

# IR Proposed Government Structure: *Parliamentary Monarchy of Iran*

### 1. Monarch (Shah)

- Position: Constitutional and ceremonial head of state
- Responsibilities:
  - Symbol of national unity and cultural heritage.
  - Ceremonially appoints the Prime Minister (on advice of Parliament).
  - Opens parliamentary sessions and ratifies laws passed by Parliament.
  - Represents Iran in cultural and traditional ceremonies.
  - Performs diplomatic ceremonial duties (welcoming foreign heads of state, etc.).
  - Serves as moral leader.
- Limits: Cannot veto laws or interfere in politics; all political decisions made by elected officials.

# 2. Parliament (Majles-e ShorayeMelli)

A bicameral legislature: Lower House and Upper House

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

- **Members:** Directly elected by the people.
- Responsibilities:
  - Drafts and passes legislation.
  - Approves the national budget.
  - Confirms the Prime Minister.
  - Can pass a vote of no confidence in the government.

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

- **Members:** Partially elected and partially appointed (e.g., regional representatives, minority seats, and some royal appointments).
- Responsibilities:
  - o Reviews and provides oversight of legislation passed by the Lower House.
  - Protects the constitution and minority rights.
  - May propose amendments or delay legislation, but cannot permanently block it.
- \*\* Parliament will dissolve present Constitution of Iran and ratify new Constitution.

### 3. Prime Minister (Nokhost-Vazir)

- Position: Head of Government
- **Elected by:**Directly elected by the people.
- Responsibilities:
  - Leads the executive branch.
  - Forms a Cabinet of Ministers.
  - Executes laws passed by Parliament.
  - Oversees domestic and foreign policy.
  - Reports to Parliament and must maintain its confidence.

# 4. Council of Ministers (Shoraye Vaziran)

- **Appointed by:** Prime Minister, approved by Parliament.
- Responsibilities:
  - Manages specific ministries (e.g., Defense, Foreign Affairs, Education, Health).
  - Implements laws and oversees daily governance.
  - Advises Prime Minister on national issues.

# 5. Judiciary (Ghovveh-ye Qazaieh)

- Supreme Court and Constitutional Court
- Appointed by: Prime Minister, approved by Parliament.
- Responsibilities:
  - Ensures laws comply with the constitution.
  - Independent from executive and legislative branches.
  - Interprets laws and resolves legal disputes.
  - Protects the rights of citizens and ensures due process.

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

- Commander-in-Chief: Prime Minister
- Monarch's Role: Ceremonial only (parades, medals)
- Oversight: Parliament controls budget & policy
- Military Code: Apolitical, unified, loyal to nation
- Structure: Army, Navy, Air Force, Cyber, Special Forces
- No ideological militias (e.g., IRGC abolished)
- Military bound to constitution and human rights
- Parliamentary approval required for foreign military operations

### 7. Local Government (Dolathae Mahalli)

- Provinces, Cities, and Municipalities
- Elected by: Local populations
- Responsibilities:
  - Elected regional governors and councils manage local affairs.
  - Implement national policies at the local level.
  - Ensure community services, infrastructure, and development.

# 8. Independent Commissions and Institutions (Nahadha va Komision-Haye Mostaqel)

- Examples: Electoral Commission, Human Rights Commission, Anti-Corruption Bureau
- **Appointed by:** On the advice or nomination of Parliament's upper chamber
  - Oversee fair elections.
  - Protect civil liberties.
  - Investigate government misconduct and ensure transparency.

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# **Key Constitutional Features:**

### 1. Constitutional Monarchy

- The monarch serves as the ceremonial head of state, symbolizing national unity and continuity, but holds no executive powers
- All executive authority is vested in a democratically elected government

#### 2. Parliamentary Democracy

- Sovereignty resides with the people, exercised through a freely elected parliament
- •The Prime minister, as head of government, is accountable to the parliament

#### 3. Bicameral Legislature

- Lower House elected by the people
- Upper House representing regions or provinces

### 4. Separation of Powers

- Clear separation between the executive, legislative, and judicial branches with checks and balances to prevent abuse of power
- No religious oversight of government branches; all authority derives from the constitution and the people

#### 5. Secular State

Complete separation of religion and state; no religious oversight or government

#### 6. Rule of Law & Human Rights

- Guarantees fundamental freedoms and equality for all citizens
- Free press, freedom of religion, freedom of speech guaranteed

#### 7. Independent Judiciary

• Courts free from political and religious influence

### 8. Transparent & Accountable government

• Mechanisms for transparency, anti-corruption, and public accountability

#### 9. Decentralization

Local and provincial councils with defined powers

#### 10. National Heritage

• Emphasis on Iran's ancient culture, language, and ideals of Cyrus the Great (tolerance, justice, respect for diversity)

#### 11. Constitution

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