

Deal of the day: Thailand's SCB sells bank, at knock-down price

September 1, 2010

Categories: Business

[Deal of the day: Thailand's SCB sells bank, at knock-down price](#) – FT blogs, September 1, 2010

Who killed 'Hiroyuki' San?

September 2, 2010

Categories: Red Shirt Protest 2010



From *Matichon Weekend*, August 27-September 2, 2010

The headline reads: Who killed 'Hiroyuki' San?

“Red Siam” adds revolutionary twist to Thai crisis

September 2, 2010

Categories: Red Shirt Protest 2010

[“Red Siam” adds revolutionary twist to Thai crisis](#) – *Reuters*, September 2, 2010

... *“What we need is a true revolution,” he said...*

Troubled rapid bus route gets deadline

September 2, 2010

Categories: Buses, Mass Transit

[Troubled rapid bus route gets deadline](#) – The Nation, September 2, 2010

The Bt2-billion Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)'s Sathorn-Rajapreuk route – which was trial-launched in late May – is reported to be facing many problems, and public dissatisfaction has prompted another four routes in the pipeline to be suspended and possibly cancelled...

High-speed train haunts Korbsak

September 2, 2010

Categories: Mass Transit

[High-speed train haunts Korbsak](#) – The Nation, September 2, 2010

Thai Snake and Cambodian Crocodile

September 3, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From *Manager*, September 3, 2010

The crocodile is saying: Thaksin is not a product for exchange... I and he are still good friends
The caption at the bottom right reads: Thai snake and Cambodian crocodile

Pheu Thai calls for reconciliation... or maybe not

September 3, 2010

Categories: Analysis, Thai Politics

[Pheu Thai calls for peace](#) – *The Nation*, September 3, 2010

[PT needs to 'further discuss' its offer of reconciliation](#) – *Bangkok Post*, September 6, 2010

[Pheu Thai announces suspension of reconciliation efforts](#) – *The Nation*, September 6, 2010

[Red Siam disputes reconciliation](#) – *Bangkok Post*, September 7, 2010

...Pheu Thai would be silly if it accepts these proposals. Acceptance would also mean that the opposition camp accepts that it was wrong and that the allegations it set fire to the country and tried to topple the high institution were true, he said...

[Legal advisor claims Thaksin supports reconciliation](#) – *The Nation*, September 7, 2010

Fireworks smuggling by sea foiled

September 3, 2010

Categories: Border Issues

[Fireworks smuggling by sea foiled](#) – *The Star*, September 3, 2010

In a bid to evade arrest, smugglers are now sneaking in firecrackers and fireworks by sea from southern Thailand to Malaysia...

Malaysia ranked as best place to retire in South East Asia

September 3, 2010

Categories: Tourism

[Malaysia ranked as best place to retire in South East Asia](#) – *property-report.com*, September 3, 2010

...Thailand's strengths, according to Harvey, include a wide choice of locations and really low day-to-day costs, especially away from tourist beach resorts. Drawbacks here include the fact that foreign buyers are restricted to condominiums, the political turmoil of recent years, and the country's reputation in the minds of some potential retirees as a sex tourism destination.

Thais Unite

September 4, 2010

Categories: Red Shirt Protest 2010



(Source: *Matichon*, August 27, 2010)

Thais unite – September 4, 2010

The full page ad reads: If Thais unite the harmony power into one, success is not too far to reach – Promoting harmony for strength of Thai society

Tourists warned about ‘cigarette police’

September 5, 2010

Categories: Scams

[Tourists warned about ‘cigarette police’](#) – *Bangkok Post*, September 5, 2010

Justice for Sale, Freedom for a Fee

September 5, 2010

Categories: Crime, Pattaya

[Justice for Sale, Freedom for a Fee](#) – *pattayadailynews.com*, September 5, 2010

...On the 14th of September 2009, Miss Wanida and Mr. Nopadol opened a joint bank account at the Siam Commercial Bank, Central Ladprow branch. The account deposited in the new account totaled 3.5 million baht...

Nakornsawan Provincial Administration Organization Chief

September 5, 2010

Categories: Elections



(Photo: AJ)

Above: The poster reads: We love Chief Amnart and we, therefore, love Chamreun Worathong – number 2 – to be Nakornsawan Administration Organization Chief – continue the dream to come true – do not leave the people – Sunday September 5th – time 9.00-15.00 o’ clock

Nakornsawan Provincial Administration Organization Chief

September 5, 2010

Categories: Elections



(Photo: AJ)

Above: The poster reads: Sunday 5 September 9.00-15.00 o'clock – Together we can – Please vote Manop Sriphueng to be Nakornsawan Provincial Administration Organization Chief – Number 1 X

More on the Nakhon Sawan election posters – September 9, 2010

[Andreas writes](#): As you featured those election posters from Nakhon Sawan, maybe you'd like to know the background of this election, as it is currently around mid-term for the PAO and the next normal elections would be in 2012. The reason why this by-election was necessary is that the incumbent Amnat Sirichai was shot dead on July 12 by (AFAIK) still unknown assassins. The unofficial result is that candidate number 1, Manop Siphueang has won by quite a bit margin. There were two more candidates to those you had photos, but these did only get way less votes than those two leading ones.

The 2Bangkok editor comments: I know someone who got 100 baht to vote for number 1 and 100 baht to vote for number 2 and they voted for neither...

Kelly Services launches latest Thailand Employment Outlook – Salary Guide

September 6, 2010

Categories: Business

[Kelly Services launches latest Thailand Employment Outlook – Salary Guide](#) – *thaipr.net*, September 6, 2010

...Further, according to the findings of the Kelly Global Workforce Index, which obtained the views of approximately 134,000 people across countries in North America, Europe and Asia Pacific including Thailand, more than three-quarters of employees in Thailand surveyed believe they would be more productive if they were able to share in profits or have an ownership stake in their employer's business...

The report is downloadable [here](#).

AJ notes: *This is interesting that the highest paid job by far is not the most demanding of skill set... but the HR Director! Literally double the salary of every other job description.*

Sad that the dead do not have the opportunity to reconcile

September 6, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia, Red Shirt Protest 2010



From *Thai Rath*, Cartoon by Zia, September 6, 2010

The cartoon title reads: Sad that the dead do not to reconcile

The skulls spell out: Reconcile

The words on the figure at right: Order to suppress the people

The words on the small sign at bottom left: Stop chasing and killing red shirts

The mouse is saying: People's lives are not veggies or fish

Red Shirts Test Thai Limits

September 6, 2010

Categories: Red Shirt Protest 2010

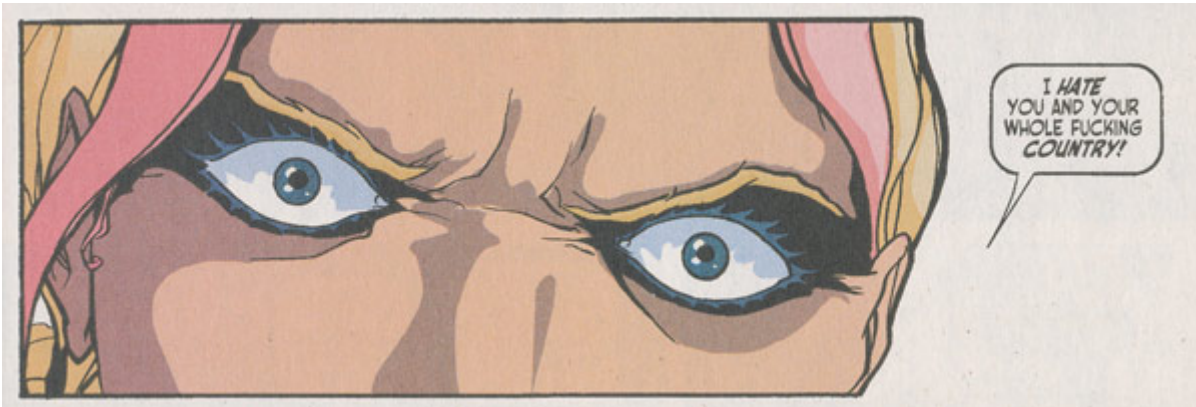
[Red Shirts Test Thai Limits](#) – WSJ, September 6, 2010

...The driving force behind many of the rallies, fugitive former premier Thaksin Shinawatra, broke months of silence, phoning in to the concert from overseas to urge on the 4,000 or so protesters police say attended the event. With characteristic flourish, he promised “to make all Thais rich” if his supporters regain the political power they lost when Thailand’s army generals ousted him in a military coup four years ago...

Vertigo Pop: Bangkok

September 7, 2010

Categories: Books



(Source: *Vertigo Pop: Bangkok*)

Vertigo Pop: Bangkok – September 7, 2010

Vertigo Pop: Bangkok (2003) is four issue comic from DC's Vertigo imprint. Told from the point of view of a moody Western woman, it is a vision of Thailand from a thoroughly non-local perspective.

In this Bangkok, dark guys in green pin-striped suits function as the Western conception of a pimp, forcing girls to work against their will and openly beating them on the streets of Patpong.

