

GUINNESS BOOK ENTRY “FOR FIRST TIME IN HUMAN HISTORY AN INDIVIDUAL IS THE LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT AND SIMULTANEOUSLY THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION AND HE IS ACCEPTED AS A LEGITIMATE FELLOW ALLY BY ALL THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES, INCLUDING CANADA!!!

NO CHANCE TO LOOSE THE ELECTIONS!

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“Erdogan forever!” The leader of the People’s Party challenges him with a Quranic verse he always repeats. A shocking surprise: The opposition leadership is “invalid.” So, is Turkey expecting “early elections,” and will it be the “next target” for overthrow?

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It appears that Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan wants to completely control the opposition in his country and leave no trace of “real rivals,” as evidenced by a judicial decision to strip the opposition leader of his position, or as the Turkish court described it, to “cancel the election” of the leader of the opposition Republican People’s Party, Ozgur Ozal, in 2023.

It is noteworthy that the phrase “violations” on which the court based its “exclusion” of the Turkish opposition leader brought back to the forefront the former leader of the Republican People’s Party, Kemal Kilicdaroglu, who lost the presidential elections to Erdogan in early 2023.

Here, big questions arise about whether Kılıçdaroğlu is Erdoğan’s man, the weak opposition rival who poses no threat, and who seems to be playing a role in creating a split in the structure of the opposition Republican People’s Party, a split that serves Erdoğan.

With the results between the ruling Justice and Development Party and the larger opposition Republican People’s Party converging in opinion polls, the annulled election of opposition leader Ozal appears to be worthy of legal exclusion, as the other, fiercer rival, Istanbul Mayor Ekrem Imamoglu, has already been arrested on allegations of corruption and bribery.

In response to the “absolute nullity” statement, Istanbul’s detained mayor, Ekrem Imamoglu, said: “This is not just a blow to the Republican People’s Party, but to the Republic. It aims to destroy the constitutional order.”

The Turkish opposition escalated its stance, with the Republican People's Party denouncing the ruling as a "judicial coup," and its leader, Ozal, vowing to challenge it

through legal appeals and to personally remain at the party's headquarters in Ankara "day and night."

Amid questions about democracy and the fine line between it and authoritarianism in Turkey, the opposition has the street card, as thousands of people have already demonstrated in Ankara and Istanbul to protest a judicial decision to strip the leader of the main opposition party in Turkey of his position. Given these escalating steps against the Turkish opposition under the banner of the law, it seems that the Turkish president (72 years old) is determined to run for a new term and will go for early elections, since the law does not allow him to run if he completes his current term in 2028. This seems to reinforce the slogan that Erdogan's followers dropped in Syria, "Assad forever," but which remains in Turkey, "Erdogan forever," who has been ruling for 23 years.

If the opposition decides to escalate street protests and clash with the police and security forces, this will threaten the country's stability, amid an ongoing, unprecedented legal campaign against members of the Republican People's Party, which has resulted in the arrest of hundreds of members and elected officials since 2024 on charges of corruption and other offenses, which the party denies.

The leader of the People's Party, Ozal, challenged President Erdogan after his dismissal, asking those present to listen carefully to a verse that President Erdogan always repeats in his speeches "despite his secularism." Ozal looked at a paper in front of him and read from it: "They plot, and Allah plots, and Allah is the best of plotters," indicating that the decision against him was "political scheming."

Politically, Ozal responded by announcing his assumption of the presidency of the Republican People's Party's parliamentary bloc with the support of 110 deputies to prevent any "legal vacuum." Ozal categorically ruled out the possibility of Kemal Kilicdaroglu coming to parliament to deliver a speech based on the annulment decision, a move that prompted Kilicdaroglu to congratulate him and bless his new position.

The ousted leader of Turkey's main opposition party also called on Saturday for a new party congress to be held as soon as possible, within 40 days, after a court ruling days earlier removed the party leadership, exacerbating the political crisis.

Simultaneously, Devlet Bahçeli, leader of the Nationalist Movement Party and Erdogan's ally, went so far as to say that international threats directed against Iran could target Turkey tomorrow, describing statements by some platforms that Turkey is "the next target" as a profound illusion and an irrational step doomed to failure.

Ayşe Gül Doğan, spokesperson for the Peoples' Equality and Democracy Party, confirmed that the party's Central Executive Council held an extraordinary meeting to discuss the

"absolute nullification" decision against the Republican People's Party (CHP), considering that the decision has political dimensions and constitutes a threat to democracy in Turkey. She also warned of its repercussions on the "Peace and Democratic Society" process and confidence in the political process.

In light of all that is happening, will President Erdogan insist on a policy of excluding all his fierce rivals to sustain his rule, even if this leads to escalation and clashes with the public, which rejects the exclusion of opposition leaders, and even the movement of other opposition parties, as they have declared, to reject the threat to democracy? And will he simultaneously announce going to early elections, betting on the division of the largest opposition parties, and crown himself "King of Turkey"?

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