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Before the 24 June, StratejiCo. introduces the six candidates for the Presidential Election of Turkey. (According to the order in the voting paper.)

<p><b>Muharrem İnce</b></p>  <p><b>CHP</b></p> <p>Presidential candidate of the Republican People's Party (CHP)</p> <p>Graduated from Uludağ University and formerly, Mr. İnce worked as a physics teacher.</p> <p>He got elected as the representative from Yalova in the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th terms and served as a member of National Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Commission in the Turkish Parliament.</p> <p>Also served as CHP Group Deputy Chairman and TÜRKPA (Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic Speaking Countries) member.</p>	<p><b>Meral Akşener</b></p>  <p><b>İYİ PARTİ</b></p> <p>Mrs. Akşener founded the Good Party in October 2017.</p> <p>Nominated to Presidency by more than 100 thousand signatories.</p> <p>She studied History at the Istanbul University and completed her MA and Ph.D. degrees at Marmara University's Institute of Social Sciences.</p> <p>Served as MHP Representative from Istanbul in the 20th, 23rd, and 24th terms and Kocaeli in the 21st term.</p> <p>She was the first women Minister of Internal Affairs in the Turkish political history and served as the Deputy Chairperson of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey during the 23rd and 24th terms.</p>	<p><b>Recep Tayyip Erdoğan</b></p>  <p><b>AKP</b></p> <p>The President of Turkey since 2014. Mr. Erdoğan is the presidential candidate and the leader of the ruling Justice and Development Party.</p> <p>He graduated from Marmara University, Faculty of Economics and Commercial Sciences.</p> <p>He got elected as the Mayor of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality in 1994.</p> <p>He founded the Justice and Development Party (AKP) in 2001. AKP won the majority in 2002 General Election. In 2003, he became the Prime Minister.</p> <p>The following two terms Justice and Development Party formed the government again where Erdoğan continued to serve as the Prime Minister and formed the 60th and 61st governments.</p> <p>Erdoğan got elected as the 12th President by popular vote in 2014.</p>
<p><b>Selahattin Demirtaş</b></p>  <p><b>HDP</b></p> <p>Presidential candidate of the Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP).</p> <p>Graduated from Law Department of Ankara University.</p> <p>He is the former Head of Diyarbakır branch of the Human Rights Association.</p> <p>Elected as an independent deputy in the 23rd term and after the elections, he later joined the Democratic Society Party. He became the co-president of the Peace and Democracy Party in 2010. He then got elected as an independent deputy from a Hakkari in the 24th term.</p> <p>2014 2018</p> <p>He was the Co-president of the Peoples' Democratic Party between 2014-2018.</p> <p>He was one of the presidential candidates in the 2014 elections and took the 3rd place with the 9,76% of the votes.</p> <p>Mr. Demirtaş is jailed pending trial since November 2016.</p>	<p><b>Temel Karamollaoğlu</b></p>  <p><b>SP</b></p> <p>Mr. Karamollaoğlu is the leader of the Felicity Party (SP) since 2016.</p> <p>Nominated to Presidency by more than 100 thousand signatories.</p> <p>He graduated from the University of Manchester, Textile Technology Department and had his MA degree at the same university.</p> <p>Formerly, he worked as a director in various public and private institutions in textile and industry sectors.</p> <p>He got elected as Sivas Deputy from the National Salvation Party in 1977 and became a member of the Party General Assembly in 1978.</p> <p>He got elected as the Sivas Mayor of the Welfare Party for two times in 1989 and 1994.</p> <p>He served as the Sivas deputy from Welfare Party in 1995 and from the Virtue Party in 1999. He was also a member of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during his deputyship.</p>	<p><b>Doğu Perinçek</b></p>  <p><b>Yeni Türkiye</b></p> <p>Mr. Perinçek is the leader of the Patriotic Party since 2015.</p> <p>Nominated to Presidency by more than 100 thousand signatories.</p> <p>He graduated from the Ankara University, Faculty of Law and he also has a Ph.D. degree in the field of the law.</p> <p>Mr. Perinçek has an active role in various political magazines such as Aydınlik Daily.</p> <p>He became the leader of Turkey Workers and Peasants Party which was established in 1978.</p> <p>He got elected as the General President of Socialist Party in 1991. He became the President of the Workers' Party in 1992.</p>

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