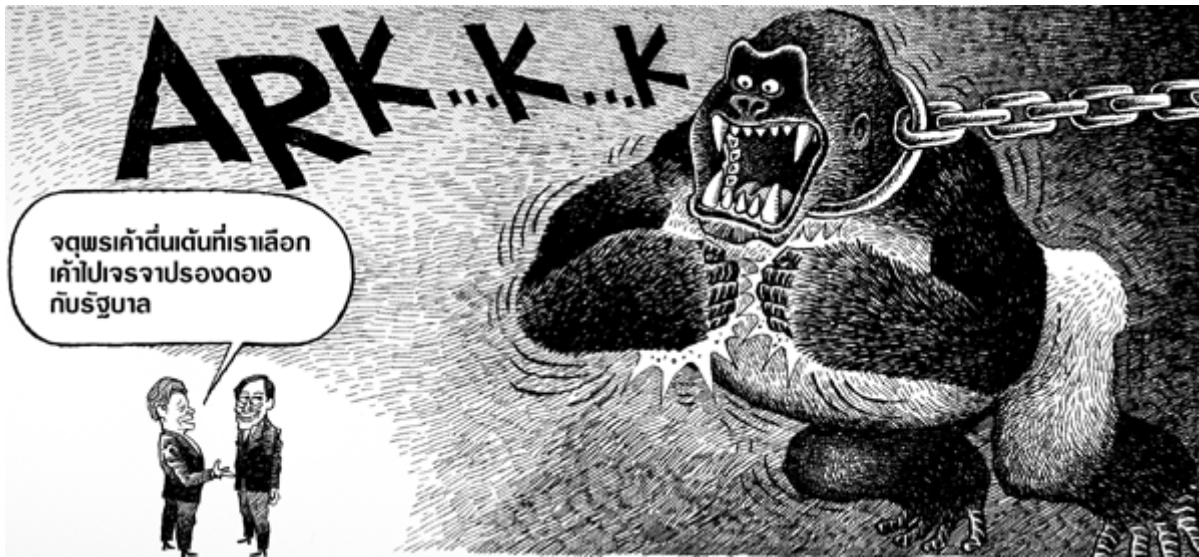
Thai men speak a kind of Chinese pidgin English: "What you stand around for?" and "Out of way! Bangkok police!"

Bangkok Police seem eager to confront tourists and go on wild chases through the streets to aggressively confront foreigners over concocted infractions. When a river taxi sinks, the protagonist gets to stand by in righteous indignation as a policeman says "Too many people on boat. Happen all the time."

Fierce Jatupron

September 7, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From *Manager*, September 7, 2010

The man is saying: Jatuporn is excited that he was chosen to negotiate for reconciliation with the government

“Hotel Draw Curtain”

September 7, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[“Hotel draw curtain”](#) – *Flickr*, September 7, 2010

Extortion and confusion mar Thailand's migrant crackdown

September 7, 2010

Categories: Refugees and Migrants

[Extortion and confusion mar Thailand's migrant crackdown](#) – AFP, September 7, 2010

Oo's troubles with the local Thai police began with a request common across Asia — he asked them to remove their shoes before entering his room.

It cost him nearly a month's wages...

Perth man in Thai protests deported

September 7, 2010

Categories: Red Shirt Protest 2010

[Perth man in Thai protests deported](#) – AAP, September 7, 2010

...He was to be deported after his jail sentence, but his family was unable to meet the \$460 cost of an air ticket to Australia, his benefactor Dr Pongsak Phusitsakul said today...

Fighting Over Bout

September 8, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From *Manager*, September 8, 2010

Viktor Bout is saying: The Thai jail is good as there is a boxing match on display.

Sudarat Denies Forming New Party

September 8, 2010

Categories: Thai Politics

[Sudarat denies forming new party](#) – *Bangkok Post*, September 8, 2010

Khunying Sudarat Keyuraphan, former leader of the dissolved Thai Rak Thai Party, on Wednesday denied a report she is forming a new political party with eight other former TRT executives under a five-year ban from politics...

BRT Services website

September 8, 2010

Categories: Mass Transit

BRT Services website – September 8, 2010

Nice write: ...I'm hoping that by mid-2011, Bangkok will have a contactless smart card (similar to Octopus Card system in Hong Kong) that can be used on BTS Skytrain, MRT Subway, Suvarnabhumi Airport Link Services, BMTA Bus and Bangkok BRT services near future. Also, I just want to suggest you a [website about Bangkok BRT services](#).

The Pheu Thai Party's five national reconciliation points

September 9, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From *Thai Rath*, by Chai Ratchawat, September 9, 2010

Left: The Pheu Thai Party sends five national reconciliation points for the government's consideration...

Middle: Of which none of them is believed to be under consideration of the government.

What are the five?

Right: 1. Dissolving Parliament

2. Dissolving Parliament

3. Dissolving Parliament

4. Dissolving Parliament

5. Dissolving Parliament

Plight of animals at Bangkok's rooftop zoo above department store

September 10, 2010

Categories: Wildlife and Nature

[Plight of animals at Bangkok's rooftop zoo above department store](#) – *The Guardian*, September 10, 2010

... "Basically, it is an animal prison on top of a shopping mall. The space is too small, the animals have very little room, there is very little sunlight, the enclosures are dirty, they smell bad, and people are coming past all day, getting far too close to the animals, which makes the animals extremely stressed. In 200 steps you can see 50 different species. Most people know that this is not an acceptable way to keep animals. It is a hell for animals..."

The personal pet cannot adjust

September 10, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From *Manager*, September 10, 2010

Left: Thaksin says: Go kill them!

Right: Thaksin says: Go hug them!

The caption at bottom reads: The personal pet cannot adjust

The Bridge of Peace in Wild Style

September 10, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From *ThaiRath*, Cartoon by Zia, September 10, 2010

The cartoon title reads: The bridge of peace in wild style

A soldier starts across the bridge towards two figures on the other side representing the Pheu Thai Party.

The word on planks making up the bridge: Merely ask for house dissolution, making charges, and assassins, bringing charges of terrorism toppling the high institute , reform-reconcile-reunite

The word on the sign held by children reads: Return the room of truth to the media space

The sign at the bottom left: Stop chasing and killing red shirts

The mouse says: Release political prisoners

. He always appears at the edge of Zia's cartoons calling on human rights and reform.]

Behind the scenes of the ‘Flooded McDonald’s’

September 10, 2010

Categories: Film and TV

[Behind the scenes of ‘Flooded McDonald’s’](#) – *Washington Post*, September, 2010

Top 10 Gratuitously Provocative Acts: Thai Red Shirts Spill Their Blood

September 10, 2010

Categories: Red Shirt Protest 2010

[Top 10 Gratuitously Provocative Acts: Thai Red Shirts Spill Their Blood](#) – *Time*, September 10, 2010

Around the World for Free in Bangkok

September 10, 2010

Categories: Film and TV



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Above (left to right): Series co-creator [Zsolt Luka](#), host [Jeff Schroeder](#), and Creative Producer Josh Bolton

Around the World for Free in Bangkok – September 10, 2010

Around the World for Free, season 2, is back in Bangkok again. Interesting videos from the show are [here](#).
On [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Tourism Benefits from Misfortunes

September 10, 2010

Categories: Red Shirt Protest 2010, Tourism

[Tourism benefits from misfortunes](#) – *Vietnam Net*, September 10, 2010

The unstable situation in the Philippines and Thailand have caught the headlines and scared off dozens of travelers...

‘Hangover 2’ headed to Thailand

September 10, 2010

Categories: Film and TV

[‘Hangover 2’ headed to Thailand](#) – *Jam! Showbiz*, September 10, 2010

David Carradine's Ex-Wife Still Investigating His Death

September 10, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[David Carradine's Ex-Wife Still Investigating His Death](#) – *AceShowbiz*, September 10, 2010

... 'I just didn't believe that he was by himself. I still do not buy that,' Marina Anderson said, adding she conducts her own investigation in Bangkok, Thailand...

Sunlight through door panels at Prasart Panomrung

September 10, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News



From *Daily News*, September 10, 2010

The caption reads: Not enough... A flock of tourists complain after their long way trip to see the sunlight through 15 door panels of the Prasart Panomrung historical park in Buriram province, but are allowed only a 2-3 minute visit.



From *KhaoSod*, September 10, 2010

The caption reads: Miracle – The sunrise on September 8 was seen through 15 door panels of the Prasart Panomrung historical park in Buriram province. The event is found to occur twice a year. Many tourists flock to visit and take photos.

Siamese Twins

September 10, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From *Thai Rath*,

by Chai Ratchawat, September 10, 2010

The cartoon headline reads: The Siamese twins nowadays

The double headed man on the right side has "Pheu Thai" and "UDD" written on his coat signifying that the Pheu Thai Party and the Red Shirts are the same thing.

The man is saying: Come on. Let's reconcile. Believe that the Red Shirts have no involvement.

In the background are the ruins of burned out buildings.

