

INTERVIEW FROM INSIDE IRAN: DR. SEYD MARANDI

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["World-wide protests at Iranian rulers"](#)

Times Online (London, UK)

["Mousavi camp rejects link with foreign embassies"](#)

PRESS TV (Iranian government owned)

["U.S., Israel trying to narrow differences on Iran"](#)

Xinhua (China)

["Minister opposes airing confessions of riot masterminds"](#)

Tehran Times, Iran



Waking from its sleep

A quiet revolution has begun in the Arab world; it will be complete only when the last failed dictatorship is voted out

What ails the Arabs? They are a dynamic and inventive people whose long and proud history includes fabulous contributions to art, culture, science and, of course, religion. The score of modern Arab states, on the other hand, have been impressive mainly for their consistent record of failure. In a [special report](#) this week on the Arab world we argue that behind the political stagnation a great social upheaval is under way. Fertility is in decline; more people, especially women, are becoming educated; businessmen want a bigger say in economies dominated by the state; a revolution in satellite television has broken the spell of the state-run media and created a public that wants the rulers to explain themselves as never before. *The Economist* argues that the old pattern of Arab government—corrupt, opaque and authoritarian—has failed on every level and does not deserve to survive. To download the special report, click [HERE](#)

["Qom all ye faithful"](#)

The Economist

["Iran's Opposition Calls Crackdown 'Immoral'"](#)

New York Times

["Controversial figure in Iran moved from one key post into another"](#)

CNN.com

["Clinton says Israel should be patient on Iran"](#)

AP

["Ahmadinejad sacked only intelligence minister: presidency"](#)

IRNA, Iran (official Iranian news agency, via AFP)

["Ahmadinejad to be sworn in on August 5"](#)

PRESS TV, Iran (government owned)

["World-wide protests at Iranian rulers"](#)

Times Online, UK

["Thousands protest in Sweden against Iran regime"](#)

The Swedish Wire, Sweden

["Iran hardliners say Ahmadinejad defied leader over VP"](#)

Agence France Presse, France

["Iran's Rafsanjani defies hardliners on vote"](#)

Irish Times, Ireland

["Some in Europe make strategic mistakes on Iran election: ex-FM"](#)

Iranian Students News Agency