

# CIVIL AWAKENING IN ARMENIA

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Addressing a huge crowd at Republic Square, Pashinyan called to surround government buildings, close down streets and highways the way they did it on Tuesday.

The actions will start at France Square and will finish at Republic Square, Pashinyan said.


The opposition leader also called on prominent Diaspora Armenians Serj Tankian, Charles Aznavour and Arsinee Khanjian to join them at the square.

Pashinyan promised to set up a revolutionary committee that will be coordinating all actions. He said the opposition rallies will enter the second stage tomorrow, and the entire capital city will be paralyzed.

## **Human Rights Watch urges Armenia authorities not to obstruct free assemblies, demonstrations by peaceful demonstrators**

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The Human Rights Watch international NGO has called on Armenian authorities not to obstruct the free assemblies and demonstrations by peaceful demonstrators

 Speaking to the Voice of America Armenian Service, Giorgi Gogia, the South Caucasus Director of the Human Rights Watch, reflected on the latest domestic political developments taking place in Armenia.

Gogia noted that Armenia has a history of obstructing free assemblies and protest demonstrations

by peaceful demonstrators as well as using disproportionate force against protesters, and said this has recurred this time as well.

As per Giorgi Gogia, this is why Human Rights Watch follows the domestic political developments in Armenia very closely, and it calls on the country's authorities not to obstruct the free assemblies and demonstrations by peaceful demonstrators and to honor its respective international obligations.

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