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**Sent:** Sunday, November 27, 2011 12:17 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** RE: Morocco Elections: Provisional Results Show PJD in a Big Win

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FYI from Morocco.

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**Sent:** Sunday, November 27, 2011 11:40 AM  
**To:** Sullivan, Jacob J; Rand, Dafna H  
**Subject:** Fw: Morocco Elections: Provisional Results Show PJD in a Big Win

Jake, FYI - preliminary results show a big win for the PJD (the Islamist party), which means the prime minister will likely be chosen from among the PJD as well

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The latest from Mission Morocco. And to clarify – if the PJD majority holds, the King is expected to name the new Prime Minister from the PJD. Thanks, Kate

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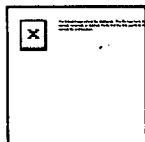
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**Subject:** Morocco Elections: Provisional Results Show PJD in a Big Win

1. (SBU) **Summary:** According to preliminary results released by the Moroccan Ministry of the Interior (MOI), it appears that the Islamist Party of Justice and Development (PJD) is poised to win a significant plurality as a result of the November 25 legislative elections. Unconfirmed MOI figures issued November 26 give the PJD 80 of the 395 available seats in parliament, with the next closest competitor having won only 45. At the time of the MOI release, 107 seats were still undetermined. If the results hold, the King must name a Prime Minister from the PJD, who will then face the task of forming a governing coalition. Given the PJD's surprising (apparent) margin of victory, that task will likely prove much less difficult than many had expected. **End Summary.**

### **Preliminary Results**

2. (SBU) As of 1400 local time on November 26, the tallying of the results from Morocco's November 25 legislative election was still ongoing at MOI headquarters in Rabat. However, just after 1300 local time, the MOI placed on its web site its first set of partial, preliminary results. With 395 seats up for grabs, the MOI announced that counting was almost complete for the 305 seats contested on the local level. With results in for 288 of the 305 locally contested seats, the results were as follows:

Party of Justice and Development (PJD):	80 seats
Istiqlal Party (IP):	45 seats
National Assembly of Independents (RNI):	38 seats
Party of Authenticity and Modernity (PAM):	33 seats
Union of Socialist Popular Forces (USFP):	29 seats

Popular Movement (MP)	22 seats
Constitutional Union (UC):	15 seats
Party of Popular Socialism (PPS):	11 seats

Ten smaller parties combined to win 15 seats, with none winning more than two seats. The MOI also confirmed and overall turnout figure of 45%, which it had announced late the night of November 25 (Ref C).

### A Big Win for the PJD

3. (SBU) These preliminary results must still be verified, and an additional 107 seats (17 from the local lists and 90 from national lists) remain unconfirmed. (We estimate that results for all 305 local-level seats will be announced before the end of the day November 26, while the count may take a bit longer for the 90 seats contested on the national level.) Nevertheless, it appears from the preliminary results that the PJD is headed for a big win. Having won only 46 seats in 2007, the PJD could easily double that tally this year once the national list results have been determined.

4. (SBU) **Comment:** Even if Istiqlal or the RNI narrows the gap based on the results of the national lists, the PJD's plurality appears very likely to hold. Should this prove the case, the King will be required, under the new constitution, to name a Prime Minister from the PJD. Pre-election indications were that the PJD might face some difficulties in finding other parties to join in an Islamist-led government (Ref A). This still could prove the case, given the fact that the 8-party Alliance for Democracy (or "G-8") has already combined to win 115 seats, based on the preliminary results cited here (Ref B). However, few predicted that the PJD's margin for victory would be so large, and if that margin remains high once the results are final, the PJD could find itself with more potential partners than many expected. **End Comment.**

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