

ILoveThailand.org

July 2, 2009

Categories: History, Thai Politics



[ILoveThailand.org](#) – July 2, 2009

New nationalistic website launched by Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva as an [“online community promoting national unity.”](#)

The site includes [this video](#) lamenting Thailand’s “Lost Territory” (above) and a couple of tram photos ([here](#) and [here](#)) first [featured on 2Bangkok.com](#).

Safe-T-Cut workers protest

July 2, 2009



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Safe-T-Cut workers protest – July 2, 2009

[Safe-T-Cut](#) workers who were fired without pay or benefits demonstrate in front of the Labor Department in Bangkok. Most will know Safe-T-Cut from the ubiquitous breaker boxes in most older Thai buildings. The words on the sign above reads “Lose the job – Help!” Another banner, out of frame, reads “Why not fire Dr. Nut?” This refers to Dr. Nuttapol Sotthiwanwong, a Safety-Cut executive being blamed by the protesters for their layoffs.

Normally in this situation, the government and police will use all means, legal and otherwise, to force executives to make good on severance pay. In the past this has included holding foreign company executives in jail without charge until they come up with the money. In cases where executives are able to successfully flee, the government quietly settles with the workers.

Also: [Safe-T-Cut workers join plant closure protest](#) – *The Nation*, July 3, 2009

Fallen billboard

July 3, 2009



(Photo: Ai)

Fallen billboard – July 3, 2009

Tony writes: *(These photos) come from the western Outer Ring Road, the Bang Bua Thong exit area... my wife and I drove by after what must have been quite a squall, in early May, and saw these massive roadside billboards blown down.*

A long name

July 4, 2009



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

A long name – July 4, 2009

A [short url](#) for a long name. This was on the side of a bus downtown.

Tensions put aside as new road opens

July 4, 2009

[Tensions put aside as new road opens](#) – *Bangkok Post*, July 4, 2009

Tensions between Thailand and Cambodia could ease as friendly feelings were recalled yesterday in a joint ceremony opening a new road linking the two countries, said Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva...

Durian dilemma: Would I be bold enough to eat Thailand's exotic fruit?

July 4, 2009

Categories: Food and Drink

[Durian dilemma: Would I be bold enough to eat Thailand's exotic fruit?](#) – *Pioneer Press*, July 4, 2009

...In all that time, I'm ashamed to admit, I couldn't bring myself to eat a single slice of durian — a fruit so entwined with Thai culture and cuisine that to refuse its embrace is tantamount to blasphemy...

Wanted: volunteer detectives, only dogs need apply

July 5, 2009

[Wanted: volunteer detectives, only dogs need apply](#) – Reuters, July 5, 2009

Jame and Richy help bust drug smugglers and guard royal events in Thailand. These law enforcement volunteers are also great at sitting and fetching...

Istanbul and Bangkok become sister cities

July 6, 2009

[Istanbul and **Bangkok** become sister cities](#) – *Turk.Net*, July 6, 2009

Tourists lift British inmates' spirits at Thai prison

July 7, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Tourists lift British inmates' spirits at Thai prison](#) – *Thailandnews.net*, July 7, 2009

Julian Gilbey bounds along the corridor of the so-called “Bangkok Hilton” with a sweaty face and a wide grin, excited by the rare treat of contact with the outside world after seven years behind bars...

Broadband fees ‘reasonable’

July 7, 2009

[Broadband fees ‘reasonable’](#) – Bangkok Post, July 7, 2009

True Corporation says it can't cut high-speed internet access prices by 50 per cent as the government has requested because the current price is reasonable...

Thai red tape delays moves to bring Luke Mitchell's killers to justice

July 8, 2009

Categories: Crime

[Thai red tape delays moves to bring Luke Mitchell's killers to justice](#) – *Melbourne Herald Sun*, July, 2009
...The wanted men have been at large in Thailand for two months since flying out within hours of the death of Luke Mitchell, who was bashed to death in Brunswick after going to the aid of a man...

PM: Not necessary to seal country

July 8, 2009

Categories: Health

[PM: Not necessary to seal country](#) – *The Nation*, July 8, 2009

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva said on Wednesday it is not yet necessary to seal the country to control the spread of H1N1 flu as advised by Chulalongkorn Hospital doctors.

He said, however, that the matter will be raised at the cabinet meeting on July 9 to mete out more preventive measures such as closures of tuition schools and internet shops from which the flu was said to have spread. The Public Health Ministry on Wednesday reported 290 addition cases of H1N1 flu, bringing up the total to 2,718 with 11 deaths...

U.S. settles with family of Southeast Asia scholar

July 8, 2009

[U.S. settles with family of Southeast Asia scholar](#) – *Los Angeles Times*, July 8, 2009

Roxanna Brown was both informant and target in a probe into donations of allegedly looted Thai antiquities to museums. Days after her arrest, she died in custody. The government will pay \$880,000...

OMA's Ole Scheeren designs Bangkok's tallest tallest building

July 9, 2009

Categories: Buildings

[OMA's Ole Scheeren designs Bangkok's tallest tallest building](#) – *interiordesign.net*, July, 2009

Giant shirt

July 10, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Giant shirt – July 10, 2009

It reads: This coming 14 July, the best Breeze's detergent powder will change your life – OCSI Max

Thai probe shows tiger parts came from Malaysia

July 10, 2009

[Thai probe shows tiger parts came from Malaysia](#) – *The Star*, July 10, 2009

Investigations by Thai wildlife authorities have confirmed that some of the tiger parts confiscated in Thailand last year belonged to the Malayan tiger, a specie found only in Peninsula Malaysia...

Drugged and mugged in Bangkok

July 11, 2009

Categories: Crime

[Drugged and mugged in Bangkok](#) – *Telegraph*, July, 2009

...By this time I seemed to be floating in a dreamlike place. I started giggling, which annoyed the man. He asked to see my wallet and roughly went through it. Other people came and went. We played cards but I had no idea what I was doing. He then took my camera and put it in a cupboard. I was incapable of saying or doing anything...

National Assembly in Thailand foiling demining efforts: officials

July 11, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News, Cambodia

[National Assembly in Thailand foiling demining efforts: officials](#) – *Phnom Penh Post*, July 11, 2009
Cambodian government says it needs Thai approval to demine border...

Lifes's liquids

July 11, 2009

[Lifes's liquids](#) – *Bangkok Post*, July 11, 2009

Beverages have had a long and colourful history in Thailand...

Earthquake preparedness in Bangkok

July 12, 2009

Earthquake preparedness in Bangkok – July 12, 2009

Interesting earthquake safety sign in the elevators in the SCB headquarters build at Ratchayothin. It explains earthquake procedures for people in high-rise buildings.



Road show to explore new land link

July 12, 2009

[Road show to explore new land link](#) – *The Nation*, July 12, 2009

The Foreign Trade Department will lead local businesses on a roadshow to Cambodia and Vietnam next week in a bid to explore trade and investment opportunities along the new land link between the three countries...

BioThai website hacked

July 13, 2009

[BioThai website hacked](#) – *The Nation*, July 13, 2009

Thais are divided over royal pardon for Thaksin: Abac poll

July 13, 2009

Categories: Thai Politics

[Thais are divided over royal pardon for Thaksin: Abac poll](#) – *The Nation*, July 13, 2009

...Senator Prasarn Maruekhapitak said it was erroneous to make a comparison between the signature campaign carried out on Thaksin's behalf and the tradition of sounding a bell to petition the King in the Sukhothai era.

"In the past like the Sukhothai era, the petition would not have happened because a convict who showed no remorse and was involved in the Songkran mayhem, would have been beheaded along with family members up to seven generations," he said.

Cambodian officials said Cambodia will request Thai Prime Minister to close his website

July 13, 2009

Categories: Thai Politics

[Cambodian officials said Cambodia will request Thai Prime Minister to close his website](#) – *Khmerization*,
July 13, 2009

PM to go on TV 8:30 pm to pacify public on A (H1N1) flu

July 14, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[PM to go on TV 8:30 pm to pacify public on A \(H1N1\) flu](#) – *The Nation*, July 14, 2009

Asok

July 15, 2009

Categories: Skytrain



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Asok – July 15, 2009

Left: One of the many grubby looking Skytrain station signs

Foreign reporters targeted in Thailand

July 16, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Foreign reporters targeted in Thailand](#) – *United Press International*, July, 2009

Ten steps to close down an open society

July 16, 2009

Categories: Red Shirt Protest 2009, Thailand in the International Media

[Ten steps to close down an open society](#) – *Costal Post*, July, 2009

Last autumn, there was a military coup in Thailand. The leaders of the coup took a number of steps, rather systematically, as if they had a shopping list. In a sense, they did. Within a matter of days, democracy had been closed down: the coup leaders declared martial law, sent armed soldiers into residential areas, took over radio and TV stations, issued restrictions on the press, tightened some limits on travel, and took certain activists into custody...

Thai, U.S forces recognize achievements during annual exercise

July 16, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai, U.S forces recognize achievements during annual exercise](#) – *Defence Professionals*, July 16, 2009
...*Making its first appearance in CARAT, the Royal Thai Navy (RTN) aircraft carrier HTMS Chakri Naruebet not only took part in two days of at-sea maneuvers with Task Group 73.5, but also shot down a U.S. Navy target drone with a Mistral surface-to-air missile...*

Wanted backpacker flies to Thailand

July 17, 2009

Categories: Crime

[Wanted backpacker flies to Thailand](#) – *ABC Online*, July, 2009

Do not trail too close

July 17, 2009

Categories: Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Left: The sticker reads: Do not tickle

Paisa explains: *On July 17 you showed a bumper sticker “Ya Jee”, and translated it as “do not tickle.” That’s one correct translation, and the gist of the pun. In this context, however, “Ya Jee” is actually short for “Ya Jee Tai”, which means “do not trail too close.”*

Bangkok's Noodle Cart 2.0

July 18, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Bangkok's Noodle Cart 2.0](#) – July 18, 2009

Jess writes: *I just wanted to pass along this article on the reinvention of the Bangkok noodle cart. Thailand's Creative Design Center has taken on the task of redesigning the iconic noodle cart based on the current ingenuity of street vendors. The center has also begun to poll the public, from kindergarteners to adults, on suggestions for improvement, which range from solar panels to chapstick condiments. It will be interesting to see what they create.*

Air Asia X billboard in Australia

July 18, 2009

[Air Asia X billboard in Australia](#) – *thedw.us*, July 18, 2009

Thanks to [Wise Kwai](#) for pointing this out.

Websites put Thai and Cambodia relations in a shaky ground

July 19, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Websites put Thai and Cambodia relations in a shaky ground](#) – eTurboNews, July 19, 2009

According to some Cambodian media sources, a new website launched by the Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva recently has caused a stir in the Cambodian local media as well as among top officials...

Clinton pays attention to Asia

July 19, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Clinton pays attention to Asia](#) – *KoreaTimes*, July 2009

...After a five-day stay in India, Clinton will visit Thailand. The secretary of state will hold talks with “Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva and Foreign Minister Kasit Piromyato to underscore the importance of our alliance and our bilateral relationship,” Kelly said...

Most happening restaurants in Bangkok have India connection

July 19, 2009

Categories: Food and Drink

[Most happening restaurants in Bangkok have India connection](#) – AINS, July 19, 2009

It is difficult to imagine Bangkok without Lebua at the State Tower, among the tallest buildings in Bangkok and home to a luxurious all-suite hotel. The same goes for the Dome at Lebua that houses spectacular dining venues like Sirocco, the world's highest al fresco restaurant, Mezzaluna, Breeze and Cafe Mozu.

But what is the common link among all of these restaurants that see a perpetual queue to get into? The unexpected answer is: The brain behind all of them is Deepak Ohri, an Indian and extremely proud to be one...

Discovering Puchaosamingphrai Fort

July 20, 2009

Categories: Communities

[Discovering Puchaosamingphrai Fort](#) – *thaiblogs*, July 20, 2009

Wow! This is cool! Richard writes: *Using an old map that marked Puchaosamingphrai Fort, together with Google Earth, I managed to locate something that looked like it could be some ruins of the [fort tucked between two buildings](#). I drove over there at the weekend and to my delight I discovered what was indeed the very dilapidated ruins of the fort. The place was falling down and was very overgrown with vegetation...*

And [map of forts and guns in Samut Prakan Province](#)

Also: [The lost forts of Rattanakosin](#)

Arrival of mega-ships raises hope for Thai exports

July 20, 2009

Categories: Business

[Arrival of mega-ships raises hope for Thai exports](#) – Reuters, July 2009

The world's biggest ships are heading for Thailand for the first time, sent by an Israeli shipping firm and raising hopes of a rebound in Thai exports in the second half of the year, officials and exporters said on Friday...

Thailand needs bolder approach on Myanmar

July 21, 2009

[Thailand needs bolder approach on Myanmar](#) – Bernama, July 21, 2009

Thailand needs a bolder approach in dealing with Myanmar to show that engagement with the country could produce concrete results and not empty promises, said the Human Rights Watch...

Closed permanently

July 21, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Closed permanently – July, 2009

Sign on a currency exchange machine at the Bangkok Bank head office

Wednesday eclipse

July 22, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Eclipse graphic for Thailand](#)

[Partial solar eclipse visible Wednesday in Thailand](#) – Bernama, July 20, 2009

...In Thailand, Dr. Pornchai said, the partial solar eclipse can be seen countrywide. The natural phenomenon will begin on the Thai-Myanmar border at Mae Hong Son at 7am and will end at Mukdahan on Thailand's Mekong River border with the Lao Peoples' Democratic Republic at 9:08 am...

June mosque attack

July 23, 2009

Categories: The Thai Deep South

June mosque attack – *Asia Security Monitor*, No. 239, July 23, 2009

June 9: An attack on a mosque in southern Thailand has brought that nation's simmering five-year Islamist insurgency back in the forefront. Twelve people were reportedly killed in the shooting, which [the Christian Science Monitor reports](#) took place just hours after Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva held discussions with Malaysian leader Najim Raznak on the issue of Islamic radicalism. Although it is unclear who perpetrated the act, the Thai government has blamed Muslim insurgents, while locals in Thailand's unstable south speculate that Thai security forces were actually involved. According to BBC, the attack does not fit the typical profile of violence carried out by Muslim insurgents, while China's Xinhua news agency claims the attack was likely an attempt to spark conflict between the Buddhists and Muslims in the region.

Wear black campaign under way

July 24, 2009

Categories: Thai Politics

[Wear black campaign under way](#) – *Bangkok Post*, July 24, 2009

...Now what does that mean anyway? Those who are not aware of the significance or insignificance of that particular day, which is this Sunday, should not feel sorry about it. There is, in fact, nothing special about it. It is just another Sunday, which just happens to be the birthday of deposed former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who will be turning 60.

So I guess you should by now grasp the meaning of the twitter message which, I suspect, was started by someone to counter the birthday celebrations planned by Thaksin's supporters...

Bangkok's tallest tower: Metaphor for a metropolis

July 24, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

Via [FYB: Metaphor for a metropolis](#) – *FT*, July 20, 2009

[Israeli, Thai firms to build Bangkok's tallest tower](#) – *Ha'aretz*, July 23, 2009

Pace and IBC respectively hold 50.1 percent and 49.9 percent in the venture, the largest property project in Bangkok in more than a decade...

Ethnic violence spreads in Thailand

July 24, 2009

[Ethnic violence spreads in Thailand](#) – *The Washington Times*, July 24, 2009

Terrorist attacks in the villages of southern Thailand have reached an all-time high, as schools become breeding grounds for young fighters in the conflict between Muslim insurgents and Buddhists, analysts say...

JI bomb-maker linked to Thailand's southern militants

July 27, 2009

Categories: The Thai Deep South

[JI bomb-maker linked to Thailand's southern militants](#) – *Channel News Asia*, July 27, 2009

New reports have emerged in Thai media linking Southeast Asian terror network Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) with militants in the kingdom's south...

Bangkok afternoon

July 27, 2009



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Bangkok afternoon – July 27, 2009

Looking to the west.

Thai cabinet OKs THB1.4 billion financial aid for Cambodia road project

July 28, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai cabinet OKs THB1.4 billion financial aid for Cambodia road project](#) – *Nasdaq*, July 28, 2009

Spanish businessman raises funds to help Thai police

July 28, 2009

Categories: Thai Police

[Spanish businessman raises funds to help Thai police](#) – *Monsters and Critics.com*, July 28, 2009

...Barcelona businessman Jordi Guerrero said Tuesday that he became conscious of Thai police's lack of resources after a group of 12 people robbed him of 15,000 euros (21,500 dollars) at a Bangkok commercial centre in December 2008.

The robbers followed Guerrero, dropped papers on the floor to create confusion, and snatched the money from his pocket...

What will you defend?