Thai Email Forwards

September 11, 2010

Categories: Thai Email Forwards



Thai email forwards: 500,000 baht – September 11, 2010

Wisarut notes about the above circulated graphic: *That's the commemorate issue for the 50-year anniversary of the royal marriage in 2000. According to [Wikipedia](http://en.wikipedia.org), only 234 notes are still circulating within Thailand – the rest are in the hand of foreign numismatists.*



(Source: Thai email forward)

"Move past death experience" – August, 2010

These are part of a series of photos being circulated by email purporting to show some boys under a waterfall that becomes engulfed in a flood. The subject line reads something like: "Move past death experience"



(Source: Thai email forward)



(Source: Thai email forward)



(Source: Thai email forward)

Thai email forwards: Eggs and water – July 24, 2010

Nils points out: *หากคุณขับรถกลางคืน ระวังไข่+น้ำนะคะ* (“if you drive at night, beware eggs + water”) ... and claims that a new strategy applied by roadside thieves now is to throw eggs at the windscreens of passing cars. It goes on to say that in such a case, you should not use your wiper because it will create a sticky mess that can impede your visibility by “up to 92.5%” (wow, wonder just how they supposedly measured that!), forcing you to stop and get out of the car to clean the windscreen, in which moment you’ll get robbed.

Thai email forwards: Be careful – Persons in the pictures can kill you – July 24, 2010

A Thai-language email forward warns: ...*Do not let these people into the house... People in your house or you may die or be hurt fatally...*

A joint assault of rape in Cha-am, Petchaburi many cases. A history of amphetamine abuse. Just come out of jail...

Please remind everyone to be careful not to house the workers do not know history. And who found, please inform authorities.



It happens in Singapore - Waterloo Street.
A 10 year old boy, had eaten pineapple about 15 days
back, and fell sick, from the day he had eaten. Later
when he had his Health check done...

มันเกิดขึ้นที่ สิงคโปร์ — ถนน วอเตอร์ลูเด็กชายวัย 10 ขวบได้รับประทาน
สับปะรด 15 วันก่อนหน้าที่จะไม่สบาย หลังจากนั้น เมื่อเขาได้ไปตรวจสุขภาพ

Doctors diagnosed that he had AIDS. His parents
couldn't believe it..Then the entire family under went

(Source: Thai email forward)

Thai email forward: AIDS pineapple – July 15, 2010

As we have mentioned before, someone is dutifully translating all these urban legends into Thai and
circulating them with the immoral close:

"PLEASE FORWARD THIS MAIL TO ALL THE PERSONS YOU KNOW AS YOUR MESSAGE MAY
SAVE ONE'S! LIFE"



(Source: Thai email forward)

Thai email forwards – July, 2010

Above: A series of photos with Thai instructions on "How to eat Mangosteen"

Below: A series of photos of a opulent mansion claiming to be the home of the "Senior General of
Myanmar" – However, these photos, which are actually of an Los Angeles mansion, have been [linked to
various world dictators as part of an urban legend.](#)



(Source: Thai email forward)

[illegible]

(Source: Thai email forwards)

Thai email forwards: Fake Black Label – June 8, 2010

This email forward has a series of

photos showing a raid on a shophouse where a Malaysian was arrested who was producing fake Johnnie Walker Black Label Whisky.



(Source: Thai email forwards)



(Source: Thai email forwards)



(Source: Thai email forwards)



(Source: Thai email forward)

Thai email forwards: Red Shirt baht – June 8, 2010

According to this email forward, 100 baht notes (which are red in color) are being stamped with a message that reads: King Taksin was reborn in this lifetime as Police Lieutenant Dr. Thaksin Shinawatra, I pay homage to him, long live the King

This sort of claim is not uncommon of more radical northern Red Shirts. The bank memo warns employees not to accept any currency stamped in this way.



(Source: Thai email forward)

Thai email forwards: Chula Hospital evacuation – May 12, 2010

This is from a long series of photos showing Chula patients in temporary quarters. Relentless bad publicity over the raid exposed leadership struggles at the Red Shirt rally site and brought the momentum of the protests to a halt.

The photo above is captioned:

This baby has upper airway obstruction due to a congenital disease. He has been hospitalized due to necessity of oxygen therapy. Surgery was scheduled, but now canceled. We do not know when we can resume our surgery again.



(Source: Photos from unknown sources circulated via an email forward)

Thai email forwards: "Peace of the Reds" – May 8, 2010

This email forward

includes a series of attachments (a few of which are shown above) showing incidents of violent attacks by Red Shirt guards and followers on other. The message in the email reads: This is not to blame, but this is annoying. (We are not with the yellow shirt.)

We bring this pictures to you as we do not understand the meaning of "peace of the Reds???" Whoever receives this mail please forward for others to the peace of the Red Shirt. It will be good if this can be forwarded around the world.

Thai email forwards: "Real monk... false monk... or crazy monk?" – May 8, 2010

This email forward has a series of photos criticizing the role of pro-Thaksin monks who participated in the Red Shirt rallies. Below are some of the graphics included



Left: Young Dharma practitioner

Right: Big mafia



Top: Blessing soldiers
Bottom: Conquering soldiers



Left: has left lusts
Right: is encircled with lusts

ปลีกวิเวก



ไปวิเวก



Left: Isolating
Right: Joining the argument

แสงแห่งธรรม



ไฟแห่งกรรม

Top: Dharma light
Bottom:
Karmic fire/burning



Left: An unambitious life
Right: An despicable life



(Source: Thai email forward)

Thai email forwards: Clash on Vipahwahdee – May 1, 2010

This email forwards features an explanation of the clash on Vipahwahdee Road.

The above graphic reads:

1. The smoke occurs from here
2. The gun smoking is from here
3. The soldier was shot from this area
4. and 5. The vehicle of soldier overturned



Along with this email is a [shocking photo](#) (unclear who the photographer is – likely David Guttenfelder) of the soldier allegedly killed by the "tomato police." This means that the police support Thaksin and will actively fight against the present state to return his family to power by force.



(Source: Unknown – Forwarded photo from a Thai email forward)

Thai email forward: "Today's Ratchaprasong" – April 30, 2010

Above and below: Part of a series of many photos, apparently collected from many sources, being circulated via email attempting to show how country people are invading Rajprasong.



(Source: Unknown – Forwarded photo from a Thai email forward)



(Source: Thai email forward)

Thai email forwards: New gorilla – April 26, 2010

This latest Thai email forward shows a series of 7 photos featuring Red Shirt leader Jatuporn Prompan compared to gorilla photographs.

Thai email forwards: Maew Monte – April 17, 2010

FW: top hit music “Maew Monte—please turn your loudspeaker high for many to hear..this is enjoyable I have no idea who composed this song. My colleagues at BOT spread the message. The music is cool with pictures that show the scenery of seashore in Montenegro. Turn on your loudspeaker for listening. I think the CD of this music should be sold out fast if it is introduced.

Maew Monte song!!!

Fight brothers and sisters, this is request from Maew Monte

Residing close to the seashore in Montenegro

Sipping coffee cozily and having a big cake

Connecting with a video link to monitor Thailand, burning the homeland

Fighting for the Montenegro man through sunburn and rains

The man shows his children the Montenegro Island that he bought

An escaping fugitive, disgracing Thai court,

Today burning Thailand to destruction

The picture that shows red shirts who become weak and the picture of Thaksin holding

Hands with Pinthongta and cheerfully smile

The picture of the red shirts who bear the heat on the street

And Thaksin’s children–Oak and Parthongtarn stay happily in Montenegro

Fight! Brothers and sisters this is the request from a faraway man

Fight continuously for the man in Montenegro

No fear of sunburns and rains

Montenegro, my daughter and son are fine

Continue to fight, but my daughter and son are fine

Bear the sunburn, but my daughter and son are fine.
 Bear the sunburn, but my daughter and son are fine.
 Bear the sunburn, but my daughter and son are fine.
 You are to continue to be fools, my daughter and son are fine.



Thai email forwards: Rural buffalos – April 7, 2010

This cartoon (we do not know the date) from *Manager* has been widely circulated recently and cited as an example of urban derision of rural people.

From *Manager*, The Cartoon Obamark , by Bancha/Kamin

It reads: The Bangkok traffic regulations

Left: Monday-Friday for cars

Right: Saturday-Sunday for buffalos



For their part, the Red Shirts seem to relish their rural and unpolished country image.

From *Truth Today*, April 2-6, 2010

The caption reads: Abhisit... a heel!!!



Thai email forwards: 100 baht note – March 31, 2010

We are not sure

if this is really a new note or just a commemorative one, but the email includes the message:

100 baht – The bank will soon issue the most beautiful one

Update: This is apparently a [commemorative note from 2004](#)

What happens if your Gmail gets hacked – March 23, 2010

This is the scam email that most often goes out from your Gmail account if the account access is compromised:

Hello,

How are you doing? Hope all is well with you and family, I know this might be a surprise to you but I am sorry I didn't inform you about my traveling to England for a Seminar.

I need a favor from you because I misplaced my wallet on my way to the hotel, my money and other valuables are gone including my credit cards. I will like you to assist me with an urgent loan of \$2800 U.S dollars to sort-out my hotel bills and get myself back home. This is one favor I will always show gratitude throughout my lifetime.

I will appreciate whatever you can afford to help me with and I promise to refund the money as soon as I return home. Please do this for me and I will be grateful.

You will help me send the money through Western union, I have my passport to prove my identity.

