

## **Nikol Pashinian is Ready For Early Elections - March 1, 2021**

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinian said on March 1 that he is prepared to hold snap parliamentary elections provided the opposition agrees to certain conditions.

Political tensions in Armenia are high, with supporters of Pashinian and the opposition each staging massive rallies at separate sites in the capital.

Pashinian is confronted with an ongoing political crisis after the army demanded that he quit last week, a move he said amounted to an attempted coup.

"If the parliamentary opposition agrees to early elections, we will agree to early elections," Pashinian told thousands of supporters gathered in Yerevan's central Republic Square.

Pashinian has faced mounting protests and calls from the opposition for his resignation following a six-week conflict between Azerbaijan and ethnic Armenian forces over the region of Nagorno-Karabakh last year. Many Armenians see the deal as a humiliating loss.