July 29, 2009

Categories: Singapore



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

What will you defend? – July 29, 2009

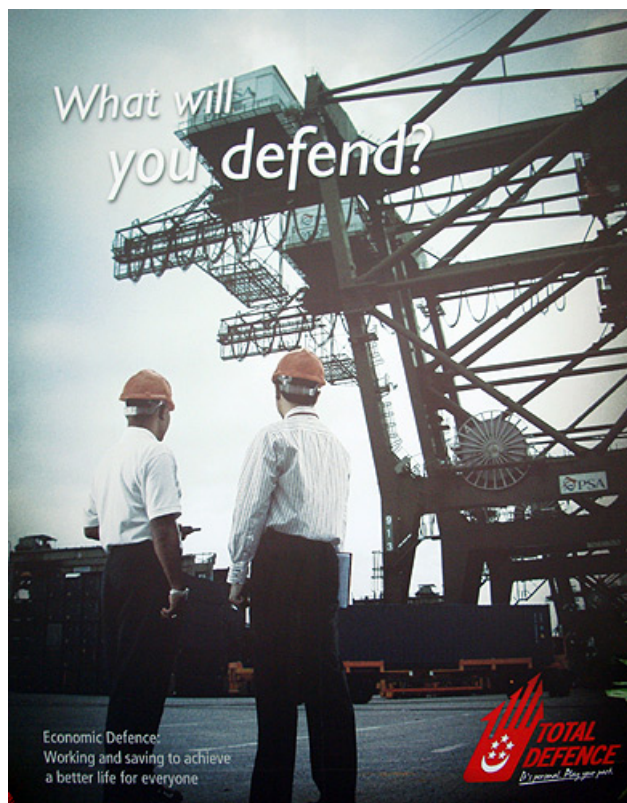
Interesting set of posters from a military recruitment kiosk in Singapore.



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Red house

July 29, 2009

[Red house](#) – *paknam.com*, July 29, 2009

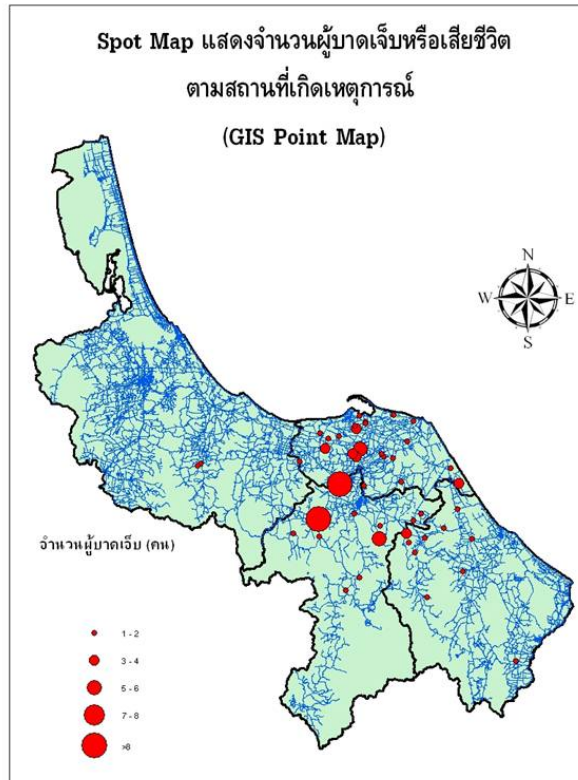
Richard writes: *In an old guidebook dating back 150 years, we found a mention of a Red House alongside the river exactly 2.3 miles south of Paknam.*

No-one around here knows anything about this house but on a modern map we found a village called Ban Khlong Sala Daeng at this exact spot. This was obviously the location of the red building...

Southern Violence Statistics – July 2009

July 30, 2009

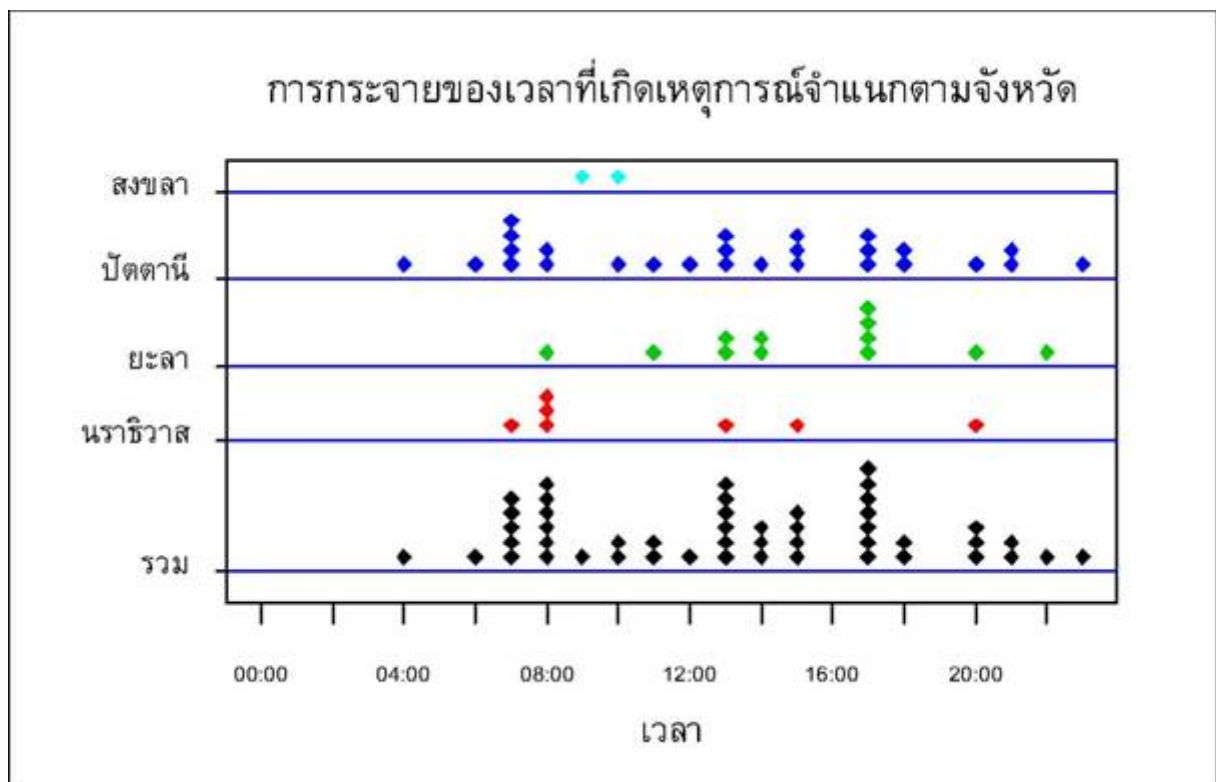
Categories: Deep South Violence Statistics



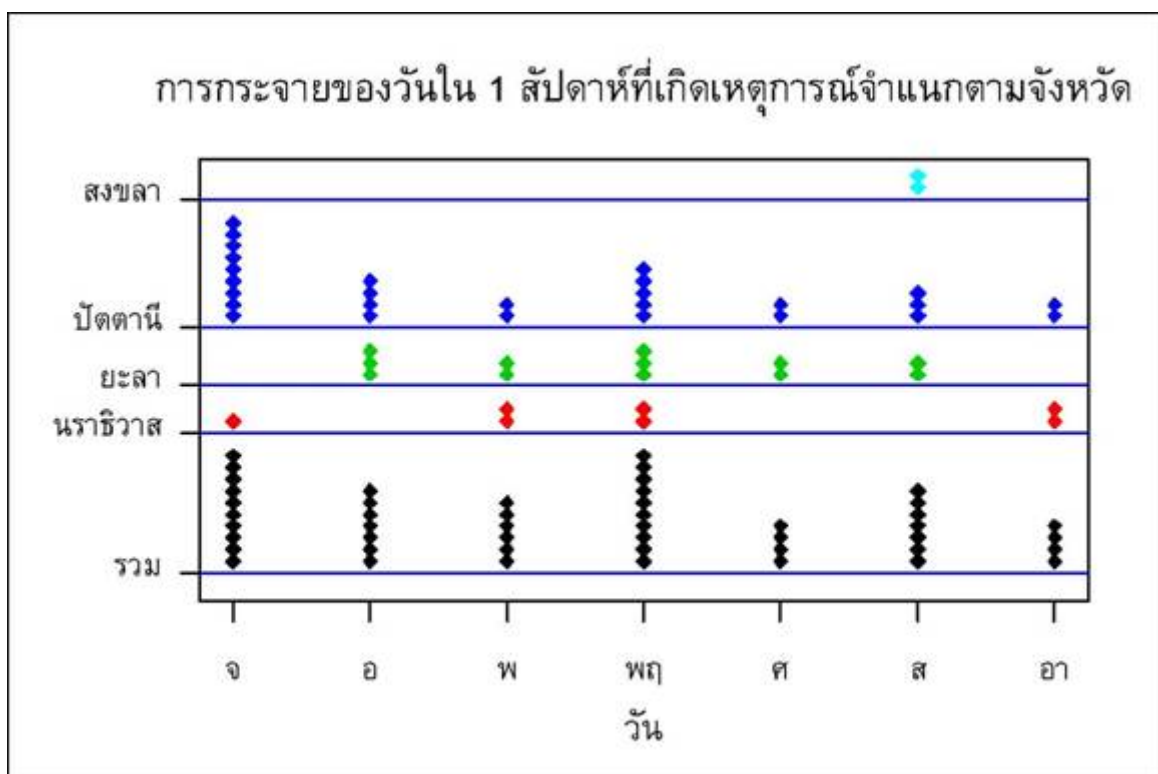
Map of four provinces in the deep south (Songkhla, Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat) showing numbers of the dead and injured by location.

Southern Violence Statistics – July 2009

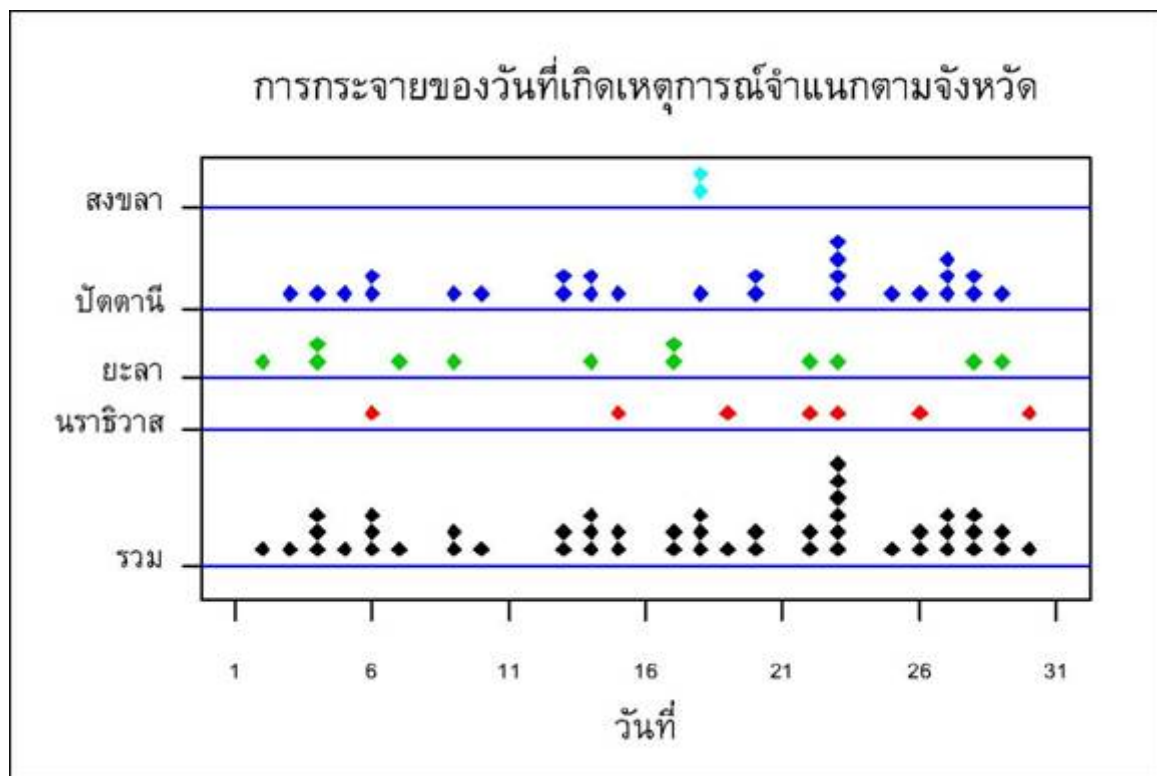
[Index of violence statistics for the Thai Deep South](#)



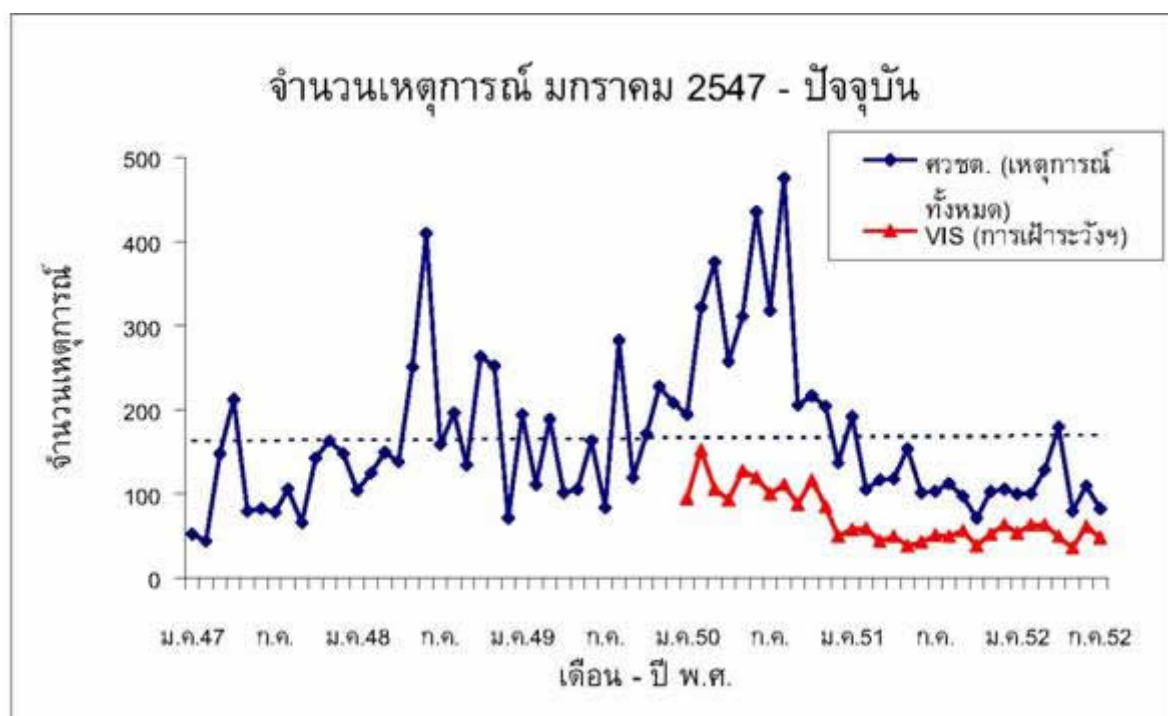
This chart shows violent incidents classified by the hour of the day (x-axis) and the province (y-axis). Songkhla=light blue, Pattani=blue, Yala=green, Narathiwat=red, total events=black



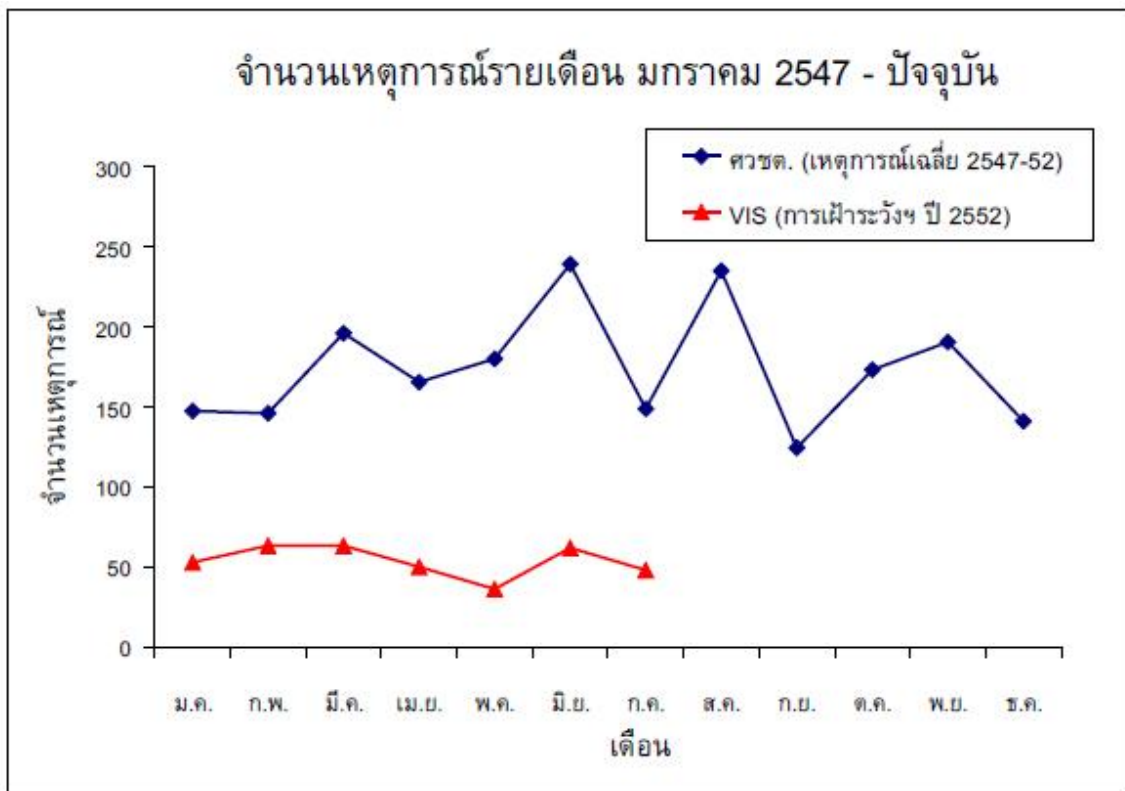
This chart shows violent incidents classified by day of the week (x-axis) and the province (y-axis). The days of the week start with Monday on the left. Songkhla=light blue, Pattani=blue, Yala=green, Narathiwat=red, total events=black



