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Steps pledged to lift state of emergency

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ANKARA - In the wake of Sunday's elections Turkey's new government will take necessary steps to the lift state of emergency, the government spokesman confirmed on Monday.

Speaking to news channel A Haber, Deputy Prime Minister Bekir Bozdag said that President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has a strong will to lift the state of emergency and the government will take steps for this. "The will is clear. There is a will to lift the state of emergency and the framework and time period of this will be determined and we will take steps accordingly," he said. Turkey declared a state of emergency for the first time on July 20, 2016 following a deadly coup attempt by the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO) which left 251 people martyred and... MORE DETAILS



K Party supporters celebrate election win



Erdogan's main rival accepts election results



AK Party supporters in capital Ankara, other Turkish provinces, and Belgium ecstatic over Erdogan's election success

ANKARA - Supporters of the ruling Justice and Development (AK) Party in both Turkey and abroad on Sunday evening celebrated Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's election success. AK Party supporters in the capital Ankara and other central provinces of Nevsehir, Kayseri, Sivas, and Nigde and the western provinces of Izmir, Sakarya, and Kocaeli and Black Sea provinces of Zonguldak, Karabuk, and Duzce celebrated Erdogan's success.

Supporters waving both AK Party and Turkish flags thronged the streets to celebrate Erdogan's election success. In addition to Turkish cities, Turks in Brussels, Belgium also celebrated Erdogan's success.

Celebrations centered on Chaussee de Haecht Street, known as a Turkish district in the Belgian capital.

Preliminary election results as of 10.25 p.m. local time (1925GMT) show Erdogan winning 52.8 percent of the vote, with his closest rival Muharrem Ince at 30.6 percent.

His ruling Justice and Development (AK) Party is also leading in parliamentary elections, with 42.5 percent of the vote counted. MORE DETAILS Former presidential candidate of main opposition party Muharrem Ince denies receiving threats

ANKARA - The former presidential candidate of Turkey's main opposition party on Monday accepted the election results. "I accept the election results," Muharrem Ince said, addressing a news conference at the Republican People's Party (CHP) headquarters in the capital Ankara. Turkey on Sunday went to the polls for presidential and parliamentary elections. Ince said the Supreme Election Council's (YSK) results tally with CHP observers' findings. "There were no meaningful differences in numbers

and rates between the reports that observers have conveyed to us and [those of] the YSK. And the differences that existed would not have changed the overall outcome. Thus, I accept the election results," he said.

Separately, Ince denied claims he had received any threats.

"Let me begin with the false reports circulating in the social media... All of them are lies. There is no such thing. No one threatened me," he said. He also described those circulating the false reports in the social media as "sickminded"... MORE DETAILS

Business world hails Erdogan's victory

ANKARA - Leading Turkish business world figures on Monday congratulated President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on his Sunday election victory, making him Turkey's first leader under the new executive presidential system. "The new government system is a big opportunity for further strengthening stability and trust in our country," Rifat Hisarciklioglu, chairman of the Turkish Union of Chambers and

Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB), said in a statement. Hisarciklioglu said in this new era Turkey can leap forward with confidence and stability.

"It is time to build a great Turkey for the future while focusing on the economy and reforms," he added. The Turkish Industry and Business Association (TUSIAD) said in a statement that the parliament and president elected on... MORE DETAILS