Here are the details to send the money:

Receiver's Name: XXX

Address: 163 Marsh Wall

London, E14 9SJ, England

kindly help me to make the transfer as soon as you receive this email and once you have it sent, send me the transfer control number with the Receipt used in sending it.

Thanking you

Thai email forwards: Please note and circulate... Do not turn on A/C immediately as soon as you enter the car! – March 20, 2010

As we noted someone is translating all the hoary urban legends into Thai and circulating them. This week it is the [Benzene Warning](#): *Please open the windows after you enter your car and do not turn ON the air-conditioning immediately. According to a research done, the car dashboard, sofa, air freshener emits Benzene, a Cancer causing toxin (carcinogen- take note of the heated plastic smell in your car). In addition to causing cancer, it poisons your bones, causes anemia, and reduces white blood cells. Prolonged exposure will cause Leukemia, increasing the risk of cancer may also cause miscarriage...*

Thai email forwards: Beware March 18 – March 18, 2010

A scare-mongering Thai-language email being widely forward this week:

Subject: FW: breaking news!!!!

Care for each other and do not neglect this.

12-14 was nothing to worry much. But the real day is actually March 18.

They are waiting to gang up on the people for sure. This news came from a lady who is a parent .

...definitely the three pals are seeking to revenge. For importantly because the USA will blacklist Thaksin as a terrorist.

Do not leave home during the night in the evening.



(Source: Thai email forward)

Thai email forwards:

"Beware!!!! Red and yellow are now on the way to fight!" – March 16, 2010

This email forward shows some Japanese graphics of red and yellow superheroes approaching with the subject line warning: "Beware!!!! Red and yellow are now on the way to fight."

After one scrolls down, it says "and then" next to the photo to the right.



(Source: Thai email forward)



(Source: Thai email forward)

Thai emails forwards: Father – February 19, 2010

The words read: Father says... any self-creation or nation building takes time and perseverance.

Father says to be patient... Be patient...and never fail to make good things

Thai email forwards: DEADLY WINGS !! – February 13, 2010

Chicken Wings – Its Dangerous

Avoid eating chicken wings frequently – ladies, especially; a true story...!

A friend of mine recently had a growth in her womb and she underwent an operation to remove the.

The cyst removed was filled with a dark colored blood. She thought that she would be recovered after the surgery but! She was terribly wrong...



(Source: Thai email forwards)

Thai email forwards: For our father – January 22, 2010

According to this email forward, this billboard is somewhere along Bangna-Trad expressway and reads: This life can't go anywhere.

For our father – Please let's have our country move on



(Source: Thai email forwards)

Thai email forwards: Falling under the Skytrain – January 22, 2010

This email forward contains a series of 12 screen shots showing a lady falling under the Skytrain [earlier this week](#) and the aftermath.



(Source: Thai email forward)

Thai email forwards: Odd man out – December 30, 2009

Students from Suan Kulaap Vitayalai School on sports day created a series of [card stunt](#) images. Above is Hun Sen and Thaksin with Abhisit being pushed away. Below is Newin and Abhisit with Thaksin being pushed away.



(Source: Thai email forward)

Thai email forwards: Variants on the Que sera sera ad – October 14, 2009

More on the super cute Thai commercial, [‘Que Sera Sera.’](#): This email forward based on the song from the ad that parodies the lack of salary increases and bonuses this year:

Que sera sera (music from the Thai insurance ads) music for people to eat salary.

Que sera sera

When I was a just a little staff

I asked Ma-nager what will I be

Will “salary up”

Will I be rich

Here’s what she(he) said to me

Que sera sera

Salary will not increase!!

The Future’s not ours to see.....

Que Sera Sera

When I was a just a little staff

I asked Ma-nager what will I be

Will “bonus better”

Will I be rich

Here’s what she(he) said to me

Que sera sera

The bonus may not be paid!!!!

The Future’s not ours to see.....

She(he) says "Sorry" to me

just for fun and making you laugh 😊

Earlier: [Steve](#) points out that the Thai commercial, [‘Que Sera Sera,’](#) was voted [one of the best tv commercials](#) on YouTube.



(Source: Thai email forward)

Thai email forwards: Weera – September, 2009

This email points out a past incident involving one of the Red Shirt leaders, Weera Musikapong.

It reads: *The source revealed the event when Weera Musikapong was reading his speech requesting HM King's amnesty after the alleged lese majeste case in front of HM King's picture at the parliament in August, 1986. His remission was royally granted on July 23, 1988...*

Thai email forwards: [People warned against forwarding PM's doctored audio clip](#) – *The Nation*, August 31, 2009

...He said anyone was caught forwarding the clip could be arrested and subject to one year imprisonment and Bt500,000 fine...

Thai email forwards: "How to prevent stones thrown into your cars" – August 8, 2009

A phenomenon over the past decade has been the spate of stones thrown into car windshields from overpasses or from motorcycles. Sometimes these events have resulted in the death of the driver. Starting around Ayuthaya, the stone throwing has recently moved into Bangkok around the Klong Toey area and in front of Queen Sirikit Convention Center. Here is an Thai email forward giving advice about the attacks:

At present, there is news of gangs throwing stones into cars on highways in Thailand with an increasing rate almost every day. As we care for your safety, please take our advice when you drive.

1. If you can afford, have a transparent type car film placed on your car's wind shield. Besides reducing heat, it will help absorb the

impact of any flying object.

2. Most of the cases occurred at night on dark highways. If you have to use such roads, pop up your car's high beam (when appropriate) to scan out for any bike coming to you from the front. Because the gangs often use bikes coming to you from the opposite direction and don't show up their lights. Your high beam will help you spot the bikes and also will blur their eyes. And you should not be driving at high speed in this circumstance. Beware every curve you take, the gangs often pop up from road curves and hit you with a surprise attack.

3. If you spot an incoming bike, reduce your speed to 40-60 km (also give cars behind you a signal that you're slowing down), the lower speed the lower velocity of the rock when it hits you. Depending on the traffic condition, change to a far side lane away from the bike.

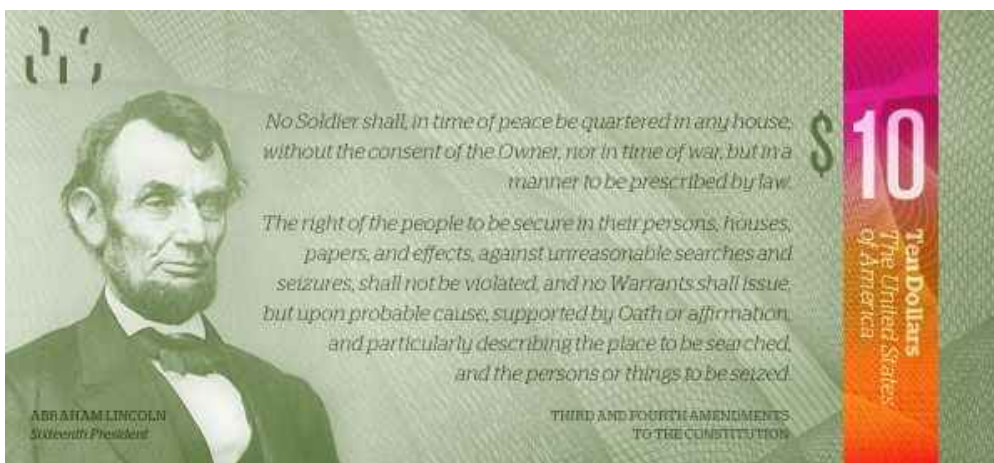
4 If you get hit, do not panic, do not pull over or do not stop at the spot, the gangs may come to rob you at the scene. You must try to control your car and drive slowly to a safe place and ask for help.



Thai email forwards: Euro-style US money – August 1, 2009

We are not sure where these came from, but this is one in a series of purported new designs for US currency being circulated by email. It does not seem likely these are real designs, but designs based on European-style currency design.

Update: These are designs by [Michael Tyznik](#) from the amazing [Dollar Redesign Project](#)





Thai email forwards: More urban legends – July 14, 2009

From part of the email translated into Thai: *DO YOU KNOW? Coke+Ajinomoto Can be Used to Rape Ladies...*

It seems that someone is lovingly translating all of these urban legends into Thai. Thanks to Nils for pointing this out.



(Photo sent in an email forward)

Thai email forwards: Nothing is impossible –

June 26, 2009

From a Thai email forward:

Nothing is impossible in life.... see

ไม่มีอะไรที่เป็นไปไม่ได้ ดูลี

21 yrs back in his grandma's place..?

21 ปีที่แล้ว ที่บ้านย่าของเขา

From one of the poorest family's chair to the most powerful chair in the world.

