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Tehran (AP)—Kurdish rebels overwhelmed government revolutionary guards in the western town of Paveh during house-to-house fighting yesterday and shot down an F-4 Phantom jet and two helicopters trying to aid the guards.

State television reported at least 40 guards killed and said Mehdi Chamran, a deputy prime minister, was trapped with a handful of defenders in the small military garrison on the outskirts of Paveh. It said the garrison was surrounded and "all hope" was lost.

The broadcast accused the Kurds of invading the Paveh Hospital's morgue and slitting the throats of 18 revolutionary guards who had been slain in the fighting.

Tehran radio issued an urgent announcement ordering all revolutionary guards in Tehran to report immediately

to their headquarters. It gave no reason for the directive.

In Tehran, hundreds of thousands of pro-Palestinian supporters of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and his fundamentalist Muslim government converged on Tehran University. They shouted approval of the ayatollah's declaration to observe yesterday as Palestinian Solidarity Day and chanted, "Israel is dead, Palestine is victorious."

Two wounded guards, evacuated by helicopter from Paveh to a hospital in Kermanshah, told Pars, the Iranian news agency, there were 200 guards in Paveh when more than 2,000 Kurds—seeking autonomy for their region in northwestern Iran—surrounded the town three days ago and then attacked.

Pars also quoted the guards as saying Iraqi Kurds had crossed the border, only 25 miles west of Paveh, to help

the rebels.

Abdol Rhaman Qassemlu, leader of the Kurdish Democratic Party, denied the government claim of rebels maiming the bodies of slain guards. Reached by telephone at his party headquarters in Mahabad, he said the government's allegation of atrocities was an attempt to turn public opinion against the Kurds and their demand for self-rule.

Mr Chamran, deputy prime minister for revolutionary affairs, had flown by helicopter to Paveh, 300 miles northwest of Tehran, to try to negotiate with the insurgents.

Pars said there were many wounded revolutionary guards in Paveh, but the government could not get helicopters into the garrison to deliver medical teams or evacuate the victims.

The army command failed for a third day to send in troops to aid the revolutionary militias. Kurdish forces controlled roads and passes in the mountainous region between Paveh and a garrison in Kermanshah, 60 miles to the south.

Members of Iran's four-million-member Kurdish minority also are Muslims, but they have been struggling for years to win some degree of autonomy from the central government.

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