

'Unofficial' Final Election Results Announced
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[Excerpts] The unofficial final results of the general elections held on 29 November have been announced. Of the 450 Assembly seats, ANAP won 292, the SDPP won 99, and the CWP won 59. A total of 23,964,472 valid votes were cast, and they are distributed among the various parties as follows:

ANAP: 8,696,504 — 36.29 percent

SDPP: 5,944,537 — 24.81 percent

CWP: 4,589,530 — 19.15 percent

Democratic Leftist Party: 2,044,680 — 08.53 percent

Prosperity Party: 1,712,142 — 07.14 percent

NLP: 693,447 — 02.14 percent

Reformist Democracy Party: 194,008 — 0.81 percent

Independents: 89,624 — 0.37 percent. [passage omitted]

The Turkish Grand National Assembly [TGNA] will convene automatically 5 days after the High Election Council announces the final official election results over the radio and television. The 18th session of the Assembly will be chaired by the eldest deputy, and the new deputies will be sworn in according to the Constitution. The Assembly will then recess for 10 days to determine candidates for the position of Parliament speaker. The TGNA must then convene and elect an Assembly speaker within a period of 10 days. The regular work of the TGNA will begin after the formation of the Chairmanship Council, in accordance with the distribution of seats among the parties, and the election of the various Assembly committees.

Ozal Comments

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[Excerpts] Ankara (AA)—Pointing out that the election results have put an end to the mission of the CWP, ANAP leader and Prime Minister Turgut Ozal has said that ANAP's doors are open to all those who want to join it. We feel no hatred against anyone, he added.

In response to a question by a journalist during a news conference held in Ankara today on whether his call included CWP leader Suleyman Demirel, Ozal said: It includes everybody. I have no hostility against anyone.

He stressed that the results of the [6 September] referendum and the current elections proved that the people heartily acknowledge democracy, that they consider voting a sacred duty, and that they were able to make a correct assessment in their choice of votes. He added that those journalists who were biased during the election campaign should now be ashamed.

Recalling that prior to the elections he warned that this election system will result in two major and one minor party, Ozal said: The people have demonstrated that they do not want to give former political parties a new mandate.

He called on friendly [European] countries that are influenced by certain extremist circles, to stop questioning whether there is genuine democracy in Turkey. On another subject, he said that a general amnesty is out of the question. He indicated that election results have shown that extreme leftists received about 3 percent of the votes while extreme rightist votes reached about 6 percent [figures as received], and called for an end to attempts to form minor political parties.

He said that during the coming 5 years the free marketing system will be implemented in full; stock exchanges for foreign currency, gold, and movable goods will be operated; and that Ankara and Istanbul particularly will become the financial center of [words indistinct]. [passage omitted]

He added that he will go to the United States tomorrow for a general check-up and will stay there for 10 days. [passage omitted]

Inonu Blames Election System for Results

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[Excerpt] SDPP leader Erdal Inonu has said that as a result of the elections, his party has been endowed with the task of serving as the main opposition party, adding that he respectfully accepts. Inonu explained that a number of Social Democratic votes were cast for the Democratic Leftist Party [DLP], which failed to win any seats in the Parliament, thereby reducing the number of seats his party could win. Social Democrats regret this development, he added.

In a statement to Turkish Radio and Television in Ankara today, Inonu assessed the election results. He pointed out that although the SDPP received less votes in these elections than in 1983, the party now has more seats in the Parliament.

Pointing out that the electoral system was designed with such situations in mind, Inonu said that for the same reason, ANAP secured 64 percent of the seats in Parliament although it received only 36 percent of the votes, with the rest of the seats divided between the two opposition parties.

He expressed his belief that the citizens will recognize this injustice and pressures for the changing of the current electoral system will mount. During the present parliamentary term, I expect this system to be amended to become more equitable, he said. [passage omitted]

Demirel: Vote Shows Discontent With ANAP Rule

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[Excerpts] CWP leader Suleyman Demirel has said that so far no political party in Turkey has come to power with 36 percent of the votes, adding that the electoral system and not the votes brought ANAP to power.