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From 33 for four Bangladesh batsmen Shakib Al Hasan (L) and Mahmudullah Riyad fashioned a spectacular, record 224-run partnership to overhaul New Zealand's 265 in their Champions Trophy Group A match at the Sophia Gardens in Cardiff yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## TIGERS clinch famous win

Will go through to semifinals if Australia lose today

AL-AMIN from Sophia Gardens

Amazing! Unbelievable! The Tigers roared at the Sophia Gardens in Cardiff in a more spectacular fashion than 12 years ago. This is called coming of age. They looked dead and buried when they were brought to

their knees at 12 for three and then 33 for four, chasing New Zealand's 265 for eight in what was a potential quarterfinal of the Champions Trophy.

Game over? Not quite yet. Out in the middle were Bangladesh's two members

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Where it went wrong for May

AFP, London

Prime Minister Theresa May has suffered one of the most dramatic reversals in recent British political history, losing an overall majority in parliament in a snap election she had been predicted to win easily.

May had called the election on April 18, urging voters to boost her 17-seat working majority in order to strengthen her hand in the Brexit negotiations.

Opinion polls at that time gave her Conservatives a 20-point lead over Labour,

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## TULIP, RUSHANARA, RUPA Big win for all 3



Tulip with her mother during vote count.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three Labour Party candidates of Bangladeshi origin -- Tulip Rizwana Siddiq, Rushanara Ali and Rupa Huq -- have been re-elected in the UK parliamentary election, defeating their rivals by a wide margin.

Bangladesh President Abdul Hamid, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury have congratulated the three on their re-election.

Tulip, granddaughter of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and niece of Hasina, bagged 34,464 votes in the Hampstead and Kilburn constituency while her rival Claire-Louise Leyland of the Conservative Party got 18,904 votes.

In the last UK parliamentary polls in 2015, she had secured 23,977 votes.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

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## Defiant May vows to stay as PM

To form govt with DUP backing as Conservatives fail to win majority in UK polls



"We will fulfil the promise of Brexit.... I will now form a government, a government that can provide certainty and lead Britain forward at this critical time for our country."

THERESA MAY

AGENCIES

It was supposed to be the Brexit Election.

When Theresa May announced back in April she was calling a risky snap election, three years before it was necessary, she invited British voters to increase her Conservative govern-

ment's majority and give her the strengthened mandate she needed to go into Brexit talks and get a good deal for the country.

It was a battle between what she defined her "strong and stable" leadership and a "coalition of chaos" under her opponent, the Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn.

In the end, it was the Brexit Election -- just not in the way everyone predicted.

Having pledged to be the strong prime minister fighting for Britain in the negotiating room in Brussels, May appears to have lost her majority because of voters rejected the type of Brexit she had proposed.

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## EU fears Brexit delay

Uncertainty looms after vote; weak Conservatives govt may raise risk of talks collapse

REUTERS, Brussels

European Union leaders fear Prime Minister Theresa May's shock loss of her parliamentary majority raises the risk of failure in Brexit negotiations due to start this month that will usher Britain out of the EU in March 2019.

There was concern that a weak minority administration and a possible leadership challenge to May after her electoral gamble backfired might mean further delay to the start of talks scheduled for June 19. But the prime minister said her new government

would now prepare for discussions in 10 days time.

However, Guenther Oettinger, the German member of the EU executive, was among those warning that a weak British leader may be a problem once talks start. "We need a government that can act," he told German radio. "With a weak negotiating partner, there's a danger the negotiations will turn out badly."

Oettinger's boss, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, said his Brexit negotiating team under Michel

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2017	
CONSERVATIVES	318 (-12)
LABOUR	261 (+29)
SCOTTISH NATIONALISTS	35 (-21)
LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	12 (+4)
DEMOCRATIC UNIONISTS	10 (+2)
OTHERS	13
TOTAL SEAT 650	
ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 326	



A demonstrator wears a mask depicting Britain's Prime Minister and leader of the Conservative Party Theresa May and poses with a mock gravestone bearing the words "Hard Brexit, RIP", during a protest photocall near the entrance 10 Downing Street in central London yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP



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