

[Recep Tayyip Erdogan](#) - Prime Minister of Turkey's rise to power, and Turkey's slide to sharia:

2001 - He was elected leader of the party he helped found while in prison, AKP. Two months later, they came to power in parliamentary elections.

2003 - Because of his previous conviction, Erdogan at first was banned from serving as Prime Minister, but his party's majority quickly passed a constitutional amendment revoking the ban, and he became Prime Minister. [Profile: Erdogan](#)

2007 - Erdogan on the term "moderate Islam" often used in the West to describe his AK Party:

"These descriptions are very ugly, it is offensive and an insult to our religion. There is no moderate or immoderate Islam. Islam is Islam and that's it."

2008 - To Turkish Muslim immigrants in Germany: "Assimilation is a crime against humanity."

2008 - Enmity with Islam is a "crime against humanity."

2010 - After amending the country's constitution in 2010, the AKP appointed a majority of the high court without a confirmation process. According to a report of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Turkey leads the world in jailing journalists, with [57 currently behind bars](#).

2012 - *Retreat from secularism: Turkey's first coin without Atatürk now in use*

2012 - *Turkey's PM wants Fethullah Gülen, the "Turkish Khomeini," to come home.* He was "condemned in 1998 for 'trying to undermine the country's secular institutions, concealing his methods behind a democratic and moderate image.' Living in voluntary exile in the U.S. since he was sentenced in absentia."

2012 - *Greatest Church Soon To Be Mega Mosque?* Hagia Sophia. (Raymond Ibrahim)

2012 - *Ruling AKP to turn all schools into religious schools that teach Qur'an and Islam.*

2012 - Erdogan says Islamophobia™ should be recognized as a "crime against humanity".

2012 - *Police fire tear gas, water cannon to disperse secularists protesting against increasingly Islamic supremacist government.*

2012 - *Atatürk monument to be removed from Istanbul square.*

2013 - *Hitler honored in upscale mall in modern, moderate Turkey*



- Turkey reopening converted churches as mosques 2013
- Turkish PM Erdogan calls Zionism a crime against humanity at UN conference 2013
- Turkey: Muslim murderer complains that he is being treated like a "Christian" 2013
- More Turkish generals jailed over 1997 anti-Islamic supremacist coup 2013
- Turkey: Top judge says secularism a failure 2013
- Turkey Convicts World-Renowned Pianist for 'Defaming' Islam 2013