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## **TURKEY CONDEMNS COUP ATTEMPT IN ARMENIA, FM ÇAVUŞOĞLU SAYS**

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Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu on Thursday stated that as a country that "opposes any types of coups, no matter what - Turkey condemns the coup attempt in Armenia."

"We are against coups and coup attempts wherever in the world," Çavuşoğlu stated during a joint press conference with his Hungarian counterpart Peter Szijjarto in Budapest. He added that the Caucasus has gained a chance for stability and peace that must not be missed.

Presidential Communications Director Fahrettin Altun said Turkey was deeply concerned over the developments in Armenia.

We view the unfolding situation as a coup attempt and unequivocally condemn it. Turkey always sides with democracy and the free will of citizens □ wherever in the world they may come under attack, Altun wrote on Twitter.

Armenias prime minister spoke of a military coup Thursday after the militarys General Staff demanded that he step down after months of protests sparked by the nations defeat in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict with Azerbaijan.

The General Staff issued a statement calling for the resignation of Prime Minister Nikol Pashinian, which was signed by top military officers. The move was triggered by Pashinians decision earlier this week to oust the first deputy chief of the General Staff.

Pashinyan called the military's statement a "military coup attempt and ordered the firing of the chief of the General Staff. He urged the military to only listen to his orders and called on his supporters to take to the streets and back him.

Shortly after the announcement Pashinian gathered with his supporters at Republic Square. The prime minister called the situation in the country manageable and announced that he is ready to discuss pressing issues, stressing that we have no enemies inside Armenia.

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