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Iranian Kurds Say Army Has Joined Drive Against Them

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TEHRAN, April 25—The Kurdistan Democratic Party said today that fierce fighting has resumed in northwestern Iran, with the Iranian Army joining Turkish-speaking Azerbaijanis and Islamic militiamen against the region's Kurdish tribesmen.

Tehran-based spokesman for the party told a hastily convened news conference tonight that the opposing forces broke a cease-fire agreed to Monday.

"The Turks, *Mojaheds* [Islamic militiamen] and Army forces violated the cease-fire and are advancing into Kurdish territory, provoking the population and worsening the situation beyond all control," the spokesman, Jalil Gadani, said.

He said 500 people have been killed in and around the West Azerbaijan provincial town of Naqadeh since fighting broke out there Friday. He said the Army was using tanks and helicopter gunships to help the Turks and Islamic militiamen attack Kurdish villages.

"What we foresee is that the government, the Army, the *Mojaheds* and the Turks are going to unite into one force and wage war on the Kurds," Gadani said.