

Black-white tensions rising in Australia

Indigenous leaders have called for a national day of action following the death of a 36-year-old Aborigine in police custody on Palm Island in November. Tensions have heightened between white and indigenous Australians following violent rioting in Sydney earlier this year

Indigenous population (2001): 427,000

- Under 10%
- 10%-25%
- Over 25%

NORTHERN
TERRITORY
13.2%

QUEENSLAND
27.8%

WESTERN
AUSTRALIA
14.4%

SOUTH
AUSTRALIA
5.7%

NEW SOUTH
WALES
28.4%

VICTORIA: 5.8%

TASMANIA
3.9%

Nov 26, Palm Island: Police station and courthouse burnt down in riot after indigenous man dies in police cell

Dec 2, Goondiwindi: Police investigating claims that Aboriginal boy was dragged with neck in noose for 45 minutes during attempted farm robbery

Feb, Sydney: More than 40 police injured in riots in ghetto in **Redfern** sparked by death of Aboriginal boy

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL
TERRITORY: 0.9%

▶ Aborigines make up 20% of jail population despite being only 2% of national total

▶ Aborigines are murdered at rate 11 times higher than rest of population

▶ Life expectancy 20 years lower than whites

▶ Disproportionately high rates of unemployment, infant mortality, and drug and alcohol abuse