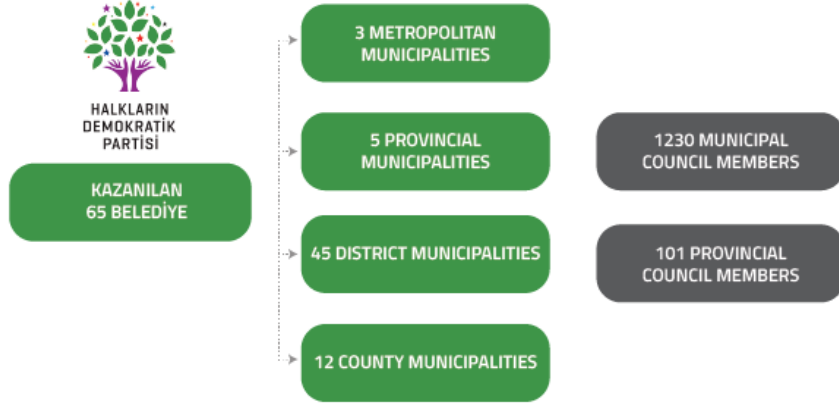


## 31 MARCH LOCAL ELECTIONS

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## DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELECTED WOMEN MAYORS RATE AMONG POLITICAL PARTIES

**45**  
women mayors

45 women mayors out of  
**1389**  
mayors in total is equal to  
**3,23%**

AK PARTY: **8**  
CHP: **10**  
HDP: **24**  
MHP: **1**  
Independent: **2**

Women:3,23%

Men:96,77%

There was a high level of participation in 31 March local elections. Definitely, there was a special attention to the municipalities that the Government had appointed trustees. Despite all types of fraud, pressure, blockings, HDP won 3 Metropolitan Municipalities, 5 Provincial Municipalities, 45

District Municipalities, 12 County Municipalities that makes 65 municipalities in total in 31 March local elections. Furthermore, there are 1230 Municipal Council Members and 101 Provincial Council Members from HDP. Thousands of police officers and soldiers were deployed to certain districts in Şırnak<sup>10</sup> and Hakkâri.<sup>11</sup> As a result of this practice AKP won elections in some of these districts. Although we appealed against this practice yet failed to get any result.

The municipalities were taken back from the trustees about 30 later than they had been appointed; the calculation of the balance sheet of the financial loss that amounts to economic destroy of the municipalities immediately began. The resulting facts go beyond the limits of imagination. Hundreds of examples of luxury, waste and corruption were shared with the public. There was a wide range of consumption from private bathrooms<sup>12</sup>, to horse farms; cups sets to different types of Turkish bagels that were brought from other cities are located thousands of kilometers away from the municipal locations<sup>13</sup>, to super luxury special dinners<sup>14</sup> and expensive gifts.<sup>15</sup> Yet, it was only the tip of the iceberg. It is clear that the AKP has been following a roadmap to accept some minor expenditure so that it will cover these facts and to manipulate how and where the actual expenditures are transferred. It is certain that the plunder cannot be reduced to kadayıf, a special dessert in Turkey, and bathroom. The real and terrifying situation can be seen in the following chart.<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>10</sup>Security officers voted in Şırnak

<https://ozgurmanset.net/iste-sirnaktaki-tasimali-asker-ve-polislerin-sandik-sonuclari/>

<sup>11</sup>Registering 1108 voters in 1 house in Hakkari. <https://tr.sputniknews.com/columnists/201901141037085904-hakkaride-bir-daireye-1108secmen-kaydedilmis/>

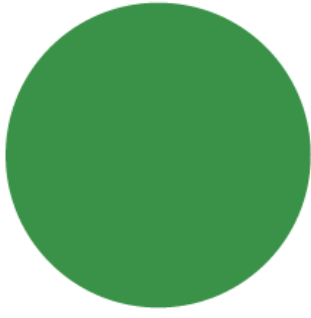
<sup>12</sup>Luxury expenditures of the trustee in Diyarbakır Metropolitan Municipality  
<https://twitter.com/SelcukMizrakli/status/1118124319559835649>

<sup>13</sup>Ordering Turkish style gabel from Uşak province to Diyarbakır  
<https://bit.ly/375vxbF>

<sup>14</sup>Some documented examples of plunder in Mardin  
<https://t24.com.tr/haber/ahmet-turk-kayyum-16-masasi-bulunan-lokantaya-1-milyon-75-bin-216-tl-hesap-odedi,836933>

<sup>15</sup>Gifts, which costs 600.000 Turkish lira, to the AKP ministers  
<https://www.dw.com/tr/mardinde-kayyumdan-akpli-bakanlara-600-bin-liral%C4%B1k-hediye/a-50157693>

<sup>16</sup>There are some municipalities, which we won in the last local elections, run by AKP. For example, the provincial municipality in Kars and the district municipality in Kurtalan. The level of debt is too high in these municipalities, too.



