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(SBU) Opposition Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) appears to have taken more than 300 of 480 open Parliamentary seats in today's national election. Exit polls indicate the next Prime Minister - to be chosen the week of September 14th - will be a DPJ member. The Secretary General of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party says he and other top LDP figures plan to submit resignations. Embassy Tokyo notes a change of government is unlikely to affect foreign relations.

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