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Rohani: Syrians Should Decide About Their Future

New Gov't Will Usher in Path of Global Interaction
Nation, Main Winner of Election

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Hassan Rohani, Iran's president-elect, held his first press conference on Monday after securing victory in the 11th presidential election.

Rohani said on Monday that the government will usher in path of cooperation with the world.

He said "Let's learn from the youth, how they exercised jubilation on the streets, forgetting the past and how they are looking for future."

The president-elect said that his government "will focus on the future and will not get entangled with memory of the past. The government will use the experience of the past to build a bright future."

He advised discarding of sabotaging one another and develop atmosphere of brotherhood.

Rohani said his administration of 'Prudence and Hope' will follow a 'moderate' policy line in serving national objectives.

"Your administration, i.e. the 'Administration of Prudence and Hope', will deliver on its promises in saving the economy, reviving ethics and interacting constructively with the world through a moderate policy," Rohani noted.

As for enrichment, he said discussion on the issue would be held at an appropriate time.

"We would, God-willing, follow more actively talks with the P5+1. We believe that negotiations is the sole possible solution to the nuclear problem."

He said sanctions are not effective and in the future, efforts would be made to remove the tyrannical sanctions under the pretext of nuclear dispute.

Rohani said his administration will take steps to ease "oppressive sanctions" which have been imposed against Iran.

"The Iranian nation has not done any wrong action to deserve these sanctions. Sanctions are an outdated instrument and they will harm the West more than Iran given their economic turmoil," he added.

Prior to the press conference, he thanked the Leader of Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei and all those taking part in the election, especially those respecting national solidarity, ethics and moderation.

> Nuclear Transparency

Rohani also defended transparency of nuclear program of the country.

He said Iran's nuclear activities all fall within the framework of international regulations and Tehran would favor mutual confidence-building.

"More confidence, more transparency and abundance by international regulations would be the country's focus in the future," said Rohani. 02 >



Ashton for Closer Cooperation On Nuclear Program

European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton said on Monday she will continue to urge Iran to cooperate closely on its nuclear program after the election of Hassan Rohani as its new president.

"Now we will wait for the establishment of the new government. I will continue with my work to urge Iran to work closely with me and the European community to build confidence in the nature of a nuclear program," Ashton told reporters during a visit to Baghdad, Reuters reported.

The US President Barack Obama's top foreign policy aides said Sunday that they planned to urge Iran's newly elected president to resume the negotiations over his country's nuclear program that derailed in the spring. The election of the new president, Hassan Rohani, a former nuclear negotiator who is considered a moderate compared with the other candidates, was greeted by some administration officials as the best of all likely outcomes.

Iran and the P5+1 have held several rounds of talks with the main focus on Iran's nuclear energy program. 02 >

Turkey May Use Army to Quell Anti-Gov't Demos

Turkey warned on Monday it may bring in the army to help quell nationwide anti-government protests after a weekend of heavy clashes between riot police and demonstrators sent tensions soaring.

The presence of soldiers on the streets would mark a major escalation of a crisis that has raged for nearly three weeks and has posed the biggest challenge yet to the Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan government.

The announcement came as police continued to spray tear gas and water at clusters of demonstrators in Istanbul and the capital Ankara in battles that raged with fresh intensity after the weekend eviction of protesters occupying Istanbul's Gezi Park, the epicenter of the protest movement.

Police "will use all their powers" to end the unrest, Deputy Prime Minister Bulent Arinc said in a televised interview. "If this is not enough, we can even utilize the Turkish armed forces in cities."

Turkey's two main trade unions meanwhile began a nationwide strike against the police crackdown on Gezi Park demonstrators, a stoppage the government branded "illegal."

Muammer Guler said Monday's planned nationwide union strike in protest at police violence against anti-government demonstrators was "illegal", in the latest escalation of tensions in nearly three weeks of civil unrest. 09 >

West Arming Insurgents Who Eat Human Flesh

Russian President Vladimir Putin, arriving in Britain ahead of an international summit set to be dominated by disagreement over the US decision to send weapons to insurgents in Syria, said the West must not arm fighters who eat human flesh.

After months of deliberations, Washington decided last week to send weapons to the terrorists in Syria, claiming that Syrian forces had crossed a "red line" by using nerve gas, Reuters reported.

It has infuriated Russia, Cold War-era ally of Syria, which has sold arms to Syria and used its veto at the UN Security Council to block resolutions against Syria.

Russia has dismissed the US evidence that Syrian forces used nerve gas. The White House says President Barack Obama will try to lobby Putin to drop his support for Damascus during this week's G8 summit hosted by British Prime Minister David Cameron.

After meeting Cameron in London, Putin said Russia wanted to create the conditions for a resolution of the conflict.



"One does not really need to support the people who not only kill their enemies, but open up their bodies, eat their intestines in front of the public and cameras," Putin said. "Are these the people you want to support? Are they the ones you want to supply with weapons? Then this probably has little relation to the humanitarian values preached in Europe for hundreds of years."

The incident Putin referred to was most likely that of an insurgent commander filmed last month cutting into the torso of a dead soldier and biting into a piece of one of his organs.

The United States and other countries that aid the terrorists say one of the reasons for doing so is to support mainstream opposition groups and reduce the influence of extremists.

The US plan to arm the insurgents also places new doubt over plans for an international peace conference called by Washington and Moscow, their first joint attempt in a year to try to seek a settlement.

After meeting Putin, Britain's Cameron said the divide between Russia and the West over Syria could be bridged, although they disagreed about who was at fault. 10 >

Girls Outnumber Boys in Entrance Exam

More than one million Iranians have enrolled for this year's university entrance exam, which will be held late June. 07

New Iranian Method to Treat Children With ADHD

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The 39th G8 summit opened on June 17 in the small Northern Irish resort town of Lough Erne in the presence of all nations who were present at the 2009 London meeting.

Leaders from Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, USA and UK took part in the two-day summit, Russian Today reported.

In January 2013, the UK assumed the one-year presidency of the G8.

Ahead of the summit British Prime Minister David Cameron vowed to fight offshore finance, despite the UK's starring role.

The UK itself sits at the center of the world's most far-reaching network of tax havens, even as Cameron sets his sights on galvanizing international action on tax evasion at this week's G8 summit, Aljazeera wrote.

Cameron, drawing on populist anger at corporate tax avoidance, hopes to emerge from the Northern Ireland meeting of the leaders of the world's largest economies with an agreement that would open up the ownership of hundreds of thousands of offshore companies to scrutiny for the first time. 05 >



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