

Man on the inside? Details of Haniyeh assassination in the heart of Tehran revealed

At the last minute the plan nearly fell apart; the air-conditioning in Haniyeh's room broke down, and he had to leave the room.

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The assassination of Hamas's political bureau leader, Ismail Haniyeh, required meticulous planning and a collaborator on the inside and was nearly derailed by a broken air conditioner, an exclusive Saturday N12 report revealed.

Haniyeh was staying in the Neshat compound in the Saadat Abad neighborhood of Tehran when he was killed on July 31, 2024. The complex houses high-level Iranian officials and IRGC members and is protected by some of the most advanced security systems in the world, the report said.

"The Haniyeh assassination was at an even higher level than the pager operation. We penetrated the inside and outside of the most guarded Iranian facility," Iran expert **Beni Sabti of the Institute for National Security Studies** told N12.

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The elite Ansar al-Mahdi unit of the IRGC was in charge of guarding Haniyeh. "These guards are selected after a great many tests and security investigations," explained Sabti.

"They are rigorously tested to ensure that they are not in contact with foreign or enemy parties, and they are highly skilled in hand-to-hand combat and weapons. For them, a senior member of a terrorist organization is equal in importance to the president of Iran."

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