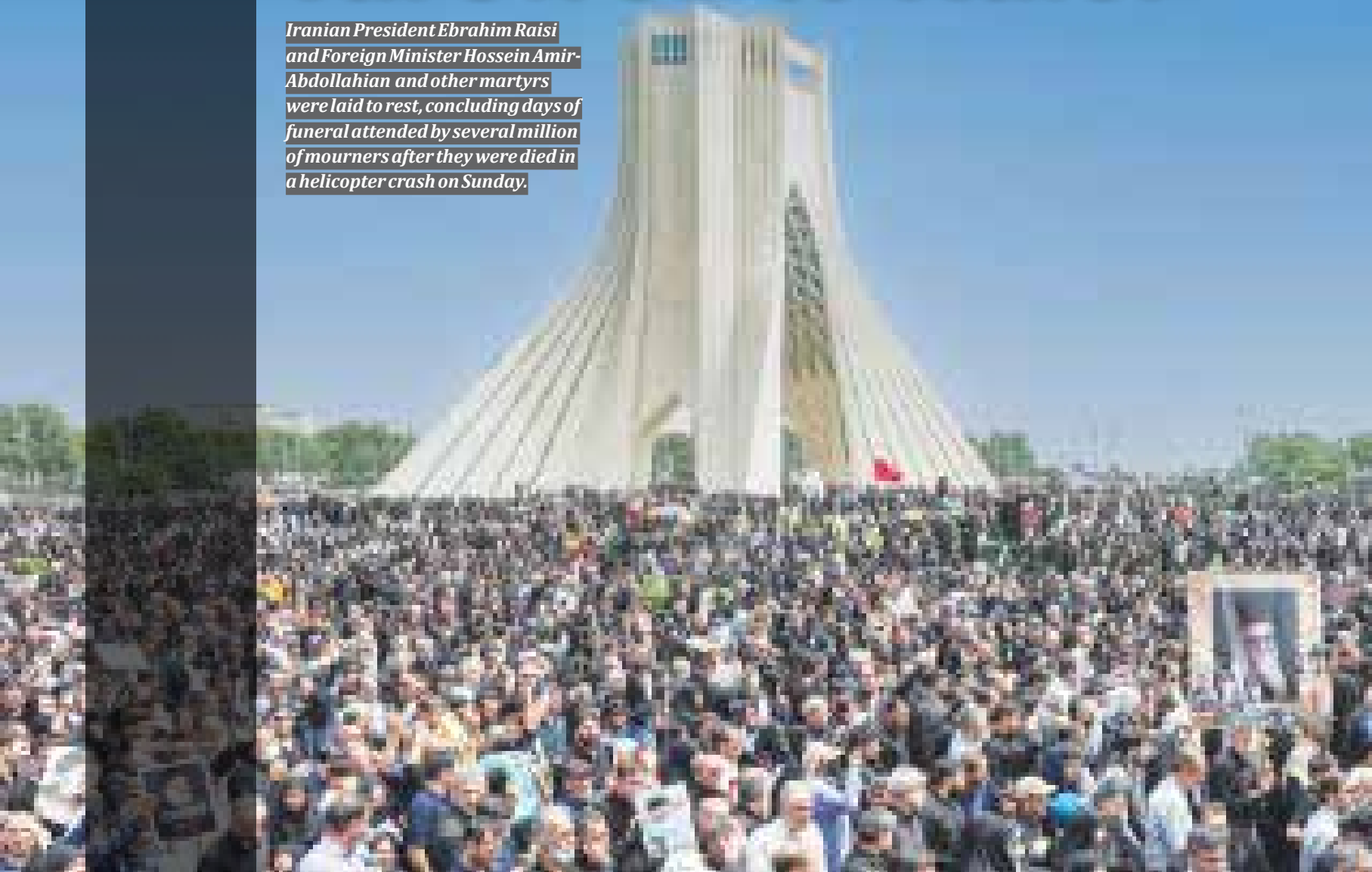


Millions bid farewell to Raisi

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian and other martyrs were laid to rest, concluding days of funeral attended by several million of mourners after they were died in a helicopter crash on Sunday.



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At least three million mourners marched in Raisi's home town Mashhad Thursday to bid farewell to the president, the mega city's mayor said, following processions in the cities of Tabriz, Qom, Tehran and Birjand.

Later at dusk, the president's body was lowered into a tomb at the Imam Reza (PBUH) Shrine, where Shia's eighth Imam is buried.

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, expressing his deep sorrow over the "martyrdom-like passing", announced five days of national mourning on Monday.

The cortege carrying the coffins of the "martyrs" attracted huge numbers of mourners who thronged main thoroughfares and adjoining streets for several kilometers, wherever it went.

In Tehran, Ayatollah Khamenei and representatives of the regional resistance groups prayed over the coffins Wednesday (23May), before millions of people followed a procession down Tehran's main boulevard.

The Leader also met the president's family in his residence, viewing the former president "as a symbol of the Islamic Revolution slogans". He described the people's admiration for Raisi as a message to the world in