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In Teheran, relatives tried to console a woman at the grave of her son who, she said, was one of seven of her children killed in clashes with Iranian troops.

## Foes Schedule Day of Mourning Monday to Test Shah's Strength

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TEHERAN, Iran, Dec. 15 — The religious and secular opposition to Shah Mohammed Riza Pahlevi served notice today that it intends to step up its war of economic attrition in the hope of driving him from power.

The leader of Iran's 33 million Shiite Moslems, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, declared that Monday would be a day of national mourning and called for a general strike to support the striking workers who have crippled Iranian oil production. The Ayatollah spoke from exile at Neauphle-le-Château, outside Paris.

He described the Shah as a "mentally disturbed" man who is "on the verge of his downfall."

Hours later, the National Front, the principal political party opposed to the Shah, endorsed the day of mourning, which would come seven days after Government troops killed a group of demonstrators in Isfahan following an holiday parade. The number killed has not been determined. The National Front appealed to everyone to stay indoors on Monday to avoid the possibility of renewed clashes.

### A Test of Strength Set Up

The opposition's call for intensified economic warfare set up a test of strength with the Government. In a speech last night, the Prime Minister, Gen. Gholam Riza Azhari, said that oil workers and others who failed to return to work would soon face dismissal.

Appearing on television, Gen. Azhari said that the Government was running short of money because of the politically motivated strikes, especially those in the oilfields. The strife is costing the nation about \$60 million a day in lost foreign exchange.

A senior Western diplomat said he thought the economic struggle had be-

ment could not restore some semblance of order within a month, he asserted, the Shah would probably be forced out.

Oil production reached only 1.1 million barrels today, a little more than one-sixth of the potential. With the central bank in only fitful operation, and shops closed all over the country, the economy has been paralyzed.

### Merchants Plan to Open

A merchant in the Teheran bazaar said that he and his colleagues, whose businesses have been closed since Nov. 5 except for one brief interval, would attempt to reopen tomorrow for two weeks, but would then close again. An opposition leader in Isfahan said a similar tactic might be tried there, to placate opposition supporters who had complained that the shutdown was making life impossible.

Relatively little violence was reported in the streets of Iranian cities today. During the past 24 hours, the most troubled city appears to have been Shiraz, a traditional cultural center that is also a refining center, 560 miles south of the capital. Reports of deaths there yesterday ranged from 12 to 24.

According to the sketchy information available here, 12 to 14 persons were shot or beaten to death by troops and demonstrators backing the Shah. Later, one report said, opponents of the Shah killed two soldiers and eight members of their families. The soldiers and their families were said to be adherents of the Bahai faith.

This morning, the opposition staged a procession in which the bodies of those killed yesterday were borne through downtown streets, according to one report. Soldiers ordered the procession to disperse, the report said, and when the opposition leaders refused, the troops opened fire. A large number of people were hit, the report said, but exact fig-

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