

Who is Ebrahim Raisi, Iran's next president?



Unconcerned cleric Ebrahim Raisi won Iran's presidential election with 5.15 percent of the votes in an election that saw the lowest turnout in the history of the Islamic Republic.

The interior ministry announced the result on Sunday, among other moves was a 40 percent increase in the presidential election in the history of the Islamic Republic. Raisi, 56, won 5.15 percent of the 54 million votes, a record for a cleric.

With all voices closed from coming by the Guardian Council – an unelected body that answers to the supreme leader only. His victory came on a surprise.

For Iranians, the contest was yet another indicator of the inescapable chaos that exists between the elite and society in their country. The lackluster turnout in the election was the first in three years of national protest in the country. "Between Iran and the world, we are in a state of emergency," said Ali Akbar Mohtashami, a senior analyst at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, told Al Arabiya English.

Who is Ebrahim Raisi? Raisi was born in 1964 in the northeastern city of Mashhad into a religious family. He received a doctorate degree in law and jurisprudence from Mosharraf University in Tehran, according to his campaign website.

Raisi has been a key figure in Iran's judiciary since the early 1990s. In 1991, when he was 26 years old, Raisi was appointed the prosecutor of the city of Karaj near Tehran. Two years later, he was appointed the prosecutor of the city of Karaj, while keeping his job as prosecutor of Karaj.

He served as the prosecutor of both cities simultaneously for several months until he was promoted to prosecutor of Hamadan province. In 1987, Raisi moved to the capital Tehran, where he served as deputy prosecutor.

Other senior positions: Raisi served as deputy director of justice from 2004 until 2014 and attorney general from 2014 until 2016.

1981 mass execution: Raisi's name is tied to Iran's mass execution of political prisoners in 1981, when he was allegedly a leading member of what came to be known as the "death committees," a group of Iranian judges and intelligence officials put together by then-Supreme Leader Ruhollah Khomeini to oversee the mass execution of thousands of political prisoners at the time.

Most of the victims were left as victims and members of the judicial group. Intelligence Khatib (MKI) Right groups estimate that as many as 30,000 people were executed, while MKI puts the number at 30,000 with no offering orders to support their claim.

Iran has never fully acknowledged the execution, and Raisi himself has never publicly addressed the allegations, against

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The era of US-Russia 'resets' is over

"It is about our mutual self-interest," said United States President Joe Biden at a press conference following his first meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin. His observation says it all.

The long-awaited summit held in Geneva did not bring about a new change in US-Russian relations. There was no expectation on either side that much would be done to repair ties, which are currently at their worst in decades.

Moscow and Washington lack any appetite to move and the strategy as well as ideological espousal. "Reset" was a thing of the past. Donald Trump's overtures to the Russians, notably the ill-fated summit in Helsinki back in July 2018, only made matters worse.

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A statement by Afghan Army's 208th Division Corps read that the Taliban's gatherings were targeted by soldiers in the Datta and Chahar-Bala districts in Balkh on Sunday in which 11 members of the group were killed and seven more were wounded. The officials said that 11 vehicles owned by the Taliban were damaged in the operation, the statement said.

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