

# Saving Somkid

February 17, 2007

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



Saving Somkid

By Zeer, *Thai Rath*, February 17, 2007

Top right: Saved from the mass death... and he will be brought up well also.

In the fire: Thai Rak Thai party

On Sonthi's hat: CNS

The book in Somkid's hand: Sufficiency economy

# New year's bombing suspects allegedly on camera

February 18, 2007

Categories: Thai Politics



Headlines from the weekend – *Khao Sod*, February 18, 2007

Blue: Poll support that foreigners trust Somkid

Top right: Victim of internet: Ms. Tukta (fake name) who is 16 years old and her mom shows the photo of Mr. Pisanu the owner of [Camfrog](#) program who deceived her daughter making her come from Chaing Mai to Bangkok to be raped for many weeks and trick her to get drunk and control her to dance for the camera.

Bottom left and right: Evidence: The picture (left) is from the close circuit of the defendant who bombed the police kiosk at Saphan Kwai and was issued an arrest warrant. The other picture (right) is the picture of the man who is similar to Mr. Tawansak Paenae, the southern bandit who was suspected in the bombing of the Seecon Square department store. These are the suspects considered by police and people are asked to submit clues.

# The sexy dress – The story that will not die

February 18, 2007

Categories: 2Bangkok News



The dress – The story that will not die – *Khao Sod*, February 18, 2007

Nearly every day for a week photos of this and another revealing dress worn by another starlet have appeared on the front pages of Thai newspapers.

**Above:** Photo of Amy's actions on the day of the Suphanahong Award that were spread on many websites. Although she come out and accept the guilt, people in Korat where the award ceremony was organized asked her to apologize to Yamo .

# Thai Army paranoia gives Muslim militants room

February 19, 2007

Categories: The Thai Deep South

[Thai Army paranoia gives Muslim militants room](#) – Reuters, February 19, 2007

*Since its September coup, the Thai army has become so preoccupied with politics it is neglecting the Muslim far south, where 2,000 people have been killed in three years of unrest, analysts and officials said on Tuesday...*

# Junta accused of exploiting news media

February 19, 2007

Categories: 2006 Coup

[Junta accused of exploiting news media](#) – *The Nation*, February 19, 2007

... "The programme cannot be neutral and free. This is no different from when the Thaksin government was in control. This phenomenon is living testimony of failure in news media reform," the statement said...

The show that is being referred to: [Sondhi Limthongkul's new anti-Thaksin show](#)

# **Nagesh Kukunoor mesmerized by Thai culture!**

February 19, 2007

Categories: Thailand in the International Media

[Nagesh Kukunoor mesmerized by Thai culture!](#) – Glamsham.com, February, 2007

# US, Thailand united on security interests

February 20, 2007

Categories: Security

[US, Thailand united on security interests](#) – Bangkok Post, February 20, 2007

*The news from Washington that US troops will take part in this year's Cobra Gold exercise after all reflects the determination of Bangkok and the US that political problems should not disrupt mutual security interests. The annual war games will go ahead this year, said Supreme Commander Boonsrang Niumpradit, because Washington was satisfied with the government's decision last month to lift martial law in Bangkok and 40 other provinces...*

# Dropping the kid

February 20, 2007

Categories: 2Bangkok News



## Dropping the kid

We have always wondered if Chinese acrobats creating a stack of people on top of a pole ever drop the child that is invariably at the top of the stack. It is always part of the show to let the child fall to scare the crowd, but the child is always held by the feet so as not to fall all the way down. On February 18, a child did fall all the way to the ground. Photos of the event were on the front page of every newspaper on February 20. The above photos are from *Kom Chad Luek*, February 20, 2007.



# More on Venus Fly Trap

February 20, 2007

Categories: Music

More on Venus Fly Trap –

February 20, 2007

Steve writes: *I was just having my daily read of 2Bangkok and found that you had put a link on to Reuters for the Ladyboy band Venus Fly Trap. A few months back I posted a [blog on the band](#) and have been inundated by ladyboy fans via google.*

**Earlier:** [Thai ladyboy band hopes to hit the high notes](#) – Reuters, February 17, 2007

And Andrew comments: *I thought you might be interested in a newly published book about transgenderism in Thailand. It*

*is called '[Male Bodies, Women's Souls: Personal Narratives of Thai Transgendered Youth](#)', by LeeRay Costa and Andrew Matzner.*

# Wiki sabotage at The Nation

February 20, 2007

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines

Wiki sabotage at *The Nation* –

February 20, 2007

Admission from *The Nation*'s Wiki page on Thaksin ([Now, ready for a challenge?](#)): ...*What has happened was some posts have been completely deleted and we could not retrieve it. Charges of "sabotage" abound but we have not investigated what exactly happened.*

*All we can do now is urge your cooperation again to make this experiment, which we sincerely hope will serve the noble worthiness of the internet, work. We also advise posters to make a copy of your latest contribution to either forum, just in case the contents disappear or are drastically and suspiciously altered...*

# Yam Fao Paendin – The Anti-Thaksin show

February 21, 2007

Categories: High Tension in Thailand 2004-2008

At the end of *Yam Fao Paendin* today, host Sonthi Limthongkul said that there are two groups of people—some like the program and some dislike it. This extends to some ministers in the government and this made the PM feel frustrated so Sonthi will stop the program and today (Tuesday) is the last day. People can still watch this program on the ASTV satellite network.

