

# Turkey set for tight election race

Incumbent President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his AK Party are well-placed to win the vote, but economic instability and an unusual alliance of opposition candidates could jeopardise his re-election bid



**50.8%**

Share of opinion poll\*

**Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Justice and Development Party (AKP).** Victory will ensure he assumes virtually unchecked authority of new executive presidency, narrowly approved in divisive referendum last year

**NATION ALLIANCE:** Three main opposition candidates promise to rehabilitate economy, roll back empowered presidency and restore rights eroded by Erdogan



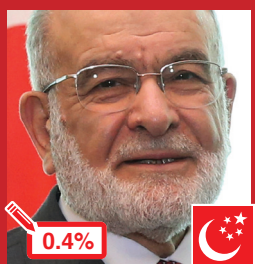
**30.1%**

**Muharrem Ince**  
**Republican People's Party (CHP).** Former physics teacher draws support from traditional base of secular, liberal urban voters



**8.0%**

**Meral Aksener**  
**Iyi Party (Iyi)**  
Former hard line interior minister in 1990s, has reinvented herself as pro-democracy nationalist



**0.4%**

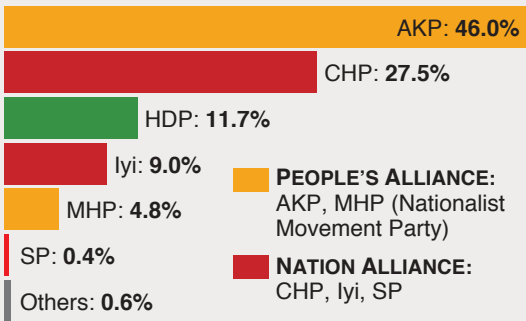
**Temel Karamollaoğlu**  
**Felicity Party (SP)**  
Heads small Islamist party which gives appealing alternative to religious voters who oppose Erdogan



**10.5%**

**Selahattin Demirtaş**  
**Pro-Kurdish People's Democratic Party (HDP).** Arrested in 2016 on spurious terrorism charges, is leading campaign from jail

**PARLIAMENT PROSPECTS:** Elections for President and parliament held on same day for first time



\*Foresight poll for Bloomberg News of 500 people conducted June 7-11, margin of error  $\pm 3.5$

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