

Oceania's Political Pulse: Security Pacts, Court Battles, and Defense Strategies

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1. Which two Pacific nations recently signed a new defense and security pact, easing tensions over previous ties with China?

- A) Fiji and Tonga
- B) New Zealand and Cook Islands**
- C) Papua New Guinea and Australia
- D) Solomon Islands and Vanuatu

2. In the Solomon Islands, what legal development occurred recently regarding the Prime Minister's ability to convene parliament?

- A) The High Court ordered parliament to convene to face a no-confidence motion.**
- B) The Prime Minister successfully dissolved parliament.
- C) The Court of Appeal ruled that parliament could not convene.
- D) The Governor-General vetoed the no-confidence motion.

3. What is a key focus of Australia's 2026 National Defence Strategy concerning regional security?

- A) Reducing all international defense partnerships
- B) Increasing reliance on a single global superpower
- C) Working more closely with regional partners to deter threats**
- D) Withdrawing from all collective security arrangements

4. Who was elected as the 7th President of Fiji on October 31, 2024?

- A) Ratu Wiliame Katonivere
- B) Sitiveni Rabuka
- C) Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu**
- D) Mark Brown

5. Papua New Guinea's foreign policy maintains its long-held mantra of being:

- A) Enemies to all, friends to none
- B) Friends to all, enemies to none**
- C) Alliances with the West, opposition to China
- D) Neutral in all international disputes

6. What new visa categories did New Zealand open registrations for in April 2026, allowing Pacific Islanders to apply for residence?

- A) Pacific Development Visa and Samoan Work Permit
- B) Pacific Access Category and Samoan Quota**
- C) Oceania Skilled Migrant Scheme and Tongan Family Reunification
- D) Island Nation Employment Program and Fijian Partnership Visa

7. Which nation is reportedly preparing to deploy artificial intelligence (AI) as a core tool in its government decision-making in 2026?

- A) Fiji
- B) Solomon Islands
- C) Australia
- D) Papua New Guinea**

8. What significant event occurred in the Solomon Islands' political landscape in April 2026, involving the Prime Minister and the court?

- A) The Prime Minister resigned after a vote of no confidence.
- B) The Court of Appeal stalled moves to oust the Prime Minister due to constitutional concerns.**
- C) A new Prime Minister was elected by popular vote.
- D) Parliament passed a law to extend the Prime Minister's term.