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Rezaei warns against 'sudden' cabinet changes

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Rezaei said sudden changes in Intelligence Ministry personnel would create many doubts.

Defeated presidential candidate Mohsen Rezaei has warned the Iranian president against 'sudden' changes in the Intelligence Ministry's personnel.

"The personnel of the ministries of foreign affairs, intelligence and defense ... are not suddenly fired or retired in any country as such a move would create many doubts," Rezaei, Secretary of the Expediency Council, said in a letter to Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani.

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who was re-elected as president in the disputed June 12 vote, must introduce his Cabinet in less than two weeks.

Gholam-Hossein Mohseni-Eje'i, the intelligence minister during Ahmadinejad's first term, was sacked last month,

as the president was not 'satisfied' with his work.

The dismissal provoked barrages of criticism from many Principlist lawmakers and senior clerics in the country.

Ahmadinejad has also faced criticism over his choices for the ministries of defense and interior.

Rezaei further called on the Parliament speaker to maintain the current 'experienced' personnel of the Intelligence Ministry.

President Ahmadinejad had been criticized during his first term in office for frequently reshuffling the Cabinet and for making use of ministers who lacked in experience.

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If Ahmadinejad is truthful he will look into accusations of corruption made by Palizdar. Unfortunately recent events showed that he is not trustful and will do nothing about corruption. The who system seems to be corrupt and he is only one of them trying to gain more power.

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Looks like everyone is warning him about acting stupidly.

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Yes, you want change, but you prevent the President from making the changes. When he tries, you accuse him of things that his predecessors implemented. God is with him, but not with you.

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