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declare cease-fire

Tehran, Iran (AP)—Turkish and Kurdish factions declared a cease-fire yesterday after three days of fighting that took a reported 25 lives in the northwestern town of Naghadeh, the government announced.

But television reports said shooting broke out again at dark and that several persons were killed.

The government said the cease-fire was reached after religious leaders and government representatives—headed by the west Azerbaijan governor, Gen. Mohammad Mehdi Abasi—met with leaders of the two sides.

The announcement was the first indication that members of the Turkish minority were involved in the fighting with the Kurds.

The reasons for the fighting were not immediately clear, but a government spokesman said the cease-fire agreement called for immediate negotiations.

Naghadeh, heavily populated by Turks, is in west Azerbaijan province, about 15 miles northwest of Mahabad, a major Kurdish city. Observers said they did not believe the rivalry was religious in nature since both groups belong to the Sunni Muslim sect.

The fighting erupted Friday after unidentified gunmen opened fire on a political rally of the Kurdish Democratic Front