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Three Questions for...

On the Spot

Turkey 2024

How would the DEM Party react if this happens again?

imprisoned Kurdish politician Selahattin Demirtaş, cast Beştaş in a less

Istanbul, Meral Danış Beştaş, would be considered a formidable contender.

secret protocol, undermined the Kurds' trust in the CHP.

second round of the 2023 presidential elections, and their signing of a

leader Kılıçdaroğlu's cooperation with the right-wing Victory Party in the

its own candidates in Istanbul and Ankara instead of supporting the

economic decline.

policy vis-à-vis the Kurdish question as one of the main causes of Turkey's

Kurdish majorities. Compared to the rest of Turkey, these provinces also

The DEM Party is garnering the highest number of votes in provinces with

sheds light on the reasons for and opportunities arising from the resumption

the dangers that would emerge were Turkey's opposition to disappear.

In this

government media systematically emphasise the fragmented nature of the

The path to victory for the opposition is narrowing while the AKP

support of the Kurdish voters. Representing 7 to 8 percent of all voters in

Danış Beştaş

Conservative Future Party (FP) parliamentarian, Selim Temurci, although

and nationalist ones. While he might be able to garner votes from the right-

Without an opposition alliance,

dissatisfied with the AKP

radical parts of the Islamist voter base that are disillusioned or

however, and this could be a potential spoiler for the AKP.

Kurum's elections campaign.

2018, he worked at Turkey's Housing Development Administration (TOKI),

Turkish economic and political spheres under the AKP. Indeed, before being

campaigning on a service-oriented local policy

the outcome of the elections. While President Recep Tayyip

Unless any last-minute developments occur within party alliances, the

The Parties’ Strategies and Challenges

But the opposition is not alone in facing internal competition,

Unlike 2019, during this local election cycle the

of İmamoğlu and the opposition overall.

won the 2019 local elections against the AKP, is widely perceived as

The ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) candidate,

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also being challenged by the Islamist New Welfare Party (YRP)

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The Cookies’ election campaign.

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