



Meral Akşener (Profile)

Politician and Former Minister of Interior

Meral Akşener is leading a new political party that is gathering the support of some of the most influential figures in the Nationalist Movement Party (MHP). Some observers believe that this party, and Akşener, could present one of the most solid challenges to President Erdoğan. Akşener, for example, could legitimately try to capitalise on the discontent created in Turkey after Erdoğan's victory in the April 2017 referendum that legitimised constitutional reforms that made the President of Turkey the most powerful and unaccountable figure in Turkish politics. In this sense, Akşener may be viewed as a clear competitor to Erdoğan in the race for the 2019 Presidential elections.

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