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Islam-rooted party sweeps Turkey

Voters deliver crushing defeat to government allied with U.S.

BY MARCUS GEE

Voters in officially secular Turkey defied the establishment yesterday, handing a landslide victory to a new party with Islamic roots.

State-run television said the pro-Islamic Justice and Development Party (AKP), formed just last year, was set to win 35 per cent of the vote and 350 seats in the 550-member parliament, delivering a crushing defeat to the government of 77-year-old Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit.

As well as being a humiliating shock to the political and military elite, the Justice party's surprisingly large victory will come under close scrutiny in the West, particularly in the United States.

Turkey is the only Muslim member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and its air bases would be a crucial strategic factor in any U.S. campaign against Iraq.

It is set on joining the European Union, and is in the midst of a \$31-billion (U.S.) reform program backed by the International Monetary Fund.

Last night, party leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan said the new government will work to heal economic wounds, promised to speed up Turkey's EU application and said the country will "follow an economic program to integrate the country with the world."

He warned supporters against any brash actions, sending a mes-



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Justice and Development Party supporters celebrate in Istanbul last night as results point to clear victory for the Islamic-oriented movement led by Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

sage of reassurance to the powerful army.

"My particular request, especially to AKP friends, is this: Let absolutely no one take actions that would upset public order, endanger security or upset anyone," he

said, adding: "We have no intention to challenge the world."

In another move seemingly intended to calm fears about the party's Islamic background, he quoted Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of the modern, secular

Turkish republic, and did not mention religion. The AKP has promised to obey Turkey's secularist constitution, which forbids religious rule. But suspicious military leaders say the party, formed from the moderate remnants of a

banned pro-Islamic group, is hiding its religious agenda.

The frail and saddened Mr. Ecevit said yesterday that his Democratic Left Party's coalition partners had effectively forced the government into "suicide" in July

by voting for an early election, ahead of the 2004 deadline.

But voters were clearly angry with the status quo after enduring an 18-month economic crisis.

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U.S. voters faced with pot, pigpen plebiscites

BY DOUG SAUNDERS

In Florida, they want larger pigpens. In San Francisco, they want to smoke the city's pot. And in New Mexico, they want to stop being called idiots.

When Americans go to the polls tomorrow to vote for members of Congress, governors and other officials, they will also be asked a confusing and sometimes bizarre selection of plebiscite questions. More than 200 state and local questions will be put to voters.

Known as ballot initiatives, these questions first appeared in the 1970s and have now become a mainstay of U.S. politics, threaten-

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ing to overwhelm elected representatives with grassroots campaigns that, if they win, can have the force of constitutional law and often cannot be revoked without an additional referendum.

In some cases, the initiatives are colourful but politically inconsequential.

In Oklahoma, for example, animal-rights activists have launched a campaign to have cockfighting outlawed on the grounds of cruelty.

Oklahoma is one of only three states that still allow the ancient sport.

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Travellers unswayed by U.S. assurances

BY TU THANH HA, MONTREAL

Houshang Hassan-Yari heard U.S. Ambassador Paul Celluci's assurances on Thursday that Canadian travellers of Middle Eastern origin would not be singled out for fingerprinting at the border.

On Friday, some of his relatives visited the United States — and were fingerprinted.

"Mr. Celluci could say what he wants from Ottawa, but what's important is what's happening at the border entry point," said the Iranian-born Mr. Hassan-Yari.

And he has not seen anything to persuade him to change his mind about cancelling a coming trip to Washington — even though, as a professor teaching future military officers at Kingston's Royal Military College, Mr. Hassan-Yari clearly has the security confidence of the Canadian government.

He has no issue with tighter U.S.

security, he said, but he objects that people of some origins are being treated in a harsher way than others. Mr. Hassan-Yari's refusal to travel south reflects a growing concern in Canada over the U.S. measures. The clampdown has led Rohinton Mistry, the Canadian writer of Indian origin, to call off the second half of a U.S. book tour, saying he is fed up with being singled out for inspection.

And things could get worse. U.S. officials are considering requiring that Canadian landed immigrants from most Commonwealth countries apply for visas.

Under a draft policy of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, citizens from about 50 Commonwealth countries who live in Canada but who aren't Canadian citizens will need a passport and a visa to enter the U.S.

