

9 Reported Dead, 26 Injured In Iranian Clashes, Bombings

TEHRAN, Oct. 7 (UPI)—At least nine people died and 26 were injured in widespread clashes and bombings in western Iran, and demolition experts dug up 27 mines planted on the Iran-Europe railroad, press reports said today.

The explosives were found yesterday by children playing near the track close to Saveh, west of Tehran, the Kayhan newspaper reported.

The track connects Iran to Turkey and Europe and is used by passenger and freight trains. A train blast in the southern Arab province of Khuzestan last Wednesday killed eight passengers.

This weekend, three children who were playing with a grenade in the southern town of Khorramabad died when it exploded. The mother of one of the children reportedly died of shock she saw the bodies.

Security forces mounted a discreet alert in the West Azerbaijan, Kurdistan and Khuzestan provinces bor-

dering Iraq, informed sources said, but the measure was not announced. The alert was in response to eight days of violence that included Arab guerrilla sabotage of an oil pipeline.

Among the latest incidents:

- A land mine blew up a car yesterday on a highway near Ahwaz, provincial capital of Khuzestan where most of the violence had been concentrated during the past week. One of the two occupants was killed.

- Two government guardsmen died in a Kurdish ambush in the western city of Mahabad yesterday, reports said. About 1,500 students staged a protest rally in Sanandaj, capital of Kurdistan Province, yesterday to mark the 40th day of mourning for nine Kurds executed as rebels.

Today, a firing squad executed a former officer of the Iranian national police convicted of murder and torture, the official news agency Pars reported.