

Fiji's simmering political crisis

Fiji's military commander *Frank Bainimarama* has declared talks with Prime Minister *Laisenia Qarase* to avert a coup "a failure" and set a deadline of noon Friday to replace the government unless it accedes to his demands



► **Demands:** Abandon three contentious bills and formally remove Fiji's police chief, Australian Andrew Hughes, from his post

► **Compromise:** Qarase has offered to suspend bill to grant pardons to conspirators in 2000 coup, and two other bills which Bainimarama says unfairly favour majority indigenous Fijians in land rights over ethnic Indian minority

► **Fiji:** South Pacific nation of 906,000 people, has endured three coups since 1987

Breakdown by ethnic group

