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AFTER WINNING RESOUNDING MAJORITY IN NEPAL'S FIRST POST-UPRISING ELECTION, UPSTART PARTY SET TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT

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After securing a commanding majority in Nepals parliament, Nepals Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP) is set to form the countrys new government.

In the first elections since mass protests ousted the government of K.P. Sharma Oli last September, the RSP, a relatively new party, won 125 of the total 165 seats under the first-past-the-post electoral system. As vote counting under proportional representation is underway, the party is leading the vote counts, leaving legacy parties far behind.

Of the total 9.97 million votes counted so far under proportional representation, the RSP won 4.80 million, meaning it is expected to win at least half of the total 110 seats.

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