

### Ozal Defends Election Bill in Report

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[Text] Ankara (A.A.)—Prime Minister Turgut Ozal today defended the controversial election bill and said a single party rule was essential for continuation of stability in the country.

He added the new bill, much criticised by the opposition parties as undemocratic, was more or less the same as the bill under which the first legislative elections were held in 1983 marking the end of the military rule.

Giving an activity report of the past four years of his government, Ozal described the former politicians whose political rights were restored by the referendum held Sunday as "easy preys" and claimed stability could suffer if the acceptance votes for former politicians who were banned from active politics until the end of 1992 by the previous military government had had a bigger majority over rejection votes he campaigned for.

"No one can criticize our democracy any longer. Turkish voters lifted the political ban but did not change the direction the country was moving," Ozal said referring to the result of the referendum by which the yes votes won by only a very slight majority.

Answering questions by the press, Ozal explained his government's target for low inflation rate would have to be spread to a longer period.

He also defended the funds established by his government as an infrastructure revolution.

He added that the defense industry fund prevented Turkey's defense to be bound to foreigners.

### General Election To Include 7 Parties

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[High Election Council Statement on the general elections—dated 12 September]

[Text] Law No 3,403, which amends various articles of the election law and concerns the election of deputies for the 18th term of the Turkish Grand National Assembly [TGNA], was published in the *Official Gazette No 19,571* issued as a second edition on 11 September 1987 and went into effect the same day.

The general elections will be held on 1 November 1987, Sunday, in accordance with Article 18 of the pertinent law.

The High Election Council decision No 400 made on 12 September 1987 states:

1. The election period begins on 11 September 1987;
2. The following political parties are to participate in the elections: ANAP, Democratic Leftist Party, CWP, Reformist Democracy Party, NLP, Prosperity Party, SDPP;

3. Civil servants and members of the Turkish Armed Forces who want to submit their candidacies or who will be appointed as candidates by one of the political parties should submit their resignation no later than 1700 on 18 September 1987;

4. Article 19 of the Deputies Law No 2,839, which stipulates that submitted resignations should be accepted within 10 days, will be reduced to 3 days for the forthcoming elections.

### Former Premier Ecevit Elected DLP Leader

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[Text] Bulent Ecevit, a former prime minister and the leader of the now defunct Republican People's Party, has been elected leader of the Democratic Leftist Party [DLP]. Leader Rahsan Ecevit resigned from her post today at the sixth extraordinary meeting of the DLP Founders Council held at the Selim Sirri Tarcan sports hall in Ankara. Afterward, Bulent Ecevit registered his membership at the Cankaya district organization of the DLP. He was then elected the second leader of the DLP by a unanimous vote.

Rahsan Ecevit, who resigned from the DLP's leadership position, was appointed a member of the central decisionmaking and administrative council.

### EC Relations Progress Returns to 'Normal'

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[Excerpts] Ankara (A.A.)—Ali Bozar, state minister in charge of relations with European Community (EC), today announced that the progress of relations between the two was "normal".

Answering questions of A.A. prior to his five-day tour of EC beginning Monday, Bozar refuted claims that relations with EC were progressing slowly.

"No one's application for full membership was referred to the commission in a week like ours," he added.

Indicating that work was continuing to establish a "contact group" with EC, Bozar denied that the government was expecting a scheduled for November the 1st.

Responding to a question on how the recent referendum could affect relations with EC, Bozar said it had been a democratic referendum to which no one could object.

Bozar also explained that during his tour of EC this week he would talk with officials at the Association Council level and exchange information about association relations with other EC officials concerned.

Bozar added that he would also talk with political parties, Trade unions and some deputies. [passage omitted]

Bozar will return to Turkey on September the 19th.