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Gay marriage explored

Justice Minister Martin Cauchon is expected to release a document listing options for recognizing same-sex unions. **A4**

Firms don't meet rules

Half of Canadian companies listed on U.S. stock exchanges do not meet disclosure regulations that take effect today. **B1**

Revelation in Calvi death

Forensic tests show Roberto Calvi, a.k.a. God's banker, was killed, casting aside the 20-year-old conclusion he committed suicide. **A3**

Body found in Yorkville

Police found Lisa Posluns, a real-estate broker, dead in her office building early yesterday morning after her mother expressed concern for her safety. **A14**

Carter injured again

Raptor star Vince Carter is sidelined after hurting his left knee on Saturday. **S5**

Panhandlers stake out cyberspace

BY SHOWWEI CHU
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NEWMARKET, ONT.

Jennifer Glasser, unemployed and \$50,000 in debt because of medical expenses, had nowhere else to turn, so she started panhandling. But instead of begging for handouts on a street corner, she set up a Web site, www.helpjennifer.com, asking for donations.

The 24-year-old has done better than she had hoped, collecting about \$6,500 in three months.

Panhandling has made its way onto the information superhighway: A growing number of people have launched personal Web sites to push their hard-luck stories, in hope that sympathetic readers will throw a dollar or two their way.

"I don't have any illusions about what I'm doing," Ms. Glasser said.

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Trail of elusive Canadian goes cold in Afghanistan

BY MARK MacKINNON
JALALABAD, AFGHANISTAN

The last time anyone reported seeing Canada's most famous terrorism suspect was on the dusty outskirts of eastern Afghanistan's largest city, in what had become a sort of an Arab ghetto inhabited by

Osama bin Laden and his followers.

That was almost two years ago, when the Taliban still ruled Afghanistan, and when Ahmed Said Khadr could still travel freely about the country. He wasn't on the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation's most-wanted list, and none of his children were in jail.

Today, there are just a few obvious signs that the Arabs were ever in Jalalabad.

The training camp where al-Qaeda members practised for future terror missions was abandoned after Sept. 11, 2001, and is now sometimes used by U.S. Special Forces troops. All that remains of Mr. bin Laden's compound is

some misshapen mud-brick rubble, the sprawling complex having been destroyed by locals who blamed him for the U.S. bombing. The Arabs, Mr. Khadr among them, fled.

U.S. military sources say Mr. Khadr's 16-year-old son Omar, whom they arrested several months ago, has proved to be a

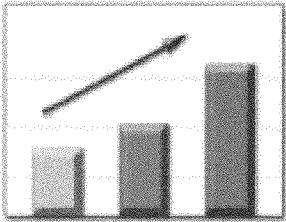
crucial informant, but they aren't saying anything at all about the senior Mr. Khadr, the one who got away.

For more than a year now, he has been listed as one of the top 20 international terrorism suspects still at large.

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El surplus may be illegal, Auditor-General warns

BY SIMON TUCK, OTTAWA

The federal government may be breaking its own rules by running a massive surplus in its employment-insurance account, according to the Auditor-General.

Sheila Fraser said the Employment Insurance Act governing the program to compensate those who have lost jobs does not allow for surpluses beyond the money that would be needed during an economic downturn.

Ms. Fraser told The Globe and Mail that the accumulated surplus in the EI account reached \$40-billion on March 31, the end of the last fiscal year. But the chief actuary at Human Resources Development Canada said a \$15-billion cushion would be adequate to withstand a downturn.

Ms. Fraser's concerns echo those of former auditor-general

Denis Desautels, who in February, 2001, suggested that Ottawa kept employment-insurance premiums unlawfully high, and questioned whether the government could show how the rates were fixed.

The act says that rates should be set to ensure they will generate enough revenue over a business cycle to pay the benefits and costs of the program, and that rates should remain relatively stable throughout the business cycle.

Said Ms. Fraser: "I was unable to conclude that the intent of the act has been respected. It certainly raises questions of what the act's intention was on all of this."

Government officials do not deny that the EI fund has been producing huge surpluses, but they argue that a dramatic cut in premiums could create problems if workers are hit with an economic downturn.



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Jennifer Glasser, 24, kisses her horse Twister at a farm near Newmarket, Ont. She hopes her Web site will raise \$50,000 for bills.

Woman paying off debt through Web-site appeal

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"I've paid a number of medical bills and given some money to my mother, which is a huge help and an emotional relief."

Her mother, who in less than two years has spent much of her savings on her daughter's illness, said Jennifer has given her about \$5,000. The woman was too embarrassed to disclose her name.

Since she was a child, Ms. Glasser has suffered from inexplicable bouts of fatigue, diagnosed at various times by doctors as Grave's disease and chronic fatigue syndrome. About 18 months ago, she said, her illness was so bad she had to quit a job she loved as a production co-ordinator at a Toronto animation shop and move back to the family home in Newmarket, Ont.

In desperation she has tried alternative therapies, such as intravenous injections of vitamin supplements, which are not covered by Ontario health care.

