



For him, the well-being and satisfaction of the people, reflecting divine satisfaction, prevailed above all," the Leader of the Islamic Revolution said.

Ayatollah Khamenei further stated that Martyr Ayatollah Raisi did not distinguish between day and night and worked round the clock in order to resolve people's problems.

Unbreakable connection with people

After being elected as the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran in 2021, Raisi started working tirelessly to improve economic conditions, which were significantly affected by the pandemic.

The devoted president would travel extensively even during the times of COVID-19, visiting hospitals and pharmacies. It was due to his government's extensive efforts that Iran was able to locally produce COVID-19 vaccines to contain the spread of the pandemic.

The country bypassed cruel and illegal Western sanctions that hindered the easy flow of medical supplies, including lifesaving vaccines to Iran, during the pandemic.

As the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Raisi abandoned all the ceremonial protocols and aristocratic approaches to work and

chose to walk among the ranks of ordinary people.

During his time in office, he traveled to the far-flung parts of Iran. According to his close aides, the late president believed that meeting people, seeing their living conditions, and talking to them were the prerequisites to understanding their concerns and grievances and then making efforts to resolve them.

In his interaction with people during provincial trips or even during his meetings in the capital, the late president was known for his humility and humbleness.

Mahmoud Gabarlo, an Iranian cinema artist and film critic, wrote about his meeting with President Raisi at an Iftar dinner for artists and cultural figures.

"Twice I was the guest of Mr. Raisi, the late president. I participated with a group of artists and writers. My motive to accept the invitation to these governmental parties was to witness the President's personal interaction with individuals belonging to the field of art and culture," he stated.

"Regardless of my critical writings about the 13th government's policies in the field of culture and art, especially cinema, I witnessed President Raisi's honest and benevolent behavior with all the people

of culture and art whose spectrum of thought was different from the President. One can never forget his warm and sincere greetings..."

As an Iranian, he added, it is "not possible for me to not mourn the passing away" of the president who "carried the personal traits of compassion, simplicity and sincerity while working for the people of the country."

Similar thoughts about the martyred president were echoed by Syed Amir Meernaseri, a labor activist working in Hapco, an Iranian freight company.

"Ayatollah Raisi spoke very informally and softly to make us comfortable and lessen our hesitation. He would bring himself to the level of the workers so that the workers open up and share their problems," he was quoted as saying.

He said concern for the working class was one of the important personality traits of the late president.

Referring to the late president's diligence in solving the Hepco factory's problems, Meernaseri said Ayatollah Raisi "had been pursuing Hepco's issues since he was the head of the judiciary."

"President Raisi visited us in the factory. His visit came as a pleasurable shock to the workers especially due to the Presidential protocol which hampers such visits due to security concerns. The workers credited the non-closure of the factory to this high-ranking martyr," he said.

"The day Ayatollah Raisi came to the Hepco factory, hierarchically, the CEO should have reported to him, but he asked for us and we, the ordinary workers reported to him. The day we were called to his office, all the governors and the ministers were present in the meeting. The President treated us with special respect and made us feel at home. He made sure that we do not consider ourselves strangers at the place or feel any form of anxiety in the presence of high-ranking officials," Meernaseri who had met the late president at least 5 times added.

Colleagues praise the 'hard-working' president

President Raisi, who served in dif-



Billboards across the Iranian capital hail the late Iranian president as someone who worked indefatigably and tirelessly for the people of Iran, a fitting tribute to the man who saw himself as a mere "servant" of the people and described his government as "people's government." During his three years in office, President Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi earned respect from people for his people-friendly approach to governance and for touring almost every province to meet people and personally listen to their grievances, something that had no parallel.



Martyr President