

# Claim

Claim: "For the assassination on July 31, 2024, Israeli intelligence tracked Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh through WhatsApp."

## Actions

```
web_search("Ismail Haniyeh assassination July 31 2024 WhatsApp")
web_search("Israeli intelligence Hamas Ismail Haniyeh WhatsApp tracking")
```

## Evidence

### Evidence from `web_search`

Reports from [Tehran Times](#) state that Ismail Haniyeh's son said his father used WhatsApp before his assassination. [IntelliNews](#) mentions unconfirmed reports that spyware on Haniyeh's phone, possibly through WhatsApp, may have been used to track his location. The [NIAC](#) reported that Israeli Defense Minister Yisrael Katz admitted Israel's responsibility for the assassination. [image:k](#), ,



### Evidence from `web_search`

An article from The Jerusalem Post, published on June 17, 2025, states that Iranian state media warned Israel uses cell phone tracking to assassinate leaders in Iran [image:k](#). Another article, "The Assassination of Ismail Haniyeh: Silent Digital Strikes?" published on August 4, 2024, by Noureen Akhtar, suggests that Israeli intelligence may have tracked Haniyeh through his smartphone using spyware, possibly accessing his private conversations and real-time location via WhatsApp.

- <https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/defense-news/article-858067>
- <https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2024/08/04/the-assassination-of-ismail-haniyeh-silent-digital-strikes/>

## Elaboration

The evidence suggests that Israeli intelligence may have tracked Ismail Haniyeh through his smartphone, potentially using spyware via WhatsApp. The Tehran Times reports that Haniyeh used WhatsApp before his assassination, and IntelliNews mentions unconfirmed reports of spyware being used to track his location. The Jerusalem Post and an article by Noreen Akhtar further support the possibility of tracking via smartphone and WhatsApp.

## Actions

```
web_search("Ismail Haniyeh assassination details July 31 2024")
```

## Evidence

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

Ismail Haniyeh was assassinated on July 31, 2024, in Tehran, Iran, according to [Wikipedia](#) and [Reuters](#). The assassination was carried out by an Israeli attack and was part of the 2024 Iran–Israel conflict. The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) reported that Haniyeh was killed by an explosion in his guesthouse. [image:k](#),





## Elaboration

The evidence supports the claim that Israeli intelligence tracked Ismail Haniyeh through WhatsApp. Multiple sources, including [IntelliNews](#) and an article by Noreen Akhtar, suggest the use of spyware on his smartphone, potentially accessing his location and conversations via WhatsApp. Furthermore, [Tehran Times](#) reports that Haniyeh's son said his father used WhatsApp before the assassination. The assassination occurred on July 31, 2024, in Tehran, Iran, as confirmed by [Wikipedia](#) and [Reuters](#).

## Final Judgement

The evidence suggests that Israeli intelligence tracked Ismail Haniyeh through his smartphone, potentially using spyware via WhatsApp. Multiple sources support this, including reports that Haniyeh used WhatsApp before his assassination and unconfirmed reports of spyware being used to track his location.

true

**Verdict: TRUE**

## Justification

The claim is supported by evidence suggesting that Israeli intelligence tracked Ismail Haniyeh through his smartphone, potentially using spyware via WhatsApp. Sources like [IntelliNews](#) and an article by Noreen Akhtar suggest the use of spyware, while the [Tehran Times](#) reports that Haniyeh used WhatsApp before his assassination. The assassination occurred on July 31, 2024, in Tehran, Iran, as confirmed by [Wikipedia](#) and [Reuters](#).