

Raisi's most significant focus in foreign policy was the adoption of the 'Look to the East' policy



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Despite the martyrdom of Ayatollah Ebrahim Raisi, his administration has not left the office. I believe the late president's path goes on, at least until the next presidential election. His most significant focus in foreign policy was the adoption of the 'Look to the East' policy. Foreign minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian explained this as prioritizing establishing relations with Asian countries. This does not mean neglecting ties with African or Latin American countries, but rather prioritizing more engagement with Asia.

The second point was the expansion of relations with neighboring countries, with the most notable achievement being the achieved détente with Saudi Arabia under Raisi's presidency. The ties with the Kingdom were severed as a result of some imprudent actions in the past. Nevertheless, tensions with neighboring countries were resolved or at least significantly reduced.

Another success was improving relations with Afghanistan and the Taliban government. The goal was to maintain good relations with the neighboring country, given the extensive cultural ties, historical commonalities, and shared interests. Tensions with Pakistan, Turkey, and Iraq were eased as well.

The news of the unfortunate death of the president and the foreign minister of Iran surely met with widespread global reaction. This would have been the case for any official who lives in a geopolitically significant country, not just president Raisi. When three countries in the United Nations Security Council request a moment of silence, it is also a recognition of Iran's status. This is not to say that I downplay the role played by the late president, but rather to emphasize that it is Iran's geopolitical importance that commands such attention. For a president of a country without significant regional or global standing, the situation would naturally be different.

Raisi was honest and popular among Iranians



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President Ebrahim Raisi was honest and popular among Iranians. As the country's Leader mentioned, Raisi was a tireless fighter who didn't shy away from the public and spared no effort in serving the community. His relentless efforts to achieve the ideals of the Revolution, promote national interests, and serve his people were most noteworthy.

Additionally, the participation of various world leaders in his funeral procession proved that the good neighborliness policy of Raisi's administration, spearheaded by the sincere efforts of the martyred foreign minister, had borne fruit. The widespread public participation in his funeral and the love that they showed for him elsewhere also elevated Iran's political standing and credibility among the world's countries.

We should leverage this new atmosphere, which has fostered a sense of solidarity and national unity within our society as well, to enhance the dynamism of our foreign policy. This policy is not tied solely to Raisi or Amir-Abdollahian but rather to the policy of the Islamic Republic. However, the key point is that these individuals implemented this strategy with strength and determination. I hope that the interim president and foreign minister will continue this policy with the same vigor and determination.

Considering the support shown by Iranians for their political leaders, I believe we will have a presidential election with a high turnout. The martyrdom of the esteemed president Raisi and foreign minister Amir-Abdollahian has shown that the country's path is toward further strengthening the bond between the nation and the government. This will, in turn, enhance Iran's international standing and credibility.



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