

Philip chosen as new Solomons PM

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MPs in Solomon Islands have voted in a new Prime Minister.

The Solomon Island Broadcasting Corporation says the winner is Danny Philip who defeated the only other contender Steve Abana.

Mr Philip is reported to have polled 26 votes over his only rival Steven Abana, the leader of the Solomon Islands Democratic Party, who secured 23 votes.

There was one spoilt vote.

Mr Philip is the leader of the Solomon Islands Reformed Democratic Party.

In the past 15 years, he has twice served as foreign minister.

Security was high before the vote in Honiara this morning and today has been declared a national holiday.

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