

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Third Way
RE: Foreign Political Leaders

This memo lists the names, titles and pronunciations of a wide range of foreign political leaders. It includes information for countries the United States commonly interacts with, though it is *not* comprehensive. The list is organized alphabetically by continent or region, and then by country. The names and titles come from the *CIA World Factbook* (updated August 7, 2008) and recent media sources. Pronunciations are from the *Voice of America* pronunciation guide.

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Africa

Kenya

President: **Mwai Kibaki** m-W-EYE kee-BAH-kee
 Prime Minister: **Raila Amolo Odinga** rah-EE-lah oh-DIHN-gah

Liberia

President: **Ellen Johnson Sirleaf** EH-lehn JAHN-suhn sih-LEE-FF

Morocco

Head of State: **King Mohamed VI** mo-HAH-mehd

Nigeria

President: **Umaru Musa Yar'adua** oo-MAH-roo YAHR ah-DOO-ah

Rwanda

President: **Paul Kagame** kah-GAH-meh

South Africa

African National Congress
 Party President: **Jacob Zuma** JAY-khub ZOO-mah
 Former President: **Thabo Mbeki** TAH-bo mmm-BEH-kee

Sudan

President: **Omar al-Bashir** OH-mahr al baa-SHEER
 Janjaweed Leader: **Musa Hilal*** MOO-sah HEE-lahl
 Gov backed militia in Darfur,
 responsible for atrocities: **Janjaweed** jahn-jah-WEED

**appointed Advisor to Bashir in Jan. '08*

Zimbabwe

President: **Robert Mugabe** RAH-behrt moo-GAH-beh
 Prime Minister Designate: **Morgan Tsvangirai** MOHR-gehn CHAHN-gih-R-EYE

Asia

Burma

Chairman: **General Than Shwe** TH-AHN SH-WAY
Human Rights Activist: **Aung San Suu Kyi*** AWN SAN SOO CHEE

**Nobel Prize recipient, Currently detained in Burma*

China

President: **Hu Jintao** HOO JIHN-TAOW

Georgia

President: **Mikheil Saakashvili** MEE-kah-eel SAH-AH--kahsh-VEE-lee
Capital: **T'bilisi** tə-Be-lə-sē
Region in Conflict: **Ossetia** o-SET-ee-ah
Capitol of Ossetia: **Tskhinvali** SKIN-vuh-lee

India

Prime Minister: **Manmohan Singh** mahn-MOH-hahn SING

Indonesia

President: **Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono** soo-SEE-low BAHM-BAHNG YOO-doe-YO-no

Japan

Prime Minister: **Taro Aso** TAH-roh AH-soh
Emperor: **Akihito** ah-kee-HEE-tow

North Korea

Chairman: **Kim Jong Il** KIHM JAWNG IHL

Pakistan

Prime Minister: **Yousuf Raza Gilani** YOO-SOOF RAY-ZAH GHEE-LAH-NEE
President: **Asif Ali Zardari** AH-sihf AH-lee zahr-DAH-ree
Former President: **Pervez Musharraf** perr-VAYSS moo-SHUHR-RUHF
Former PM (assassinated): **Benazir Bhutto** BEN- ah-zeer BOO- toh
Chief of Army Staff: **Gen. Ashfaq Kayani** AHSH-fahk kah-AH-nee
Opposition Party Leader: **Nawaz Shariff (fmr PM)** nah-WAHZ shah-REEF

Philippines

President: **Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo** mah-kah-pah-GAHL ah-ROY-yo

South Korea

President: **Lee Myung-bak** LEE MYUHNG BAHK

Taiwan

President: **Ma Ying-jeou** MAH YEENG JOH

Vietnam

President: **Nguyen Minh Triet** nuh-WEE-ihn MIHN TREE-eh

Australia

Australia

Prime Minister: **Kevin Rudd** KEH-vihn RUHD
Head of State: **Queen Elizabeth** (of England)

Europe

Croatia

President: **Stjepan Mesic** st-YEH-pahn MEH-sih-ch

Czech Republic

Prime Minister: **Mirek Topolaneck** MEER-ihk TOH-poh-lah-nehk

France*

President: **Nicolas Sarkozy** nee-ko-LAH sahr-ko-ZEE
Prime Minister: **Francois Fillon** frahn-SWAH fee-YOWN

**Currently Serving as Head of European Union*

Germany

Chancellor: **Angela Merkel** AHN-gheh-lah M-AIR-kl

Greece

Prime Minister: **Konstandinos Karamanlis** kown-stahn- TEE-noss kah-rah-mahn-LEES

Ireland

Prime Minister: **Brian Cowen** BR-EYE-ahn COW-ehn

Italy

Prime Minister: **Silvio Berlusconi** SEEL- vee-oh burr-loos-KOH- nee

Kosovo

President: **Fatmir Sejdiu** FAT-meer say-DYEW
Prime Minister: **Hashim Thaci** hah-SHEEM THAH-chee

Poland

President: **Lech Kaczynski** LEHK kah-CHIHN-skee

Romania

President: **Traian Basescu** try-AHN bah-SEHS-koo

Russia

President: **Dmitriy Medvedev** d-MEE-tree mehd-VEHD-yehf
Premier: **Vladimir Putin** vlah-DEE-meer POO-tihn

