

# THE 2006 MILITARY TAKEOVER IN FIJI

A Coup to End All Coups?

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The December 2006 military takeover breached the assumptions upon which Fiji's history had previously been written. Coups in 1987 and 2000 had overthrown governments elected largely on the basis of the Fiji Indian vote. Many had assumed that the indigenous Fijian elite would never concede political control, and that Fiji's 99% ethnic Fijian military forces would always act to defend indigenous political dominance.

This book explores the factors behind – and the implications of – the 2006 coup. It brings together contributions from leading scholars, local personalities, civil society activists, union leaders, journalists, lawyers, soldiers and politicians – including deposed Prime Ministers Laisenia Qarase and Mahendra Chaudhry. *The 2006 Military Takeover in Fiji: A Coup to End All Coups?* is essential reading for those with an interest in the contemporary history of Fiji, politics in deeply divided societies, or in military intervention in civilian politics.

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