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## **SANAE TAKAICHI RETAINS HER POSITION AS JAPAN'S 1ST FEMALE PREMIER**

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Japans Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi on Wednesday retained her position as the country's first female premier after parliament reelected her following her ruling party's landslide victory in the recent snap elections.

Takaichi won a majority vote in both the lower and upper houses of the bicameral parliament as Japan's 105th prime minister, according to a statement.

In the lower house, she secured 354 votes out of 465 members of parliament, while receiving 125 votes out of the present 248 members in the upper house, where the ruling camp remains a minority, and the premier's vote went to a runoff. Takaichi's rival Junya Ogawa received 65 votes.

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