

Crises mount for Turkey's Erdogan

President Erdogan and his ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) continue to suffer setbacks since the opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) took control of six of Turkey's 10 largest cities

Local election results

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CHP win



AKP win



■ **Mar 31:** CHP's **Ekrem Imamoglu** (right) wins mayoral election in Istanbul with almost 14,000 votes. **President Erdogan** annuls result, calls for re-run



President Recep Tayyip Erdogan



■ **Jun 23:** Imamoglu soundly defeats AKP opponent by more than 800,000 votes in election re-run

■ **Jul 6:** Erdogan sacks Turkey's central bank governor, **Murat Cetinkaya** (right), amid inflation and foreign-debt crisis. **Foreign-debt exceeds \$328 billion**



■ **Jul 8:** Influential former economy minister, **Ali Babacan** (right), quits AKP, citing "deep differences" over party's direction



■ **New party:** Babacan and former President **Abdullah Gul** are reported to be spearheading effort to form new party in coming months

■ **Turkish lira:** Over last two years, lira has lost 40% of its value against U.S. dollar – lifting prices of imported goods