Overview of Sondhi Limthongkul's new anti-Thaksin show on Channel 11 – February 19, 2007

Every weekday from 8:30pm-9:30pm the Public Relations Department of Thailand's Channel 11 has permitted Manager publisher Sondhi Limthongkul to air a new anti-Thaksin show.

**Right:** The show logo – *Yam Fao Paendin*, watch the event, every day

The frame grabs and comments on the content are from the Friday, February 16, 2007 show.



The new show, *Yam Fao Paendin*, is a copy of the *Thailand Weekly* show Sondhi had on Channel 9 until the then TRT government took it off the air over its anti-government slant.

On both *Thailand Weekly* and *Yam Fao Paendin* a friendly and enthusiastic female host sets up Sondhi to expound on various editorial subjects. He goes on and on about corruption, sincerity, the evils of certain former TRT members, etc., often in an animated fashion.



**Right:** Pointing out the enemies

Top left: Jaturon Chaisaeng, acting TRT leader

Top right: Jakapob Penkhae, the speaker of TRT

Bottom left: Sutep Saikrajang

Bottom right: Vichit Plangsrirakul, TRT legal counsel

**Left:** A small and isolated Thaksin



Mirroring the news of the day, on Friday's show Sondhi commented that he wants to get the Thaicom satellite back from Singapore.

**Right:** Co-host Chindarat Charoenchaichana in front of an image of Thaksin listening to Sondhi.

**Below:** Thaksin's former heir in TRT, Somkid, now part of the present government.



Sondhi said that some people thought that he asked the PM to invite Somkid to help the government, but Sondhi said he has never even met the PM.

Sondhi also said that having Somkid help the government may be right for strategy, but wrong for tactics. He said Somkid should declare why he comes to help the PM and why he leaves Thaksinomics and accepts a sufficiency economy. If Somkid does not make this clear, Sondhi will chase him until he is dismissed. Sondhi planned to discuss with PRD to declare this challenge by next Wednesday.

Sondhi also declares that he has no deal with Channel 11 and he has 100% freedom and will also investigate the government.

**Right:** Stoic General Sonthi

Thai TV is most often sanitized to remove political content or anything that might rouse people to action, but from time to time it can become highly politicized. An earlier example: Last year, the previous government permitted a show hosted by Samak Sundaravej to support the government and discredit, some say intimidate, its critics: [The Samak-Dusit Show \(2005-2006\)](#).





Remembering Thaksin on *Yam Fao Paendin* – February 21, 2007

Tuesday night on *Yam Fao Paendin* , footage was shown from when Thaksin was at Central World and black-shirted thugs [beat protestors](#) who jeered him.

The footage was shown at least three times as Sondhi Limthongkul explained how the police saw what was happening and did nothing.

Other subjects covered on Tuesday's show included Thaksin's wife and children.



# The Dictatorial Maniac

February 21, 2007

Categories: High Tension in Thailand 2004-2008

[The Dictatorial Maniac](#) – February 21, 2007

*...By now, those who hate Thaksin should be able to recount every single sin allegedly committed by him. They know he was a corrupt and dictatorial maniac bent on exploiting his political office to serve his own interests. They all have nightmares about how he would have ruined the country and its most respected institutions. So what can Sondhi add? ...*

# Govt must tolerate dissent

February 21, 2007

Categories: Thai Politics

[Govt must tolerate dissent](#) – *The Nation*, February 21, 2007

# City to have nine new public parks by 2009

February 22, 2007

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[City to have nine new public parks by 2009](#) – *Bangkok Post*, February 22, 2007



# Life as a Thai sex worker

February 22, 2007

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Life as a Thai sex worker](#) –

BBC, February 22, 2007

*Bangkok is a notorious destination for sex tourism. But the lives of many of the city's sex workers are full of danger, disease and the urgent need to send money home...*

# Man does 40 squat thrusts on elephant

February 23, 2007

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Man does 40 squat thrusts on elephant](#) – WTOP, February 23, 2007

*New Yorker Ashrita Furman looked around for a record he could break, and settled on doing the most squat thrusts in one minute...*

# Interesting blogs by ancestors of notable Thais

February 23, 2007

Categories: 2Bangkok News

Interesting blogs by ancestors of notable Thais – February 23, 2007

[Oakley](#) is a great great granddaughter of King Mongkut.