More recently, Ms. Glasser was referred to a doctor who diagnosed her as having Lyme disease and recommended she consult a specialist in New York, where she underwent a series of tests.

Facing the computer in her family's home in a quiet, tree-lined neighbourhood, Ms. Glasser spoke enviously about the success of Karyn Bosnak, who runs SaveKaryn.com, the Amazon.com of cyberbegging. According to her Web site, Ms. Bosnak, 29, had lived it up in Manhattan for the past few years, overindulging in designer clothes and shoes, until she became unemployed and could not pay the \$20,221.40 (U.S.) on her credit cards. She lives in Brooklyn.

Ms. Bosnak got the idea for her Web site after reading a supermarket sign with an unusual request: Wanted: \$7,000 to pay off debt. Since June, people from all over have donated nearly \$13,000 to Ms. Bosnak through her entertaining and humorous site, which features her diary, a weekly debt update and an on-line store of SaveKaryn.com T-shirts and mugs. After auctioning on the Web auction site eBay the luxury goods that put her into debt, Ms. Bosnak has whittled her debt down to \$730.03, according to her site.

Her Internet notoriety has landed her numerous fans and attention from People magazine and NBC's *Today* show, which has led her to talks with a publisher and producer for possible book and movie deals.

But she has had her share of detractors. Karyn-bashing is rampant

on chat groups and on anti-Karyn sites, such as DontSaveKaryn.com.

"This is where you can make frivolous waste of your hard-earned money happen," said Bob and Ben, who operate DontSaveKaryn.com — on a first-name-only basis — from Dayton, Ohio. "It is this lovely page that will help you help us to waste your money."

They have collected \$36.

Ms. Bosnak, who describes herself as "honest" and informs her visitors that the donations are considered gifts by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, said: "You are not giving your money to a charity, but rather a chick who spent too much money."

In recent months, a host of other cyberbegging sites have cropped up, but none appears to have the success of Ms. Bosnak's or Ms. Glasser's. Nicholas Militier, a university student from Portsmouth, Va., who needs a new car to replace his beat-up Toyota Camry, said he has not been able to garner a single penny.

Lendmeabuck.com, which belongs to a female student with credit-card debts, has received a paltry \$21.25 (U.S.). Penny Hawkins, a homemaker in Washington state with two young daughters, said she is trying to raise \$12,000 for daycare and school expenses so she can begin a career as a nurse, which would help her obtain a divorce. Since August, Ms. Hawkins said she has made nearly \$1,300 from www.helpmeleavemyhusband.com, which has received a lot of media attention and is followed by fans who track her progress in school.

She said other sites are not making money because "they're not put together well" and "they're not entertaining."

Cyberpanhandling has led to sites that spoof the phenomenon, such as the Internet Squeegee Guy, who will clean the inside of the monitor for spare change, and Morty, the U.S. businessman created by a struggling writer at www.savetheceo.com, who wants to relocate his factory to Mexico because his employees are trying to form a union.

Helpjennifer.com has some way to go if Ms. Glasser, who has endured hate mail for her cyberbegging, is to reach the \$50,000 (Canadian) goal. Most of the money Ms. Glasser has raised came from one donor in Tennessee who responded shortly after she opened her site in August. An even longer shot is the additional \$100,000 she wants to raise to pay for intravenous drugs to treat her Lyme disease.

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Four farmers pay fine, leave jail after one night

BY JILL MAHONEY, EDMONTON

One hungry, sleepless night behind bars was enough for some of the Alberta farmers who went to jail last week to protest against the Canadian Wheat Board.

Less than 24 hours after they became inmates, four of the 13 men paid their fines and returned home to young families, second jobs and other priorities.

"I think we made a point and that point is they're throwing law-abiding farmers to jail for selling their own grain," Darren Winczura said. "It's not like we're growing marijuana and trying to export it; we're growing wheat."

Mr. Winczura was torn about leaving early, knowing his comrades needed all the support they could get. But in the end, his young family and second job led him to pay his fine Friday.

"I kind of had mixed feelings. I definitely wanted to come home and see my wife and kids but then again you're leaving these guys in there ... and you almost feel that you maybe should be staying with them," he said.

The farmers were the focus of a rally Thursday by hundreds of people in Lethbridge who supported their decision to go to jail rather than pay fines for defying the wheat board's monopoly by trucking grain into Montana without export permits in 1996.

Mr. Winczura, whose original fine was \$1,000 reduced by \$156 for time served, said he hopes people aren't disappointed that he, Garry Brandt, Ike Lanier and Martin Hall bailed out early.

"We made our point; they actually did throw us in jail. We're not criminals, why should we be behind bars?"

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