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Kurds to End War and 'Join Islam'

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TEHRAN, Iran—Heavy fighting was reported Wednesday between government troops and Kurdish rebels as Iran's leader attempted to induce the rebels to "join Islam" and lay down their arms.

The government radio reported 86 persons killed, including 11 government soldiers, in the last two days of a renewed revolt among Kurdish tribesmen fighting for political autonomy in the mountainous Kurdistan province in northwest Iran.

Iran's spiritual leader and de facto head of state, the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, offered the nation's Kurdish minority the equivalent of \$75 million and what appeared to be general amnesty to persuade them to stop their revolt.

In an eight-point statement broadcast by the state radio, the 79-year-old religious leader said he had ordered the chairman of the National Iranian Oil Co. to put a day's oil revenue at the disposal of Kurdistan province within the next week. At normal export levels, this would be worth \$75 million.

"I tell the Kurds that all the Iranian masses are the same," Khomeini said. "There is no difference between the nationalities."

But he warned members of the

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several Kurdish groups united in a battle to expel guardsmen from the town.

The Kurdish Democratic Party warned Wednesday that its 30,000 members would declare war on Khomeini's revolutionary guardsmen unless they were pulled out of Kurdistan province.

In a letter to the government, the party said it did not object to the presence of the Iranian army. But it demanded the immediate withdrawal

of the guardsmen, who have fought the main battles against the Kurds since February, when Khomeini's forces took over the government from the regime of the exiled Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi.

The Kurdish party vowed that its guerrillas would execute one guardsman for each Kurd executed by the Islamic courts in Kurdistan.

Rebel leaders equated the policies of Khomeini's regime with those of the ousted shah.

"The only difference is that during

the Pahlavi regime, they did not kill innocent people so ruthlessly," said Karim Hesami, an official of the Kurdish Democratic Party.

"The religious leaders should understand that they cannot silence the masses with their forces," Hesami said in a statement telephoned from Mahabad.

The monarch suppressed that uprising, jailed its leaders and maintained subsequent control of Kurdistan with a strong military presence.

Khomeini outlawed the Kurdish political party Sunday when he mobilized the army against the new rebellion.

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