[GnarlyKitty](#) is the great granddaughter of Field Marshall Thanom.

# **UM student dies in Thailand accident**

February 23, 2007

Categories: Thailand in the International Media

[UM student dies in Thailand accident](#) – *Lansing State Journal*, February 23, 2007

# Dangerous haze in Thailand

February 23, 2007

[Dangerous haze in Thailand](#) –

AP, March 15, 2007

**Earlier:** [Breathing easier as the battle for blue skies pays off](#) – *NYT*, March 6, 2007

**Earlier:** [Bangkok's template for an air-quality turnaround](#) – *IHT*, February 23, 2007

*Bangkok breathes easy, thanks to the efforts of a hardy  
band of environment-minded bureaucrats...*



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# 1991 coup – Newswatch one of the victims of clampdown

February 24, 2007

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*The Nation*, February 24, 1991 – Newswatch one of the victims of clampdown



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# 1991 coup – Taped confession aired to justify the takeover

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*The Nation*, February 24, 1991 – Taped confession aired to justify the takeover

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## Taped confession aired to justify the takeover

### Move seen as strategy to win public support

The Nation

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THE newly-installed military junta last night tried to reinforce its claims to justify the power seizure by airing the video-taped confession of a former Young Turk army officer who revealed an alleged plot to "overthrow the monarchy."

The junta charged in an announcement that the Chatichai Government had tried to "distort" the investigation into the case and protect Maj Gen Manoon Roopkachorn from legal action.

Manoon, a former cashiered officer who engineered two abortive coups, was said to be a close aide of deposed Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan. The junta alleged that he was responsible for the plot against the Royal Family.

Manoon has publicly denied any involvement in the alleged plot and Chatichai denied that there were attempts to distort the case.

Col Bulsak Pochareon, until yesterday an MP of Singburi of Palang Dharma Party, was cited as an "accomplice-turned-witness" in the case. Bulsak was shown in a video tape broadcast during TV prime time last night accusing Manoon of being a "treacherous" and "ambitious" person.

He claimed that he had originally joined Manoon in plotting against the monarchy but later repented.

The showing of the tape was clearly aimed at winning public support for the military seizure which abruptly put an

end to another phase of Thailand's fragile democracy.

But many people who saw the tape last night questioned the circumstances under which the confession was made.

Manoon, who is now a subject of a manhunt by the military, had contended that Bulsak was "kidnapped" and held by a group of police investigators against his will since Feb 10.

In his confession, which was elaborately staged in the presence of a group of police officers on Feb 10, Bulsak repeatedly stressed that he was not coerced into saying anything that was untrue. "I want the public to know that Maj Gen Manoon was the person behind the plot to overthrow the monarchy," he said.

"I now realize that I once took the wrong road and now I regret and repent," said Bulsak, reading from a prepared statement.

"I hereby reaffirm all what I've said in my testimony to the investigators given on Sept 17, 1984.

The video tape, which had been played for reporters to view at the home of an army officer on Thursday night, began with the martial song *Sayammanussati* and a verse on patriotism and allegiance to the monarchy. Then Bulsak appears, dressed in deep blue safari suit and matching pants, walking upstairs to a room in a white building.

Bulsak was seen sitting next to Pol Lt Gen Boonchu Wangkanont, former commissioner of the Central Investigation Bureau and now deputy police chief (administrative affairs), and about a dozen police officers in Boonchu's team probing the assassination conspir-

acy.

The video tape was preceded by a statement read personally by Sunthorn Kongsompong, head of the National Peacekeeping Command.

Sunthorn said investigation into the "vicious plot" had been obstructed by people in power — a reference to the former government which he claimed had tried to "distort" the case and blame it on its enemies.

Before his confession, Bulsak was seen paying respects to the portraits of Their Majesties and pledging his allegiance to the monarchy.

With Boonchu and his police subordinates watching passively, Bulsak read his three-page confession which was addressed to "my fellow countrymen who have unquestionable allegiance to and love for the Chakri Dynasty."

He recalled his association with Manoon during the heydays of the Young Turks (the army officers who were graduates in the Class-7 led by Manoon) in the late 1970s and early 1980s and the assassination plots in general terms.

Bulsak did not detail what Manoon had allegedly done in connection with the alleged assassination plot.

Bulsak said he was arrested on Sept 15, 1984 but was released after he gave his testimony. He became a monk for two years. It was during his monkhood that, he claimed, he came to better understand himself and his fate.