**1,5 Billion TL**

Van Metropolitan Municipality



**1 Billion TL**

Mardin Metropolitan Municipality



**900 Million TL**

Diyarbakır Metropolitan Municipality



**680 Million TL**

Yüksekova Municipality



**400 Million TL**

Kars Municipality



**307 Million TL**

Batman Municipality



**220 Million TL**

Cizre Municipality



**215 Million TL** Kurtalan Municipality



**115 Million TL** Siirt Municipality



**172 Million TL** Bulanık Municipality



**66 Million TL** Silvan Municipality



**152 Million TL** Sur Municipality



**48 Million TL** İdil Municipality



**133 Million TL** Silopi Municipality



**4,2 Million TL** Varto Municipality

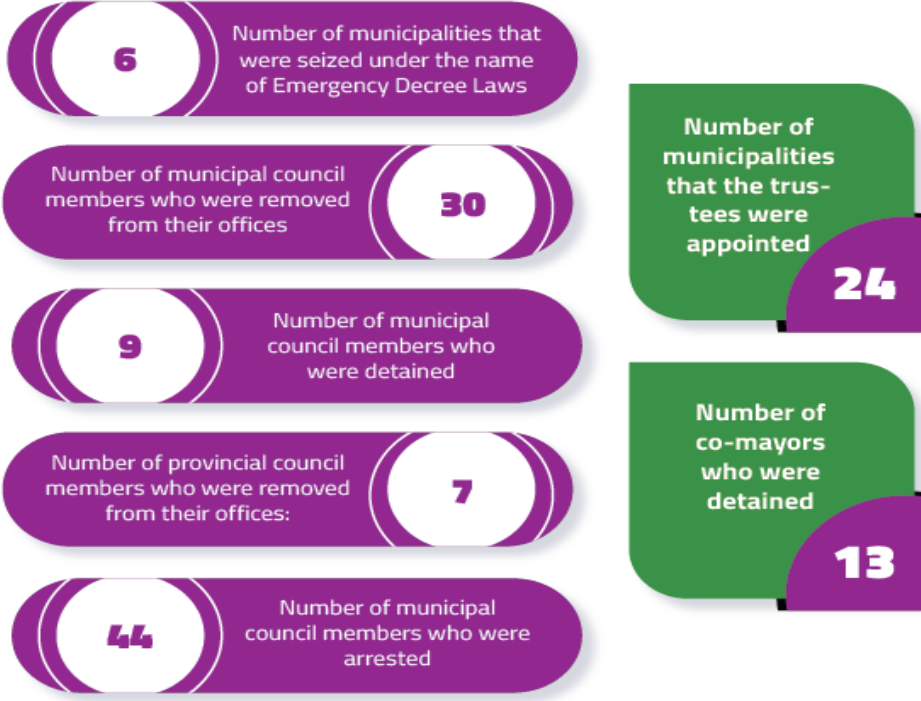


**120 Million TL** Bismil Municipality

TL: Turkish Lira

Although the trustees had a “zero debt” campaign, the amount of debt reached to 6 Billion Turkish Lira. It needs to be stated that it is the amount which we were able to calculate. It should not be forgotten that the real debt amount is least double to this calculated amount.

## Removal from the office Appointment of the trustees Arrest



The appointment of trustees was not enough and did not stop the authorities so that the co-mayors of relevant municipalities were also arrested and then detained. Accordingly, the general situation that emerged after 31 March is as follows:

- 1) The municipalities which the trustees were appointed, the Co-mayors who were removed from their offices and detained:
  - 19 August– 16 November 3 Metropolitan Municipalities, 1 Provincial Municipality, 19 districts and 1 county municipality, which makes 24 in total, were removed from their offices by the Ministry of Interior Affairs working the Erdoğan, who is the president of AKP, Government.
  - The Governors and the district governors, who were appointed by the Government to these places and acted as high rank local authorities, were appointed (as the acting mayors) to the municipalities.
  - 14 co-mayors were detained and sent to prisons.
- 2) The following list shows the municipalities, which we won yet were seized by the Supreme Board of Election's decision. These co-mayors were not given the mandate though they official won the elections:
  1. Mr Zeyyat Ceylan, the Co-Mayor of Bağlar Municipality in Diyarbakır,
  2. Ms Leyla Atsak, the Co-Mayor of Çaldıran Municipality in Van

