

Erdogan Vows to Punish Rebels as Leaders Say Coup Foiled

Erdogan will be twice as despotic now. [statement](#) on its website.

The attempted coup sought to end the rule of the Islamic-rooted AK Party and Erdogan, whose quest to expand power and crack down on dissent have fueled criticism from international human rights groups and political opponents at home. The group backing the coup said in a statement hours earlier that the president and the ruling party had violated the law by undermining democracy and the country's secular system.