Towards the end of his statement, Bulsak claimed that his life might be in danger and said if he got killed the suspect would be Manoon.

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# 1991 coup – Junta says why coup necessary

February 24, 2007

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**'I want the public to know that Maj Gen Manoon was the person behind the plot to overthrow the monarchy'**

## Junta says why coup necessary

The Nation

**1** THE NATIONAL Patriotic Council, the junta, yesterday tried to justify the power seizure with charges that the Chakrala government was rife with corruption and that it was a "democratic dictatorship" bent on destroying the military as an institution.

The junta also accused the Chakrala administration of attempting to "cut" the revolutionists into what it claimed to be a plot against the monarchy.

The charges were outlined in an announcement read over television after the military takeover. Following is an unofficial translation of the announcement.

"To allow the Thai public to know the truth, the National Patriotic Council would like to state the following reasons for the takeover:

**1. Government corruption.** Government leaders have seized personal gain through the abuse of political power like never before. It has become normal practice for others all ministers to seek power and prosperity to support their political base. As a result, widespread corruption in the government has pushed for big and wasteful projects. They claimed people would benefit from the projects which in fact only allow the politicians to make profits.

Despite his full knowledge of corruption at the ministerial level, among high-ranking officials and high-ranking civil servants, the prime minister in his capacity as head of the government never paid attention to the problem. Moreover, he continued oversteering himself under several projects. He also tried to prevent accused persons by claiming that the allegations must be backed by receipts issued for money.

Corruption has become increasingly serious and, if allowed to continue, will bring the country to its doom.

**2. Harassment by political officials against honest government officials.** Political officials have been building their political careers through personal relationships with the government and refusing to side with them. Many officials had to resign. The two named such suits to the permanent officials who were unable to fight back. Their careers have been destroyed.

**3. Parliamentary dictatorship.** The prime minister, aided by politicians in his cabinet government, and the Ban Pongkhae advisory team have succeeded in political tricks to create a false impression that their administration was democratic. That enabled them to reap personal benefits.

Meanwhile, in the executive branch and Parliament are leading the country towards a parliamentary dictatorship under the disguise of democracy. That enabled the government to have an absolute control of administrative power.

Insurgent political and government officials position themselves were controlled by the prime minister's men that was involving the ruling of high benefits with nobody able to put up resistance. It put the constitutional monarchy in jeopardy.

**4. Attempts to destroy the military institution.** The military is the pillar of the nation of permanent officials which has refused to come under the influence of politicians. The government has, consequently, used its army force to suppress the military. The government has long considered the military as a strong support — the Little Dark world, the military police, the refusal to return Chakrala's government from the Cabinet, threat to remove senior military leaders.

The military has lost its political and that is one reason behind the takeover.

**5. Attempts to destroy a new movement to support the monarchy.** In 1992, Col Manoon Boonkit, a former military officer and his own company to support the Thai monarchy as a king in exile. Thailand's monarchy and turn the country in their own way. The new plan failed and the players were finally arrested. But they were helped by politically influential people and were released on bail. The cabinet Manoon to stage more coups.

Manoon was supported by the prime minister and managed to rise again in the military camp. He could become a major general despite his past coup efforts and involvement in the monarchy plot.

The prime minister has tried to use him and those others. This should be a warning which the military could not ignore.

The first armed forces have consulted each other and agreed to take over the government.

We call for the timely cessation of the country to continue. To protect the institutions and the constitutional monarchy, it is necessary for us to take control of the government.

The National Patriotic Council will turn the administrative structure back to normal as soon as possible.

Gen Saphon Kongsong, Head of the National Patriotic Council.

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# The PTV Protests Main Page

February 24, 2007

Categories: High Tension in Thailand 2004-2008

**Right:** PTV billboard  
near the Din Daeng expressway on-ramp.

It reads: Join to create democracy with true news and  
information  
24 hours news station via satellite  
PTV – TV for people  
News that is news, every detail is accurate, not distorted  
Open the station on March 1  
Member subscription: call 0-2934-9000

May 9, 2007 – PTV billboards are gone. There was no  
promised protest Sunday night.

