

# Khomeini orders in troops against the Kurds

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Iranian Government forces converged on the Kurdistan capital of Sanandaj yesterday after Ayatollah Khomeini ordered a general mobilisation to crush what he called a Kurdish rebellion.

The 79-year-old unofficial Head of State said, in a message over the State radio, that the arsenal of the twentieth infantry division was about to fall into the hands of the Kurds, who had surrounded the Sanandaj garrison. He demanded that troops be flown to Sanandaj, and to other parts of Kurdistan, immediately, to reneve the division.

But the governor-general of Kurdistan strongly denied that the Sanandaj garrison was surrounded, or that there had been any fighting in the city. Mr Mohammad Rashid Shakiba said on the telephone from the city: "I don't know who told Ayatollah Khomeini this. It is a total lie. There is no unrest here.

"Both the town and the barracks are peaceful, and the local commander has not asked for any reinforcements."

The Kurdish society in Tehran said thousands of townspeople had begun a peaceful sit-in in front of the Sanandaj barracks, following Ayatollah Khomeini's mobilisation order. A spokesman for the society said the people of Sanandaj wanted to prevent the Army from taking any arms out of the garrison.

Thousands of Kurds staged demonstrations yesterday in nine main Kurdish towns, to support their spiritual leader, Sheikh Ezzedin Hosseini, who has been branded a "corrupt" element by Ayatollah Khomeini according to the spokesman.

The Voice of the Islamic Republic radio broadcast reported that troops and Revolutionary Guards were on the outskirts of Sanandaj, ready to attack the city whenever Ayatollah Khomeini ordered it.

The official Pars news agency said a number of unidentified counter-revolutionaries, who were said to be Leftists and members of the now-banned K  
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series of fiery speeches since last Friday has demanded vigorous action to crush his opponents, yesterday gave the armed forces 30 minutes in which to mobilise, and ordered them to put down the insurgents violently.

The Kurdistan governor-general said there had only been one small incident in Sanandaj yesterday, when some of the townspeople disarmed a truckload of Revolutionary Guards. "Ayatollah Khomeini issued his orders

without even consulting me about what was going on," he said.

Eleven Kurds captured when Government forces retook Paveh were executed at dawn yesterday in the nearby town of Kermanshah, for waging war on "God and his representatives."

The radio said that Ayatollah Sadogh Khalkhali, who as a former head of Iran's Revolutionary Tribunals claims to have sentenced hundreds to death since the February revolution, had been ordered to

Kermanshah by Ayatollah Khomeini to deal with counter-revolutionary cases.

In a statement broadcast on the radio last night, Ayatollah Khomeini said he had been informed that the armed forces had taken emergency measures to deal with the situation in Kurdistan.

Earlier, the Ayatollah carried out his threat to ban the KDP, which he blamed for the violence in Paveh. The election of KDP secretary-general Abdul Rahaman Qassemloo earlier this month was

declared null and void by Iran's Council of the Revolution.

Mr Qassemloo had already decided to boycott yesterday's inauguration of Iran's Council of Constitutional Experts, dominated by clergymen loyal to Ayatollah Khomeini.

In a statement issued in the Kurdish town of Mahabad yesterday, Mr Qassemloo said Ayatollah Khomeini had started an inquisition, and was gradually restoring Iran to a "religious dictatorship"