Iranians take rebel Kurdish town

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The Iranian Armed Forces enter the rebel Kurdish stronghold of Mahabad on Monday under the cover of Iranian F-4 jet fighters. The Iranian army has been fighting to reconquer the town from the Kurds for several months. The inhabitants of Mahabad have been fighting back with homemade weapons and guerrilla tactics, relying on the support of neighboring Syria and Iraq.

Iran, however, got a big advantage on the battlefield when the rebels of Mahabad destroyed their weapons and left the town. The villagers, however, refused to give up without a fight and continued to resist the attack from the air and on the ground. On Monday, the Iranian army mounted a massive air strike on the town, destroying many of the rebel's positions and killing hundreds of fighters. The Iranian army also deployed tanks and infantry to the area, and the rebels were forced to retreat.

The capture of Mahabad is a significant victory for Iran, which has struggled for decades to maintain its control over the region. The rebels of Mahabad have been a thorn in the side of the Iranian government, and their capture is a blow to their morale. The rebels are expected to continue fighting, but their prospects for victory are diminishing as the Iranian army gains the upper hand.

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