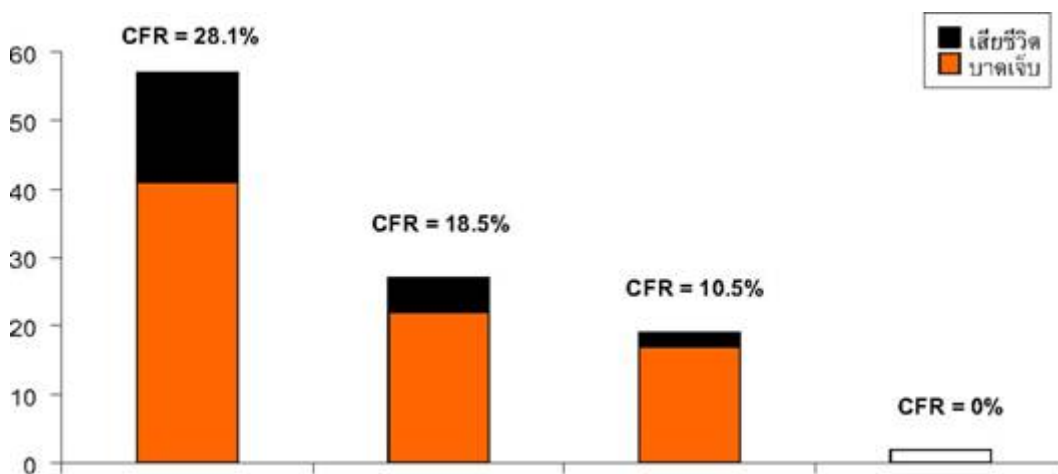
This chart shows violent incidents classified by day of the month (x-axis) and the province (y-axis). Songkhla=light blue, Pattani=blue, Yala=green, Narathiwat=red, total events=black



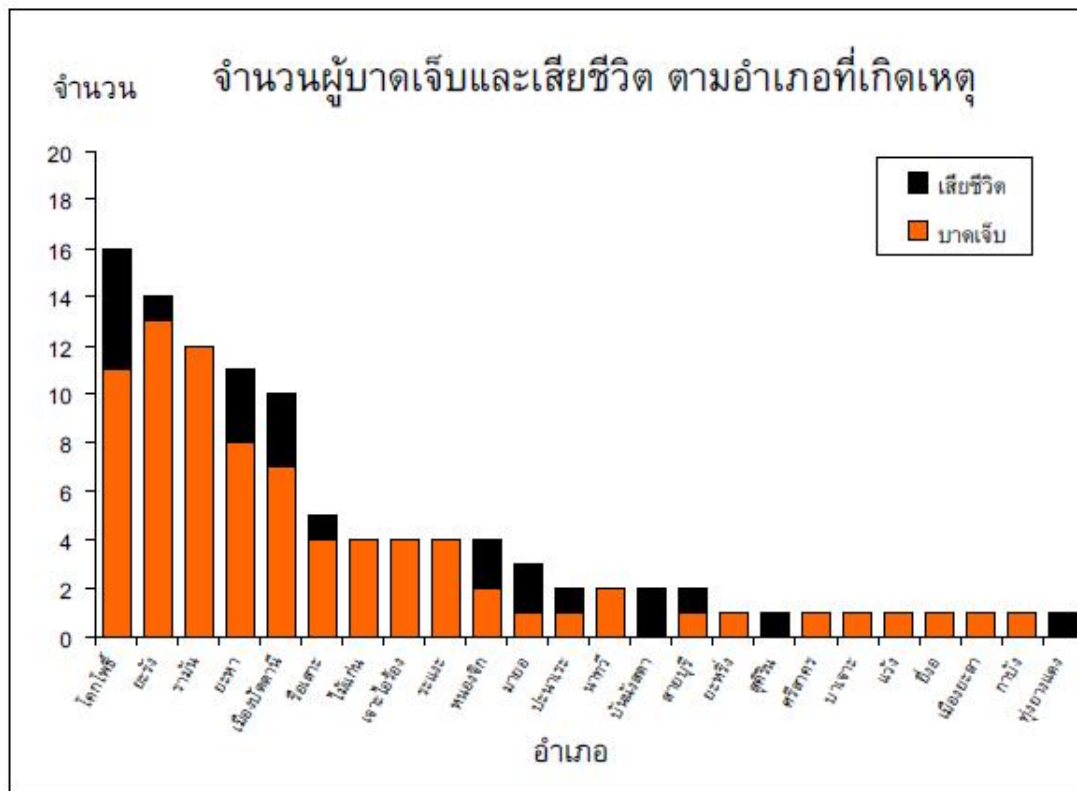
Numbers of violent incidents since January 2004. Across the bottom are the years (2547 is 2004, 2548 is 2005, 2549 is 2006, 2550 is 2007, 2551 is 2008, 2552 is 2009). The blue line shows the number of all violent incidents that took place as reported by the Deep South Coordination Center (counting all incidents both injury and non-injury). The red line shows data according to the Violence-related Injury Surveillance (a form that hospitals, doctors and clinics are supposed to fill out to report violent incidents).



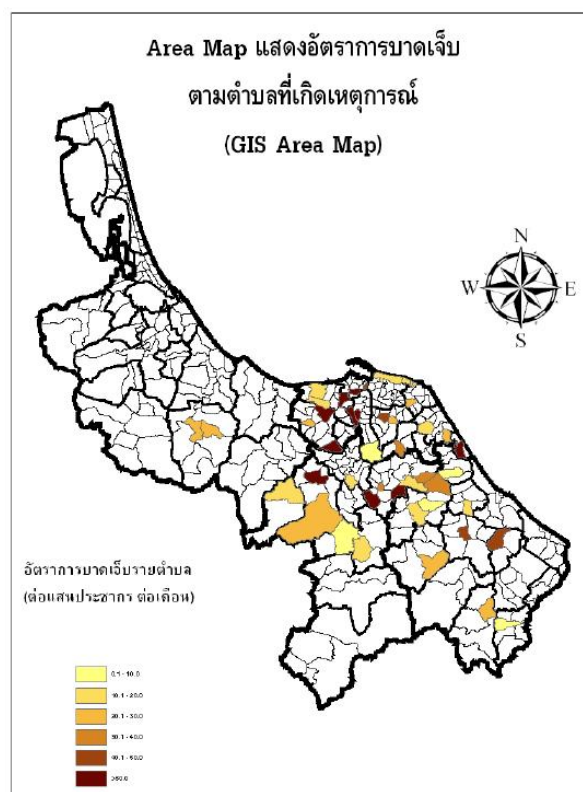
The blue line shows the average monthly level of violent incidents from 2004 up to the present. The red line shows the information provided to the Violence-related Injury Surveillance in the present year. The y-axis shows the numbers of events from 0-300. The x-axis shows the months of the year from January to December (left to right).



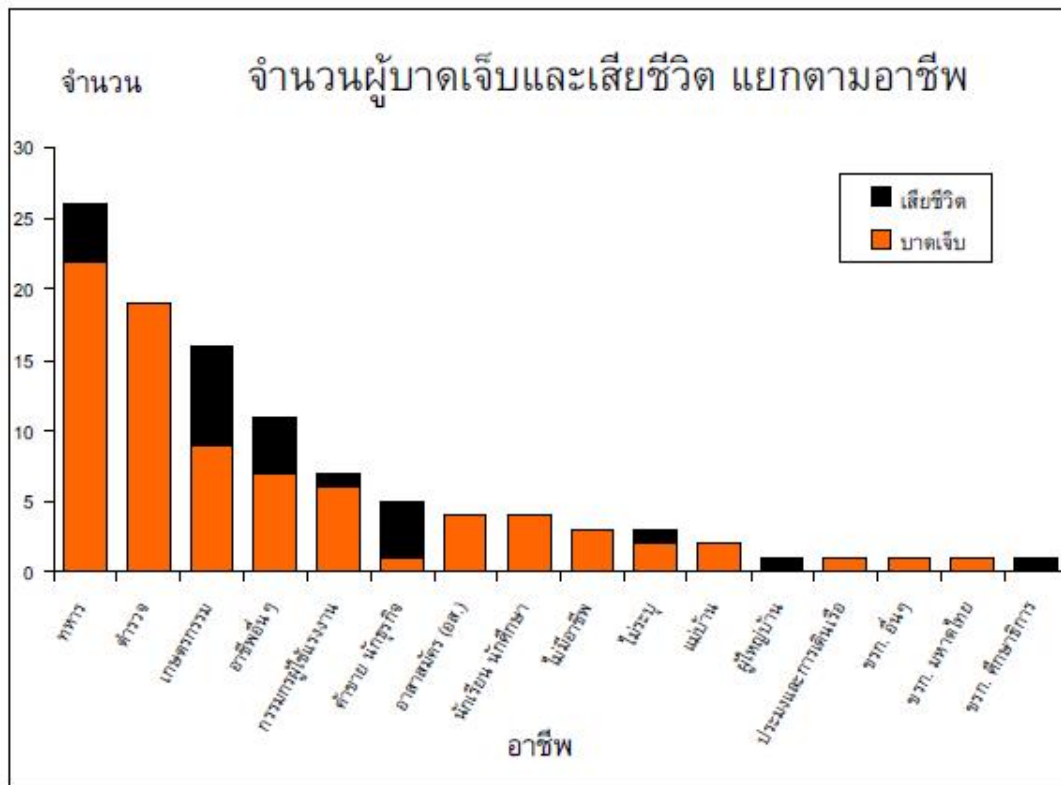
The numbers of injured and dead reported from each province where the events occurred (Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat and Songkhla). Black= dead, orange=injured. The CFR (Case Fatality Rate) of each province is above each bar.



The toll of dead and injured (y-axis), classified by the districts where the incidents took place (x-axis). Black= dead, orange=injured.



Map of four provinces in the deep south (Songkhla, Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat) showing the number of violent events by tambon (village). Starting at light yellow, the levels are 1-10, 10-20, 20-30, 30-40, 40-50, and greater than 60.



The numbers of dead and injured, classified by the victims' profession. Black= dead, orange=injured. From left to right: army officers, police officers, agriculturists, others, laborers, merchants and businessmen, volunteer defense guards, students and college students, unemployed, unknown (no data), housewives, village headmen, fisheries and marine transport, other officials, Interior officials, Education Ministry officials

Source: Deep South Violence-related Injury Surveillance statistics

The NGV busses

July 30, 2009

Categories: Analysis, Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The NGV busses – July 30, 2009

The billboard reads: The Bhumjaithai Party works with intention for the people – populist policy promotes social happiness –

4,000 NGV busses air-conditioned –

12 baht for all round trip – 800 baht for one month trip –

30 baht for all day -600 baht for students for one month – It is time that Bangkok residents have qualified and lower fare public buses

My dad is very cool

July 30, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

My dad is very cool – July 30, 2009

The billboard reads: Cheer up Dad – Win the fight with alcoholic drinks for me to see – Stop drinking alcoholic drinks during the Buddhist Lent for your children... for your family

The boy is saying: My dad is very cool

Police alerted to Friday rally of red shirts

July 30, 2009

Categories: Thai Politics

[Police alerted to Friday rally of red shirts](#) – *Bangkok Post*, July 30, 2009

[State-run media outlets to remind about improper petition for a royal pardon](#) – *The Nation*, July 30, 2009

[Pardon fight gains pace – Pressure grows on PM to stop petition drive](#) – *Bangkok Post*, July 30, 2009

...He said some privy councillors who were former military top brass had questioned why the government and the military were doing nothing to stop the red shirts from submitting the petition.

They viewed the petition as an attempt to possibly drag the monarch into politics and put pressure on him. A Privy Council source said Gen Prem had raised the issue of the red shirts' petition at the Privy Council meeting on Tuesday. However, the Royal Household Bureau yesterday denied the council had discussed the issue.

The bureau's comments were seen as an attempt to protect the Privy Council from attack for interfering in politics...

[Red-shirts gather at Sanam Luang](#) – *Bangkok Post*, July 31, 2009

...A UDD source said the last day of the signature gathering campaign for the petition would get underway at noon and end at midnight. Thaksin was expected to phone in to address his supporters tonight...

Slain Cochrane man's brother seeking justice in Thailand

July 30, 2009

Categories: Crime

[Slain Cochrane man's brother seeking justice in Thailand](#) – *Calgary Herald*, July 30, 2009

... "I really commend him for going to Thailand and seeing all this through, especially under the circumstance," she said Wednesday.

But the stories she's heard about what's happening in Thailand have her frustrated.

"It's just like a nightmare, really. It's like some movie you'd see someplace. It's surreal," she said.

And people are always asking Richard about his brother's insurance money.

"Everybody, from the police to everybody, is interested in the insurance policy," Richard said...

Thirty-five documentary properties added to UNESCO's Memory of the World Register

July 31, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thirty-five documentary properties added to UNESCO's Memory of the World Register](#) – *ArtDaily*, July 31, 2009

...Archival Documents of King Chulalongkorn's Transformation of Siam (1868-1910) (Thailand): Present-day Thailand owes much to the policies and reforms carried out by King Chulalongkorn the Great of Siam (1868-1910). The documents record social policies such as the emancipation of slaves by peaceful and legal means, the abolition of gambling, the establishment of a public school system and the reform of the Buddhist Sangha, as well as the promotion of agricultural production, the market economy, and financial and fiscal institutions. These measures contributed to Siam's ability, exceptional during the age of Western colonialism, to retain its independence...

Supernatural Thailand

July 31, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Supernatural Thailand](#) – *Global Post*, July 31, 2009

...Beliefs about Newin are so widespread that, when soldiers briefly detained him after the most recent coup, they acted on a senior officers' orders to strip the politician and remove his magic amulets...

Permission to link

July 31, 2009

Permission to link – July 31, 2009

Something quaint from the [Bangkok Post help page](#): *Question: I am writing to ask permission to LINK to a Bangkok Post article to post on our site.*

Answer: We wish to see how you will present the link > on your web page first. Please send the reason and a screenshot to: Web Master

The red's petition day – The day of the war outbreak

August 1, 2009

Categories: Thai Politics



Nation Weekend, August 1, 2009

The cover reads: The red's petition day – The day of the war outbreak



Matichon Weekly, July 31, 2009

Twitter war – Mark vs Maew

Incredible Thai Etan trucks

August 2, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Incredible Thai Etan trucks](#) – *BoingBoing*, August 2, 2009

Thailand investigating suspected North Korea-Myanmar nuclear link

August 3, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand investigating suspected North Korea-Myanmar nuclear link](#) – *New Kerala*, August 3, 2009

The Thai government is investigating suspected nuclear collaboration between Myanmar's military regime and North Korea following media reports here that Myanmar is building a secret nuclear reactor with Pyongyang's help...

Big odd Myanmar box

August 3, 2009

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Big odd Myanmar box](#) – *ArmsControlWonk*, August 3, 2009

Over the past couple of days, I've been emailing with a couple of colleagues about this very odd building in Myanmar (nee Burma)...

Defence laptop lost in Bangkok

August 3, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Defence laptop lost in Bangkok](#) – *The Age*, August, 2009

...A Thai police report said Lieutenant Commander de Maskens had left his five-star Banyan Tree Hotel at 2am, travelling to the red-light district of Nana Plaza in Sukhumvit Road. He returned to the hotel accompanied by a Thai person just before 3am.

The report said the officer appeared drunk and disoriented when he arrived, awakening at 7am to find his notebook computer, a mobile telephone, an iPod, his passport and credit cards missing...

Resilient Thailand forges ahead

August 3, 2009

Categories: Business

[Resilient Thailand forges ahead](#) – *Business Times*, August 3, 2009

...Still, even amid Thailand's worst political crisis, casual visitors, tourists and business people go about their business undisturbed...

US authorities set duties on some Thailand bags

August 4, 2009

Categories: Business

[US authorities set duties on some Thailand bags](#) – *Plastics News*, August, 2009

The World's Worst Daughters: Pinthongta Shinawatra

August 4, 2009

Categories: The Thaksin Years

[The World's Worst Daughters](#) – FP, August 4, 2009

...Bad behavior: When Pinthongta Shinawatra became the richest stockholder in Thailand in 2004, few observers were surprised. Before Thaksin was deposed in a military coup in 2006, his family benefited tremendously from the rampant nepotism during his five-year term as prime minister, with his own children netting millions.

Along with her brother Pangthongtae, she made a large profit by buying 329.2 million shares in a Thai communications company for 1 baht each from one of the family's offshore holding company, and selling them for almost 50 times their value to a Singaporean company.

The ensuing transaction netted \$464 million, and Pinthongta's father kept the transaction hidden from Thai tax officials...