จากเก้าอี้ของครอบครัวที่จนที่สุดไปเป็นเก้าอี้ที่มีอำนาจมากที่สุดในโลก

Attitude leads person to any destiny. keep on moving

ทัศนคติ ชี้นำเส้นทางชีวิต จงก้าวต่อไป

OBAMA

O – Originally โดยกำเนิด

B – Born in เกิดใน

A – Africa to แอฟริกา ไป

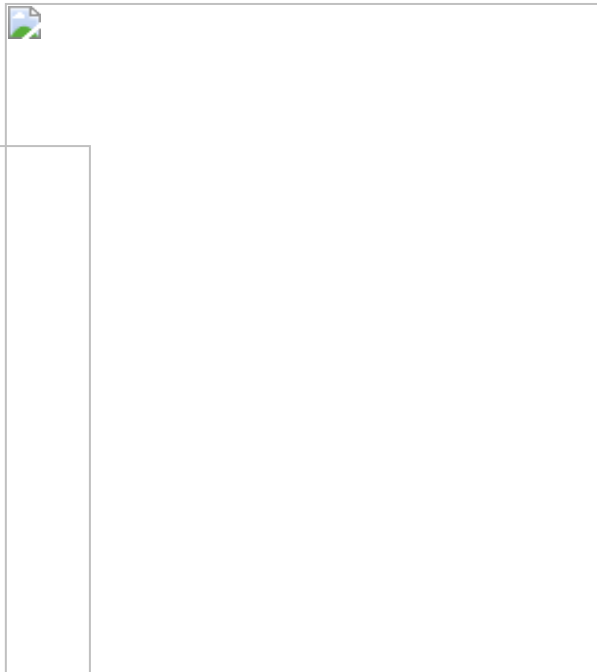
M – Manage บริหาร

A – America อเมริกา



(Photo sent in an email forward)

Also: [Obama election front pages in the Thai-language press](#)



Romance of the 3 Kingdoms Thai-style – June 16, 2009

There are several email forwards going around these days equating the figures in the current political soap opera to TV and movie dramas. An earlier example was [Harry Potter and the Red Blood Prince](#). This one is from "Sam Kok" or the Romance of Three Kingdoms. These are just three of a whole range of characters linked to actual political figures.

The email forward reads:
Today we proudly present “Sam Kok”, Thai version. See which characters belong to each other.

Above: “Cao Cao” –

Thaksin = Cao Cao who is wise in all knowledge, but trapped in power, authoritative –

Motto: “betray the whole world but never be betrayed”



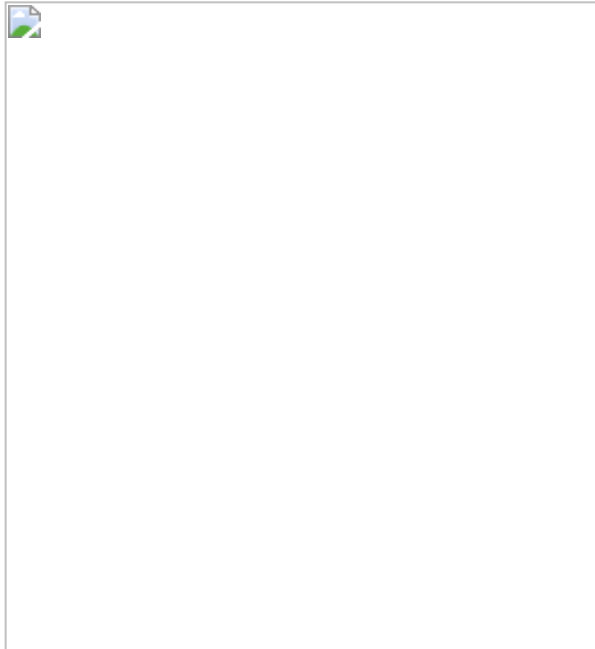
Left and above: Liu Bei (in Thai, Li Po) –

Newin= Li Po, the great talented soldier who never loses, but lacks honesty and betrays his master – he was criticized by another great fighter “Zhang Fei” as “the man of 3 fathers”



Above: Yuan Shao –

Samak = Yuan Shao – He once processed greatness in the land, but without ability to lead the administration and holding tight to his honor and titles and not caring about others’ comments, he himself failed and fell from the powerful position



Thai email forwards: Quantum pendants – June 6, 2009

It reads:

The Quantum pendants-the healing power for future world

The usage of the pendants is by wearing it and the pendants' healing power will promote cell balance in human body. The "schelar" power from the pendant is natural healing power, discovered by Dr. Lee Kenny, who received national Science award from NASA and Dr. Tom Bearden, the schelar expert from USA.

Users' satisfaction guaranteed by money return within 14 days

Health benefits such as increasing life energy, enhancing immune system, enhancing musculature ability, protecting DNA from being damaged, preventing electro-magnetic waves from affecting one's health, increasing oxygen in blood circulation, provided that users have belief in the power of the Schelar energy.

More information please click <http://quantum.o2blog.com/> and <http://fusionexcel.com/>

Thai email forwards: "Tsunami hitting on July 22nd" – May 20, 2009

Email forward in THai and English being circulated now: *"Hello there. I just wanted 2 let you know that please stay away from the beaches all around in the month of July. There is a prediction that there will be another tsunami hitting on July 22nd. It is also when there will be sun eclipse. Predicted that it is going 2 be really bad and countries like Malaysia (Sabah & Sarawak), Singapore, Maldives, Australia, Mauritius, Si Lanka, India, Indonesia, Philippines are going 2 be badly hit. Please try and stay away from the beaches in July. Better 2 be safe than sorry. Please pass the word around. Please also pray for all beings."*

Thai email forwards: Old joke – April 25, 2009

Joke in English being forwarded:

Pinocchio, Snow White, and Superman are out for a stroll in town one day.

As they walked, they come across a sign:

"Beauty contest for the most beautiful woman in the world."

"I am entering!" said Snow White.

After half an hour she comes out and they ask her, “Well, how’d ya do?”

“First Place!,” said Snow White.

They continue walking and they see a sign:

“Contest for the strongest man in the world.”

“I’m entering,” says Superman.

After half an hour, he returns and they ask him, “How did you make out?”

“First Place,” answers Superman. “Did you ever doubt?”

They continue walking when they see a sign:

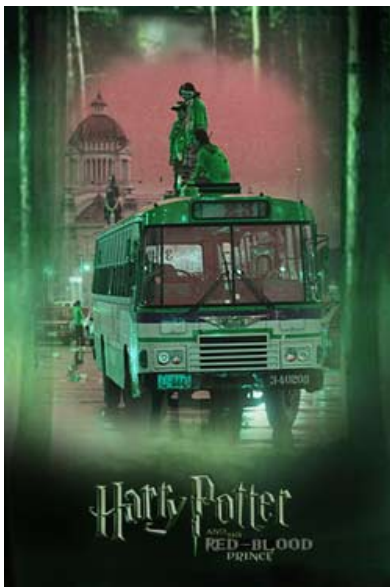
“Contest! Who is the greatest liar in the world?”

Pinocchio enters.

After half an hour he returns with tears in his eyes.

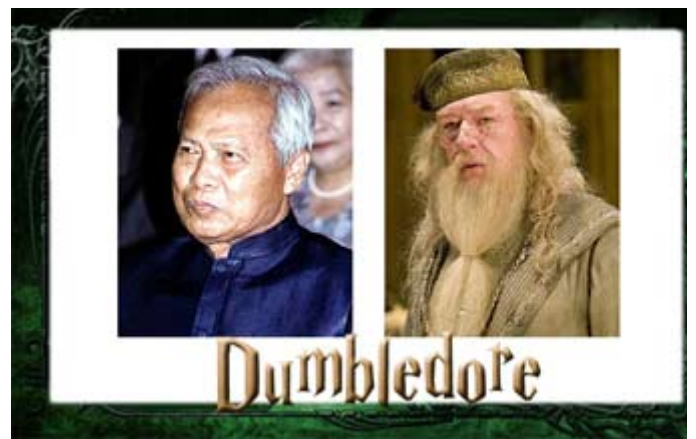
“What happened?” they asked.

“Who the hell is Thaksin?” asked Pinocchio.



Thai email forwards: Harry Potter and the Red Blood Prince – April 24, 2009

These are part of a whole series that also includes Jakrapob Penkair as Bellatrix Lestrage...



ATM skimming – March 21, 2009

These photos have been circulating for awhile and started going around again last week when ATM skimming was big news in the Thai-language press.





Thai email forwards: Dream State – February 27, 2009

The latest Thai email forward is a 2002 [Time magazine article](#) describing an Islamic "Dream State" in Southeast Asia. It includes a Thai explanation in typical panicked tones. The subject line in Thai reads: Shocking Time magazine – new state from Thailand – stop the split



Thai email forwards: GoogleSiam? – February 10, 2009

Odd Thai-language email forward that directs readers to [GoogleSiam](#).

