

Death of Iranian President Raisi

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(U) This infographic provides an overview Iran President Raisi's Helicopter Crash. The helicopter transporting Raisi, Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, Tabriz Friday prayers leader Ayatollah Mohammad Ali Ale-Hashem, East Azerbaijan Governor General Malek Rahmati and an unspecified number of guards went down 19 May in Iran's East Azerbaijan province following a trip to the neighboring country of Azerbaijan.



President Raisi was returning from an appearance with Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev to inaugurate the joint [Qiz Qalasi Dam](#) project when the helicopter went down. The dam that Raisi visited before the crash is approximately 30 miles away.

Raisi's helicopter was one of three traveling in formation but was the only one to make a "hard landing." The other two helicopters safely reached their destination.



The Bell 212 aircraft is a widely used civilian version of the Vietnam-era Huey military helicopter, operated by armed forces and businesses around the globe.

There are 15 Bell 212 helicopters with an average age of 35 years currently registered in Iran that could be in active use or in storage.

Iran has flown Bell helicopters extensively since the shah's era. The Iranian aircraft face a shortage of parts because of Western sanctions, and often fly without safety checks.

Source: [Maps show where Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi's helicopter was found](#) (The Washington Post)
[Iran President Helicopter Crash News](#) (Post Washington Post)