Johnson wins crushing majority in election that upends Britain

Boris Johnson won an *emphatic* election victory that redraws the political map of Britain and gives the prime minister the *mandate* he needs to pull the U.K. out of the European Union next month.

emphatic 显著的；强调的 mandate 授权；命令

The result spectacularly *vindicated* Johnson's gamble on a *snap* election to break the deadlock in Parliament over Brexit, as his Conservatives were set for their biggest majority since 1987 under Margaret Thatcher.

vindicate 证明 snap 猛咬；突然的

The outcome was a *stark repudiation* of the main opposition Labour Party under Jeremy Corbyn. Corbyn announced his intention to resign after a catastrophic run of losses to the Tories in Brexit-supporting districts in northern England and Wales. These areas were considered traditional Labour strongholds.

stark 完全的；荒凉的 repudiation 否认；拒绝

Johnson's majority gives him the power to get his own way on Brexit, especially if he needs extra time to negotiate with the EU. He has said he will start to push legislation through parliament before the end of the year to meet the current departure date of Jan. 31.

Investors responded to what they saw as a possible end to the political *gridlock* and uncertainty that has hung over British assets for years. The pound was up 1.8% to $1.34 as of 8:57 a.m. in London.

gridlock 交通堵塞；僵局

After holding his seat west of London, Johnson said the result was "historic" and "a powerful new mandate to get Brexit done."