[PTV protests on May 19-20](#)

[PTV protest on April 27](#)

[PTV protest on April 8](#)

[PTV protest on March 30](#)

[PTV protest on March 23](#)

[PTV website](#)



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

[PTV protests nothing more than a masquerade](#) – *The Nation*, April 11, 2007

*...It's laughable that people like Chakrapob Penkair, Veera Musigapong and Chatuporn Prompan, among the most ardent supporters of former prime minister Thaksin and now PTV executives, expect people to suddenly consider them media professionals the moment they take off their Thai Rak Thai label. And they want the world to believe that if they are singing Thaksin's praises today, they are doing it as journalists and not as his political stooges...*

[PTV waits to learn its fate](#) – *The Nation*, March 19, 2007

[PTV in debut blackout mystery](#) – *The Nation*, March 18, 2007

[PTV to go on air Wednesday](#) – *The Nation*, February 24, 2007

*... "I feel great. Let us not be afraid of them. Return our democracy and reveal the truth that Thaksin and Thai Rak Thai were not wrong," a supporter shouted in jubilation...*

[Treat](#)

[PTV the same as ASTV, Abhisit tells govt](#) – *The Nation*,  
February 22, 2007

*...PTV was started by ex-Thai Rak Thai members after key party figures, including caretaker leader Chaturon Chaisang, visited people in the Northeast over the weekend, while ASTV is part of media firebrand Sondhi Limthongkul's Manager Group. Thai Day Dot Com Co, the operator of ASTV, has filed a criminal lawsuit*

*against the Public Relations Department, alleging that it abused its powers when questioning ASTV's legal status.*

*The Administrative Court granted ASTV's request for an injunction to stop authorities from taking it off the air while the court is considering its petition...*



# Bangkok 1955

February 24, 2007

Categories: Old photos and films



(Photo: TerryMcT)

Bangkok 1955 – February 24, 2007

Marc writes: *Great site. I really like them old pics you post there so I'm forwarding you a link of pics from [Bangkok and area circa 1955](#). Kind of funny to look at Bangkok with that low of a skyline. Hope you like it. Keep on the good work. Chock dee.*

We've posted this [TerryMcT's link](#) before, but it is always interesting to revisit these great photos.



(Photo: TerryMcT)

# The South of the Future

February 24, 2007

Categories: Editorial Cartoons, Security, The Thai Deep South



*Thairath*, February 24, 2007 – Left:

The south in the past

Right: The south in the future.

# Life on the Burma-Thai border

February 26, 2007

Categories: Refugees and Migrants

[Life on the Burma-Thai border](#) –

BBC, February 26, 2007

*If you did not know that the town of Mae Sot was in Thailand, you would probably assume it was in Burma...*



# Rites for the revered policeman

February 26, 2007

Categories: Thai Police

Rites for the revered policeman – *Daily News*, February 26, 2007

Story about the funeral rites for a policeman who lived to be 108.

The headline reads :

Rajjadej – The bird pepper knight – The quash person of his time – The hunter attack magic of Khun Phan

– With bare hands arrests the tiger

A thread on this story is [here](#).



# Thaksin's hired guns

February 27, 2007

Categories: Uncategorized

[Thaksin's](#)

[hired guns](#) – *The Nation*,

February 27, 2007

# Thai prince's trilogy looks to make history

February 27, 2007

Categories: Uncategorized

[Thai prince's trilogy looks to make history](#) – *Hollywood Reporter*, February 27, 2007

*The total budget for the trio of films is \$20 million — the largest for a Thai movie project...*

# Thai defense minister says Bangkok terror threat could be politically motivated

February 27, 2007

Categories: Terrorism

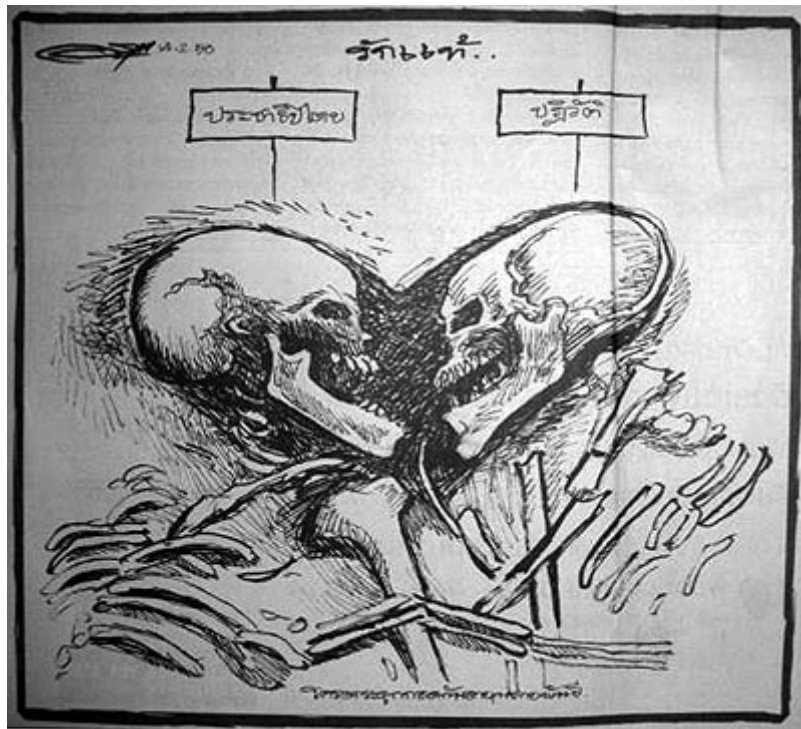
[Thai defense minister says Bangkok terror threat could be politically motivated](#) – AP, February 27, 2007

