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Tehran, **Iran** (AP)—Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini ordered Iran's armed forces mobilized yesterday to crush a rebellion in Kurdistan, where he said Kurdish rebels had surrounded a military garrison in new fighting.

The government banned the Kurdish political party, and the Army canceled all military leaves.

Kurdish sources denied Ayatollah Khomeini's report of a fight in the town of Sanandaj, however, and the government later said the town was under its control.

In announcing the ban on the Kurdish Democratic party, the government said it was seeking the party's leaders, including its secretary general, Abdol Rahman Qasemlu, for inciting uprisings. Pars, the official news agency, reported 11 Kurdish rebels were executed Saturday night for "causing disturbances" in Kurdistan.

The Kurdish Democratic central committee, which was reported in hiding, issued a statement appealing to international organizations for help to stop the government "from annihilating the **Kurdish** people, their children and aged."

Meanwhile, the government and the powerful Islamic Revolutionary Council

decided that troops disobeying orders would be tried by revolutionary courts. Sadegh Tabatabai, the deputy prime minister, said those found guilty "will receive the maximum sentence of death."

Some Air Force personnel reportedly balked at orders to bomb targets in the town the Kurdish town of Paveh.

The mobilization came after several days of fighting between government forces and Kurds seeking autonomy for their province in western **Iran**.

Kurds besieged a government garrison in Paveh Friday and were not subdued until Saturday, when the government launched a massive air and ground attack. The government said yesterday that the death toll at Paveh, estimated in the press at 300, included at least 58 revolutionary guardsmen.

Ayatollah Khomeini took to the state radio to announce the mobilization as a measure to help government troops in Sanandaj, about 50 miles east of Paveh.

"I have been notified that the armed forces barracks and units in Sanandaj are surrounded by Kurdish rebels and if they do not receive help, the rebels will get away with all the weapons," he said.