
JAPAN PM DISSOLVES LOWER HOUSE FOR OCT. 31 NATIONAL ELECTION

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Japans new Prime Minister Fumio Kishida dissolved the lower house of parliament Thursday, paving the way for elections Oct. 31 that will be Japans first of the pandemic.

At stake will be how Japan faces a potential coronavirus resurgence and revives its battered economy, and if or how Kishidas government can leave the shadow of the nearly nine years of Abe-Suga rule some describe as dominating to the point of muzzling diverse views.

Kishida said he is seeking a mandate for his policies after being elected prime minister by parliament only 10 days ago.

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