

# Iran Election Update

June 14, 2013: Election Day (Part 2)

- Outgoing President Mahmoud [Ahmadinejad](#) voted today and was accompanied by his Vice President Mohammed Reza Rahimi and the government's official spokesperson Gholam-Hossein Elham. ISNA posts a series of [photos](#) of the president voting for the last time while in office, as does [Fars](#) News.
- After voting with his wife and son on Election Day, former president Hashemi Rafsanjani [said](#), "I hope the results of this election will lead to national unity."
- Fars News predicts that there will be a [record](#)-breaking election participation rate and provides a province-by-province summary breakdown of election participation.
- Abas Aslani, general director for Fars News, through a series of [Tweets](#), said that a second round runoff vote is likely to occur, and that the deputy director of the Iranian state TV is preparing to organize second-round televised debates between the two candidates who will be atop of today's election polls.
- The Deputy Governor of Tehran Saeed Ahmadi Shahrki, [announced](#) that the polls have officially closed and that votes are being counted in the last remaining voting province, the Tehran Province.
- Even though there has been an extension for the voting deadline in the Tehran Province, Mohammad Nasrati of the Interior Ministry [announced](#) that ballots are beginning to be counted in the smaller cities and village.
- Ali Abdullah, the Secretary of the Interior Ministry, [said](#), "Currently, security forces have had no instances of security threats involving the elections."
- English news PressTV [reports](#) that the Iranian Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance, Seyyed Mohammad Hosseini, said over 450 foreign reporters are covering the elections.
- An Instagram user in Iran named "[hoorahoor](#)" posted a picture of Fakhrosadat Mohtashamipour wearing green colors and voting at the Hosseinieh Ershad Mosque voting station. She is the wife of the well-known and outspoken jailed reformist politician Mostafa Tajzadeh.
- Former female Iranian vice president Masoumeh Ebtekar [said](#) she does not expect today's presidential election to go to a second round and hopes her candidate, Hassan Rouhani, will emerge as the winner. "I don't think there will be a second run. I hope not," said Ebtekar, "We see rising support" for Rouhani.

- Fars News posts a series of multiple sets of photos of Iranians in specific cities voting at the ballot box: voters in [Kermanshah](#); voters in [Isfahan](#); voters literally in the water on the [Persian](#) Gulf; voters in the earthquake-stricken region of [Arasbaran](#); voters in [Qom](#). There are also three general sets of voters from around the country: set [one](#), set [two](#), set [three](#), set [four](#).
- ISNA posts more sets of photos of Iranians voting at the ballot box. Set [six](#), set seven reveals a bride and groom voting on their [wedding](#) day, set [eight](#), set [nine](#), set [ten](#), set [eleven](#).
- ISNA posts a series of photos of Iranians in [London](#) voting at the Iranian Embassy.
- ILNA posts multiple sets of photos of Iranians voting on Election Day in [Mashhad](#), as well as other general sets of photos of Iranian voters at the ballot box: set [one](#), set [two](#), set [three](#), set [four](#), set [five](#).

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