3. Ms Gülcan Kaçmaz Sağyiğit, the Co-Mayor of Edremit Municipality in Van,
4. Mr Yılmaz Berki, the Co-Mayor of Tuşba Municipality in Van,
5. Mr Müzahit Karakuş the Co-Mayor of Tekman Municipality in Erzurum,
6. Mr Abubekir Erkmen, the Co-Mayor of Diğor-Dağpınar Municipality in Kars

### The Municipalities that were seized by Emergency Decree Laws



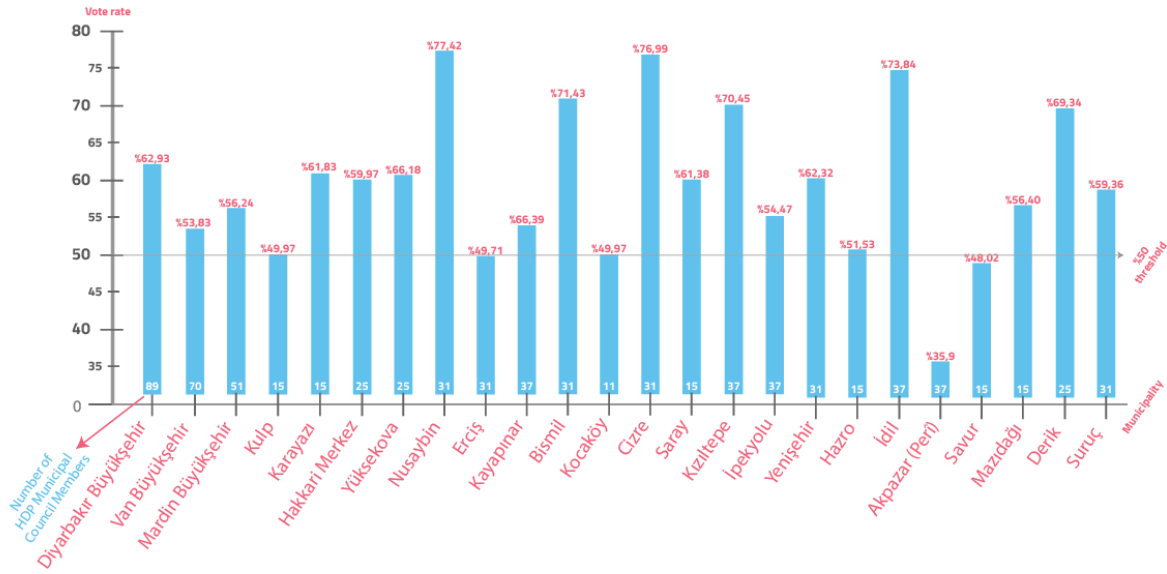
- 3) The co-mayors who were not given the mandate as a result of the Supreme Board of Election's decision:

1. Ms Hülya Alökmen Uyanık, the Co-Mayor of Diyarbakır Metropolitan Municipality,
2. Mr İbrahim Çiçek, the Co-Mayor of Yenişehir Municipality in Diyarbakır,
3. Mr Necati Pirinçioğlu, the Co-Mayor of Yenişehir Municipality in Diyarbakır,
4. Ms Seher Kadiroğlu Ataş, the Co-Mayor of Hakkari Municipality,
5. Mr Salih Kuday, the Co-Mayor of Kızıltepe Municipality in Mardin,
6. Mr Yasin Kalkan, the Co-Mayor of Savur Municipality in Mardin,
7. Mr Resul Kaçar, the Co-Mayor of Siirt Municipality,
8. Mr Mahmut Pala, the Co-Mayor of Erciş Municipality in Van

- 4) As a result of the Supreme Board of Election's unlawful decision, the mandate was not given to 44 municipal council members and 3 provincial council members viz 47 council members in total though they were elected. In fact, it was the seizure of their mandate.

- 5) From 31 March to 12 November, 30 municipal council members were suspended from their post.
- 6) From 31 March to 12 November, a total of 5 municipal council members and 2 provincial council members were detained and sent to prison. 7 provincial council members, who were elected in the 31 March local elections, were simultaneously suspended from their post on 9 September 2019.

### HDP vote rate and number of council members in municipalities that the trustees were appointed



### Making the Council Member Nonfunctional

With the appointment of a trustee to our municipalities and as a result of the fact that the trustees dissolved the municipal councils in a *de facto manner*, the municipal councils, which are local decision-making bodies, became nonfunctional and the will of all elected municipal councilors was seized.

The will of 319 out of 433 municipal council members, who were elected in the 31 March local elections, was seized since there was a *de facto* dissolution of the municipal councils. With the appointment of the trustees, it is not the will of the HDP council members but also members of the other political party was seized (See local section on "legal process" about this issue).