

# Fiji to end martial law



■ **Dec 2006:** Commodore **Voreqe “Frank” Bainimarama** (above) takes power in bloodless coup, ousting elected leader **Laisenia Qarase**. **Australia, New Zealand, U.S. and European Union impose sanctions**

■ **Apr 2009:** Bainimarama overturns constitution and imposes emergency law – including tight censorship on media and ban on public meetings – after Fiji Court of Appeal rules that military government is illegal. **Fiji suspended from Commonwealth**

■ **Jan 2012:** Emergency law to end