*Thailand's defense minister on Tuesday revised his warning about possible terror attacks in Bangkok, saying the threat could come not from Muslim insurgents but political forces abroad—an apparent reference to deposed Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra...*

## Editorial cartoons – January-February 2007

February 28, 2007

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



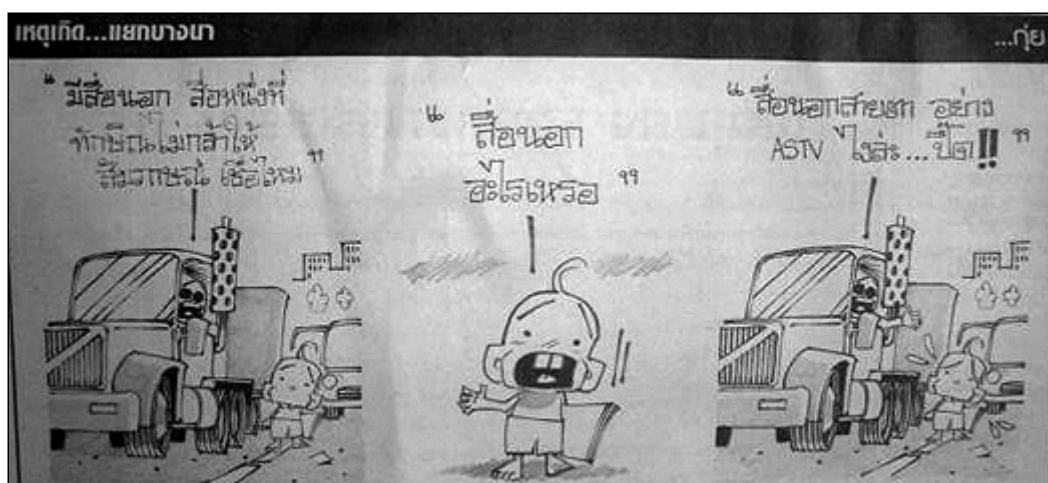
Editorial cartoon

"True Love" from *Krungtepturakit*, February 14, 2007

Left: Democracy

Right: Coup/revolution

At bottom: The skeletons hug each other for many thousand of years.



Editorial cartoon

Hed Kerd Yak Bangna by Kuy, *Komchadluek*, February 10, 2007

Panel 1: Do you believe there is one external media that Thaksin doesn't dare to give an interview with?

Panel 2: What is the external media?

Panel 3: That's the outside of eye media ASTV, Poed.





American diplomat...How dare he is audacious Thailand's constitution drafting.

do not want the media to present news about Thaksin, but the media presents Thaksin interview news almost every day.



Editorial cartoon

*Manager*, January 31, 2007-

Na Ban Bangkhae by Buncha / Kamin

The word is the name of Suwannapoom Airport in Thai, but the letters are eaten meaning the airport was eaten by corruption.

Left to right: Corrupted by the Democrat Party by the Chat Thai Party  
by the the Kitsangkorn Party swallowed by Thai Rak Thai Party



Editorial cartoon

*Khao Sod*, Yamyai, February 4, 2000

**Top, left to right:** Bad smelling around the world.

Thaksinomics is the best.

Do you hear? Suwannapoom breaks up.

**Bottom, left to right:** A poll said the government of old gingers still cheats.

Famous monk deceives female Aussie tourist to rape her.

Foreigners don't dare to come to Thailand because of afraid of Bombs – Bombs in the south – Bombs in Bangkok – Bomb newspapers

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Shortcuts, *Thairath*, by Chai Ratchawat, December 24, 2006

From top left to right: Two missiles bearing the NCCC and ASC acronyms are about to hit some people. The results of their actions, using a shortcut, are returning to them.

Some people who wanted to hit the jackpot by horse and boxing betting, lotteries and football gambling might end up committing suicide .

Video clips – a quick way to become a star.

