Fiji held its first elections Wednesday since a 2006 military coup d'etat. The South Pacific island nation has had four coups since independence. The party of the strongman PM, a former military commander, is leading in polls. The military plays a large role in Fijian social and political life, say academics. These tensions were particularly exacerbated by the previous political system, in which ethnicity was politicized and politics was a zero-sum game, says Ratuva. Fiji's first coup in 1987 saw an elected, Indian-dominated coalition overthrown by indigenous Fijians, leading to the implementation, and later withdrawal, of a constitution that guaranteed indigenous political supremacy. President al-Bashir himself took power following a military coup in 1989 and prior to that there had been many other coup attempts in Sudan, some successful and some not. Reality Check looks back at Sudan's history of military interventions, and the wider picture across the African continent. Sudan has had more coup attempts than any other country in Africa. Including this most recent intervention, there have been 15 - four of them successful. If the military succeeds in its ambition of permanently ousting Omar al-Bashir, this will be the fifth. When is a coup a coup? Since the 1950s, the