Also: From 2010: [Before Red Shirt rally, Thaksin children withdraw more than 10 billion baht in cash](#)

Also: From 2010: [Shinawatras withdraw B1bn cash – Accounts siphoned 'to avoid tax levy'](#)

Fake products

August 5, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Fake products – August 5, 2009

It reads: Buying duplicated products is same as buying products from robbers

Thailand, Cambodia to speed up single visa scheme

August 5, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand, Cambodia to speed up single visa scheme](#) – *Bernama*, August 5, 2009

Sugar shortage due to hoarding by traders and smuggling to Thailand

August 5, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Sugar shortage due to hoarding by traders and smuggling to Thailand](#) – Bernama, August 5, 2009

Hoarding of sugar by traders and smuggling to Thailand have contributed to the shortage problem.

Perlis Domestic Trade, Cooperative and Consumerism Ministry director Mohd A. Aruwan Abdul Aziz said the high price of sugar in Thailand led to rampant smuggling across the border...

How to promote “chivalry”

August 6, 2009



How to promote “chivalry” – August 6, 2009

Amusing wrap-around advertising supplement in the August 5 *Post* and *ASTV Manager*. It features fake news items showing examples of people’s selfishness and corruption. Inside the solution to this behavior is revealed to be drinking Chivas to create “chivalry.” Interesting how not being corrupt is defined as being chivalrous. There is also a [website](#).

Tamil Tiger 'leader' arrested in Thailand

August 6, 2009

[Tamil Tiger 'leader' arrested in Thailand](#) – CNN, August 6, 2009

[New Tamil Tiger leader KP arrested in Thailand, brought to Colombo](#) – Thailandnews, August 7, 2009

...He was believed to have earned millions of dollars procuring weapons for the Tigers and running smuggling operations from bases across the region including Thailand, Cambodia and Myanmar. Security experts say he had multiple passports...

[Sri Lanka questions new LTTE chief 'KP': report](#) – Press Trust of India, August 6, 2009

Tamil Tigers' new chief Selvarasa Pathmanathan, who was Tamil Tigers' new chief Selvarasa Pathmanathan, who was arrested in Thailand, has been brought back to Sri Lanka and the authorities are grilling him at an undisclosed location, a media report said today...

[Tamil Tiger leader "not arrested in Thailand"](#) – Asia News Network, August 7, 2009

...The source said that he was whisked from Kuala Lumpur back to Sri Lanka for further questioning.

...Meanwhile, Thailand's Special Branch police chief Theeradej Rodphothong said the LTTE head was captured in Singapore, not in Thailand.

Lt Gen Theeradej noted that Thailand was mentioned in the news report because the LTTE head formerly had a Thai wife and he usually moved among three Southeast Asian countries – Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore...

Japanese plan for Don Mueang airport

August 7, 2009

Categories: Airports and Airlines

[Japanese plan for Don Mueang airport](#) – *Bangkok Post*, August 7, 2009

Celebrated and flamboyant Thai pathologist may make appearance

August 7, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Celebrated and flamboyant Thai pathologist may make appearance](#) – *The Star*, August 7, 2009

Talk is rife that Thailand's celebrated leading forensic pathologist Dr Pornthip Rojana-sunand may make an appearance at the inquest into the death of Teoh Beng Hock on Monday...

KP migrated to Thailand: Colombo

August 8, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[KP migrated to Thailand: Colombo](#) – Hindu, August 8, 2009

The Sri Lankan Army on Friday said LTTE chief KP migrated to Thailand in 1991 after undergoing plastic surgery and got married there...

[Act of state terrorism: SL's aim is to hunt down and kill Pathmanathan, not capture him](#) – TamilEelam News Service, August 8, 2009

...Sri Lankan authorities, after initially reporting the arrest of their most-wanted in Thailand on Tuesday, have since declined to say in which country he was captured. Thai and Malaysian authorities have both denied he was arrested in their countries...

Bangkok dangerous?

August 9, 2009

Categories: Crime

[Bangkok dangerous?](#) – *Bangkok Post*, August 9, 2009

Reports on the internet and in the foreign media suggest Thailand is a very scary place, with murders and maimings happening daily, but that is far from the truth...

RP-Thailand ties marred by irritants

August 10, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[RP-Thailand ties marred by irritants](#) – BW, August 10, 2009

...Protests that shut down Bangkok's main airport late last year unexpectedly became the source of some friction with Manila, when a Malacaang spokesman and an administration senator said such an incident wouldn't happen in the Philippines because Filipinos have matured politically. Bangkok protested and reminded Philippine officials of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations' policy of non-interference...

Thailand won't extradite suspected arms dealer

August 11, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand won't extradite suspected arms dealer](#) – NYT, August 11, 2009

...According to the U.S. indictment, Mr. Bout told the agents he could deliver 700 to 800 surface-to-air missiles, 5,000 AK-47 assault weapons, millions of rounds of ammunition, land mines, C-4 explosives and unmanned aerial vehicles. The weapons, he allegedly told the agents, would be airdropped into the jungles of Colombia "with great accuracy."

...In fighting the extradition request, Mr. Bout claimed that agents from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration violated Thai law by apprehending him on their own before calling in the Thai police. Chamroen Panompakakorn, Mr. Bout's lawyer, also says the undercover D.E.A. agents were also carrying firearms in contravention of Thai law...

Thai arrested for insulting Angkor Wat

August 11, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai arrested for insulting Angkor Wat](#) – KI, August 11, 2009

...Banteay Meanchey provincial police arrested the man after he carved the shape of Angkor Wat in the concrete in front of a public toilet in the border town.

His act constituted “looking down” on Angkor Wat and was “against the will of Cambodian people,” a police official said, a penal crime under Cambodian law...

Sukhumvit-Nana intersection sign

August 11, 2009

Categories: Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Sukhumvit-Nana intersection sign – August 11, 2009

The sign at the Sukhumvit-Nana intersection reads: Not stopping for passerbys in the crosswalk area (zebra crossing) will face up to a 1,000 baht fine penalty – From Lumpinee Police station

This is a very dangerous intersection with tipsy foreigners crossing at a very hard to see spot for drivers. It was even more dangerous when Sukhumvit was configured with a westbound lane on the north side of the street (which has since been discontinued) that resulted in a number of people being hit by cars. The crossing is made all the more dangerous by this sign that blocks drivers' views of those crossing.

2000 Thai farm workers set to arrive

August 12, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[2000 Thai farm workers set to arrive](#) – *Globes*, August 12, 2009

2,000 new Thai farm workers are due to arrive in Israel in a few days, belying last month's so-called "historic agreement" between the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Israel Farmers Federation for the reduction of 2,000 foreign farm workers a year over the next five years...

Airport taxis under close scrutiny

August 12, 2009

Categories: Airports and Airlines

[Airport taxis under close scrutiny](#) – Bangkok Post, August 12, 2009

...Chairat Sa-nguansue, director-general of the Land Transport Department, said he would look into the matter.

In some cases, complaints had turned out to be a hoax intended to ruin the reputation of taxi drivers, Mr Chairat said...

Drug addicts journey to vomit and vow at Thai temple

August 13, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Drug addicts journey to vomit and vow at Thai temple](#) – *Thailandnews*, August 13, 2009

30th anniversary of the Ministry of Science and Technology

August 14, 2009

Categories: Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Billboard – August 14, 2009

It reads: 30th anniversary of the Ministry of Science and Technology – The government is moving ahead on the head network village of Science and Technology project celebrating HM King's talent – Creating jobs, creating money, creating life-quality by Science, Technology and Innovation

“My Friend Went to Thailand and All I Got Was This Lousy Prostitute”

August 14, 2009

Categories: Humor

[From *The Onion*: “My Friend Went to Thailand and All I Got Was This Lousy Prostitute” – August, 2009](#)

Prohibition of Thai wish balloons

August 14, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Prohibition of Thai wish balloons](#) – *De Telegraaf*, August 14, 2009

Amsterdam – The fire department would like to prohibit the popular wish balloons. These burning lanterns, frequently launched at weddings and birthdays, create according to the fire fighting organization NVBR a large risk for buildings and forests. The low flying objects are also a risk to traffic.

The NVBR (Dutch association for fire fighting and disaster management) requests a prohibition on the sales and launching of these Thai, Chinese or Vietnamese wish balloons. As a rule they provide a negative advice when private persons or companies apply for a launch permit at the local authorities.

Confusion

According to spokesman Frank Huizinga there are plenty of examples of fires and near-fires caused by the lanterns. In May of this year a thatch roofed villa in Loosdrecht caught fire and burned down. In addition, the flying objects cause commotion and confusion. Last week fire engines in the Soest area tried in vain to locate a hot air balloon which according to a caller went down burning.

Huizinga: “The balloons are made of vulnerable materials and the wind has a free play with them. The chance of a confrontation with a fixed object is therefore large. The circumstances for a safe launch are limited. ‘Use your brain’, they say. But these balloons are launched at parties. It is the question if – after consuming alcohol – the brain is fully utilized”. In recent days also the farmers organization LTO made critical remarks: cows could be poisoned by the materials of the balloon. Last year also the Aviation Police declared itself to be against balloons. Also the Coast Guard wants an end.

Book boat in town: Doulos in Bangkok

August 14, 2009

Categories: Books

Book boat in town: Doulos in Bangkok – August 14, 2009

[Here](#), [here](#), and [here](#) and [official website](#)

Oklahoma woman works to free slaves in Bangkok's sex trade

August 14, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Oklahoma woman works to free slaves in Bangkok's sex trade](#) – *The Oklahoman*, August 14, 2009

...She said some of the girls are forced to wear school uniforms so they will appear younger, while others are made to wear immodest clothing.

"That's their life. They live in darkness," McGee said...

Agents seize elephant parts from Fond du Lac home

August 15, 2009

Categories: Uncategorized

[Agents seize elephant parts from Fond du Lac home](#) – *Chicago Tribune*, August 15, 2009

H1N1: Bangkok hospital charges patient \$127k

August 15, 2009

Categories: Health

[H1N1: Bangkok hospital charges patient \\$127k](#) – *AsiaOne*, August 15, 2009

... "When you go to a private hospital you already known that you will pay a lot of money and this is your choice," he said...

Why they still long for Thaksin

August 15, 2009

Categories: Thai Politics

[Why they still long for Thaksin](#) – *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, August 15, 2009

Thailand's leaders can refuse to understand and address the issues dividing the country into "red shirts" and "yellow shirts" at their peril, analysts say.

Much like the Philippines, power in Thailand rests with traditional elite in control of institutions and processes that are seen to protect its interests over those of the mass of the population that is poor and has limited or no access to political power.

Whether he did it through manipulation and lies, as the new government says, the exiled ex-Premier Thaksin Shinawatra was able to temporarily change that equation so that even in exile he continues to remind his rural supporters of the benefits that he had brought to them, and the sense he gave them that they had power and could change things.

Ironically, Thaksin, whose government was said to be "the most corrupt and most abusive ever," has become a symbol of democracy.

"Thaksin may never be able to come back. I don't think he has any kind of political future in Thailand. But it's now a question of what he represents," said Kevin Hewison, director of the Carolina Asia Center, Department of Asian Studies, at the University of North Carolina in the United States.

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva was appointed by Parliament after a military-appointed Constitutional Court in essence removed two governments headed by a Thaksin proxy party that their followers believe won clear election victories.

The red shirts are frustrated that the representatives they have elected have been overthrown repeatedly by court decisions perceived to be unfair and undemocratic.

"If this keeps happening, if their votes keep getting voided, so that they feel they cannot win, then there will be violence," said Hewison.

That is, unless the Abhisit government is able to hold elections in which the people that the red shirts vote for lose, but the elections are seen to be fair.

Otherwise, the frustration will just build up and there will be recourse to uprisings that could become violent.

Hewison explained how throughout the history of democracy, "the people who run things, the big money people" trade off some of their power with the lower echelons of society as a way of containing uprisings. Or they do something to make people think that they are sharing power even if they actually aren't.

However, he doesn't think the elite in Thailand, and for that matter the Philippines, has really come to a compromise on how to share power with the masses. They prefer control rather than compromise, he said.

"They must work out a compromise with the disenfranchised who really must have a say. Unless they can come to a compromise that allows for that, I think they're in trouble. But the problem is, does the elite really want that?" he said.

That's why people in Thailand feel some disquiet that Thaksin and his followers could again sow disorder in the streets, or worse. Leah Makabenta

Wikitude, the best friend to call

August 15, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Wikitude, the best friend to call](#) – *Blacktown Sun*, August 15, 2009

Imagine yourself in Bangkok, eager for directions to the Pratunam clothing markets but lost in a language you can neither read nor pronounce...

Thai boxer outed from Sea Games over gay mag pics

August 16, 2009

Categories: Sports

[Thai boxer outed from Sea Games over gay mag pics](#) – *BoxingScene.com*, August, 2009

...In a press conference, General Taweeep said the association had decided to ban Worapoj from the national boxing squad for three months, which will bar him from representing Thailand in the upcoming SEA Games in Laos at the end of this year. Taweeep said Worapoj's images in the gay magazine are not considered obscene, but still they have tarnished the reputation of the national athletes.

LA film producers to stand trial in bribery case

August 17, 2009

Categories: Uncategorized

[LA film producers to stand trial in bribery case](#) – AP, August 17, 2009

...Prosecutors contend the Greens paid Juthamas Siriwan, the former governor of the Tourism Authority of Thailand, about \$1.8 million to help secure the Bangkok International Film Festival and tourism-related deals, beginning in 2002. The payments, often disguised as sales commissions, were transferred into accounts of Juthamas' daughter and a friend or paid in cash to Juthamas directly, according to court documents...

Rohingya teenagers die in Thai detention camp

August 17, 2009

Categories: Refugees and Migrants

[Rohingya teenagers die in Thai detention camp](#) – *The Irrawaddy*, August 17, 2009

Two young Rohingya migrants have died in the past three months in a detention camp in southern Thailand, while 13 other inmates are reported to be in poor health...

I'll fly to Thailand to confront the man who murdered my brother

August 17, 2009

Categories: Uncategorized

[I'll fly to Thailand to confront the man who murdered my brother](#) – *Belfast Telegraph*, August 17, 2009

The family of a man brutally murdered by playwright Bobby Niblock have vowed that they will not give up their quest to discover why the former loyalist paramilitary killed their sibling, no matter where he is in the world, after being told he is to move to the Far East...

Thai Buddhists' spirit endures at memorial of massacre

August 17, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai Buddhists' spirit endures at memorial of massacre](#) – *YourWestValley*, August 17, 2009

...Around midnight on Aug. 8, 1991, two Avondale high school students, Johnathan Doody, 17, and Alessandro "Alex" Garcia, 16, arrived at the temple dressed in military clothing. Armed with a 20-gauge pump shotgun and .22 caliber rifle, they killed nine people...

Cambodia warned Thailand for violating Cambodia's airspace

August 18, 2009

Categories: Cambodia

[Cambodia warned Thailand for violating Cambodia's airspace](#) – *KI-Media*, August 18, 2009

[Thailand apologizes for repeated incursions into Cambodian airspace](#) – *Thailandnews.net*, August 18, 2009

[Kingdom is defiant over Thai warships](#) – *Phnom Penh Post*, August 17, 2009

Thailand: 70 years of traditional brew

August 18, 2009

Categories: Food and Drink

[Thailand: 70 years of traditional brew](#) – *Christian Science Monitor*, August 18, 2009

“Grandpa” Lee scoops ground coffee into a long sock and slowly pours boiling water through it into a pan. He then decants the rich brew through another stockinglike filter into a tumbler...

Many cars hit by stone attacks in Petchaburi, Chumphon

August 18, 2009

Categories: Crime

[Many cars hit by stone attacks in Petchaburi, Chumphon](#) – *thailandoutlook.tv*, August 18, 2009

UAE expresses worries over Thaksin's political movement

August 18, 2009

Categories: Thai Politics

[UAE expresses worries over Thaksin's political movement](#) – Xinhua August 18, 2009

...Thaksin claimed to his supporters he is a political victim, and has not been fairly treated since involved authorities adopted double standards in the country's justice system against him. Hence, he has to turn to His Majesty the King, he said.

... "The phone-in address has mirrored Thaksin does not follow his promise to the UAE government.

Significantly, the UAE has to manage this matter in a bid to avoid any negative impact on the Thai-UAE relations," said Panit.

The Thai government on Monday contacted the UAE government through a diplomatic channel and was told that the phone-in address from the UAE won't re-occur, he said...

Deputy PM orders investigation into Phuket jet-ski scams

August 19, 2009

Categories: Scams

[Deputy PM orders investigation into Phuket jet-ski scams](#) – *Phuket Gazette*, August 19, 2009

...The typical Phuket scam runs like this: a tourist rents a jet-ski at the beach. When they return the jet-ski, the operator claims it has been damaged and charges the tourist an exorbitant amount for repairs...

Then and now in Samut Prakan

August 19, 2009

Categories: Communities, Maps

[Then and now in Samut Prakan](#) – *paknam.com*, August, 2009

Google Earth has just announced their latest satellite image updates and Samut Prakan is one of the major places in Thailand with an update. Places that have now changed a lot include the Kanchanapisek Outer Ring Road, the Paknam Tower and the Suvarnabhumi Airport Drainage Canal...

Thai town carries out mass hernia operation on monkey population

August 19, 2009

Categories: Uncategorized

[Thai town carries out mass hernia operation on monkey population](#) – *EARTHtimes*, August 19, 2009

The Thai town of Lopburi has coughed up a special budget to perform hernia operations on its resident monkey population who have been harming themselves in their greedy pursuit of handouts...

