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Can I get a translation of the Saif Quaddafi speech he gave today?

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ISTANBUL (Reuters) - Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan pledged on Sunday to step down as chairman of the AK Party to prove he is not a "dictator" if it finishes second in a June general election.

Most opinion polls have shown that AK, which first came to power in 2002, is well ahead of its rivals in a campaign to win its third term. See.

"If my party finishes second, I will leave my post as chairman. I will take to the road in Anatolia and join my people and work from there," Erdogan said in a speech broadcast live by the news channel NTV.

"Will those who accuse me of having dictatorial aspirations step aside if their party finishes second?" he said.

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