

Ayatollah threatens intellectuals who have American connections

Dustbin of death awaits Left, warns Khomeini

Ayatollah Khomeini yesterday threatened to cast left-wingers into "the dustbin of death" and also delivered a warning to intellectuals with connections in the United States.

His declaration followed three days of street violence in Tehran in which hardline, pro-Khomeini supporters fought with Left-wingers. In a speech on the eve of the pro-Palestinian Jerusalem Day, the Ayatollah said: "(It) is a day when we should warn these intellectuals who have relations with America and with American agents: If they don't stop meddling they will be crushed."

The religious leader had previously declared the last Friday of the holy month of Ramadan Jerusalem Day and asked other Moslem states to

THE Iranian Foreign Ministry yesterday denied reports that Iran would dispatch troops to Syria today to take up positions along the border with Israel.

The Kuwaiti newspaper Al Siyassah, had said that the Iranian troops would go to Syria's "confrontation line with Israel." — UPI.

observe it. "It is a day when we all should endeavour to liberate Jerusalem and relieve the pressure on Lebanon. It is a day when all Moslems must announce their existence and warn the Superpowers and their dregs in Iran and elsewhere.

"Let no one expect that the corrupt and the American or non-American Left will be able to reappear in this country. We can when we want, in a few hours, throw them to the dustbin of death," he said. "The United States and Israel are the chief enemies of Islam.

"We gave them (the Left-wingers) time and treated them mildly with the hope they would stop their devilish acts... if they don't we shall say the last word."

whose headquarters were stormed by Islamic militants last Monday, would take part. Both the Mujahedeen and Fedayeen were trained by Palestinian groups.

The Ayatollah's remarks came after reports that the arrest had been ordered of Hedayatollah Matin-Daftari, a leader of the National Democratic Front which organised a rally against alleged press repression last Sunday. The protests deteriorated into fighting between Right-wing Moslem militants and supporters of 10 political groups which joined the NDF rally.

The NDF said yesterday that it was prepared to present evidence in any "competent court" to show that "shock troop" tactics were used against the rally. The Islamic judge, Sheikh Sadeq Khalkhali, said in Qom on Wednesday that he believed Mr Matin-Daftari should be executed. A summons for the arrest of Marzban, editor of Persian-language daily, Peygham-E Imrouze, was also issued earlier this week.

The Association of Iranian Jurists, in an open letter to the Prime Minister, Mr Bazargan, has said that the people had the right to react to any suppression of their rights if the Government failed to act.

Three members of the Shah's secret police were executed by firing squad in the North-western town of Urumieh yesterday.

It was also reported yesterday that a policeman had been executed in Isfahan on charges of manslaughter and arresting anti-Shah demonstrators.

The Kurdish town of Paveh, near Iran's border with Iraq, was overrun by Kurdish rebels yesterday after two days of resistance by Islamic Revolutionary Guards and State police. Kurdish sources in Tehran said.

Reports said at least 13 people had been killed and about 50 wounded in the fighting.

A march is to be held today marking Jerusalem Day and a number of groups have said they will take part, including the radical People's Mujahedeen, who believe they are a potential target for hardline Moslems. It was not known whether the People's Fedayeen, The Tehran newspaper, Kayhan, quoted the provincial Governor-General Mohammad Sepahripur, as saying 2,000 attackers had taken the town. The fighting was believed to have started over local protests at the dispatch of non-Kurdish Revolutionary Guards to Pavch.—Reuter/UPI