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Armenian Opposition Leader May Challenge President's Re-Election

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YEREVAN — The runner-up in Armenia's presidential election said Monday that he might challenge the official result, which gave Serzh Sargsyan a new five-year term and triggered street protests.

Opposition leader Raffi Hovannisian got 37 percent of the vote in the Feb. 18 election in the country of 3.2 million, Moscow's closest ally in the South Caucasus.

Hovannisian and his Heritage Party say the vote was rigged in favor of Sargsyan, who won 58.6 percent. The opposition has twice held protests, drawing several thousand people in Yerevan since the election.

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