

FIJI

FACT SHEET

Independence: 1970: Parliamentary system of government
with the Queen as Head of State

Governor General: Sir George Cakobau

Prime Minister: Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara (Alliance Party -
largely Fijian in composition)

Opposition: National Federation Party (largely Indian)
led by Jai Ram Reddy

Senate: appointed (22 members, including 8 nominated
by the Council of Chiefs)

House of Representatives: 52 members elected for 5
years on basis of national and communal polls

Population: approx 620,000 (50% Indian, 44% Fijian)

GDP (1980): US \$1,202 million (4.2 real growth in
1980 in terms of 1977 prices)

GDP per capita (1979): US \$1,680 million

Exchange rate 1980 average: US \$1.2234 per \$Fiji

Exchange rate July 1981: Can \$1.3883 per \$Fiji

Fiji High Commissioner to Canada (resident in New York):
His Excellency Philippe Nagera Bole

Canadian High Commissioner to Fiji: Mr. Roger Rousseau
(presented letters September 4, 1981) (previous
High Commissioner Mrs. I.E. Johnson)