

## IR Proposed Government Structure: Republic of Iran

#### 1. President (Rais-e Jomhur)

- Position: Head of State and Government
- Elected by: Direct national election
- Term: Fixed (e.g., 4 or 5 years), renewable once
- Responsibilities:
  - Represents the nation in foreign affairs and diplomacy.
  - Enforces laws and oversees executive functions.
  - Appoints the Cabinet (with Parliamentary approval).
  - Signs legislation into law or returns it with objections (limited veto).
  - Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.
  - May call referendums or dissolve Parliament in specific constitutional circumstances (if allowed).

## 2. Parliament (Majles-e Melli)

A bicameral or unicameral legislature

## A. Lower House - National Assembly (Majles-e Showra-ye Melli)

**Members:** Elected by the people.

- Responsibilities:
  - Proposes and passes laws.
  - Approves the national budget.
  - Confirms or rejects presidential appointments.
  - Can impeach the President or ministers.

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#### B. Upper House - Senate (Majles-e Sena)

- Members: Elected regionally or by indirect means.
- Responsibilities:
  - Reviews legislation for national and constitutional consistency.
  - Represents provincial and ethnic interests.
  - Acts as a check on populism or partisan overreach.
- \*\* Parliament will dissolve present Constitution of Iran and ratify new Constitution.

## 3. Council of Ministers (Shoraye Vaziran)

- Appointed by: President, confirmed by Parliament
- Responsibilities:
  - Leads ministries such as Defense, Interior, Economy, Health, etc.
  - Implements laws and manages national policy in respective areas.
  - o Advises President on domestic and foreign issues.

#### 4. Judiciary (Ghovveh-ye Qazaieh)

- Supreme Court and Constitutional Court
- Appointed by: President, confirmed by Parliament
- Responsibilities:
  - Independent interpretation of laws and the Constitution.
  - Adjudicates disputes between branches of government.
  - Reviews the constitutionality of laws.
  - Protects the rights and liberties of individuals.
  - o Administers civil, criminal, and administrative justice.

## 5. Election Commission (Komision-e Entekhabat)

- Appointed by: The Legislature
- Responsibilities:
  - Oversees national, local, and referendum elections.
  - Ensures transparency and fairness in electoral processes.
  - Certifies results and handles election disputes.

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#### 6. Armed Forces (Niruha-ye Mosallah)

- Commander-in-Chief: President
- Defense Minister: Appointed by President, confirmed by Parliament
- Oversight: Parliament holds full control over funding & operations
- Military Code: Civilian-led, professional, nonpartisan
- Structure: Army, Navy, Air Force, Cyber, Special Forces, optional Territorial Defense
- No parallel forces or religious loyalty tests
- Military bound to constitution and human rights
- Parliamentary approval required for foreign military operations

#### 7. Local Governments (Dolathae Mahalli)

- Governors, Mayors, and Councils
- Elected by: Local populations
- Responsibilities:
  - Manage cities, provinces, and municipalities.
  - Implement national policy at the local level.
  - Provide services like water, education, transportation, zoning.

## 8. Constitutional Council (Shora-ye Ghanun-e Asasi)

- Members: Legal scholars, elected or appointed
- Responsibilities:
  - Ensures all legislation aligns with democratic principles and constitution.
  - Can delay or strike down laws that violate rights or procedures.

## 9. Independent Institutions (Nahadha-ye Mostaqel)

- Examples: Human Rights Commission, Anti-Corruption Authority, Media Oversight Board
- **Appointed by:** Via a balanced and transparent multi-branch process not controlled by one political faction or government branch.
- Responsibilities:
  - Monitor abuses of power.
  - Protect civil rights and freedoms.
  - Provide independent checks on government branches.

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# **Key Features of the Republic:**

- **No Monarchy** All officials are elected or appointed democratically.
- Full separation of powers: Executive, Legislative, and Judicial.
- Checks and balances between branches.
- Equal rights for women, minorities, and religious groups.
- Universal suffrage (one person, one vote).
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