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Iranian Troops Take Saqqez From Kurdish Rebels

TEHRAN—Government troops regained control of Saqqez in northwestern Iran yesterday, ending five days of fierce fighting with Kurdish rebels. Heavy damage was reported in the city.

In Tehran, three unidentified assailants shot and killed Mehdi Eraqui, financial director of the Kayhan Group of publications and reportedly a member of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's Revolutionary Council. Eraqui's 20-year-old son, Mohammad, also was killed and Hossein Mehdian, managing director of the mass circulation Kayhan newspaper, was wounded, the Pars news agency said.

The three men were riding in a car on their way to the newspaper's offices when they were ambushed, the news agency said. Members of the ter-

rorist group Forqan claimed responsibility for the shootings, the Kayhan newspaper said.

Meanwhile, the national Iranian Oil Co. said that because of "climatic conditions" at the Kharg Oil Terminal, a temporary reduction in crude oil exports of about 400,000 barrels a day was likely.