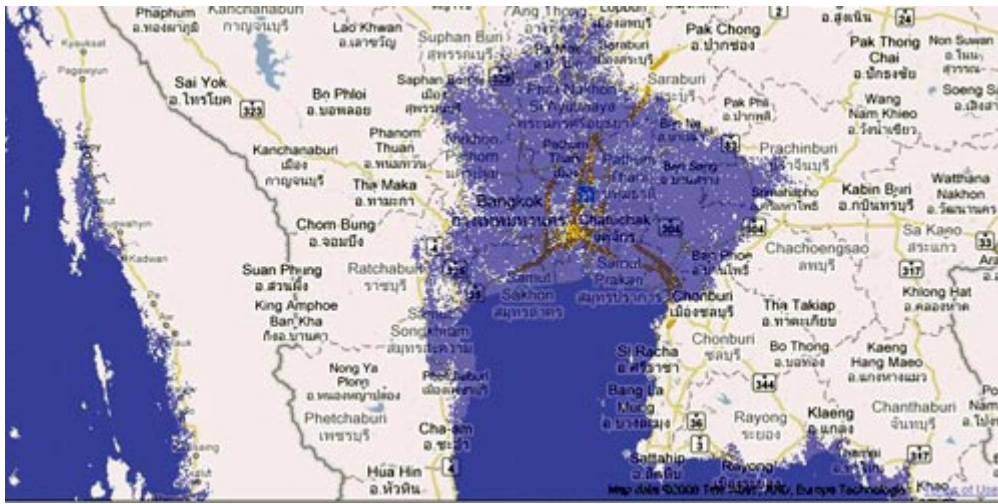
It reads: *Fwd:Sharing Google version Siam Valentine style included*

I have just been introduced to the GoogleSiam. It is very cool. In my opinion, I think it is the special Google for Thais in deed, both its appearance and function. I would like to introduce you guys for trial

Log into it here.. Valentine style included

<http://about.googlesiam.com/>

If I find something good, I will hurriedly bring it to share to you. When you guys log into the website, don't forget to forward to your friends and others. Do not keep it alone. Our Thai society has good things and we should share. Wish you great happiness on Valentine ^^



Thai email forwards: Bangkok Waterworld – November 15, 2008

Above is one of a series of graphics being circulated by email explaining the coming "Bangkok Waterworld." During the late 1990s, a similar rumor circulated and resulted in many celebrities allegedly buying property in the Chiang Mai area to escape the future flooding.

W: Mail จาก ธนาคารกรุงเทพ

Recession is coming... Reminder to all my friends

Recession is coming make your own judgment, don't panic !! Do what is wise.

ความตกต่ำทางเศรษฐกิจกำลังเริ่มต้น... กรุณาคิดด้วยใจด้วยความระมัดระวัง แต่อย่าตระหนกตกใจ!! พยายามดำเนินชีวิตไปตามปกติเท่าที่จะทำได้

The recession looks very eminent. It is really time to take pro active steps to avoid a painful time in the next two years which is how long the economic downturn will last. ดังนั้นเราจึงควรเริ่มต้นรับมือเสียแต่เนิ่นๆ เพื่อหลีกเลี่ยงความเจ็บปวดที่คาดว่าจะเป็นอย่างถึง 2

Suggestions:
ข้อเสนอแนะ

1. Don't take any loans; buy homes, properties with loans, or even cash. Keep as much cash as possible.
อย่าดำเนินการใดเกี่ยวกับการกู้ยืม เช่น การซื้อบ้าน หรือที่ดิน หรือการกู้เงินสินเชื่อกับธนาคาร พยายามถือเงินสดไว้ให้มากที่สุดเท่าที่จะทำได้
2. Pay off as much of personal loans, private loans, as debt collection will be hastened.
จ่ายคืนเงินกู้ส่วนบุคคล หรือเงินกู้เอกชนต่างๆ ให้มากที่สุด เพราะการตามเก็บหนี้สินจะเร่งรัดอย่างมาก
3. Sell any stocks you can even at lower prices.
ขายหุ้นใดที่มีอยู่ออกไป แม้ว่าจะได้ราคาต่ำกว่าราคาหุ้น
4. Take money off from Trust Funds.
ถอนเงินสดออกจากกองทุนเงินฝากต่างๆ
5. Don't believe in huge sales forecast from customers, be extremely prudent, lowest inventories, reduce liabilities.
อย่าเชื่อถือในคำทำนายเกี่ยวกับยอดขายจากลูกค้า แต่ต้องสุ่มรอบคอบ พยายามลดสินค้าคงคลังให้ต่ำที่สุด และลดหนี้สินลง
6. Don't invest in new capital.
อย่าลงทุนในทรัพย์สินใหม่

Thai email forwards: Recession is coming – October 4, 2008

This email forward warning about the coming recession has been going around this week.



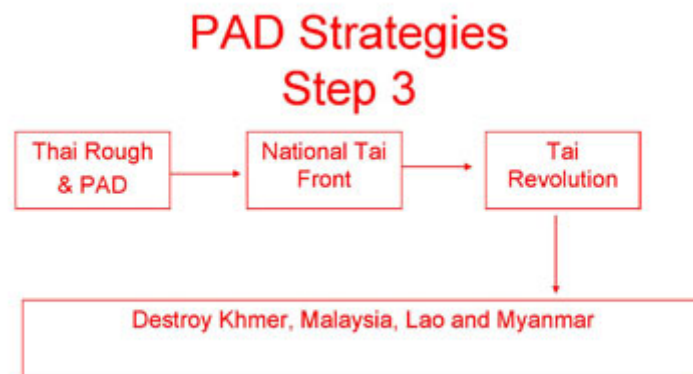
รายนี้นับเป็น 1000 ปลอมระบาดหนักมาก!! **ระวัง** หมายเลขบนเลขจะขึ้นต้นด้วย **8A** XXXX
หรือท้ายด้วย **1616** กับ **1617** ระวังโดนจับด้วยนะครับ L. ระวังโดนจับด้วย

Thai email forwards – September, 2008

It reads: Showing a fake 1000 note which is common now. You can check by seeing the number which will

start from 8A and then finish with the number
1616 or 1617.

So you need to doublecheck whenever you receive 1000 baht from somebody.



Thai email forwards: Secret PAD plan – September 9, 2008

From an alleged "PAD supporter," a Power Point presentation going around detailing plans for a new "Tai" empire.



Email forwards – September 6, 2008

This email forward has been going around since July. It points out PM Samak's attitude during a parliamentary debate where he could not resist showing his disinterest in the proceedings by folding a paper crane.

It reads:

Let's take a glance at what Prime Minister Samak does while participating in the Parliament debate!

1. Fold up paper for the base
2. Make the body for the bird
3. Do the wings
4. Put eye dots
5. Make the stand
6. Attach to the base
7. Check for tidiness
8. Install crane for display

9. Enjoy!

“Our country...”



Dangerous phone number – August 25, 2008

Urgent announcement from CAT – We are prohibited

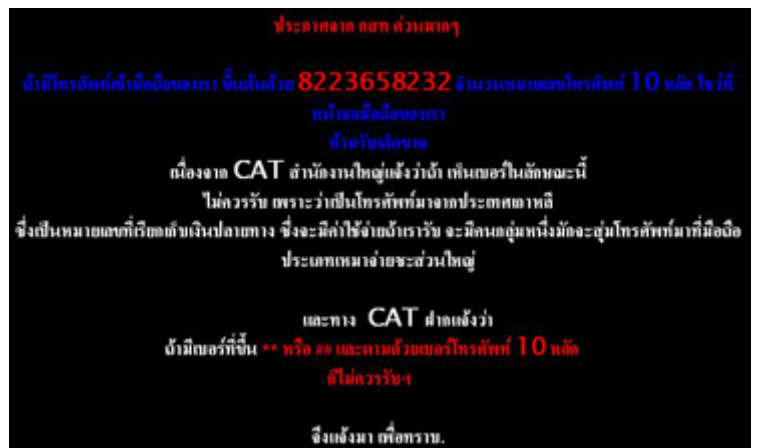
to answer a call from a phone number beginning with the ten-digit 8223658232.

CAT Headquarters says that people should not receive a call from such number as it is a reverse charge call from Korea.

We will have to pay the charge if we receive the call. There are some groups which randomly call to the numbers with a monthly payment package.

*In addition, CAT would like to inform that we also should not receive a call starting with either ** or ## and followed by a ten-digit number.*

Please be informed



"Intellectual property rights" scam email – July 26, 2008

Note this clever scam email going around now:

Subject: RE:angkor-Intellectual property rights (TO CEO)

Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 21:46:21 +0800

From: lance chen <lance.chen@asiadns.net.cn>

To: info <info@angkor.com>

Dear CEO,

We are a domain name registrar centre in HongKong, and in charge of the registration in Asia. We have something important need to confirm with your company.

We received a formal application from a company called "Brons Investment Corp" applying to register Internet trademark : angkor

Domain names:

angkor.asia

angkor.sg

angkor.com.tw
angkor.hk
angkor.in
angkor.kr
angkor.tw

on July 24, 2008. During our auditing procedure we find out that the alleged "Brons Investment Corp" has no trade mark, Intellectual property, nor patent even similar to that word. as an authoritative registration organization, we have the duty to inform you this matter. If you do not know this company, we doubt that they have other aims to buy these domain names. Now we have not finished the registration of Brons Investment Corp yet, in order to deal with this issue better, please let someone who is responsible for trademark or domain name contact me as soon as possible...

This scam has been [documented in several places](#).



