

DATELINE: May 19 2000 A civilian coup d'etat (a sudden takeover of government, usually illegally or by force) led by George Speight seized government in Fiji's capital, Suva. It was the first anniversary of the election of Mahendra Chaudhry, Fiji's first elected leader from its Indian minority. The coup leader said his aim was to deliver ownership and power back into indigenous Fijian hands. Indigenous Fijians make up 51% of the population, Indo-Fijians account for 44% and the remaining 5% is made up of Europeans, Chinese and other Pacific Islanders. The modern nation of Fiji was created in 1970 when the former colony became independent from Britain. A coup in 1987 resulted in Fiji becoming a republic.

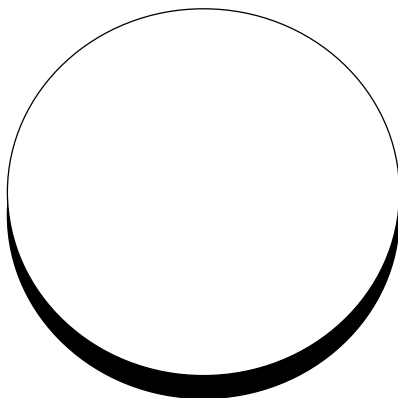
1. Using the outline map of Fiji below and page 129 of the *Jacaranda Atlas* mark in the following place names: **Viti Levu, Vanua Levu, Kadavu Island, Suva, Nadi, Lautoka**

2. Using the key on page 129 of the *Jacaranda Atlas*:

(a) what is the largest city in Fiji?

(b) what is its population range?

3. Use the information in the **Dateline** to mark and name the ethnic division of Fiji's population on the outline pie graph below.



Ethnic composition of Fiji's population

4. On the blank timeline below, mark and name the events referred to in the **Dateline** above.

