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Kurds Accuse

Khomaini of

Imitating Shah

70 Reported Killed in Fighting Between Rebels, Iran Forces

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Kurdish leaders today charged the Islamic government with following ruthless policies like those of the deposed monarchy and declared the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomaini "cannot silence" their fight for autonomy.

"The only difference (between the two regimes) is that during the Pahlavi regime, they did not kill innocent people so shamelessly," said Karim Hesami, an official of the Kurdish Democratic Party, referring to the deposed Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi.

"The religious leaders should understand that they cannot silence the masses with their forces," said Hesami, a party central committee member, in a statement read over the telephone from restive Kurdistan province.

The open defiance of Khomaini's authority came as the government said 70 people were reported killed in new fighting in Kurdistan between revolutionary forces and the Kurds.

Khomaini led the revolution which deposed the shah in February. Under

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MOMENTS FROM DEATH -Iranian firing squads
in Paveh take positions in front of Kurdish reb-
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els accused of killing revolutionary guardsmen.
The men's heads were tied to window frames.

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