

Under pressure, second-class Iranian Jews endorse radical candidate Ghalibaf for president

Tehran-born Iran expert Beni Sabti said that the country's Jewish community had never come out for a candidate before.

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Iran's tiny Jewish community in Tehran issued its support for parliament speaker and presidential candidate Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf in an effort to prove their unconditional loyalty to a regime that forces them subscribe to an anti-Israel agenda.

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Beni Sabti, who was born in Tehran and is an Iran expert for the Institute for National Security Studies in Israel, told the Jerusalem Post that the “The Jewish community has never come out for a candidate. This is the first time I have seen something like this.”

He said the picture that Hakakian posted on X shows a “place of gathering to promote Ghalibaf.” He noted the Jews are active for Ghalibaf, one of the more conservative candidates on a spectrum of contenders who have all pledged their loyalty to the anti-American and antisemitic policies of the Islamic Republic's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei.

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