(Photo: Email forward)

Thai email forwards – July 18, 2008

From a forwarded email: *PAD in Phitsanulok province has a meeting and agrees to join PAD in Bangkok on this Saturday.*



(Photo: email forward)

Thai email forwards: Car cut in half – June 2008



(Photo: email forward)

Thai emails forwards: Join the PAD protest
– June 20, 2008

From: News Update
 Date: Friday, June 20, 2008 9:54
 To: update22@yahoo.com
 Subject: "ศุภกิจ" ไปท่องเที่ยวในประเทศไทย, คาซัคสถานกว่าล้าน ของเรจิน, ไคร่ จัก ซาดี ศาสน์ กษัตริย์ เป้าหมายหรือมุกทำเนียบศุภกิจ

ผมได้เขียนบางคนชอบพูดว่า

"ใครบริหารประเทศ มันก็เหมือนกัน โกงทั้งนั้น หรือ ฉันทออยู่ตรงกลาง เป็นกลาง เพราะมันทำให้ฉันรู้สึกดี ฉันรู้สึก
 ใจพวกที่มีเด็กอย่าง

การเลือกก็เลยเลือกกลางๆไปวันวันก็ดีกว่า อย่างเช่นเลือกเป็น เพราะวันๆมันเลือกกลางๆดีกว่า "ไว้ใจบ้าง ไม่ไว้ใจบ้าง" ของคนอย่างเรา

This email going around encourages people to join the PAD rally. The writer said he chose the middle way before, but for this situation he rethinks and reconsiders what happened in Thailand such as PPP as nominee of TRT, Jakrapob lese majesty case, or the case of Noppadon for the map of Khao Preah Vihear, Cambodia. Thus he decides he must come out and choose the way with the PAD.



Thai emails forwards – May 29, 2008
 It reads: (Pointing that the flag photo) This is not suitable.
 (Pointing at the doormat) This one is more suitable.



(Source: Email forward)

Thai email forwards – May 21, 2008

In the last couple of weeks there has been quite a bit of Anti-Thaksin emails going around in the same way these types of mails went around at the height of the PAD rallies in 2006—except that this time they are also in English.

Above is one of a series of photos of Thaksin and other football fans in England wearing Thai-flag themed scarves—the point being this somehow proves Thaksin thinks he owns Thailand.

Below is a snippet from an article being circulated in Thai and English about the photos of the Thai flag displayed at the Manchester City match with Thaksin's name on it. Very often sentiments like this can strike a cord in the Thai-language world, but sound more odd when translated into English.

As with the issue of people not standing for the Royal Anthem in movie theaters, it is often stated in these email forwards that these issues too important to be dealt with peacefully.

An Evidence Record: "Accountability" Has Been Missing from Thai Government Dictionary – "THAKSIN" on Thai Flag Displayed in Thaksin's Football Match: "We Do not Know Yet Who Did It"! –

Luksna Kornsilpa,

May 16, 2008

To have one's name on something is a means to indicate ownership.

Flag is an international symbol of an independent nation.

To have the name "THAKSIN" on Thai flag can then signify that Thaksin owns the Thai nation. To be owned is to be slave (see Longman's dictionary), To put the name on the Thai flag and to display it in public can be a means to announce that the Thai nation are Thaksin's slave.

That is too serious for the whole nation to accommodate in peace...



Thai email forwards: "Coyote" – January 28, 2008

Circulating this week are animated gifs with political figures' head on coyote dancers' bodies. Here is Banharn (right). Others in the set are Thaksin and Samak.

Thai email forwards: "Drinking Cold Water Causes Cancer" – December 19, 2007

Some one has helpfully translated the [urban legend](#) into Thai:

EFFECTS OF COLD WATER – It will slow down the digestion. Once this 'sludge' reacts with the acid, it will break down and be absorbed by the intestine faster than the solid food. It will line the intestine. Very soon, this will turn into fats and lead to cancer. It is best to drink hot soup or warm water after a meal.

ซึ่งจะส่งผลให้การย่อยอาหารช้าลง

ถ้ากราบไขมันเหล่านี้ไปทำปฏิกิริยากับกรด มันจะแตกตัวแล้วจะถูกดูดซึมไปที่ลำไส้

ไขมันที่แตกตัวนี้จะดูดซึมได้เร็วกว่าอาหารทั่วไป

แล้วก็จะเริ่มเคลือบลำไส้ของเราไว้ (ด้านใน) ในไม่ช้า

มันก็จะแปรสภาพเป็นไขมันก้อนๆ และเป็นบ่อเกิดของมะเร็งในที่สุด ดังนั้น

ควรดื่มน้ำอุ่นหลังอาหารดีกว่า



Thai email forwards: Thailand and London – December 7, 2007

This email with the subject line "Thailand and London" is being forwarded around...

It starts out with Thaksin saying "So..... I will come back to cheat the nation again" and continues with a number of contrasting photos, such as " House in Chaingrai – House in London" (above) and "Partner in Surin – Partner in London" (below). It ends with a photo of Thaksin in a football stadium saying " Don't worry about me, I am fine here.... Vote for my party a lot and then I will be back."



Thai email forwards: Admonition – November 3, 2007

In the latest round of Thai email forwards, this Photoshopped graphic of Professor Sunee Sintudecha accompanies photos of Thai celebrities having sex and other salacious topics.

The card reads: It is better to find something creative .

Subject: [Fwd: Fw: Cooking instant noodleวิธีต้มบะหมี่สำเร็จรูปที่ถูกต้อง]

This is the WRONG method of cooking the instant noodles.

ซึ่งเป็นวิธีที่ผิด

By doing this, when we actually boil the ingredients in the powder, normally with MSG, it will change the molecular structures of the

การใส่เครื่องปรุงในน้ำและต้มจนเดือด จะทำให้ผงชูรสเปลี่ยนเป็นสารพิษ

MSG causing it to be toxic. The other thing that you may or may not realized is that, the noodles are coated with wax and it will take around 4

ดังนั้นเส้นบะหมี่สำเร็จรูปซึ่งเคลือบด้วย wax ผสมผงชูรส ก็จะกลายสภาพเป็นสารพิษเมื่อต้มในน้ำเดือด

to 5 days for the body to excrete the wax after you have taken the noodles.

ซึ่งร่างกายต้องใช้เวลา 4 - 5 วันในการขับ wax ผสมผงชูรสซึ่งกลายสภาพเป็นสารพิษนี้ออกจากร่างกาย

Thai email forwards –

April 25, 2007

Above is an email urban legend going around. Someone has been helpful enough to translate it into Thai. More about the urban legend is [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).



Thai email forwards: Cute animals –

January 27, 2007

Above: A series of photos showing a dog riding on the back of the motorcycle. Someone added "Help, help. I feel funny. I am frustrated."

Left: A series of photos showing the main characters from a Japanese television show being shown on Channel 9: Pan & Jame Kug



Thai email forwards: 2Bangkok history – December 6, 2006
Currently circulating are a series of photos from 2Bangkok.com illustrating Bangkok in "1958-1964."



Thai email forwards: Lonely boy – November 18, 2006

Last week a series of photos of Thaksin in London have been featured in the Thai press and widely circulated via email.



["Urgent news Taksin acting in other person to come back to thailand n hard to tell it is him!!!!"](#) – October 7, 2006

[Siam beheadings](#) –
 September 27, 2006
 Probably in Sanam Luang?



Thai email forwards: Urban legends – September 14, 2006



Thai Email forwards: ["The Ultimate Thai Police"](#) – August 10, 2006

Thai email forwards: Maximizing salad – August 5, 2006



Thai email forwards: Old ads – July 17, 2006
Download the zip file ([512kb](#))



(Source: Unknown)

Behind The King – July 7, 2006

More candid photos from the June 9 Royal event. Photos: [1](#), [2](#), [3](#),
[4](#), [5](#), [6](#)

Super Maew! – July
1, 2006

Thaksin fans can download their [Super
Maew wallpaper](#) (622kb)

Earlier: [Superman stops
the Skytrain!](#)



(Source: Unknown)



(Photo: Email forward)



(Photo: Email forward)

The King's 80th
– June 23, 2006

The latest email forward is a series of photos of shirts for the King's 80th birthday in 2007.



SMS spam – June 21, 2006

Possibly even worse than spam is SMS spam. From the email we have been receiving we know that several companies are offering to SMS spam Thai mobile phones. We will not help them by mentioning their sites, but will poke fun at their anguished English (below).





(Photo: unknown)

Thai email forwards: Procession photos –
June 24, 2006

Also: [News on the 60th anniversary of the King's accession to the throne](#)



(Photo: suriya E.)



(Photo: suriya E.)



(Photo: unknown)

Thai email forwards: Candid photos of the royals –
 June 14, 2006
 Some charming photos ([130kb zip file](#))
 of the June 9, 2006 appearance of the Thai royals.



Thai email forwards: 1980's Thailand
 – May 25, 2006

Currently being forwarded are a series of scans (from
 what magazine?)
 of Thai pop culture in the 1980s. Here are [all](#)
[the photos zipped](#) (609kb)



Thai email forwards: Cool fever monster –
May 25, 2006

Above is one of a series of Photoshopped images being circulated featuring the cool fever pads that mysteriously appeared in the northeast several weeks ago.



Thai email forwards

– May 5, 2006

Above is the latest email forward going around. It is another version of the [mermaid hoax](#).

