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## Kurdish Offer of Peace Turned Down by Khomeini

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TEHRAN, Iran—The leader of Iran, the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, has turned down a peace bid by Kurdish rebels and refused to endorse a negotiated cease-fire, a member of the ruling Revolutionary Council said Tuesday.

Khomeini "has made no concessions," Abdul-Hussein Bani-Sadr said.

In an interview that he said reflected the views of Iran's religious leader and de facto head of state, Bani-Sadr said, "There is no justification whatsoever for the systematic subversion of minorities which want to impose violence on our people. As soon as they (the Kurds) stop acting in this manner, brotherly Islamic cooperation can begin."

"It is not up to us to declare a cease-fire."

An unofficial cease-fire is in force on all fronts in the Kurdish region of northwestern Iran as both sides await the outcome of peace moves in Tehran.

The spokesman for a five-man Kurdish delegation had said Monday night that Tehran's religious leader, the Ayatollah Mahmoud Taleghani, had given assurances that a formal cease-fire would be announced Tuesday. But the move apparently was vetoed by Khomeini.

The Kurdish delegates met with senior government officials in Tehran again Tuesday, repeating the offer of an immediate cease-fire in the Kurdish region if the government stopped

executing Kurdish rebels.

But the executions went on. The head of Iran's Islamic courts, the Ayatollah Sadegh Khaikhai, who had been dispatched to Kurdistan province, sent another 20 men to the firing squad in Saqqez Tuesday—11 rebels and nine army deserters, the official news agency reported. Eleven other Kurds had been executed in Sanandaj the previous day.

More than 50 Kurdish rebels have been put to death since the latest struggle for Kurdish autonomy began two weeks ago. Nearly 1,000 people have died in fighting in Kurdistan since March.

Iran's 4 million Kurds repeatedly have sought political autonomy from the central government, seeking to join other Kurdish-speaking tribes in neighboring Iraq and Turkey to form an independent nation.

**EXECUTIONS:** -Eleven Kurdish rebels are executed by firing squad in the Iranian city of Sanandaj.  
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