

## Country Profiles

### Solomon Islands

**Capital :** Honiara  
**Land Area :** 28,450 sq km  
**Head of Government :** Prime Minister The Hon Sir Allan Kemakeza (since 17 December 2001)  
**Population :** 538,032 (July 2005 est.)  
**Major Languages :** Melanesian pidgin in much of the country is lingua franca; English is official but note: 120 indigenous languages  
**Major Religion(s) :** Anglican 45%, Roman Catholic 18%, United (Methodist/Presbyterian) 12%, Baptist  
**Date of Joining :** 1978

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- [The Challenge of Democracy](#) , CHRI Newsletter, Volume 10, Number 3, Winter 2003.

