

# Iran Election Update

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- The U.S.-based Information and Public Opinion Solutions (IPOS), an international public opinion and research consultancy that claims to conduct the only tracking poll on Iranian presidential elections, released their latest polling data today. Hassan Rouhani leads all candidates with 26%, followed by Mohammed Bagher Qalibaf with 24%, and Saeed Jalili in third place with 13%. Iranian-American journalist Negar Mortazavi [tweeted](#) a picture of the results. IPOS says it bases its data on daily phone interviews with a sample size of 1,000 people. Last week [Qalibaf](#) was a favorite in the IPOS poll leading with 39% while 57% of the voters contacted were still undecided.
- According to Iran's permanent ambassador to the UN, Mohammad Khazaei, Iranians living in the United States can cast their [ballots](#) at some 20 polling stations set up for the upcoming presidential vote in Iran. "The number of polling stations across the states depends on the local population of Iranian expatriates," Khazaei said. "Six of these 20 stations will be set up in California and the remaining 14 in the states of New York, New Jersey, Washington, Maryland, and Virginia," he explained.
- In a nationally televised debate, spokesmen for the Rouhani and Jalili campaign debated their respective candidate's political and social positions. At one point Mahmoud Vaezi, a spokesperson for the Rouhani camp, [said](#), "Jalili is a follower of an extremist foreign policy much like Taliban's."
- Speaker of Parliament Ali Larijani [said](#), "The revolution will receive new energy with the people's vote."
- In an [interview](#) with Khabar Online, candidate Ali Akbar Velayati said, "The people are ready for some calmness," and "I think those interested in economic, political, and cultural development will vote for me."
- In order to get out the vote, former president Hashemi Rafsanjani [said](#), "People that say our vote has no effect or still have doubts, they must be told that their actions are the same as those who say voting is just a show."
- At a campaign rally in a stadium in Shiraz, supporters of Hassan Rouhani once again began to chant Mir Hossein [Mousavi's](#) name. Additionally, ILNA posts photos of the youthful and [jubilant](#) crowd of men and women supporters sporting the color purple and cheering for Rouhani. YJC.IR news also posted photos of the [massive](#) amount of supporters.
- Kaleme News reports Zahra Mousavi, the daughter of Mir Hossein Mousavi and his wife Zahra Rahnavard, [said](#) her parents are declining to make any comments on the approaching election. According to Zahra, her parents are being kept completely in the dark and have no sense of the social atmosphere of the country; they prefer not make any comments regarding participation in or boycotting of the election.

- YJC.IR news posts a [video](#) clip of a BBC Persian reporter asking people in northern Tehran whether they will vote in the upcoming election. The majority of people choose not to speak with the reporter because he represents the BBC.
- ISNA posted photos of candidate Hassan Rouhani receiving a [huge](#) crowd while campaigning in Mashhad. Meanwhile, an Instagram user in Mashhad posted [photos](#) of security forces on hand to keep [control](#) of the large crowds.
- Candidate Saeed Jalili posted photos on his Instagram account of the large group of [supporters](#) as well as conservatively dressed [women](#) attending his campaign rally at the Heidarnia Martyr Sports Complex in Tehran. Golnaz Esfandiari of RFERL (Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty) tweeted a picture of a sign at a Jalili campaign meeting that [reads](#), "Today's meeting is reserved for men, with apologies to our respected sisters."
- YJC.IR news posts photos of Hassan Rouhani campaigning in one of the biggest squares in Tehran, Vanak Square in front of a [large](#) crowd of passionate and [youthful](#) supporters. Iranian-American journalist Negar Mortazavi tweeted a picture of [vast](#) procession of Rouhani supporters making their way north from Vanak Square up to Park Vey in Tajrish.
- YJC.IR news also posted photos of Ali Akbar Velayati in [Tabriz](#). ISNA posted a series of photos of the election campaign [ads](#) around the city of Arak, and ILNA posted photos of Iranians in Tehran [enthusiastically](#) campaigning (some with drums and traditional clothing) for their respective candidates in the streets of Tehran. ILNA also posts photos of candidate Mohammed Bagher Qalibaf [campaigning](#) in front of men, [women](#), and children at Palestine Square in Tehran. ISNA posted photos of Ali Akbar Velayati in the city of Rasht [speaking](#) to supporters, in addition to Qalibaf speaking to supporters in the city of [Khomeyn](#).
- Iranian-American journalist Negar Mortazavi tweeted multiple pictures today of the large Hassan Rouhani campaign rally in one of the busiest squares in Tehran. Pictures showed a large [crowd](#) and [women](#) supporters. Today is the last day of campaigning as it is illegal for candidates to campaign 24 hours before the election.
- Today in Qazvin, after a speech by politician Eshagh Jahangiri, who supports Rouhani, students spilled into the streets and began to [sing](#) the classical protest song of 1979 and 2009, "Yare Dabestan."

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Election date is June 14, 2013.