Greencastle teen impressed by Thailand's culture

August 21, 2009

Categories: Thailand in the International Media

[Greencastle teen impressed by Thailand's culture](#) – *The Herald-Mail*, August, 2009

...Andrew counted prayer beads as instructed in an effort to stay focused. He found the practice relaxing and compared it to yoga.

Andrew said Thailand's culture had less consumerism, which taught him to be smarter about what he buys and why.

"I'm going to try to live a little bit more simply. I'm going to try to be a smarter consumer and less wasteful," he said...

Old postcard of “Chiengmai Airport”

August 22, 2009



Old postcard of “Chiengmai Airport” – August 22, 2009

Stiglitz receives hero's welcome in Bangkok

August 23, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Stiglitz receives hero's welcome in Bangkok](#) – *WSJ*, August 23, 2009

...On Friday, Stiglitz, a Nobel-prize winning economist who teaches at Columbia University, addressed an enthusiastic crowd of businesspeople at a conference in Bangkok about the failures of American-style capitalism...

Thailand weakens sanctions against Burma

August 23, 2009

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Thailand weakens sanctions against Burma](#) – *The Irrawaddy*, August, 2009

Thai Lays potato chips

August 25, 2009

Categories: Food and Drink



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Garlic Soft Shell Crab (left) Hot Chili Squid (right) flavors.

Thailand is deadliest holiday destination for Britons

August 25, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand is deadliest holiday destination for Britons](#) – *Times*, August 25, 2009

Eurasian secret services daily report

August 25, 2009

Categories: Uncategorized

[Eurasian secret services daily report](#) – Axis, August 25, 2009

...Journalist Sorin Rosca Stanescu from daily Gandul writes on his own blog that the brother of the President of Romania participated in a highly classified operation of international trafficking of important quantities of explosives. According to his source, five ships with explosives and ammunitions which arrived from Thailand were anchored in the port of Constanta, the operation being managed by Mircea Basescu, who assured also the secret re-exporting of the explosives to a military unit from Valcea County...

China officials shown at Thai transvestite show

August 25, 2009

Categories: Local Beliefs

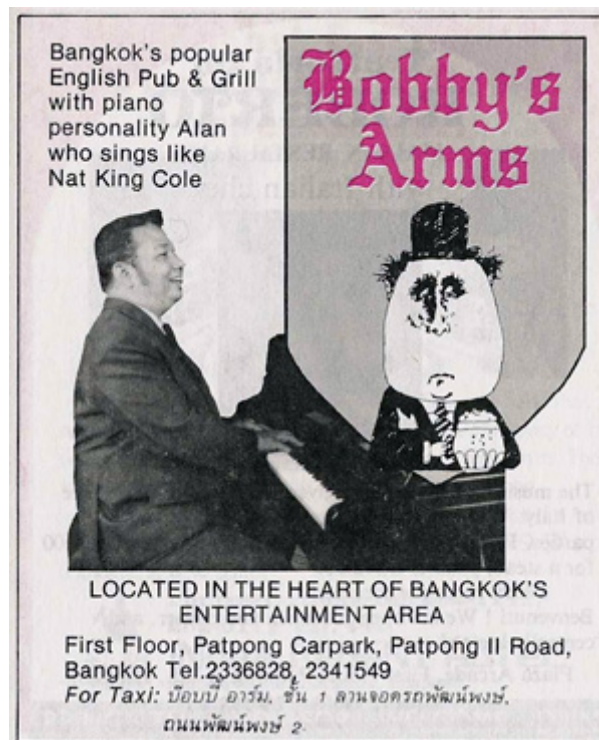
[China officials shown at Thai transvestite show](#) – AFP, August, 2009

... "Going to see transvestites in Thailand is normal, the problem is whose money they used to go!" one angry Internet user said in a posting...

Remembering Bobby's Arms

August 26, 2009

Categories: 2Bangkok News



Remembering Bobby's Arms – August 26, 2009

[Jared](#) notes: ...found this ad for the now-closed Bobby's Arms on Silom Soi 4 in the "Key to Bangkok" guidebook by Harry Rolnick, 1977.

Whatever happened to Paradon?: Thai tennis star launches new herbal Viagra

August 26, 2009

Categories: Uncategorized

Whatever happened to Paradon?: [Thai tennis star launches new herbal Viagra](#) – *AP*, August 26, 2009

Showcase: Forgotten elephants

August 26, 2009

Categories: Uncategorized

[Showcase: Forgotten elephants](#) – *Lens*, August 26, 2009

[Thailand's begging street-elephants](#) – *Flickr*, August, 2009

Festival for the preservation of Thai cock fighting

August 26, 2009

Categories: Local Beliefs, Sports

[Festival for the preservation of Thai cock fighting](#) – *paknam.com*, August, 2009

Richard notes: *This took place at the big cock fighting stadium on the Eastern outskirts of Bangkok.*

Presiding over the opening ceremony was the Interior Minister. Also there was Dhanin Chearavanont (CEO of CP Group), Ad Carabao and Newin Chidchop. Dhanin Chearavanont is largely responsible for cleaning up the sport in recent years by the banning of blades fixed to the legs of the fighting cocks and reducing the length of rounds and the number of rounds in a match.

Taiwan warns Bangkok-based company on fertility tourism

August 27, 2009

Categories: Uncategorized

[Taiwan warns Bangkok-based company on fertility tourism](#) – *asianewsnet.net*, August 27, 2009

...Babe 1001 has been targeting potential Taiwan clients for quite some time through its Chinese-language ad on the Internet. The ad lists the telephone number of Babe 1001's headquarters as one in Bangkok, with a telephone number for its branch located in the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh...

Publican offers 30,000 baht

August 27, 2009

Categories: Uncategorized

[Publican offers 30,000 baht](#) – Bangkok Post, August 27, 2009

The owner of the Santika pub – which erupted into a deadly inferno in the first few seconds of this year – has told a court he could offer just 30,000 baht in compensation to relatives of the dead and to surviving victims...

Holidays in hell could cost French

August 27, 2009

Categories: Thailand in the International Media

[Holidays in hell could cost French](#) – *The Press Association*, August, 2009

...As one example of the costs involved, a Foreign Ministry official said the government paid 620,000 to fly home 500 tourists stranded in Thailand amid civil unrest in late 2008...

Royal roots: City celebrates era of Thai prince's stay in Gloucester

August 28, 2009

Categories: The Monarchy

[Royal roots: City celebrates era of Thai prince's stay in Gloucester](#) – *Wicked Local*, Aug 28, 2009

For and against Prime Minister Abhisit

August 29, 2009

Categories: Signs and Billboards, Thai Politics



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The billboard reads: More than 100 measures – millions happiness – During these 6 months the life of Thai people is better – having more happiness – “Thais’ happiness is the government’s goal” – PM Abhisit Vejjajiva



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

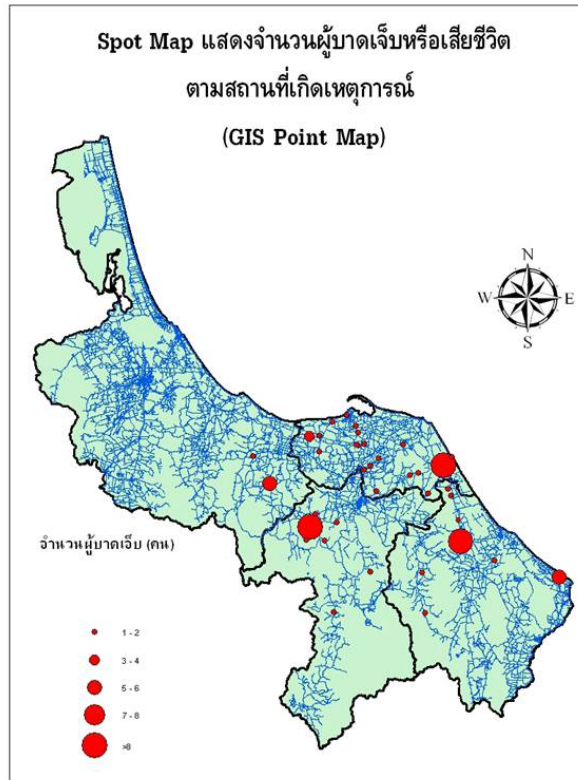
The red banner reads: Suthisarn UDD
Increases taxes – Avoided military enlistment –

Destroyed national economy – Wise about taking loans – That man is Abhisit

Southern Violence Statistics – August 2009

August 30, 2009

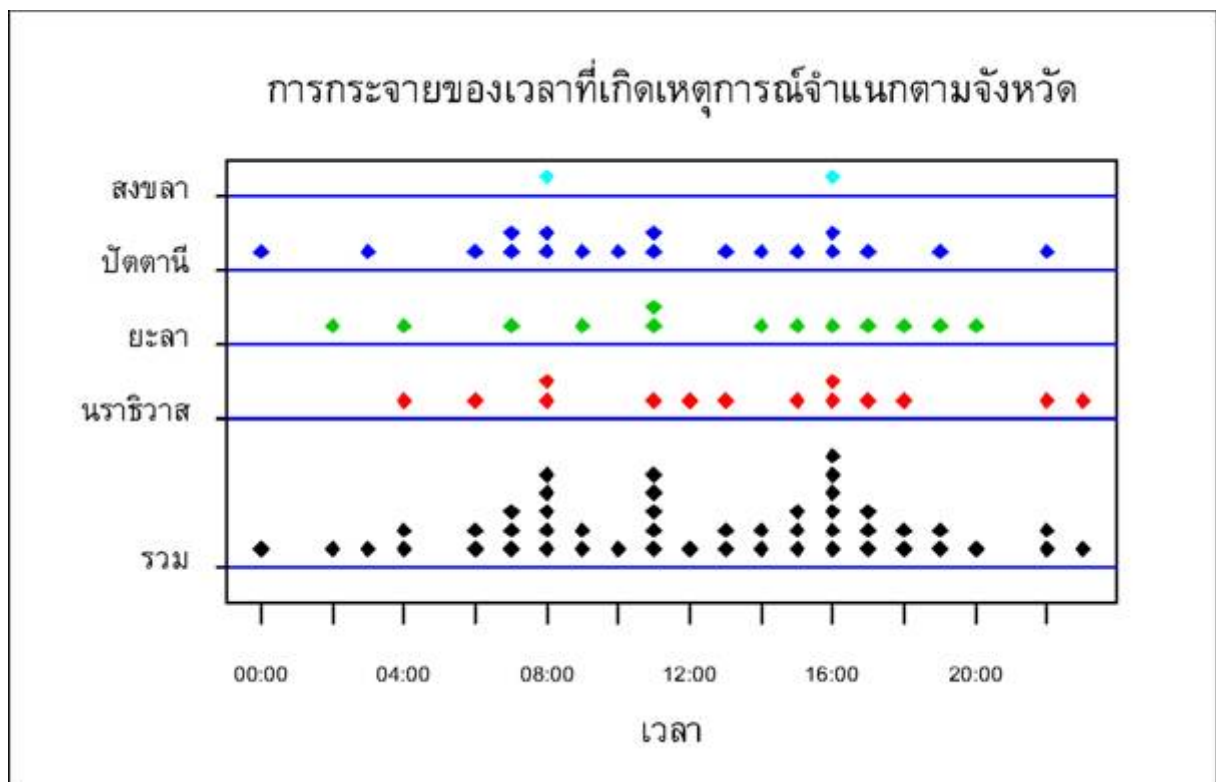
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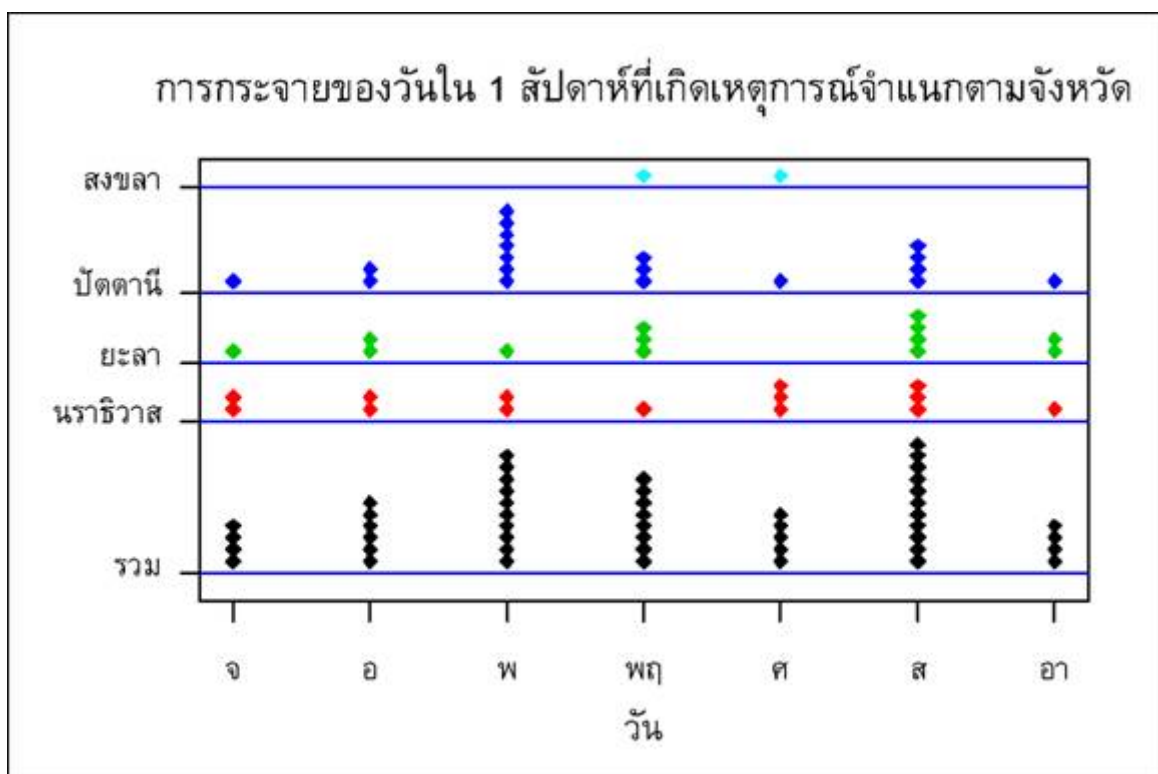
Map of four provinces in the deep south (Songkhla, Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat) showing numbers of the dead and injured by location.

Southern Violence Statistics – August 2009

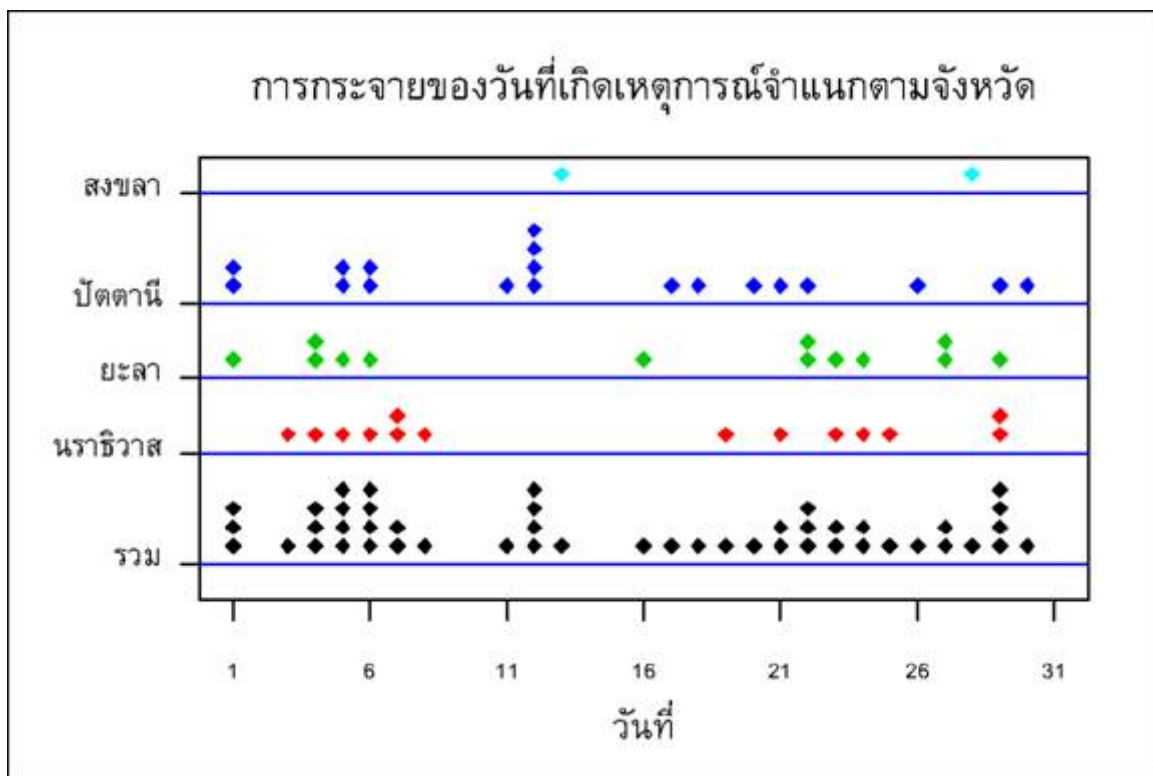
[Index of violence statistics for the Thai Deep South](#)



