

Kurds say cease-fire is set to start today

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Tehran, **Iran** (Reuter)—Iran's ruling Muslim religious leaders have agreed to proclaim a cease-fire today on all fronts in the Kurdish revolt, a spokesman for Kurdish negotiators said yesterday.

The announcement, for which there was no official government confirmation, came as the official Pars news agency reported that two Iraqi military officers had been captured in the recent fighting in Paveh and sent to Tehran for questioning.

It was the first suggestion that any Iraqi military personnel might be involved in the fighting. Iranian officials have charged that civilian Kurds from across the Iraqi border might be involved in the fight for autonomy.

The Kurdish spokesman, Dr. Rahim Seif Ghazi, said the cease-fire agreement was reached after talks yesterday with Ayatollah Mahmoud Taleghani, Tehran's spiritual leader.

He said the ayatollah had promised that the state radio would broadcast a cease-fire order by this morning and that formal negotiations for peace would begin.

A five-man delegation from the rebel capital of Mahabad has been negotiating mainly with Iran's religious leadership in Tehran, but three government ministers have been involved in the talks.

Two trusted aides of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini went to the holy city of Qom, 95 miles south of here, earlier yesterday to convey the Kurdish proposals to Iran's unofficial head of state.

Kurds felt that the basis for a permanent solution of their problem could be negotiated, but added that a wide representation of Kurds would have to be invited to the final talks.

Any cease-fire would depend on the endorsement of Ayatollah Khomeini, who last week declared himself supreme commander of the armed forces in order to launch a full-scale military campaign against the Kurds, Mr. Ghazi said.

Ayatollah Khalkhali sentenced 11 more persons to death yesterday, according to state radio.

He found nine of them guilty of armed rebellion against the Islamic Republic and taking part in the recent fighting against government forces.

The other two were former officials of the shah's regime, one of them a general.

All were executed by firing squad yesterday in the Kurdistan provincial capital of Sanandaj, the radio reported.

Previously the state radio reported 45 executions by authorities in the Kurdish region since the fighting began 10 days ago.

The Pars news agency said yesterday the KDP had executed four hostages. Last week the KDP threatened to execute one revolutionary guard for every **Kurd** the government sent to the firing squad.

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