
JAPAN'S RULING LDP SECURES MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IN SNAP ELECTIONS

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Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) in a historic landslide victory secured more than a two-thirds majority in the House of Representatives in weekend snap elections, enabling Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi to push ahead with her conservative policy agenda, local media reported Monday.

The LDP and its coalition partner the Japan Innovation Party (JIP) won 354 seats in the 465-member lower house, setting the stage for Takaichi to stay on as prime minister after taking office last October, Kyodo news agency reported.

The LDP has also become the first party in postwar Japan to cross the two-thirds majority line of 310 seats in the lower house.

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