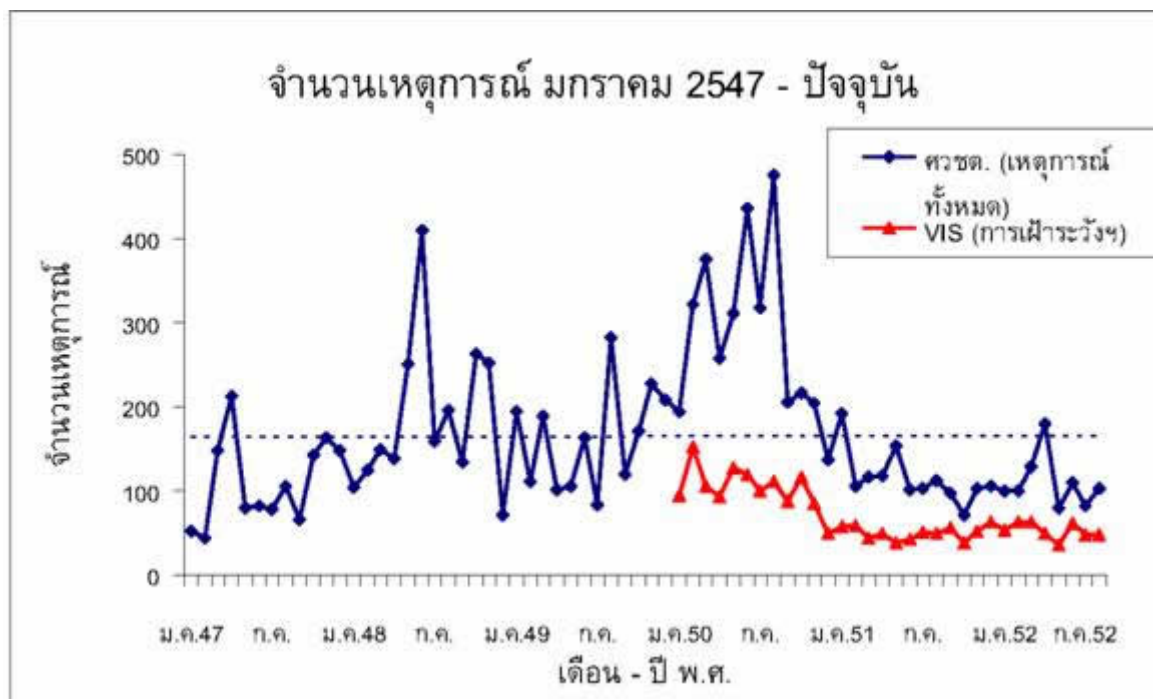
This chart shows violent incidents classified by the hour of the day (x-axis) and the province (y-axis). Songkhla=light blue, Pattani=blue, Yala=green, Narathiwat=red, total events=black



This chart shows violent incidents classified by day of the week (x-axis) and the province (y-axis). The days of the week start with Monday on the left. Songkhla=light blue, Pattani=blue, Yala=green, Narathiwat=red, total events=black

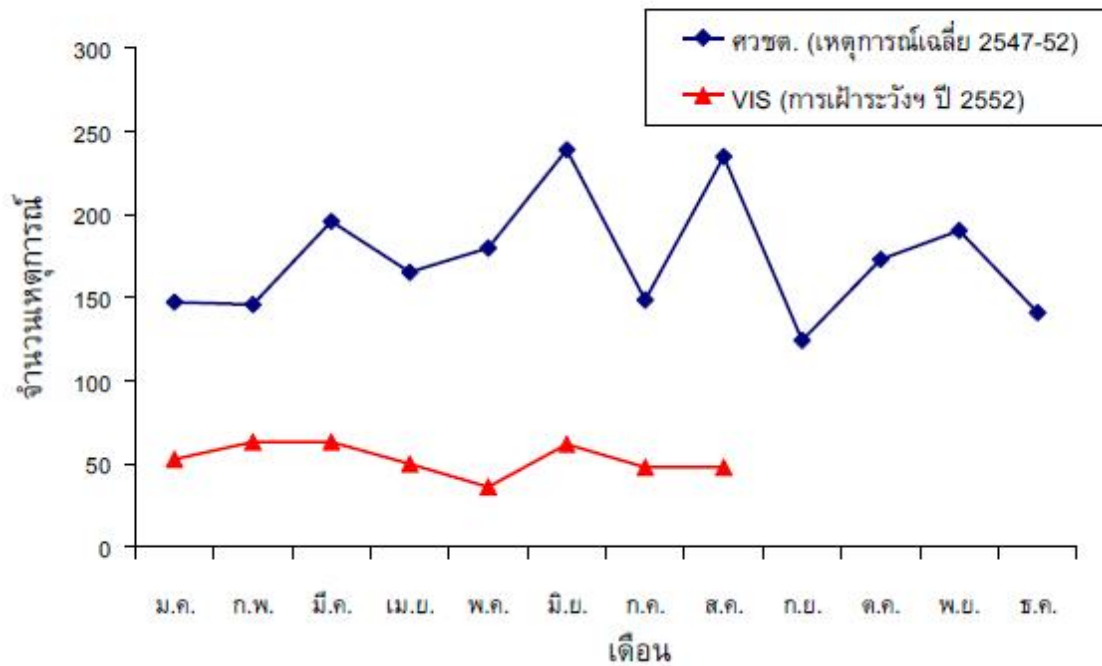


This chart shows violent incidents classified by day of the month (x-axis) and the province (y-axis). Songkhla=light blue, Pattani=blue, Yala=green, Narathiwat=red, total events=black

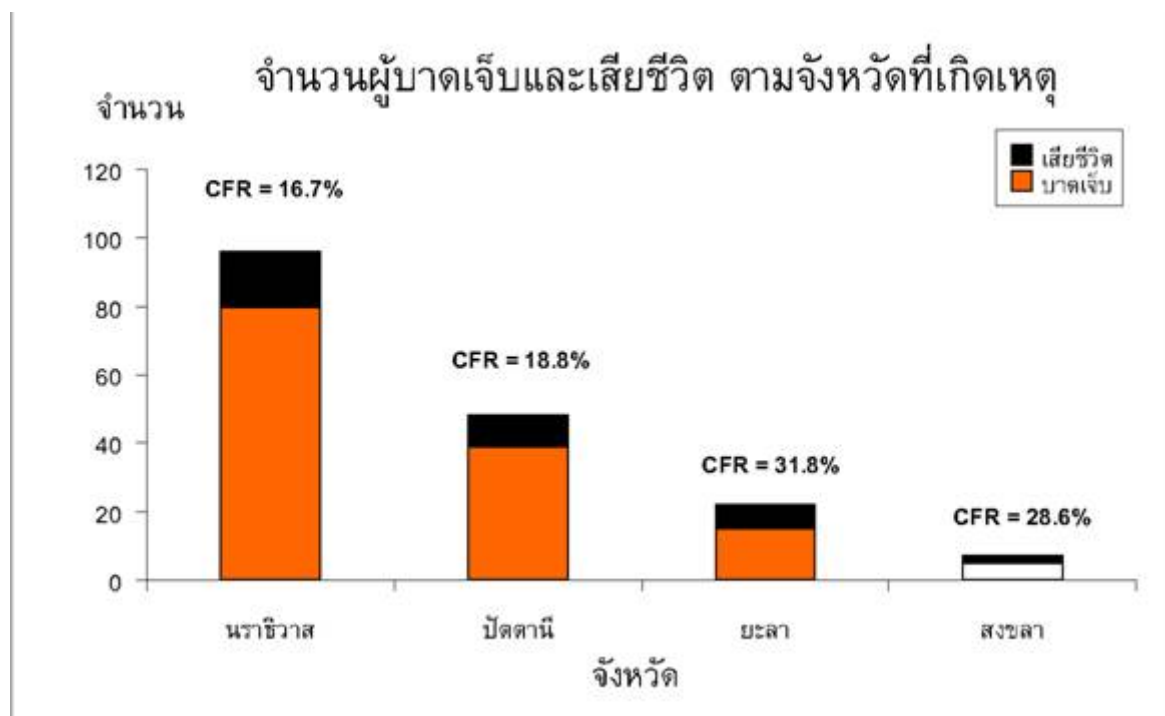


Numbers of violent incidents since January 2004. Across the bottom are the years (2547 is 2004, 2548 is 2005, 2549 is 2006, 2550 is 2007, 2551 is 2008, 2552 is 2009). The blue line shows the number of all violent incidents that took place as reported by the Deep South Coordination Center (counting all incidents both injury and non-injury). The red line shows data according to the Violence-related Injury Surveillance (a form that hospitals, doctors and clinics are supposed to fill out to report violent incidents).

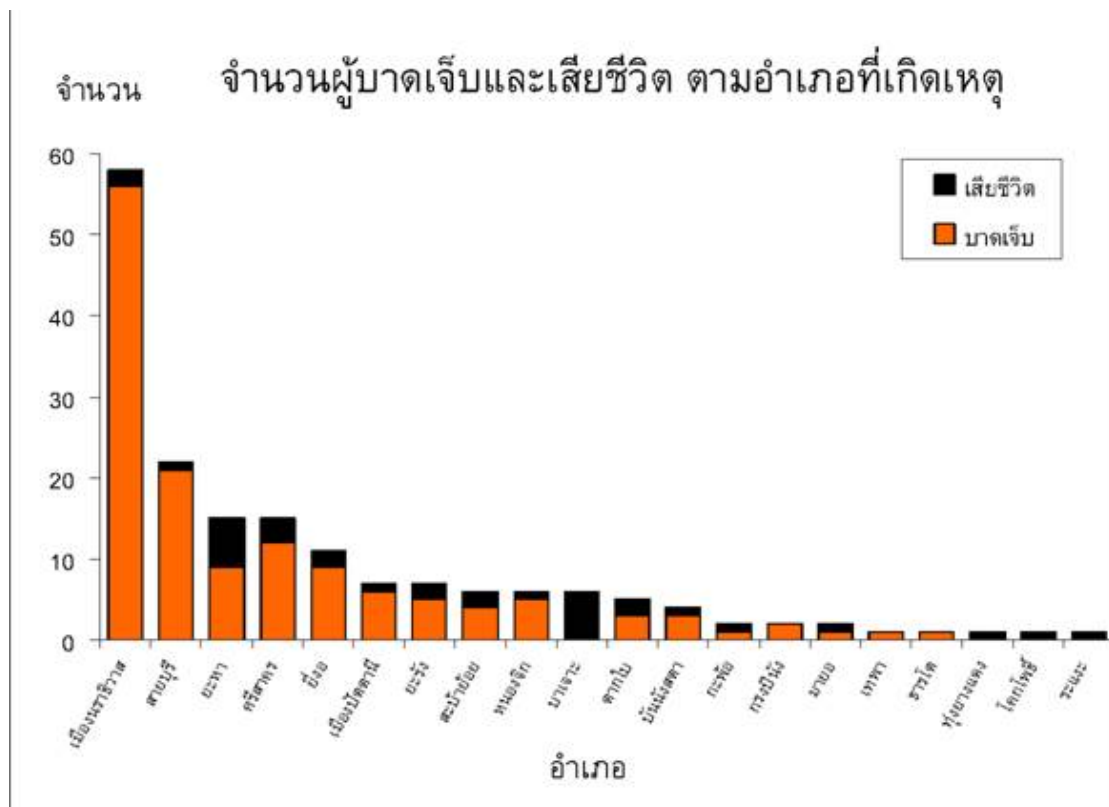
จำนวนเหตุการณ์ร้ายเดือน มกราคม 2547 - ปัจจุบัน



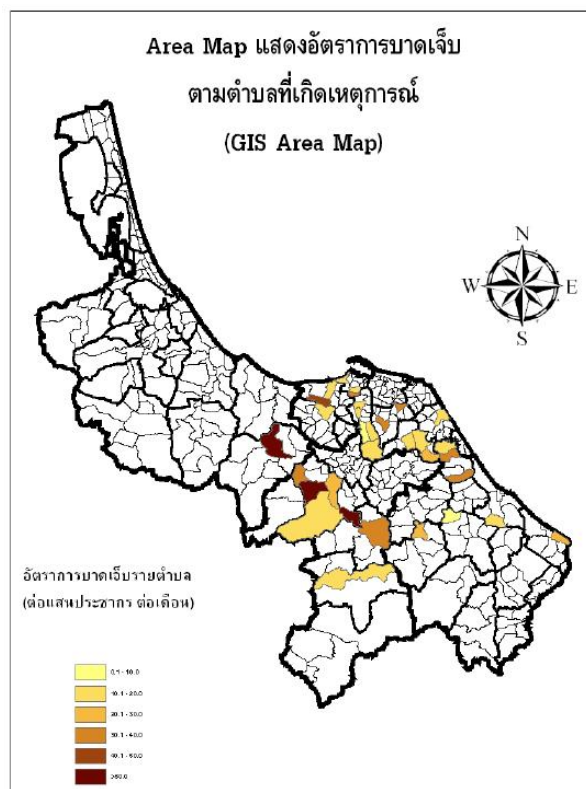
The blue line shows the average monthly level of violent incidents from 2004 up to the present. The red line shows the information provided to the Violence-related Injury Surveillance in the present year. The y-axis shows the numbers of events from 0-300. The x-axis shows the months of the year from January to December (left to right).



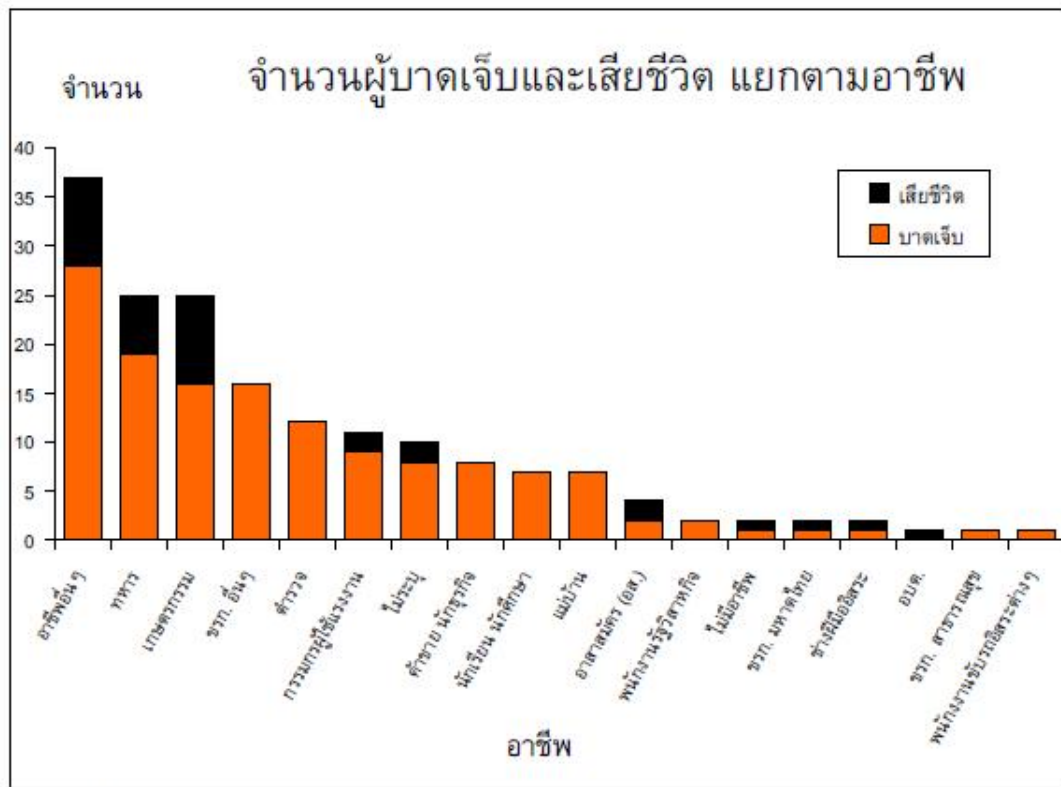
The numbers of injured and dead reported from each province where the events occurred (Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat and Songkhla). Black= dead, orange=injured. The CFR (Case Fatality Rate) of each province is above each bar.



The toll of dead and injured (y-axis), classified by the districts where the incidents took place (x-axis). Black= dead, orange=injured.



Map of four provinces in the deep south (Songkhla, Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat) showing the number of violent events by tambon (village). Starting at light yellow, the levels are 1-10, 10-20, 20-30, 30-40, 40-50, and greater than 60.



The numbers of dead and injured, classified by the victims' profession. Black= dead, orange=injured. From left to right: others, army officers, agriculturists, other officials, police officers, laborers, unknown (no data), merchants and businessmen, students and college students, housewives, volunteer defense guards, State enterprise employees, unemployed, Interior officials, craftsman (self-employed) , tambon administrative officials, Public Health officials, drivers (self-employed drivers)

Source: Deep South Violence-related Injury Surveillance statistics

Thai Media Project – August 2009

August 30, 2009

Categories: Thai Media Project

More: [Unlocking the Thai world: Thai-language newspaper headlines](#)



Krungthep Turakit, cartoon by Arun, August 5, 2009

At the top left: "Politics" and at right: "Economy"

The caption towards the bottom reads: Handsome Big



Believe in Thailand with Prime Minister Abhisit – *Northern Post Red*, August 8, 2009
[More from the "red" publications](#)

The title of the cartoon is: Believe Thailand with Prime minister Abhisit (influenza – fake egg)

Top left: The caption reads: Giving the trial giving vaccine for the poor before using it on the country's leader. The man says “my fate!” The woman says, "This is it! The people come first .

