

Turkey's anti-Erdogan bloc

A new opposition alliance vows to reverse President Erdogan's policies in what many see as the most consequential election in the republic's 100-year history

◀ **Kemal Kilicdaroglu**, 74 – head of main secular opposition party **Republican People's Party**. Chosen by six-party **Nation Alliance** to challenge **Recep Tayyip Erdogan**, 69, in May's presidential election

KEY PLEDGES BY NATION ALLIANCE

POLITICAL SYSTEM

- Return Turkey to parliamentary democracy and bring back position of prime minister
- Presidency to be ceremonial role only, serving one seven-year term
- Parliament's authority to back out of international agreements to be enshrined in constitution

FOREIGN POLICY

- Complete accession process for full membership to European Union
- Establish relations with U.S. with understanding of mutual trust, and return Turkey to F-35 fighter jet programme
- Maintain relations with Russia "with an understanding that both parties are equal"

ECONOMY

- Lower inflation – running at 55% in February – to single digits within two years and restore stability of Turkish lira, which has lost 80% of value in past five years
- Restore independence of central bank. Roll back measures such as allowing cabinet to select governor

LEGAL REFORMS

- Ensure independence of judiciary, currently seen as under control of Erdogan
- Ensure courts quickly implement rulings by Constitutional Court and European Court of Human Rights
- Strengthen freedom of expression and ensure pre-trial detentions kept to minimum