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## Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi Dies in Helicopter Crash

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Iran's military chief of staff, Mohammad Bagheri, has ordered a high-level investigation into the helicopter crash that claimed the life of President Ebrahim Raisi and his entourage on Sunday.

Raisi, a prominent hardliner and potential successor to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, perished in the crash in mountainous terrain near the Azerbaijan border.

The crash also resulted in the deaths of Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian and six other passengers and crew members. The charred wreckage was discovered early Monday after an

overnight search amid blizzard conditions.

Key points include:

- Nine people were on board; the cause of the crash remains unknown.
- Two other helicopters in the convoy reached their destinations safely.
- Pakistan will observe a day of mourning, with flags at half-mast.
- Rescue efforts faced harsh weather and difficult terrain, supported by international assistance.

In response, Supreme Leader Khamenei has appointed First Vice President Mohammad Mokhber as the interim president. Khamenei declared five days of public mourning and extended his condolences to the Iranian people. Under Iran's constitution, a new presidential election must be held within 50 days.

Footage from Iranian state television showed the wreckage scattered across a foggy hillside, while images from the IRNA news agency depicted Red Crescent workers carrying a covered body on a stretcher.

This tragic event marks a significant loss for Iran, impacting its political landscape and succession plans.