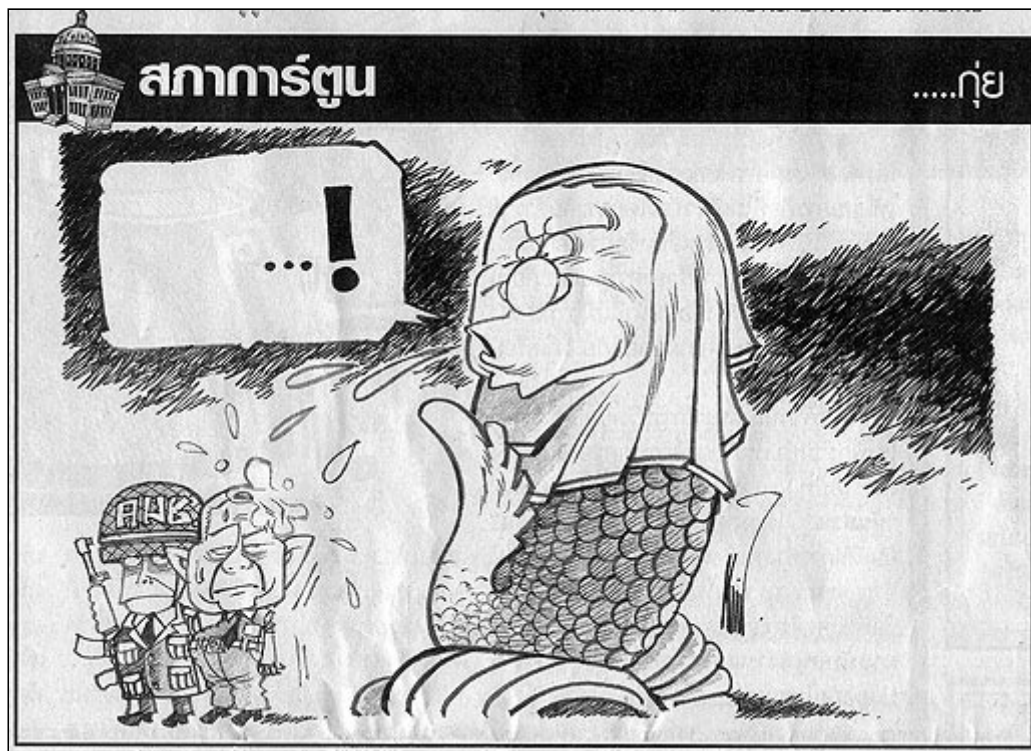
Bottom left to right: See death sooner if you drink and drive.

Camfrog – a shortcut to finding people who have something in common with you.

Electric circuits love shortcuts, too.

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Editorial cartoon

*Kom Chad Luek*, January 20, 2007 – Singapore spits on the Thai regime



*Thairath* by Chai Ratchawat, January 15, 2007

The problem of two families

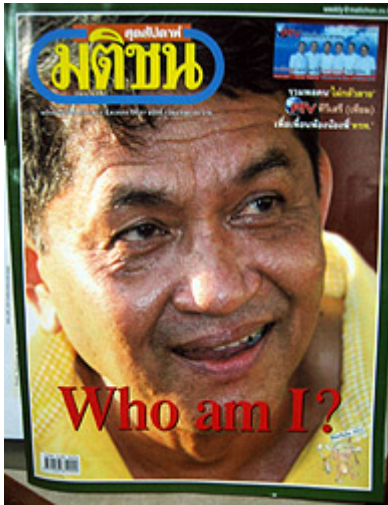
**Left:** Son who makes trouble for father.

**Right:** Father who make trouble for kids.

# “Who am I?”

February 28, 2007

Categories: Thai Politics



“Who am I?” – *Matchon Weekly*, February 23-March 1, 2007

The cover story on General Sonthi is critical of the speech he gave about wanting the Thaicom satellite back under Thai ownership.

The writer contends that General Sonthi should ask himself “Who is General Sonthi?” Since he is the chairperson of CNS he should be 1000 times more careful and circumspect than other people. Otherwise his views could be distorted and not understood by foreigners. It might seem that the head of the coup sends a signal to seize assets back from private businesses.

When Thais say “Who am I?” in this kind of situation, a better translation meaningwise in English is something like “You should remember/be aware of who you are.”

# The Exotic Bangkok Strip Show

February 28, 2007

Categories: Thailand in the International Media

[The Exotic Bangkok Strip Show](#) – TripmasterMonkey, February 28, 2007

*How one revealing dress set off a firestorm of  
moralizing in the land of prostitutes and permissiveness...*

# High-spirited Thailand holidaymakers sometimes pay dearly

February 28, 2007

Categories: Health, Tourism

[High-spirited](#)

[Thailand holidaymakers sometimes pay dearly](#) –

IANS, February 28, 2007

*...the heat on the beach, several shots of hard liquor, a Viagra and then vigorous sex with a bar girl is 'a life-threatening cocktail'.*

*Heart and circulatory failure, and diseases common in old age generally, are the most frequent causes of death among German tourists, according to the German embassy in Bangkok. Traffic accidents, often involving motorcycles, come next...*

