

Double threat to Iran establishment

With President Ahmadinejad ruled out of standing for a third straight term, almost 700 people, including key opponents of the clerical establishment, have registered as candidates for the June 14 presidential election

All candidates must be approved by Supreme Leader **Ayatollah Ali Khomeini** and hard-line **Guardian Council**

MODERATE: Religious conservative, politically liberal ▶

Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani: President from 1989-97, sided with reformist **Green Movement** during 2009 protests. Backed by business community for liberal economic views and moderate foreign policy. Endorsed by reformist former President **Mohammad Khatami**



◀ **NATIONALIST:** Right-wing, culturally liberal

Esfandiar Rahim Mashaei: Populist former chief of staff and protégé – some say mentor – of Ahmadinejad. Denounced as “deviant” by hardliners

PRINCIPLIST: Hardline religious establishment

◀ **Saeed Jalili:** Nuclear negotiator since 2007. Hardline conservative close to Supreme Leader but lacks rivals’ popularity

Ali Akbar Velayati: Former nuclear negotiator and senior adviser to Khomeini, but maintains ties to Rafsanjani ▶

◀ **Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf:** Charismatic Tehran Mayor, former national police chief and pragmatic conservative

Gholam-Ali Haddad-Adel: Former Speaker in parliament, adviser to Khomeini ▶

◀ **Mohsen Rezaei:** Former head of Revolutionary Guards. Lost in 2009 election

Hassan Rohani: Moderate British-educated cleric, former nuclear negotiator, close to Rafsanjani ▶

