

# Saudi Arabia to finance Turkish AKP ruling party in the coming parliamentary election, say reports

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Ankara– The Israeli Intelligence news outlet Debka claimed the Saudi officials purportedly vowed Ankara that the oil-rich Kingdom shall supply munificent financial support to President Erdoğan's Justice and Development Party(AK PARTİ) in the early parliamentary election, due to be held on November 1st .

Once being boasted for its dazzling popularity among Turkish middle-class, AKP dominance in Turkish political arena began to wane since the onset of Al Qaida-inspired rebellion in the neighboring Syria and Turkish concomitant support for the radical terrorist groups, plunging Turkey back to the 1980s deadly ethnic war with Kurdish separatist PKK militants.

According to Debka's well-informed sources, the Saudi ambassador to Ankara, Mr. Adel Serajedin Merdad has allegedly met with Turkish Premier Davutoğlu where the latter promised the Turkish official that Saudi Arabia will pay Erdoğan's election campaign \$17 billion in grants and support his bid to crush Turkish judiciary.

Fawaz Gerges, a professor of Middle East politics and international relations at the London School of Economics believes Saudi officials seek to forge a short-term alliance with their erstwhile rival and nemesis, President Erdoğan, vying to shift the balance of power in Syria amid Moscow's military intervention. Emboldened by Russian much-needed military support, Syria's President Assad is gaining ground

against U.S.-Saudi-Turkish so-called moderate rebels.

President Erdoğan called for snap election as his party lost the majority of seats in the Parliaments and abjectly failed to persuade the opponent factions to form a coalition government.

According to recent polls, Erdoğan's Islamic-rooted AKP's popularity has slumped 17.4 % to record low over the past year due to staggering rise of inflation and the number of terrorist attacks, namely Turkey's deadliest terrorist attack which hit Ankara train station last week ,killing and injuring dozens.