

Turkey's shoddy building codes



2003-14: As prime minister, **Recep Tayyip Erdoğan** (above) and local officials support construction boom to modernise Turkey and lift millions out of poverty

Aug 2014: Erdoğan wins presidential election

2018: Shortly before presidential and parliamentary elections, government grants vote-winning amnesty to companies that breach building codes

2018-20: Amnesty approves 7.4 million building applications, raising about \$4.2 billion in fees



2021: Chamber of Geological Engineers warns that more than half of all buildings in Turkey – accounting for some 13 million apartments – violate building codes

2023: Death toll from Feb 6 earthquakes in Turkey and Syria climbs above 41,000