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News in brief:

The new Iranian cabinet

The Iranian parliament gave votes of confidence to 18 ministers.

The following ministers will form part of the new cabinet:

1. **Minister of Communications and Information Technology:** Reza Taqipour
2. **Minister of Information:** Heydar Moslehi
3. **Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance:** Seyyed Shamseddin Hosseini
4. **Minister of Foreign Affairs:** Manouchehr Mottaki
5. **Minister of Commerce:** Mehdi Ghazanfari
6. **Minister of Health, Treatment and Medical Education:** Marziyeh Vahid Dastjerdi;
The first woman minister in the last thirty years.
7. **Minister of Cooperatives:** Mohammad Abbasi
8. **Minister of Agriculture:** Sadeq Khalilian
9. **Minister of Justice:** Seyyed Morteza Bakhtiari
10. **Minister of Defense and Armed Forces Logistics:** Ahmad Vahidi
11. **Minister of Transportation:** Hamid Behbahani
12. **Minister of Industries and Mines:** Ali-Akbar Mehrabian
13. **Minister of Science, Research and Technology:** Kamran Daneshjou
14. **Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance:** Seyyed Mohammad Hosseini
15. **Minister of Labor and Social Affairs:** Abdolreza Sheikholeslami
16. **Minister of the Interior:** Mostafa Mohammad Najjar
17. **Minister of Housing and Urban Development:** Ali Nikzad
18. **Minister of Oil:** Masoud Mir-Kazemi

Those who failed to receive votes of confidence are as follows:

1. Susan Keshavarz, proposed for the post of **Minister of Education**
2. Fatemeh Ajorlou, proposed for the post of **Minister of Welfare and Social Security**
3. Mohammad Aliabadi, proposed for the post of **Minister of Energy**