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Tehran (Reuter)—Kurdish guerrillas killed 22 Islamic revolutionary guards in an ambush on a rural road in central Kurdistan, the official Pars news agency said yesterday.

It was the highest loss so far reported among the militia force, which has been conducting anti-rebel operations in the Kurdish region with the support of the regular armed forces.

The agency said the attack took place Sunday night and described the rebels as members of the banned Kurdish Democratic Party, which earlier this year staged a full-scale rebellion against the

central authorities of the unofficial head of state, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

The state radio, in a report on the ambush, said 10 revolutionary guards were also injured and 33 were captured by the Kurdish rebels.

In Paris, Foreign Minister Ibrahim Yazdi said Iran's new Islamic rulers had no intention of "exporting" their revolution to neighboring countries.

But he added that "the Iranian revolution has had an enormous impact in neighboring countries. This is not our fault."

Asked if Iran would take part in an

eventual conference for security in the Persian Gulf area, Mr. Yazdi said his country's view was that the potential dangers to security must first be agreed upon.

Mr. Yazdi, one of Ayatollah Khomeini's closest associates, was asked how long Mehdi Bazargan would remain prime minister after his public protests at curbs on his government's powers by the Islamic Revolutionary Council.

He said a new premier would be named after elections for a president, expected within the next two months.

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