AK PARTY

Justice and Development Party

The Justice and Development Party (Turkish: Adalet ve Kalkınma Partisi), abbreviated JDP in English and AK PARTİ (AK Party) in Turkish, is a centre-right, social conservative political party in Turkey. AK Party is the ruling party and also has the largest group in the Turkish parliament with 318 members. Its leader, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, is Prime Minister.

Founded in 2001 by members of a number of existing conservative parties, AK Party won a landslide victory in the 2002 parliamentary election. In early general elections in 2007, the AK Party increased its share of the vote to 47%; its number of seats was 341. In the general election held on June 12, 2011, the AK Party further increased its share of the popular vote to 49.8% and secured 327 parliamentary seats to form a third consecutive majority government. In the general election held on 7 June, the Ak Party gained 40.87% of the vote and 258 seats in the Grand National Assembly of Turkey . AK party is set to lead Turkey alone once again after a five-month break, easily regaining its parliamentary majority in what Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu called a victory for democracy with 49.4 percent of the voteAK party is predicted to claim 316 seats in the 550-seat parliament, easily enough to win a majority government on its own.

,Regarding local elections AK Party won 42% of the votes in 2004, 39% of votes in 2009 and 45% of votes in 2014. To sum up, AK Party won 5 general and 3 local elections since 2002.

AK Party Youth Branch was also established in 2001. AK Party Youth Branch completed the foundation process in less than 3 months in 81 cities and almost 1 thousand districts. As of today, AK Party Youth Branch has almost 2 million members (AK Party has almost 10 million members).

More details: http://www.akparti.org.tr/english