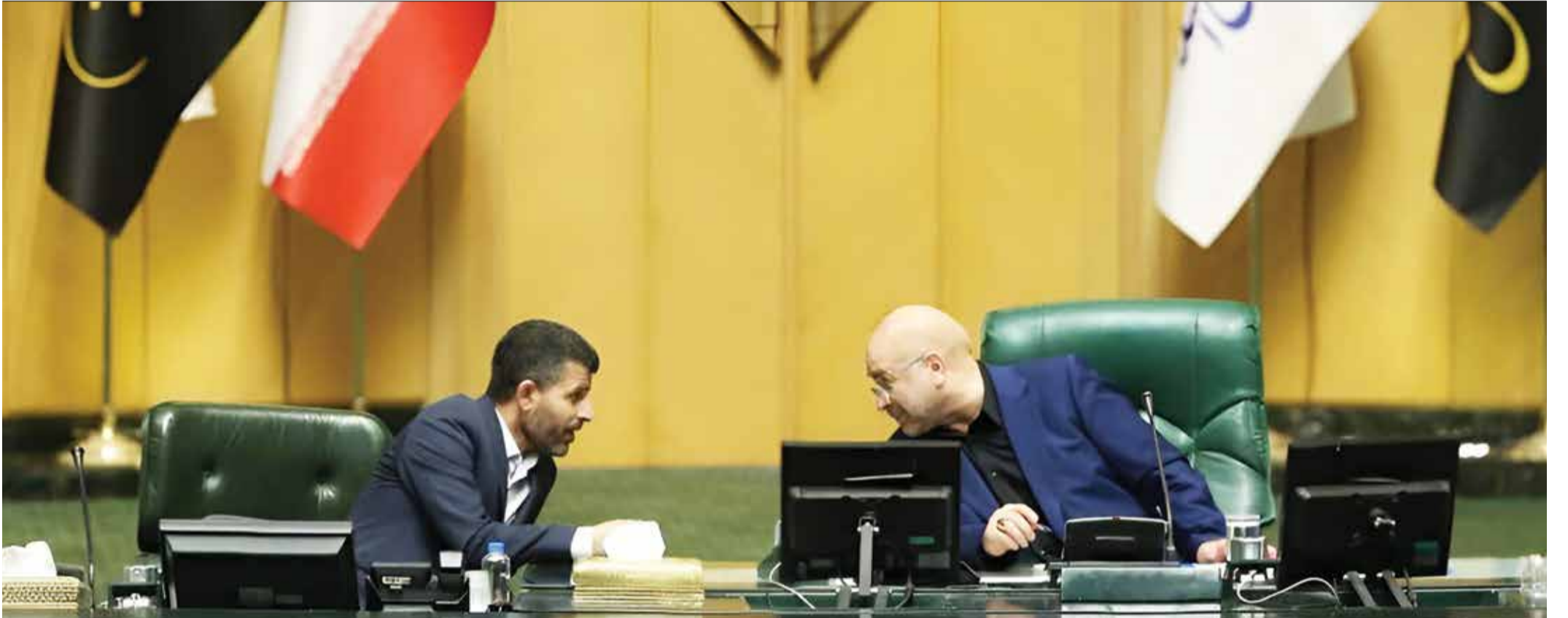


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Interior Ministry pick aims to advance government's agenda



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Iran's Interior Ministry, with its broad portfolio, is undoubtedly one of the

most sensitive government departments. Spanning rural development, provincial and border management, municipal affairs, security, labor relations, and the oversight of political parties and civil institutions, the ministry's remit is far-reaching. Given this diversity of responsibilities, it is only natural that the selection of the interior minister involves consultation with various state organizations. Such a collaborative approach is essential as the ministry's mandates cut across multiple sectors, and fulfilling its missions demands inter-sectoral cooperation.

Seeking counsel to identify a minister who can foster harmony and demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the ministry's various field of work is both prudent and requisite. This does not, however, imply that the key post has been ceded to any particular faction, nor does it diminish President Masoud Pezeshkian's confidence in his preferred candidate, Eskandar Momeni. On the contrary, Momeni is the president's choice and Pezeshkian has every confidence in his ability to drive forward the agenda of his government of national accord.

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Eskandar Momeni, the nominee for Iran's Interior Ministry, addresses Parliament in the capital Tehran on August 20, 2024, as Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf (top right) turns to talk to a lawmaker, ahead of a vote of confidence on August 21.

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