

Japan's LDP looks to end six-year deadlock

Shinzo Abe's ruling LDP looks on course for victory in Upper House elections, ending years of political stalemate in which the opposition parties that control the House have been able to block government bills

HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS

242 seats

Liberal Democratic Party

72 more seats required to gain straight majority for LDP

99 seats required to gain 2/3 coalition majority required for amendments to constitution sought by Abe

50 seats

New Komeito Party
9 seats

Democratic Party
42 seats

Opposition parties hold 72 of 121 seats to be contested.
Five seats vacant

Your Party 10 seats
Others 10 seats

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Shinzo Abe
won landslide victory in 2012 General Election

LDP
294

480 seats

Others 15
Communist 8
Your Party 18
Restoration 54

Democratic Party 57

Komeito 31