

Iran Election Update

June 20, 2013: Election Results

- President-elect Hassan Rouhani met with the director of state television IRIB Ezzatollah Zarghami and [said](#), "Whatever has happened is now in the past. In order to realize the ideals of the Islamic Revolution we must put effort toward the path of moderation... and toward the future of the country."
- Former presidential candidate Mohammed Reza Aref [met](#) with a group of female reformist activists and said, "God willing we will strengthen the foundation of NGOs, and our first priority is the work of women who are comprised of 50% of the population." He continued, "Everyone needs to help out the new president-elect Mr. Rouhani and he shouldn't have to feel like people are imposing on him."
- President-elect Rouhani [said](#), "We are indebted to the epic guidelines set forth by the Supreme Leader, and we must thank the great lord for providing the capacity of such a presidential victory." He continued, "I need to thank and show my appreciation to all of the educators, scholars, writers, teachers, and young people who took part in this passionate election...as well Dr. Mohammed Aref, Mr. Rafsanjani, and Mr. Khatami."
- The head of the Iranian elections outside of Iran, Seyed Javad Sajjadi, [said](#) that out of the 36,704,156 people who voted in this year's presidential election, 5 million of them were Iranians outside of the country. The Iranian diaspora was able to cast ballots at more than 290 voting stations in 96 different countries around the world.
- The editor of Mehr News, Reza Moghadassi, [said](#) the media in this year's presidential election had a huge influence and effect on the people's participation.
- PressTV [reports](#) that Tunisian President Moncef Marzouki congratulated president-elect Rouhani in a telephone conversation and said Iran's new president is capable of resolving major problems in the region and the Muslim world. He said that his country has pinned its hopes on Iran's president-elect to solve the problems that the region and the Muslim world are currently grappling with, including the conflict in Syria.
- ISNA posted a series of [photos](#) of current president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad meeting with members of the Iranian National Soccer Team in the wake of their recent qualification into the 2014 World Cup, which will be held in Brazil.
- Jahan News provides an informative and complete [list](#) of all the candidates in the local and city council elections and the final results in all 30 provinces. The report says that the principalist faction won the majority of the seats in all 30 provinces. The official results are: principalist candidates won 60% of the seats, independents won 33%, and reformists won 17% of the seats.
- In the wake of [reports](#) in the Iranian media about possible cabinet positions in the Rouhani government, prominent Tehran-based political analyst and University of Tehran political science professor Sadegh Zibakalam sat down for an [interview](#) with Jahan News and provided a few suggestions for president-elect Rouhani. "The future government can use (former presidential candidates) Mr. Aref as vice president, Mr. Qalibaf as minister of roads and urban planning, Mr. Velayati as foreign minister, Mr. Rezaei as minister of economic affairs, and Mr. Gharazi as the minister of industry and mines," said Zibakalam.

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