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Moslem clergymen and Afghanis in Tehran march on Afghan Embassy to protest treatment of dissidents by the new pro-Soviet government of Afghanistan.

# Iran's Rebellious Kurds Reportedly Accept Truce

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Associated Press

SANANDAJ, Iran, March 20—Kurdish rebels fighting for increased autohomy agreed to a new cease-fire today and pledged to end their bloody siege of an Iranian Army barracks here, but by late evening gunfire and mortars were still exploding in the city.

Iran's state radio announced that the Kurdish gunmen around the barracks had agreed to pull back from their positions after three days of fighting, and rebel sources said a civilian delegation went to the surrounded barracks in an effort to persuade the trapped soldiers to surrender.

The government said that since the hostilities broke out Sunday, 86 persons have been killed and 200 wounded as the Kurds battled to win their centuries-old dream of self-rule.

The Kurdish uprising is the most acute of several autonomy drives by national minorities taking advantage of weakness in Iran's central government since the downfall of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

One Sanandaj resident told a reporter: "We are Iranians and we love or country, but we want to govern ourselves."

Kurdish fighters manned roadblocks throughout Sanandaj and were still in control of most of the Kurdistan provincial capital as night fell and the cease-fire was scheduled to begin.

Throughout the day, military helicopters made low sweeps over the city and fired on residents. Hospitals were jammed with injured, and doctors working round-the-clock appealed for medical supplies.

Deputy Prime Minister Abbas Amir Entezam vowed in Tehran to crush the insurgents and announced the government was sending troop reinforcements to Sanandaj along with peace envoys, some of them direct representatives of Islamic leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

No troop movements were seen by reporters driving to Sanandaj, 300 miles west of Tehran, but 10 helicopters landed at the local airport.

There also was a brief cease-fire last night, but it was shattered early today by rebels who opened fire on helicopters dropping food supplies to soldiers in the barracks.

Marxist Fedaye and Islamic Mujahideen guerrillas, who played key roles in fighting that toppled the shah, appealed for the government to work out a peaceful solution. The Fedaye also announced their members will boycott the March 30 referendum in which Iranians will be asked to accept or reject an Islamic republic.

The choice is too narrow and precludes other forms of rule, they complain.

Entezam said any rights to self-rule for Iran's 4 million Kurds agreed to by the government will be written into Iran's new constitution, to be made public shortly after the referendum. He said the matter is under study.

In other developments:

- About 200 Afghani students demonstrated in front of the Afghanistan Consulate in Tehran demanding the ouster of the pro-Soviet Afghan government and expulsion of all Soviet advisers.
- The state radio announced seven more former officials of the shah's government were arrested on unspecified charges.
- Iran's Ministry of Labor announced that foreign employes in nonessential jobs will be dismissed in two stages under new regulations that will come into effect in a month. About 500,000 persons, mainly from Third World nations such as Pakistan and Afghanistan are expected to be affected.

## *Iraq to Convene Urgent Arab Summit On Egypt-Israel Pact*

BEIRUT, March 20 (UPI)—Iraq will call for an urgent meeting of Arab foreign and economy ministers to discuss actions against Egypt for signing a Middle East Peace pact, the Iraqi news agency said today.

The agency said the date of the projected parley will be decided upon as soon as Egyptian President Anwar Sadat signs the peace treaty with Israel, reportedly set for Monday in Washington.

A top Iraqi Foreign Ministry official already has informed Arab diplomats in Baghdad of his government's intentions and asked them to stand by for an announcement on the date of the proposed meeting, the agency said.

A summit of Arab heads of state in Baghdad last November reportedly agreed to a number of political and economic sanctions aganist the Egyptian regime, but said such action would be taken only after Sadat signs the peace pact.

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