

Solomon Islands

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Solomon Islands Latest News

Recently, a 6.7-Magnitude earthquake hit Solomon Islands' Kirakira.

About Solomon Islands

- **Location:** It is located in the **south-western Pacific Ocean**.
- The Solomon Islands are two parallel chains of **volcanic islands and small coral atolls**.
- These are situated to the **southeast of Papua New Guinea** and to the **northwest of Vanuatu**.
- Once a British protectorate, the Solomon Islands achieved independence as are public in 1978.
- **Capital:** **Honiara which** is located on Guadalcanal, the largest island.
- **Government:** It is a **parliamentary democracy** within the Commonwealth, with a unicameral Parliament and a ministerial system of government.

Geographical Features of Solomon Islands

- It consists of nearly 1,000 islands (6 large main islands and over 900 smaller islands), of which 147 are inhabited.
- **Topography:** The country is mainly **mountainous and covered in forests**, although it has some extensive plains.
- **Ethnic groups:** Melanesian 93%, Polynesian 4%, Micronesian 1.5%, other 1.5%.

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