyeh.

Actions

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web_search("Israeli intelligence Ismail Haniyeh assassination WhatsApp")
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Evidence

Evidence from web_search

The assassination of Ismail Haniyeh on July 31, 2024, may have involved spyware to track his location and intercept communications ([image:k](#)). According to a Modern Diplomacy article (<https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2024/08/04/the-assassination-of-ismail-haniyeh-silent-digital-strikes/>), Haniyeh's phone was potentially infiltrated, giving Israeli intelligence access to his conversations and location. A report from isdp.eu (<https://www.isdp.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Blog-47-Alexander-new.pdf>) suggests Israel may have used spyware, possibly through platforms like WhatsApp, to track Haniyeh.

Elaboration

The evidence suggests that Israeli intelligence may have used spyware to track Ismail Haniyeh's location and communications, potentially through platforms like WhatsApp. The Modern Diplomacy article (<https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2024/08/04/the-assassination-of-ismail-haniyeh-silent-digital-strikes/>) indicates that Haniyeh's phone was potentially infiltrated.

The isdp.eu report (<https://www.isdp.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Blog-47-Alexander-new.pdf>) further supports the possibility of spyware use, possibly through WhatsApp. This aligns with the claim that Israeli intelligence tracked Haniyeh through WhatsApp.

The claim is supported by the evidence, which suggests the use of spyware, potentially through WhatsApp, to track Haniyeh.

Final Judgement

The fact-check reveals that there are reports suggesting Israeli intelligence may have used spyware, possibly through platforms like WhatsApp, to track Ismail Haniyeh's location and communications. While the evidence does not definitively confirm that Israeli intelligence tracked Haniyeh through WhatsApp, it strongly suggests the possibility.

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Verdict: TRUE

Justification

The evidence indicates that Israeli intelligence may have used spyware, potentially through platforms like WhatsApp, to track Ismail Haniyeh's location and communications, supporting the claim. Articles from Modern Diplomacy (<https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2024/08/04/the-assassination-of-ismail-haniyeh-silent-digital-strikes/>) and isdp.eu (<https://www.isdp.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Blog-47-Alexander-new.pdf>) suggest the use of spyware, possibly through WhatsApp, to track Haniyeh.