# The pros and cons of Thai nationalism

February 28, 2007

Categories: Local Beliefs

[The pros and cons of Thai nationalism](#) – *The Irrawaddy*, February 28, 2007

*In the world of political trend-setting, nationalism is never unfashionable. This is very true in the case of Thailand, where nationalism possesses supreme power in the minds of the elites and the ordinary people alike...*

# Sketch Pictures of Six Bangkok Bombers

February 28, 2007

Categories: Terrorism



*Komchadleuk,*

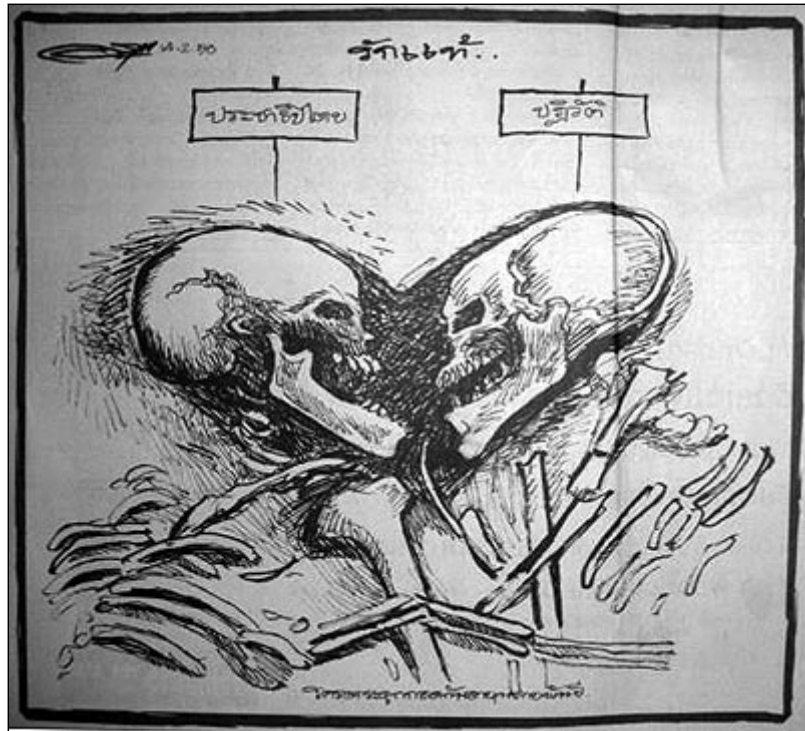
February 28, 2007

The headline reads: Sketch pictures of six Bangkok bombers – Distributed to all police stations – Found that two persons speak a southern dialect

# Editorial Cartoons, February 2007

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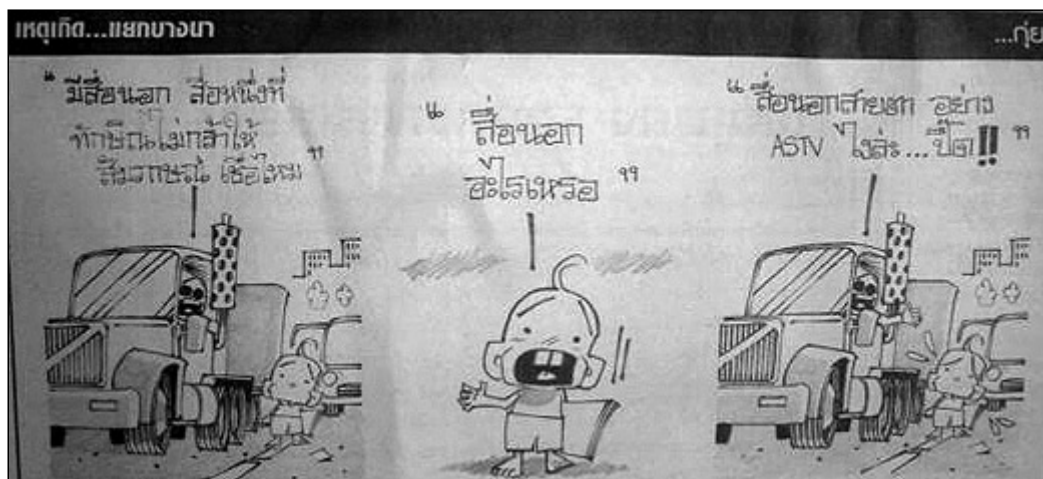
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Editorial cartoon

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Panel 1: Do you believe there is one external media that Thaksin doesn't dare to give an interview with?

Panel 2: What is the external media?

Panel 3: That's the outside of eye media ASTV, Poed.







American diplomat...How dare he is audacious Thailand's constitution drafting.

do not want the media to present news about Thaksin, but the media presents Thaksin interview news almost every day.