

Kremlin: We Don't Regard Turmoil in Armenia as Ukraine-Style Revolution

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The Kremlin said on Tuesday it did not regard political tumult in Armenia, a close Russian ally, as a Ukraine-style revolution and was pleased that the situation there appeared stable for now.

The Kremlin was speaking a day after Armenian Prime Minister Serzh Sargsyan resigned after almost two weeks of mass street protests that plunged the ex-Soviet republic into political crisis.

"For now we see that the situation is not unfolding in a destabilizing way which is a cause for satisfaction," Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters on a conference call.

"We hope that order and stability will be maintained in the country and that the outlines of a consensus political configuration will appear in the near future."

When asked if the Kremlin regarded the events as a revolution, Peskov said he would not draw parallels with what happened in Ukraine in 2014 when big protests brought about a change in power that shifted the country away from Russia's orbit towards the West.

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