

AUTHORITARIAN DRIFT:

**TURKEY AFTER
THE ELECTIONS**



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Turkish President, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, entrenched his increasingly authoritarian power in a snap election on June 24, winning a majority government in alliance with the neo-fascist Nationalist Movement Party (Milliyetçi Hareket Partisi). The election, marred by repression and irregularities, was held amid a State of Emergency that has seen the unprecedented jailing of journalists, scholars, and dissidents. Nevertheless, the pro-Kurdish, radical left People's Democratic Party (Halkların Demokratik Partisi) won enough seats to enter parliament, despite widespread repression and the jailing of their presidential candidate, Selahattin Demirtaş. What does the election mean for the Turkish people and the Kurdish resistance movements? How does Erdoğan's increasing authoritarianism and alliance with a fascist party relate to the international resurgence of the radical right? What can the Turkish left and its international allies do in these rapidly changing conditions?

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