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Once Armenias democratic hope, Pashinyan is now calling for vendettas and to replace his velvet mandate with a steel one. And hes not the only candidate using that kind of language.

When Nikol Pashinyan came to power in Armenia in 2018, he did so on the promise of a non-violent, velvet, popular revolution. Now, as he faces a difficult reelection campaign, his rhetoric has hardened and he has promised a vendetta against his opponents.

He is not the only leading candidate to use violent rhetoric in the heated campaign ahead of the June 20 election, and some observers are warning about the danger posed by such language in Armenias polarized post-war society.

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