Top middle: The drawing of an NGV bus with a time bomb on the roof of the bus. The caption reads: Tremendously dangerous to be brought or rented (which is good choice?)
 The letter on the bus window is reads: Great deal of benefit

Top right: The caption reads: Pride of the Ratchaburi province residents who share a native province with the Public Health Minister
 The letter on the banner reads: Normal vaccine

Bottom left: The caption reads: I am proud that we earn a hundred baht daily, but we are burdened with a government debt that reaches 100,000 per head.
 The child asks “Why they take loan? The man replies, " it is about benefit.”

Bottom middle: The caption reads: A gathering of ten needs the attention of a battalion with unlimited wages!
 The sign they are holding reads: People do not accept dictatorship. The troops say: The troop say: We are merely on duty

Bottom right: A drawing of Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva with a microphone.
 The caption reads: Policy on poverty
 The Prime Minister says: If you don't want to owe more debt, do not give birth to a child as you will bear more debt burden—about 100,000 per head, ha, ha, ha



(Photo: *Manager Online*)

Above: The sign reads: Lost and running away, without paying debts

On the forum: [Widely covered today: Candidate who lost election beaten for demanding compensation from his party](#)



Matichon Weekly, August 14, 2009

The cover reads: BAT Mark wading in mud



Matichon Weekly, August 21, 2009

The cover reads:

RAK-TA-CHAK-SU – Eye viewing the “Red”

Nation Weekend, August 22, 2009

The cover reads: Grand aristocrat versus "Black in the Land"



Nation Weekend, August 15, 2009

The cover reads: Power is ready , but the heart is not ready

Nation Weekend, August 8, 2009

The cover reads: Nation Weekend edition, Issue no. 897

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offered to the Queen

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The Poojadkuan column in Manager 2005-2009

August 30, 2009

Categories: Editorial Cartoons, Humor

The *Poojadkuan* column in *Manager*
More from the [Thai-language press](#)

The *Manager* newspaper has a regular feature on the page page of the newspaper entitled *Poojadkuan*. This features sarcastic articles and photo usually commenting on the political situation. *Poojadkuan* is a play on words: The name of *Manager* in Thai is *Poojadkarn*, but the sarcastic column is *Poojadkuan*, *kuan* meaning to unnerve.



Thaksin's family and the petition – *Poojadkuan* , August 5, 2009

The headline reads: The Shinawatra family reveals reason not to sign names in the petition to be offered to HM King – Not to draw superiors to be involved – The source reveals that the Shinawatra family (Thaksin's 3 children and Yaowapha Wongsawat) expressed their opposing opinion to the red's attempt to submit a petition to HM King. The family says

that they are not agreeing with the case stating that they do not want the case to disturb HM King. The signs they are holding are copies of the billboards put up by the Bhumjaithai Party opposing the petition. It reads: Stop the enlisting of names for the petition – Stop pulling down the sky – Stop breaking up the rock – Stop separating people

Hillary responds to the Red Shirt letter – translated and summarized from *Phujadkuan*, July 16, 2009

This is an article from *Phujadkuan*, a comedy section on the back page of *Manager* (*Phutjatkhan*) newspaper.

It explains: The Red Shirts sent a letter to "Hillary" asking her not to come to the Asean summit meeting and meet with a terrorist . Hillary answered "I will not accept a letter from a terrorist."



(Photo: *Manager*)



Yaowapa's husband – *Poojadkuan*, September 18, 2008

It reads: The new PM is worried that many will acknowledge him as "Yaowapa's husband"

The men say: Excellency Yaowapa's husband! Sawasdee



PPP coalition partners – *Poojadkuan*, September 18, 2008

It reads: Draw the curtain on of plotted story of the People Power Party. – Those of you who are more shameless than Mr. Samak, please raise your hand high (laugh)

Phujatkuan, September 1, 2008

NBT declares its new stance to present news without bias... turning to support the rally, but covers the Democratic Alliance against Dictatorship rally



Jaruvan stands with police in her house that was the target of attempted arson. The policeman says: The house's electricity wires are not hooked up. How could we assume that the case is an electrical short like before. It is unacceptable!

Two from *Poojatkuan* – August 15, 2008

Right: Pin-Ragez – consoles Thaksin “It is okay – You will become accustomed to it”



Balding – Poojadkuan, May 15, 2008

Oh...ho... Anupong changes to a new hair style. He accepts that it is necessary when he travels with the P.M.



Above: *Poojadkuan*, May 13, 2008 – The balding men from all over the country gather and ask Samak to mention who is really the "balding man"

[Samak orders hunt for balding mystery man](#) – *Bangkok Post*, May 12, 2008

Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej has instructed police to search for the "man with the receding hairline" who tried to sabotage the government and the royal family. Mr Samak said during his televised programme yesterday that the man was suspected of leaking news to instigate political divisions in the country...

More cannon polishing – *Poojadkuan*, April 25, 2008

It reads: People resist allowing Duang to polish the cannon in front of the Defense Ministry for fear he will make the Payatani cannon go off



Hey! – *Poojadkuan*, April 24, 2008
Samak feels bored at abusing people in the country so he goes international to abuse the World Bank.



Rock attack – *Poojadkuan*, March 14, 2008

The headline reads: PAD is the new victim of stone throwing. The police got the sketch and prepare to hunt all the gang members.



No Country for Old Maew – *Poojadkuan*, February 26, 2008

It reads: No country for old Maew – All get Oscar awards

Maew is the nickname of Thaksin
Left photo: Chaloe, Thaksin and Noppadon
Right photo: Jakrapop Penkae's head on a woman's body

Finance Ministers – *Poojadkuan*, February 5, 2008

Mak proclaims that the Thai economy is in a coma. So he has to set a doctor and nurse to work in the Finance Ministry.



Thai humor: Bad TPI cement – Poojadkuan, October 8, 2007

Right: Noh speaks loudly that "TPI Portland cement is bad quality... Not enough was used on the party... and then the whole (thing) cracked."



Thai humor: Thaksin amulet – August 3, 2007
Thaksin amulet: "This is Jatukamramathep of the series... Rich with no reason...555"

A thread on the amulets is [here](#).



(Source: boringdays.com)

Choose the new C-in-C carefully! – Poojadkuan, September 6, 2007

Maew warns Big Bang that if he does not select the new C-in-C carefully to be careful. He may not have a land to live in.



Thai humor: Inconvenient Samak – August 23, 2007

From *Poojadkuan*: The anchor warns that the world heat state will be in crisis if Palangprachachon Party is in government and Samak is the PM.

[More on Samak](#)



Thaksin's team – *Poojadkuan*, May 22, 2007

First mission of the Maewcity football team– all teams join the PTV mob in Thailand.

The sign says “CNS get out “

News humor

Poojadkuan, January 15, 2007

CNS set to penalize the Police Chief.
If he can't find those who bombed central
, no karaoke singing forever.



News humor

Poojadkuan, December 25, 2006

The headline reads: Auy and Tharisa
feel relief. Jiw will return. Will see the
baht touch 50 for sure.



"Auy" is the nickname of Finance Minister Pridiyathorn Devakula

"Tharisa" is the Bank of Thailand Governor Tharisa Watanagase

"Jiw" is the nickname of Chaowalit Yongjaiyut

The headline is a sarcastic reference to Chaowalit Yongjaiyut's tenure as PM which saw the devaluation of the baht when it went from 25 to the dollar to almost 50.



Jokes from Poojadkuan – November 17, 2006

Left: November 15 – The UN worries that (Aung San) Suu Kyi's face is in a state of disrepair... "should see a doctor urgently!"

Right: November 14 – Surayud gives a green light to Thaksin to come back, but on the condition that must come through the three southern provinces of Thailand.



Left: November 15 – Amazed! After three months of flooding people become a mutation.



Poojadkuan, November 8, 2006 – NSC called Smit to meet urgently in order to prepare to set up equipment for checking the wave under the water (undercurrent).

Today's Poojadkuan

Poojadkuan, October 30, 2006 – Pa told Maew through Or ,
"Don't come back home, son."



Today's *Poojadkuan* – *Manager*, September 15, 2006

Above "Toon'akarn", first panel: There is only one person who could whisper me one word and I will quit immediately...

Above, second panel: That one is the fortuneteller [E.T.](#)

Above, at bottom: This is the truth.



Left: Fortuneteller E.T. sends the signal to PAD, "Next month...you will win for sure."

Today's *Poojadkuan* – September 14, 2006

Right: The joke of Koizumi is more funny than Maew's. The Japanese leader made a bet on who will leave office first, Chen or Maew

Bottom right: "E.T. fortune teller"



"ET" – September 12, 2006



Asiper reports: *As featured on the Nation Channel...last night and this morning (left). Her name is E.T. (in Burmese language) She is blind, her leg and arm are atrophied, but she can forecast very correct. The big person and rich person often use her service and she charges at least 50,000 baht per time. She doesn't speak English. People who go to ask her can only ask five questions.*

For Thai people we know that the leader of Thailand, PM Thaksin went to see her and believes in her so much. It is believed that Thai rich person (the PM?) took her from Burma to Thailand sometimes. She forecasted for Mr. Tanchuoi, the leader of Burmese before.

This was also mentioned on 2B forum [here](#).



Front page

Komchadluek, September 8, 2006

Top: Ask for a return of Suanlum Night Plaza land – The asset office wants to take it back, but the sellers do not demolish and move out

Headline at bottom: Memorial to the former comrade – Shoot repeatedly in air with AKA and M16 firearms – Resounds at Nakorn Srithammarat Mountain

Caption: Memorial to comrades – The photo of memorial to former comrade ceremony at the People's Warrior Commemoration Monument at the mountain in Nakorn Srithammarat–where men wear green military suits with red stars and hold AKA firearms and M-16 guns openly.

Thai humor: Fake news – September 7, 2006

The headline reads: Poojadkuan is tense – The government launches fake media – Catching the readers (the man reads a newspaper with an advertisement for Samak's new program on the back)



Thai humor: Charismatic people is the cause of the famous head butt – July 14, 2006
Poojadkuan [jokes](#): AP news center explained that the root cause of Zidane knock Materazzi was because they disputed about “who is the [charismatic person](#) outside the constitution.”



(Photo:
Manager)



(Photo: *Manager*)

Thai humor: Charismatic people at the World Cup – July 5, 2006
Poojadkuan [jokes](#): Maew prepares to watch the World Cup. FIFA is afraid he will reveal a "charismatic person" is influencing the World Cup. FIFA is fearful. The chairperson's face is as yellow as turmeric after knowing that Maew plans to fly to watch World Cup 2006 in Germany. He is afraid of Maew will reveal the "charismatic people" will be influencing the World Cup to interfere and break the rules.

"The Finland Code" – May 29, 2006

Nils points out this nice photoshopping effort combining the Finland Conspiracy with the Da Vinci Code in the latest [Poojadkuan column](#).

On the forum: [More on the Finland Conspiracy](#)



(Photo: *Manager*)

Thai humor: Giant pile of money at Jaransanitwong 69 – January 26, 2006

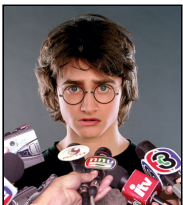
Poojadkuan jokes: Bangkok: Lots of people are amazed and go to see the money mountain that higher than the Golden Mount by many times. After Shin Corp was sold to Singapore for seven billion baht, the money mountain appeared near Jaransanitwong 69. It is expected that this will be a new favorite tourism place in Thailand that will go down in history.



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Thai humor: Koreans to teach Thai culture – January 6, 2006

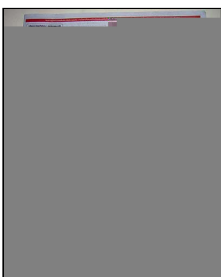
Poojadkuan jokes: The Culture Ministry approach "Daejungkuem" to teach Thai people how to cook Thai food in order to preserve Thai cooking after Natali taught Thai people to wai and say "sawadi."



Thai humor: Harry Potter astonished why the magic of a Hogwarts senior weakens after only five years – January 4, 2006

Poojadkuan jokes: At the government house: The junior from Hogwarts revealed why the senior with the square face conjured up many things. The senior made paper into money, made one million baht for each village, make chicken into an SU-30 plane, etc. This was because his morals were not enough so he became "the wizard with weak magic."

(Photo: *Manager*)



Thai humor: Southern flooding – December 22, 2005

Poojadkuan jokes: The PM regrets that the southern people were hit by flood. He wonders why they did not select the Thai Rak Thai Party in elections, otherwise he would have come to help them before now.

Thai humor: Kongsak to use UBC against 'Thailand Weekly' – December 13, 2005
Humor page of *Manager Daily*–printed upside down on the back page of the Lifestyle section.

The *Poojadkuan* column on the page jokes: Interior Minister ACM Kongsak Wantana combats Sondhi's political commentary TV show "Thailand Weekly" on Friday by installing giant screens in front of Sondhi's screen showing football matches on UBC.

Thai humor: Thaksin celebrates – December 1, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) jokes: Thaksin orders government house closed to celebrate because there is no *Thailand Weekly* program this Friday. They will have a special menus such as *tomyam tangtak* (*tangtak* = to be broke), yam nong ngoohao, 'C-130 fall from heaven,' etc.

Thai humor: Why Thaksin can't hear – November 29, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) jokes: The cause makes Maew goes deaf recently is not due to jetlag, but he has listened to the *Thailand Weekly* program for many weeks and is abused by Sondhi making his ears go deaf and he loses energy.



Thai humor: More cool ideas – November 16, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) jokes: Bangkok – Minister of Social Development and Human Security has a cool idea again. This time he prepares to use a 1000 watt spotlight and go to bedrooms all over the country warning all wives to prostrate themselves before their husbands before sleeping. This is to preserve good Thai culture.

(Photo:
Manager)

More [Poojadkuan columns](#)

Thai humor: Thaksin wishes to take over the *Washington Post* – November 8, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) jokes: At the government house: Thaksin whispers Ar Koo to corner the stock of the *Washington Post* newspaper in order to muzzle it. This is because it reveals the news of the secret prison in Thailand.

Thai humor: Thailand is number one in press freedom – October 31, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) jokes: World media resets the level of freedom of the press again and put Thailand in first place after they watched the [Daily Views program](#) of Samak and Dusit who abuse many people, but are never been touched by the government.

Thai humor: PM to make two more new provinces – October 21, 2005

This is a very hard-hitting joke from a patriotic Thai perspective. [Poojadkuan](#) jokes: Government house: The Prime Minister, Thaksin, speeds to create two more provinces after finishing the new Suwanabhum Province. This is to compensate for the three southern provinces (which have been lost).

Thai humor: Siberia asked not to spread bird flu to Thailand – October 21, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) jokes: Public Health Ministry: Doctor Suchai sent an urgent letter to the chief of birds in Siberia, Russia begging him not to spread the bird flu to Thailand because he could not control it. This is because the situation of ambulance bidding is not finished yet.

Thai humor: Southern thieves suspend attacks – October 13, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) jokes: The southern thieves left a letter that they will stop their agitation for a while (no bombs, threats or daily killing) because their rival is not in the country.

Examples of actual leaflets left in the South: [Translation of a leaflet left by 'bandits' in the deep South](#) – May 1, 2005

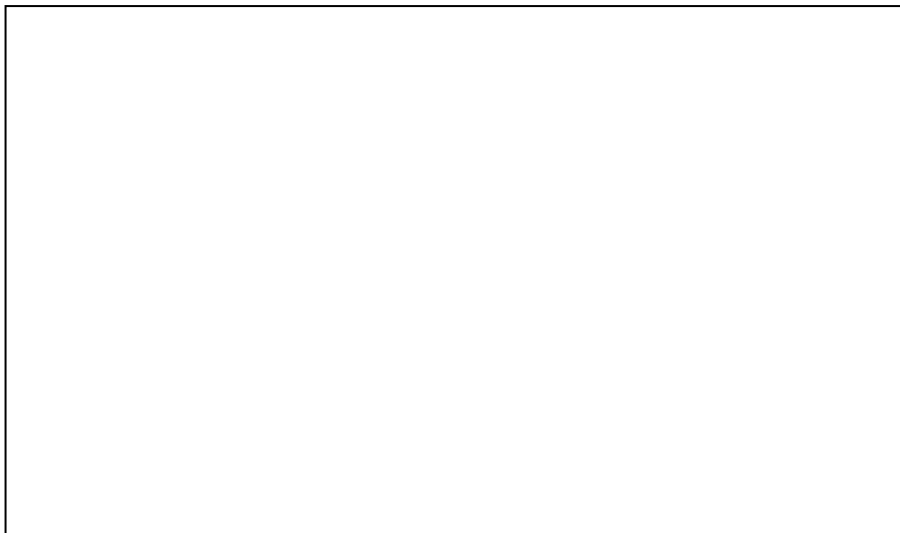
[Translation of a leaflet left by 'bandits' in the deep South](#) – February 22, 2005



(Photo: Manager)

Thai humor: Mental health better when the PM is not in the country – October 12, 2005

[Poojatkuan](#) jokes: Psychiatrists revealed that Thai peoples' mental health will be better during the one week when the P.M. flew to Europe. Although the PM was only gone a short time, he asked people to take all the happiness they can after hearing bad words from the PM. But when the PM comes back, we should put the cotton pad inside in our ears.



