

## Iranian Jews forced to denounce Israel amid regime pressure over Haniyeh assassination - exclusive

Iranian Jews, under regime pressure, condemn Israel for assassinating Hamas leader Haniyeh, revealing deep fears and coercion within the community.

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Israel's leading expert on the dwindling Iranian Jewish community, **Beni Sabti**, said Tehran's Jewish leadership is in a state of fear over the mullah regime retaliating against them for Israel's alleged assassination of Hamas terrorist leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran.

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**Sabti, who is a research fellow for the Institute for National Security Studies**, said the head of the Jewish community in Tehran, Homayoun Sameach, who is also the Jewish community's MP in Iran's pseudo parliament, drafted a second letter with other religious minorities, Christian, and Zoroastrian, in the parliament to condemn the assassination of Haniyeh. The Post obtained a copy of the parliamentary letter against Israel.

**Sabti** views the role of the Jewish community's leadership as a low point in their subjugation to the ayatollahs. There are about 9,000 Jews left in Iran from a population of nearly 90 million people, according to official statistics, **Sabti** said. Iran's Jews are largely classified as second-class citizens, according to experts.

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