

Armenian Prime Minister Calls Military's Demands For His Resignation An Attempted Coup - February 25, 2021

Armenia's armed forces have called for the resignation of Prime Minister Nikol Pashinian and his government, prompting him to claim it's an attempted coup by the military. The chief of information at the General Staff of the Armed Forces, Samvel Asatryan, said in a statement posted on February 25 that the call came in "resolute protest" against the dismissal of the first deputy chief of the General Staff "for short-sighted reasons."

It was not immediately clear whether the armed forces are willing to use force to back up the statement. Pashinian rejected the call to step down and instead announced the dismissal of Onik Gasparian, the head of the General Staff. He also called for his supporters to gather in the center of the capital, Yerevan.