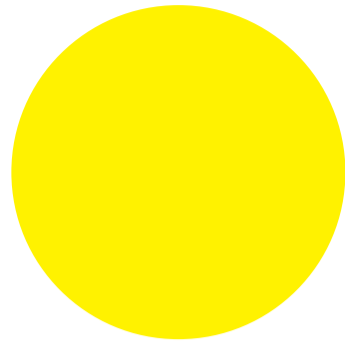


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Pezeshkian's cabinet welcomes Hosseinzadeh, a Sunni man from Kurdistan



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OPINION

For the first time in the Islamic Republic of Iran, a Sunni Kurd has been appointed to the cabinet. President Masoud Pezeshkian has selected Abdolkarim Hosseinzadeh as the Vice President for Rural Development and Underprivileged Areas. The appointment is significant in several ways. Perhaps the most important aspect is the selection of a Sunni Kurd for the cabinet. While Sunnis have held mid-level positions in the past, including the current commander of the Iranian Navy, they have not had a seat at the cabinet until now, with Hosseinzadeh being the first Sunni to hold the highest executive responsibility. It is estimated that Sunnis make up about 10% of Iran's population.

During his election campaign, Pezeshkian repeatedly emphasized, under the principle of justice and meritocracy, that he would utilize the managerial capabilities of religious minorities and women in his cabinet based on their qualifications. This promise was made in line with his main slogan of national unity, where all capabilities within the country, regardless of political leanings, ethnicities, minorities, and genders, have the right to hold responsible positions. With this appointment, Pezeshkian has fulfilled his promise. The appointment has also been widely welcomed, with many considering it a significant step towards strengthening national cohesion.

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Kamala Harris's rise in polls and its implications for Iran



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EXCLUSIVE OPINION

It's been more than a month since Joe Biden dropped out of the presidential race in favor of his vice president, Kamala Harris. Few people can claim to have remembered a more sudden and massive shift in the mood of a party. Looking down the barrel of certain defeat after Biden's disastrous debate performance, the Democrats are jubilant as their nominee is now ahead in the polls and their base is united and enthusiastic.

Harris is ahead of Trump for one simple reason: she's only 59 years old. The American electorate strongly disliked both Trump and Biden. Trump was detested for a myriad of reasons as he's perceived to be an extremist, a threat to American democracy, and crass and un-presidential. Additionally, he's now a convicted felon. Biden was losing to Trump only because he was very old and most American voters believed he was incapable of serving another term, which would mean that he'd be 86 years old at the end of his presidency. People were concerned that Biden was not up to the challenges of presidency, one of the most demanding jobs in the world. Maybe the median American voter believed that even a corrupt and extreme but capable politician is a better option than someone who was not up to the job.

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