

Pivotal election in Türkiye

As Türkiye votes for president and parliament, “Table of Six” opposition leaders are focused on a deep economic crisis, sky-high inflation and the aftermath of catastrophic earthquakes that killed 50,000 people



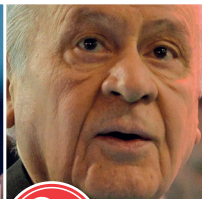
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, 69:

Leader of right-wing **Justice and Development Party**

(AKP) has near-complete media control



Erdoğan recently doubled minimum wage to 8,506.80 lira (\$455) and secured \$5 billion from Saudi Arabia and nearly \$10bn from Russia. Inflation is running at 43.7%, and nearly 2.7 million quake survivors continue to live in tents



Devlet Bahçeli, 75 (above

left): Bahçeli’s far-right **Nationalist Action Party**

(MHP) is Erdoğan’s main ally



Muharrem İnce, 58 (above

right): **Homeland Party**

Party (CHP) leader will likely siphon votes from opposition leader **Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu**.

Pro-Erdoğan media networks have helped boost İnce’s poll numbers



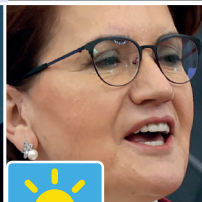
Opposition Table of Six

Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu, 74

(above): Former civil servant, head of secularist **People’s Party** (CHP)



Table of Six is committed to restoring former parliamentary powers to legislate and hold executive accountable. Erdoğan curtailed democratic freedoms in 2018, establishing his all-powerful executive presidency



Meral Akşener, 66 (above

left): Former interior minister leads centre-right **Good Party** (İYİ) – second-largest opposition party



Ali Babacan, 55 (above right):

Former prime minister quit AKP in 2019 to form centrist **Democracy and Progress Party** (DEVA)



Other Table of Six parties: Felicity Party (left), Democrat Party (centre), and Future Party (right)