(Photo: Manager)

Thai Humor: Egrets vs. the vultures – September 30, 2005

[Poojatkuan](#) jokes: Nong Ngoohao – The head of cattle egrets submitted a letter to Minister Pongsak begging him not to chase them from the airport and said the vultures are more of a danger. If he wants to chase he has to use the same standard and no discrimination because they (the cattle egrets) have lived there for a long time.

Bangkok Airport news > BangkokAirport.info

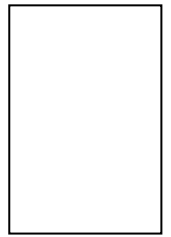
Thai Humor: Printing the Royal Power book for the State Audit Commission and Office of the Auditor-General – September 28, 2005

[Poojatkuan](#) jokes: “Pramuan” speeds to print the 8th edition of the Royal Power book after it has sold well. This time it will be distributed free to State Audit Commission (SAC) and Office of the Auditor-General (OAC) with the object to solve the correct way to fill the position of Auditor-General. Moreover the size is enlarged to A4 size making it easy to read and understand.

Thai humor: Crazy Paiboon – September 15, 2005

[Poojatkuan](#) jokes: Ar Koo accepted that a voice from heaven ordered him to buy one Thai-

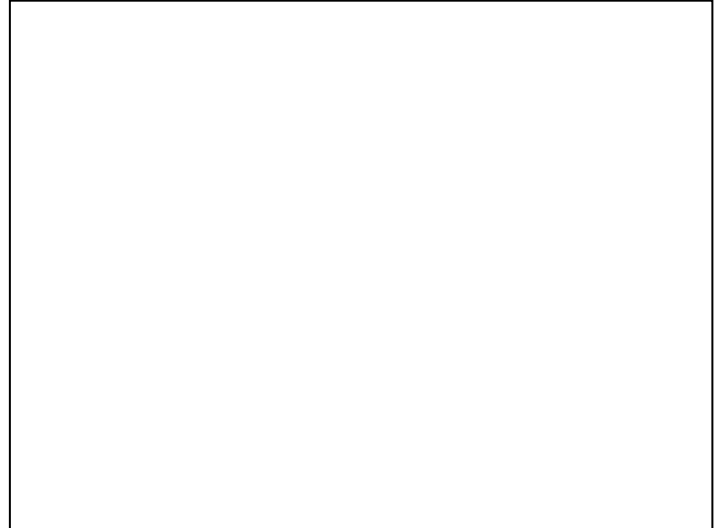
language newspaper and one English-language newspaper. The Department of Mental Health prepare to send him to see the doctor and is worried he may have mental illness.



(Photo:
Manager)

Thai humor: Buying *Poojadkuan* – September 14,
2005

[*Poojadkuan*](#) jokes: After the surprising news yesterday that GMMM grabs *Matichon-Post* for 2600 million baht, today GMMM declared it would buy another media—"Poojadkuan" for 15 baht (repeat, only 15 baht). It is cheap and worth it because the buyer will get *Manager* as a bonus.



(Photo: *Manager*)



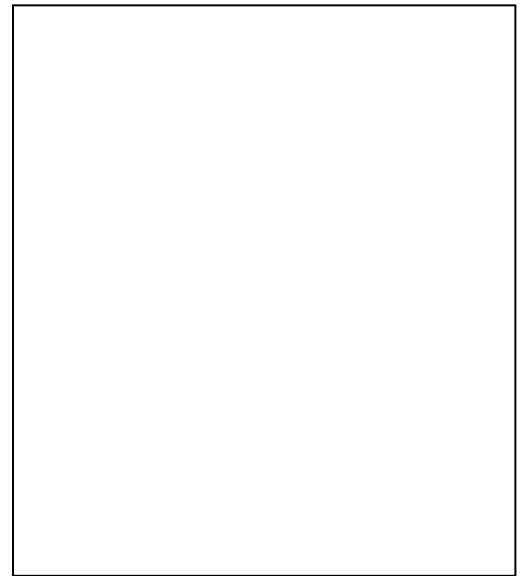
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Thai humor: The monkey that speaks –
July 7, 2005

[*Poojadkuan*](#) jokes: Poojadkuan has a scientist to counter the PM after he talks insinuatingly to media that it has weak point that it has no news to print so when someone abuses the government or even if a monkey speaks it will be the news. The scientist confirmed that since primeval times, a monkey has never spoken so when the monkey speaks abuse, it must be big news.

Thai humor: Devils resign to protest Chuwit – June 29, 2005

[*Poojadkuan*](#) jokes: Most of the devils who lead the souls of dead men flocked together and resigned after knowing Chuwit, party list M.P. of Chatthai Party, books the first pit of hell. The atmosphere is quite serious—more serious than an inferno. One of the devils in hell said they afraid that Chuwit will change hell to an entertainment place and he will disclose all the secrets of hell.



(Photo: *Manager*)

Earlier: Censure debate: Chuwit on TV – June 27, 2005

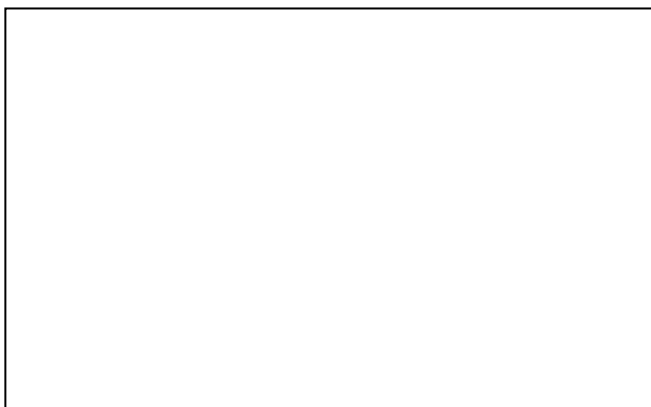
Right: [Chuwit](#) shouts and gestures wildly at the censure debate. He ended his speech by taking off his Buddhist amulet and swearing an oath on it.

[Thai minister defends self in no-confidence debate over airport scandal](#) – AP, June 27, 2005



Thai humor: Apisit goes slow – June 7, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) jokes: Democrat Party – Chuan declares to quit and is confident that Apisit can follow his way of working very slowly. Everyone notices the CTX 9000 scandal. Although we know it is corruption, Apisit is still sluggish.



(Photo: *Manager*)

Thai humor: Sharing the money and blame – June 6, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) jokes: Jiw , Tanong, Amnoay and Tharin with in one accord to help Roengchai by sharing money and accepting the guilt for the mistake of losing 1.8 billion baht in the currency defense of 1997.

Thai humor: Turning off the PM's radio show to save energy – June 3, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) jokes: Bangkok – All Thai people should work together to save energy by turning off the radio for 45 minutes at 8am every Saturday. Mr. Rakchat , a grocer, said if turning off the electricity for 5 minutes will save energy, then we will save more energy by turning off the radio at 8 o'clock every Saturday for 45 minutes to save more. That is the time for for "Thaksin Talks to the People" program. Everyone who listens to him will get stress because he will offer excuses for all problems.

Thai humor: Thirayuth impostor – June 2, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) jokes: Chasoengsao – Thaksin confirmed that the guy who went to Nong-Ngoo Hao Airport was not Thirayuth because he wore the shirt look like salesman. The genuine Thirayuth must wear a waistcoat with a sweater.

Thai humor: Superhero of Thai democracy – May 30, 2005

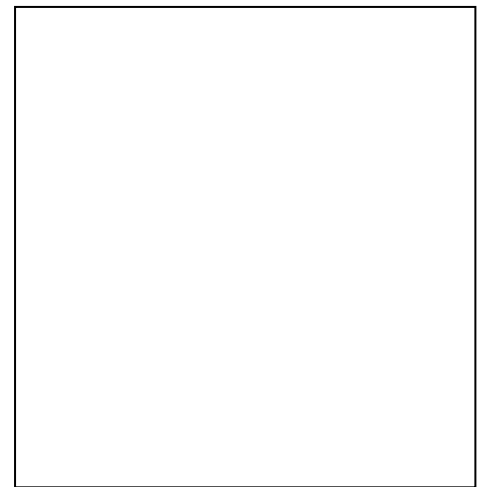
[Poojadkuan](#) jokes: Poojadkuan newspaper surveys people's opinion and found that 100% admired Snoh for his valiant behavior and praise him as a superhero of Thai democracy. He is the good example to fight for that which is right and funky MPs should emulate him.

Thai humor: Drink coffee with the Democrats – May 26, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) jokes: Mark suggests that Thai people drink more coffee in order to forget corruption problems. They can drink cappuccino at the coffee place of hi-society person like to go. This will cause you to totally forget the corruption because you will worry about the high cost of coffee at 80 baht. The other option is to go to the Democrat coffee corner. We want you to have relief. You can drink for free here, but we have one rule—don't talk to promote the Thai Rak Thai party.

Thai humor: Thaksin ignores the house lizards – May 25, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) jokes: Ban Jansongla – Thaksin says he listens to all regular and non-regular academics—even if a house lizard warned he also listened. But if the house lizards give out a cry that is not true Maew will not listen to them. They warn not to use violence to solve problems in the south or the policy of one village, one million baht fund, etc., but he counters and abuses them that they are "regular."



(Photo: Manager)

Thai humor: Visakhabucha day at the casinos – May 24, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) jokes: Poipet – Thai people perform *wientien* and do merit on Visakhabucha day until they run out of their money at [casinos in Poipet, Cambodia](#). One Thai revealed that he likes doing merit although it is not Visakhabusha. He often goes there. He performs *wientien* many times and vows that if he is not rich he will not quit from gambling.

Thai humor: The view – May 20, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) (left) jokes: Thaksin compliments the view of Praprang Wat Arunrajwararam, Chaopraya riverside. This angle is the most beautiful in the world. He said he has seen the view of this wat for many years, but the most beautiful is the day of photographing of the Miss Universe contestants in front of it. So do not be serious, think optimistically that this is for the promotion of Thailand tourism to the world.

Thai humor: Long nose – May 19, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) jokes: Ban Jansongla – Khunying Pojjaman is amazed that Thaksin has changed because the more he speaks about corruption, the longer his nose grows like Pinocchio.



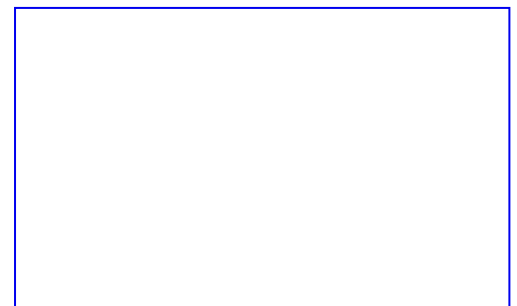
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Thai humor: Thai people consent to believe in Maew – "No bribery" – May 18, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) jokes: A Poojadkuan poll that surveys Thai people all around the country said 56% are afraid that Maew feels shameful and 44% feel shameful instead of Maew. This is because there is lots of criticism of the bribery in buying the CTX 9000 scanning machine and the PM comes to explain this in his radio program. He insists GE Invision state the government did nothing wrong. One person said he feel shame instead of the PM because the PM tries very hard to protect the prestige of the Thai government.

Thai humor: Places to inject olive oil – May 13, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) jokes: Doctors suggests the youth in Ayuthaya should inject olive oil into their head in order to enlarge their brains. This will nourish their brain to have positive thinking rather than absorb thoughts about sex only.



(Photo: *Manager*)

Thai humor: Miss Universe as a cover for the CTX scandal – May 12, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) – Bangkok : The real background of the Miss Universe competition in Thailand is to cover up the mess surrounding the CTX 9000 scandal. There was advance knowledge that news of corruption in the bomb detecting machine would come out at this time. So they pushed to organize the Miss Universe contest in Thailand by saying it would revive tourism in Thailand impacted by the tsunami. This plan has achieved its goal already. Meanwhile, Mr. Thanakorn, a Thai person, said that all kinds of contests such as Tiffany contest, Mr. Universe contest, etc. should be scheduled so that Thai people may forget corruption news happening at the time.

Thai humor: Sinking house – May 11, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) jokes: At the government house – Pathumthani people gather to resist the new parliament building to be built in Pathumthani province. They are afraid of the land sinking. The leader said it should be build on the high level such as on the mountain and when the land sinks, it will be on the same level as the rest of the ground.

Thai humor: Thaksin's seven tricks of happiness – May 10, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) jokes: Thai people believe in the PM to keep them in high spirits, read corruption news and laugh at the same time. Thaksin's seven tricks of happiness makes Thai people all happy, bright and cheerful:

1. Let tension out of your heart because tension takes away happiness such as when thinking about corruption at Nong-Ngoo Hao . Don't pay attention to it.
2. Let you heart release worry, do not be tense, and be liberated from stupid payments—such as the contact with GE Invision.
3. Be simple. Don't let life be our boss. So stay overnight at Nong-Ngoo Hao airport or stay away from the distributor companies that sell the scanning machines.
4. Expect little. If you expect too much and it is not a success, you will be sad. Such as the investigation about the detecting machine corruption.
5. Sacrifice a lot. Don't think about advantage only. Sometime we have to lose our prestige.

6. Be an optimist. Smile a lot. So if the foreigners blame us for the corruption, don't get angry. Just smile.
 7. Believe in Thaksin. Follow as Thaksin says and everything will be a success.
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Thai humor: Gen. Sanan – May 6, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) – The subordinates of Mahachon Party (only 2 MPs) agree that Gen. Sanan is the best person to be a leader of the party and he should also get the position of secretary, spokesmen and treasurer of the party.

Thai humor: More patriotism – May 9, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) – Maew has a cool idea: "Respect the National Flag six times a day." He cross-examines Thai people saying they think about the Nation very little and this is why our Nation has lots of corruption. So we should listen to the National song more often, it can make people love Nation more, and not worry that the Nation has corruption.

Thai wordplay: bomb detector salesman or revolutionary? – May 5, 2005

Vorapoj Yostat or "Che" (his nickname) is the owner of Patriot Business Consultants, distributor of the bomb detecting machines involved in kickback allegations. [Poojadkuan](#) column jokes: "Che" counters the accusation that he is the distributor of the x-ray detection machines. He insists that he was never involved with this and his life is for revolution only. He is willing to prove this by being scanned by the x-ray machine. His heart is full of the red color of revolution.

Thai humor: Minimum wage – May 4, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#): Sanam Luang – On May Day workers from all around the country gathered at Sanam Luang asking the PM for a higher minimum wage at 233 baht per day—just enough to pay for a mobile phone.

More Thai humor: Buffalo poll – May 3, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) column today: Poll from a sample of 2500 buffalos from all over the country shows that 98% believe the PM's explanation that there was no corruption in the bomb detecting instruments at the Nong-ngoo Hao Airport and 2% have no comment.

Thai humor: 'Rain' falls on Banharn – April 26, 2005

[Poojadkuan](#) said on April 26 that rain falls on Banharn at Jaransanitwong 57 Road (his residence). Not real rain, but spit from a TRT member who blames Banharn when he speaks about 'big rain' or vote buying. So it makes a flood and smells bad on the road.

Banharn lives near Thaksin's house so people in that area complain that the next time the TRT member speaks he should use mouthwash.

When Banharn spoke about 'big rain' [last week](#) he was referring to vote buying, but the [Poojadkuan](#) column makes the joke that the retort to Baharn's accusations is a 'big rain' or saliva from the mouth of a TRT member who protects TRT.

Thai sarcasm: Author axed from TRT – April 25, 2005

The [Poojadkuan](#) column in *Manager* jokes that Maew suggested Pramuan read *Using Power is Natural for Humans* after Pramuan was dropped as a TRT deputy.

Thai sarcasm: Suggestion for the terrorists – [Manager Online](#), April 8, 2005

From the [Poojadkuan](#) column today: Somkid (Somkid Jatusripitak, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance) says, "One more bomb and the Thai economic will collapse."

Mr. Sama-ae Chode, the leader of the terrorists says "Thank for your suggestion."

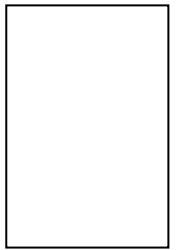
(Thanks to Asiper for helping to explain this article.)

Thai wordplay: Ostrich terrorist – [Manager Online](#), April 7, 2005

Manager has a column entitled [Poojadkuan](#) featuring a sarcastic article and photo. In today's article they talk about Thaksin being wrong to think of the terrorists as a small group or *jone krajok*. *Jone* is thief or terrorist and *krajok* means small or not important or a small sparrow.

The article says Thaksin thought that he and government can control the situation or suppress the terrorist because he thought of them as a small group—compared to a small bird or *krajok*, but now it became a big bird—ostrich or *krajokted*. The article also says the bomb in Hadyai is big like an ostrich's egg.

Further wordplay is in the name of the series: The name of the *Manager* is in Thai is *Poojadkarn*, but the sarcastic series is *Poojadkuan*, *kuan* meaning to unnerve. (Thanks to Asiper for helping to explain this article.)



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[Here](#) and [here](#)... The artist is [Chaloemchai Kositpiphat](#).

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Soldiers in riot gear at Government House on Monday afternoon.

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Also: [ThaksinLive.com](#) including this current and peculiar post: [“Government Falls As Court Bans Ruling Party”](#)