
JAPAN ELECTION: RULING LDP STRUGGLES OVER COVID, INEQUALITY

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Voters in Japan will head to the polls on Sunday with Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's party fighting to save its majority in the lower house, amid frustration over its handling of the coronavirus pandemic as well as worsening economic inequality.

Prior to the dissolution of parliament for Sunday's vote, the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) had 276 seats in the 465-member chamber, while its coalition partner Komeito had 29.

While most polls predict a comfortable win for the LDP once again, the Nikkei and Yomiuri Shimbun dailies said on Friday that their polls show the ruling party alone will struggle to obtain a majority of 233 seats.

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