



## Leader grants interior minister control over police

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The Leader of the Islamic Revolution has appointed Iran's interior minister as deputy commander of the country's Armed Forces in charge of police forces.

In a decree issued by Commander-in-Chief of Iran's Armed Forces Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei on Tuesday, Mostafa Mohammad-Najjar was handed the post of deputy commander.

The appointment comes as earlier the Iranian interior minister called on the Leader to put him in charge of the country's police forces.

"In line with the critical responsibilities of the interior minister to ensure public security and order and as the close connection between this ministry and the police would ensure order and security [in the country]" I call on the commander-in-chief to allow the interior minister to assume control over the civil forces, Mohammad-Najjar wrote.

In response to the letter, Ayatollah Khamenei wrote "I appoint you as deputy commander of Armed Forces in charge of police forces."

The Leader added that further details about the official duties of the post would be announced shortly.

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