Serbia

President: **Boris Tadic** BAW-rees TAH-deh-ch

Spain

Prime Minister: **Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero** ho-SAY loo-EEES rowd-REE-gehss
sah-pah-l-ro
Head of State: **King Juan Carlos I** HWAHN KAHR-lowss

Ukraine

President: **Viktor A. Yushchenko** VEEK-tor YOOSH-chehn-kaw

United Kingdom

Prime Minister: **Gordon Brown**
Head of State: **Queen Elizabeth**
Opposition Leader: **David Cameron**

Middle East

Afghanistan

President: **Hamid Karzai** haw-MIHD kahr-Z-EYE

Egypt

President: **Hosni Mubarak** HOHS-nee moo-BAH-rahk

Iran

Supreme Leader: **Ayatollah Ali Khamenei** eye-ah-toe-LAH ah-LEE hah-mehn-a-EE
President: **Mahmoud Ahmadinejad** mah-MOOD ahh-mah-dee-nee-ZHAHD

Iraq

President: **Jalal Talabani** (Kurdish) jah-LAHL tah-lah-BAH-nee
Vice President: **Adil Abd al-Mahdi** (Shiite) AAH-dill al MAH-dee
Vice President: **Tariq al-Hashimi** (Sunni) al HASH-ih-mee
Prime Minister: **Nuri al-Maliki** (Shiite) NOOR-ee al MAL-ih-kee
Opposition Cleric: **Muqtada al-Sadr** (Shiite) MUHK-tah-dah ah SAH-drr
Grand Ayatollah: **Ali al-Sistani** (Shiite) AH-lee al sihs-TAN-ee
Leader of Kurdistan
Democratic Party (KDP): **Massoud Barzani** (Kurdish) mah-SOOD bahr-ZAH-nee

Israel

President: **Shimon Peres** shee-M-OWN PEH-rehs
Former Prime Minister: **Ehud Olmert** eh-HOO-D OHL-mehrt
Presumptive Incoming
Prime Minister: **Tzipi Livni** (female) (t)SIHP-pee LIHV-nee
Labor Party Leader: **Ehud Barak** (fmr PM) eh-HOO- D bah-RAHK
Likud Party Leader: **Binyamin Netanyahu** behn-yah-MEEN neht-an-YAH-hoo
(fmr PM)

Jordan

Head of State: **King Abdullah II** ahb-DUHL-lah

Kuwait

Amir: **Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jabir al-Sabah** sah AH-mahd JAH-behr
ah sah-bah

Lebanon

President:	Michel Suleiman	mee-SHELL soo-lay-MAHN
Secretary General of Hezbollah:	Hassan Nasrallah	HAH-sahn nahs-RAH-lah
Former PM:	Rafik Hariri (killed 2005)	rah-FEEK al hah-REE-ree

Libya

Revolutionary Leader:	Muammar Qadhafi	moo-AH-mahr geh-DAAH-fee
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Palestinian Authority

President of the PA:	Mahmud Abbas	mah-MOOD ah-BAH-SS
PM in West Bank*:	Salam Fayyad	saah-LAM fah-YAHD
PM in Gaza Strip**:	Ismail Haniyeh	ihss-mah-EEL hah-NEE-ah

*recognized by Abbas ** recognized by Hamas

Qatar

Amir:	Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani	HAH-mahd bihn kah-LEE-fah al TAH-nee
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Saudi Arabia

Head of State:	King Abdallah Al Saud	ahb-DUHL-lah al Saud
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Syria

President:	Bashar al-Assad	bah-SHAHR ahl AH-sahd
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Turkey

President:	Abdullah Gul	AHB-doo-lah GOOL
Prime Minister:	Recep Tayyip Erdogan	reh- JEHP tie-YIHP ERR-doh-ahn

North America

Canada

Prime Minister:	Stephen Harper	
Head of State:	Queen Elizabeth (of England)	

Cuba

President:	Raul Castro	rah-OOL KASS-tro
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Haiti

President:	Rene Preval	REH-NAY pray-VAHL
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Mexico

President:	Felipe Calderon	fay-LEE-pay kahI-deh-ROWN
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South America

Argentina

President:	Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner	krihs-TEE-nah fehr-NAHNdehs day KEERCH-nehr
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Brazil

President:

Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva

loo-EES ee-NAH-see-oh LOO-lah
day SEEL-vah

Chile

President:

Michelle Bachelet

mee-SHELL bah-cheh-LAY

Colombia

President:

Alvaro Uribe

AHL-vah-ro oo-REE-bay

FARC Leader:

Alfonso Cano

ahI-FOHN-soh KAH-noh

Peru

President:

Alan Garcia

AL-ahn gahr-SEE-ah

Venezuela

President:

Hugo Chavez

OO-go CHAH-vehs

Non State Actors

NATO

Secretary-General:

Jaap de Hoop Scheffer

YAHP duh HOPE S(k)EHF-err

United Nations

Secretary-General:

Ban Ki-moon

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