



Turkish Constitutional Court agrees to rule on ban of pro-Kurdish HDP

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Istanbul (dpa) - Judges at Turkey's Constitutional Court unanimously accepted on Monday a case regarding the possible ban of the pro-Kurdish opposition Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP), state news agency Anadolu reported.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan accuses the HDP of being an extension of the the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), which is classified as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the European Union and the United States. The HDP denies having ties.

In early June, the general prosecutor of the highest court filed a revised lawsuit with the Constitutional Court asking for the HDP to be banned, after a first attempt had been rejected in March due to formal irregularities.

In the 850-page indictment, the party is accused of separatism, among other things, Anadolu reported. The prosecutor calls for a permanent ban of the party and for barring 500 people from being active in politics