

*Thousands of Palestinians protest
the assassination of Hamas
political leader Ismail Haniyeh*



Palestinians in Hebron in the occupied West Bank protest against the assassination of Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh. [Mussa Qawasma/Reuters]

Ramallah, July 31 (RHC)-- Thousands of people have marched across the occupied West Bank as well as in Lebanon and Iran to protest against the killing of Hamas chief Ismail Haniyeh.

The 62-year-old Palestinian leader was assassinated in Tehran early on Wednesday in what the Palestinian group has described as “a treacherous Zionist raid on his residence”. Israel has not confirmed

or denied its involvement.

Ismail Haniyeh was in the Iranian capital to attend the inauguration of Iran's new president, Masoud Pezeshkian, on Tuesday.

Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei will lead prayers over Haniyeh's body at Tehran University to start his funeral procession on Thursday.

The procession will move towards Azadi (Freedom) Square before Haniyeh's body is taken to Qatar's capital, Doha, for burial on Friday.

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