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## **BRAWL BREAKS OUT IN ARMENIA'S PARLIAMENT**

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Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and a major opposition party traded bitter accusations after lawmakers representing them brawled on the Armenian parliament floor on Friday.

The brawl erupted in the presence of Pashinyan and his ministers as Edmon Marukyan, the leader of the Bright Armenia Party, lambasted pro-government deputies for their angry reactions to opposition criticism of the government.

Marukyan was heckled by some of those deputies affiliated with Pashinyans My Step bloc and shouted back at them during his speech. One of them, Sasun Mikaelyan, then punched him before other lawmakers from My Step and the Bright Armenia Party joined in the resulting fistfight or shoved and chased each other in the chamber.

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