

# Turkey unveils reforms

**Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan has announced long-awaited political reforms to improve human rights**



■ Electoral threshold for Kurdish and other smaller parties to enter parliament to be reduced from 10% to 5% of national vote

■ Towns officially allowed to use Kurdish rather than Turkish names

■ Teaching in Kurdish and other non-Turkish languages permitted in private schools

■ Ban on women wearing Islamic headscarves in public institutions lifted, except in judiciary and army

■ Anti-discrimination commission to combat hate crimes to be set up

■ Removal of nationalist oath recited by students in primary schools

■ Land belonging to Syriac Christian Mor Gabriel Monastery, which was seized by state, to be returned