

# Erdogan's War Against Democracy in Turkey: Interview with Mehmet Yuksel of HDP

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President Erdogan of Turkey has fomented a war against the Kurdish-led opposition after failing to achieve a super majority in the June 1, 2015 Parliamentary elections. An election that saw the Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP), co-led by Turkish Kurd, Selhatten Demritas, obtain 80 seats or 13 percent of Ankara Parliament. The HDP, with other Turkish opposition parties, defeated AKP super-majority control and Erodgan's quest to hold a referendum converting the largely ceremonial Presidential post to an executive one giving him near dictatorial powers – one that Erdogan said was similar to that of Hitler in Nazi Germany. [more>>>](#)