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* June 1997 Erbakan delivered his resignation.
* Chief Prosecutor in May 1997, filed a course agains Welfare Party, Yargitay bassavcisi dedi ki that party should be shut down.
* January 1998: that party was shut down. Erbakan banned from politics for 5 year.
* In 2003, in another court case, he banned from lost trillion case.
  + Economic support from treasury -> all parties got. Erbakan did not give back the money that his party got from the treasury. In 2003, Aksu and Gul had dokunulmazlik(immunity). Court case did not involve them. In 2008, 2009 he tried to come back.
* National outlook idea supporters created another party in 1997 named Virtue Party(Fazilet Partisi). Created by a big supporter of Erbakan, Recai Kutan. He follows the foodstep of Erbakan and he was a moderate man. He could not leave good impression on people. This party got serious hit from military and society and shut down.
* All kinds of activity related to Islam, monitored by military closely. Universities implemented head scarf ban strictly.
* Task Force West(Bati Calisma Grubu) created. This is a military force. They follow the activities of civilians who support Islamic politics.
* RTE was one of the targets of these investigation.
* In December 1997, he delivered a speech in Siirt and cited a poem by Ziya Gokalp. Immediatlye after that, there will be a court case against him. 4 months and 10 days of prisonment he got. It was actually longer. March 1997, he sent to jail. In the days of National Salvation Party, RTE was delivering speeches as well.
* Someone who is a rising star of the politics was sent to jail and this backfired. His popularity increased in prison. He banned from politics as well for a while.
* Islam was rising. Every time the repression of the state on religious expression increases, it backfires. Part of the reason was the inefficiency of other parties. Right wing left wing parties were all corrupt up to their neck.
* People in big cities attracted to this party. WP. Urban popularism. Woman branches were excellent. Support for Kurdish linguistic and cultural rights.
* In 1999, a lot development. In February 1999: Abdulllah Ocalan, with the support of the US secret service was given to Turkey. Anasol government was continueing. Elections were one month away. Strong nationalism was popular. DSP came first with Ecevit. (%22). Second part MHP with Bahceli. (%18) April; 1997, with the death of Turkes, he beat his opponent Tugrul Turkes and became the leader of MHP. He also created a great excitement inside his parties. 3rd party was Virtue Party.(%15) Anap under Mesut Yilmaz leadership got 13%. DYP with Ciller got 12%. Deniz Baykal with CHP baraji gecemedi. DSP MHP ANAP formed the weirdest coalition ever. Far right(MHP) + Central left (DSP) + Central right(ANAP).
* Bahceli 3 yil sonra erken secime goturdu.
* Only 5 months into this coalition, in August 1999, another major event happened. Marmara earthquake, terrible event. People were deeply pessimistic. ~30000 causalities. Marmara region: Center of economic activites. Center of Turkish economy. Another earthquake in November Duzce.
* People saw how state was unable to find a quick solution to a such a big problem. On the other hand, it created a sense of unity.(“Hicbir sey eskisi gibi olmayacak.” -> popular motto)
* In the aftermath of 1999 elections, member of the parliament from Virtue party (Merve Kavakci), this women entered the assembly with her hand scarf. Nazli Ilicak also supported her. When she entered the room, this created a huge sounds, angry, furios shouts. Even Ecevit shouted from podium(Susturun, biriniz cikarsin su kadini). People were concerned. Immediately after she was taken out of the room. Court case followed. The argument was you had to provide all you info. It turned out that she was also a US citizenship. She got kicked out. She spent decade in US. 2 years ago, appointed as Buyukelci to Kuala Lumpur by Erdogan.
* A court case fire agains virtue party. A year after its creation, it faced closure threat. This closure created a lot of issues.
* Ahmet Necdet Sezer became the new president in 2000. With the votes of the parliament, he was chosen in the parliament. He was the head of constitutional court. He follows everything down to the letter.
* That created a problem for politicans. His motto everything done by the book. He stops at red light.
* Economic crisis 2001:
* Banking system far from supervision. Bank created overnight and bankrupt overnight.
* In late 2000s, very large scale investigations, white energy scandals. Ministry of energy is in control of ANAP. Yilmaz was concerned. Jandarma was ruling the investigation.
* White energy scandal created concern in military and in Ahmet Necdet Sezer. In February 2001, at general meeting of the national security council, he said critical things to the members of the coalition. “Bu sorusturmayi engelliyorsunuz bu isin layikiyla yapilmasini”. Attitude of the politiciaons -> they refused. The argument heated in front of other politicans. Ahmet Necdet Sezer(ANS) anayasi kitapcigini firlatmis Ecevit’e. Ecevit left the meeting. He made statement after the meeting is over. He said how ANS was unkind. This is how we entered the economic crisis.
* Let’s find a technocrat to Turkey to get out of from the crisis. Very senior economist in World Bank, Kemal Dervis was called by Ecevit. Ecevit knows him from 70s. Ecevit said come to Turkey. We will grant you extradordinary powers.
* February 2001. Immediately after the conversation, Dervis come to Turkey and started a very important program of economic structuring. A very detailed program. JDP was the real benefiacry of this program.
* Dervis in yarattigi structure’dan en cok da JDP yararlanmis.
* Some organization packages with EU. Avrupa Birligi ile uyum paketleri. Turkey to harmonize its own economic, social, legal body of laws with the EU. They started negotiations.
* In the year 2000, people were not happy with Virtue Party. People were no longer attached to milli gorus. This party attached a new look.
* A group named yenilikciler made a move in may 2000, let’s nominate someone and won agains Recai Kutan. They nominatd Abdullah Gul against Recai Kutan. 4 stand out: Gul, RTE, Arinc, Abdullatif Sener(now member of parliament from CHP, an academics).
* The result is 633 for Kutan, 521 for Gul.
* In 2001, this party was shut down. Already after Merve Kavakci incident, there was an ongoing case. In summer 2001, yenilikciler against gelenekciler created JDP.