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Besieged Ukraine president could call early elections to untangle crisis

KIEV (AFP) - Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich could call early elections if there are no other ways out of the crisis, his representative has told Parliament.

Mr Yuriy Miroshnichenko said Mr Yanukovich spoke at a meeting with lawmakers last week of "two possible scenarios" to end a two-month crisis.

"The first is the release of occupied buildings and an amnesty, and the second is early elections. The amnesty is not working out," Mr Miroshnichenko told AFP, referring to the release of detained protesters.

The opposition wants protesters freed unconditionally, while Mr Yanukovich and his ruling Regions Party say this can only happen if occupied buildings, including ministries and regional government offices, are vacated within the next few days

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