

Opponents barred from Iran election

Former president Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani and Ahmadinejad-protégé Esfandiar Rahim Mashaei have both been excluded from standing in the June 14 presidential election, clearing a path for loyalist favourites

Eight candidates approved by Supreme Leader
Ayatollah Ali Khomeini and hard-line **Guardian Council**



◀ **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. Daughter married to Khomeini's son ▶



◀ **Mohsen Rezaei:** Former Revolutionary Guards chief. Wanted by Argentina for 1994 bombing of Jewish centre in Buenos Aires

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



◀ **Mohammad Qarazi:** Former minister running on anti-inflation platform

Mohammad Reza Aref: Reformist former Vice-President ▶

