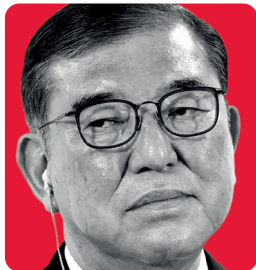


Japan's ruling party suffers historic defeat

Shigeru Ishiba's future as Japan's prime minister hangs in the balance after his political bloc, which has held power for 70 years, lost its majority in both houses of parliament for the first time



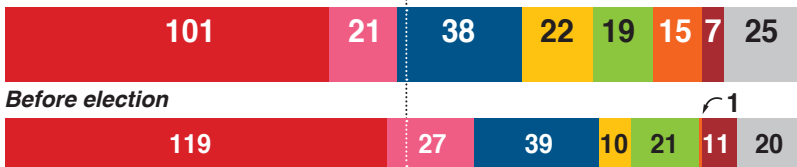
Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and coalition partner **Komeito** fell three seats short of retaining majority in upper house after elections that saw gains by new right-wing populist groups – **Democratic Party for the People (DPP)** and **Sanseito**

Ruling coalition already lost its majority in Japan's more powerful lower house in October

◀ *Ishiba says he has no plans to quit*

UPPER HOUSE ELECTION RESULT

Total seats: 248



RULING COALITION

- Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
- Komeito

Tightly-contested election held at time of frustration over rising prices and threat of U.S. tariffs

OPPOSITION

- Constitutional Democratic Party (CDP)
- Democratic Party for the People (DPP)
- Japan Innovation Party
- Sanseito
- Japanese Communist Party (JCP)