

Iran's approved presidential candidates

Iran's presidential contest is heading to a showdown between the country's hardline chief justice and its moderate former Central Bank governor, as three alternative candidates drop out



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Clerical vetting body
has barred prominent
reformists from standing



■ **Ebrahim Raisi:** Judiciary chief seen as clear frontrunner. Believed to be favourite of Iran's Supreme Leader **Ayatollah Ali Khamenei**. A win would boost Raisi's chances of succeeding Khamenei

■ **Abdolnaser Hemmati:** Former ambassador to China and Central Bank governor is seen as ally of outgoing President **Hassan Rouhani**. Only moderate contender in presidential race



■ **Mohsen Rezaei:** Former chief of Iran's Revolutionary Guards. Holds PhD in economics

■ **Amir-Hossein Ghazizadeh Hashemi:** Hardline deputy speaker of parliament – has pledged to boost Iran's battered economy