From: ourbelovedking@yahoo.com To: Thai
Subject: ท่าน...คนที่จะไปไว้ในโรงเรือนที่คนเขาทำมันมัน (คืออ่าน(เทศน์))

We had posted 5-6 days ago that he will not resign soon because he and his family not yet receive money 73,000 MB. from Temasek .To Comply with the agreement Singapore will pay when the politic,social and economic situations should be smoothy including some conditions the cabinet need to commit to give more benefits for this deal.
Taksin will not resign before he and his family receive the money so he need to do comply with the agreement and conditions first and after they receive money they will quit to LONDON.
We suggest to SHIN ,ITV,SATTEL,SCADVANCE shareholders that you should ask to set the shareholder meeting and ask for the details and conditions of the agreement so you will know more on this family try to sell your mother land or not and what will be happen after Singapore manage all of company ,Singapore never care on THAI norm,culture and spirit ,they invest for profit but this deal will impact the secure of your country.Singapore will know THAI movement ,conduct your people by using telecommunication and TV ,you will loose your identity and change to Singapore format especially the staffs in these companies they will be changed to Singapore style for a little bit cash from salary.
Finally, we hope you will see your future life ,mother land and people from this deal .

GOOD LUCK
Singapore in THAILAND

Thai email forwards: The concerted campaign

– February 13, 2006

For over a month now a series of anti-Thaksin emails have been going out from email addresses such as get-out@toxin.net, 19buffalo@taksin.net, and notaksin@thailand.org. Mainly they are reiterating Thaksin's past scandals and reminding readers of the totality of the "crimes" of the government. This weekend the emails started coming in English too.

>Subject: [Fwd: FW: FW: ลองอ่านดู...แต่ให้ใช้วิจารณญาณพิจารณากันด้วยนะครับ]
>Date: Fri, 9 Dec 2005 13:39:06 +0700 (ICT)
>Subject: FW: FW: ลองอ่านดู...แต่ให้ใช้วิจารณญาณพิจารณากันด้วยนะครับ
>
>เรื่อง : ปี 2553 จุดจบประเทศไทย.....ถ้ายังเป็นคนไทยอยู่ช่วยอ่านด้วย
> เรื่องนี้คนไทยทุกคนควรที่จะได้รู้.....ประเทศต่าง ๆ ในโลกนี้มีเกิด
> มีดับตลอด เวลา.....ประเทศไทยก็ไม่พ้นวิญญูนี้เช่นกัน
> สืบเนื่องจากการบรรยายของคุณนิติภูมิ ซึ่งเป็นสื่อมวลชน จบการศึกษามาจากมหาวิทยาลัย
> ลัมมอสโค ซึ่งเป็นสถาบันที่สถาปนาขึ้นเพื่อสร้างภูมิปัญญาแห่งครองโลกใน
> สมัยหนึ่ง เมื่อหลายปีก่อนคุณนิติภูมิ ได้ทำนายไว้ว่า
> ประเทศไทยในอีก ๕๐ ปีข้างหน้า จะเป็น 6-14 ประเทศ ซึ่งในตอนนั้น
> นักวิทยาศาสตร์ในมหาวิทยาลัยต่าง ๆ ทั่วราชอาณาจักร กระนั้น แต่ต่อมาพอปี 2542
> เหตุการณ์เริ่มเป็นจริง! ประเทศไทยได้เริ่มแตก เป็น ติมอร์
> แลชตอนนั้นก็กำลังจะเกิดประเทศอาเซียน และอีกหลายประเทศที่จะเกิดตามมา

Thai email forwards: "2553-The end of Thailand" – December 20, 2005

This Thai-language email forward that is a grab-bag of patriotic Thai fears—privitization, being exposed to competition, GMO foods, foreigners owning Thai land, etc.

Summary: 2553 (2010) could be the end of Thailand.
This is an issue that every Thai people should know.
This is according to the Nitipoom Naowarat's lecture. He works as a reporter and graduated from Moscow University. He does not agree with privatization of state assets. The writer of the email read Nitipoom's column in Thairath and checked his forecasts said that his predictions came true.
Nitipoom predicted that Indonesian would separate into 6-14 countries. In 1999 Indonesian split into Timor and maybe in the future will split into Aceh.
The email goes on to explain that people worry about the future

of Thailand that may be in crisis because of economic crisis,
 high cost of living, and privatization. Many things, such as
 land, may end up in foreigners' hands.
 GATT and WHO will be in effect in 2553 (2010) and this means
 products will come to Thailand. People will order rice from
 Vietnam and garlic from the China and Longan from Korea. In
 10 years Thai rice may be destroyed by GMO. How can Thai people
 survive?
 In the year 2000 Nitipoom predicted that Thailand would split
 into several countries.
 If the poor cannot survive, the state will not survive. It could
 mean the four provinces in the south may be separated.



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Above: Nitipoom's campaign poster from the 2004 Bangkok Governor election – His website is [here](http://www.nitipoom.com).



Thai email forwards: *Manager* spoof ads – December 17, 2005
[Wmv file](#) (4.70MB)
 of *Manager*'s spoof of government television advertisements.

Thai emails forwards
 – November 21, 2005
 You will likely find this email in your inbox this morning if
 your address or website is related to Thailand. It is a link to
 various methods of finding content from *Manager* including
 a link to the *Manager*'s pledge to "return the mandate of country's ruling back to the King"

From: PledgeForm
 Date: Friday, November 18, 2005 16:51
 To:
 Subject: ถ้าชาติใดรักในหลวงและแผ่นดินไทย กรุณาลงนามที่นี่

* แบบฟอร์มลงชื่อ เพื่อถวายสัตย์ปฏิญาณ ร่วมต่อสู้เพื่อถวายคืนพระราชอำนาจ
 หมายเหตุ: เมื่อลงชื่อเสร็จแล้ว กรุณารวบรวมรายชื่อทั้งหมดแล้วส่งมาที่

* หนังสือพิมพ์ผู้จัดการ
 เลขที่ 102/1 บ้านพระอาทิตย์ อ.พระอาทิตย์ แขวงชนะสงคราม
 เขตพระนคร กรุงเทพฯ 10200
 โทรศัพท์ 02-629-4488
 (กราบบอกพระคุณเพื่อให้ความร่วมมือเป็นอย่างสูงมา ณ ที่นี้ด้วย)

* ท่านสามารถ Print แบบฟอร์มลงชื่อได้จาก
<http://www.manager.co.th/Home/images/pledge.pdf>

"ช่วยกันจุดเทียนแห่งปัญญา ขับไล่ภัยมืดให้หมดไปจากประเทศไทย
 ร่วมกันใส่เสื้อเหลือง (เราขอร้องเพื่อในหลวง) สำนแดงพลังบริสุทธิ์"

ความจริงที่รัฐบาลไม่บอกฟัง
 คำถามที่รัฐบาลไม่กล้าตอบ
 แต่ประชาชนมีสิทธิที่จะรับรู้

..ติดอาวุธความคิด จุดไฟปัญญา...

* ขอเรียนเชิญพ่อแม่พี่น้องประชาชนเข้าร่วมชม รายการเมืองไทยรายสัปดาห์สัปดาห์ที่ 9
 วันศุกร์ที่ 18 พฤศจิกายน 2548 ณ เวทีลีลาศ สวนลุมพินี กรุงเทพฯ (เริ่มตั้งแต่เวลา 16.00 - 18.00 น. พบกับวงดนตรีคาราวาน แลฮูป - พงษ์สิทธิ์ คำภีร์
 เวลา 18.00 - 20.30 น. พบกับคุณสนธิ ลิ้มทองกุล และ คุณเสโรชา พรอุดมศักดิ์

(หมายเหตุ: รายการเมืองไทยรายสัปดาห์สัปดาห์ที่ 9 จะจัดขึ้นทุกวันศุกร์ ตามวันและเวลาเดิม
 จัดรายการนี้
 ให้ดูรายละเอียดเพิ่มเติมได้ที่ <http://www.manager.co.th/thailandweekly/>)

บทพรรณานะพจนานพจนาน (สำหรับคนไทย)

File Edit View Tools Message Help

From: WantThailandBack
 Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2005 02:47
 To:
 Subject: บทพรรณานะพจนานพจนาน (สำหรับคนไทย)

๐ ห้างต่างชาติเต็มประเทศไทย
 ๐ รัฐวิสาหกิจ ถูกแปรรูปหมดทุกอย่าง
 ๐ ประชาชนเดือดร้อนถูกข่มขู่
 ๐ ที่ดินเกือบครึ่งประเทศ เป็นของต่างชาติ จอร์จ โซรอสด้วย
 ๐ รัฐบาลอ่อนแอ
 ๐ ถนน ก็เป็นของต่างชาติ จะไปไหน มาไหน ต้องจ่ายค่าทาง
 ๐ น้ำประปา เป็นบริษัทต่างชาติ
 ๐ ไฟฟ้า เป็นบริษัทต่างชาติ
 ๐ การปิโตรเลียมเป็นของต่างชาติ
 ๐ เป็นประเทศล้มละลายหนี้สิน 6.6 ล้านล้านบาท
 ๐ เป็นประเทศที่เคยร่ำรวย แต่ประสบกับความล้มละลาย

"คนอาร์เจนตินา ฟังมาตื่นตัว เมื่อสายเสียแล้ว" อ.อมรินทร์ คอมันตร์

"อาร์เจนตินา สายเกินไปซะแล้ว"

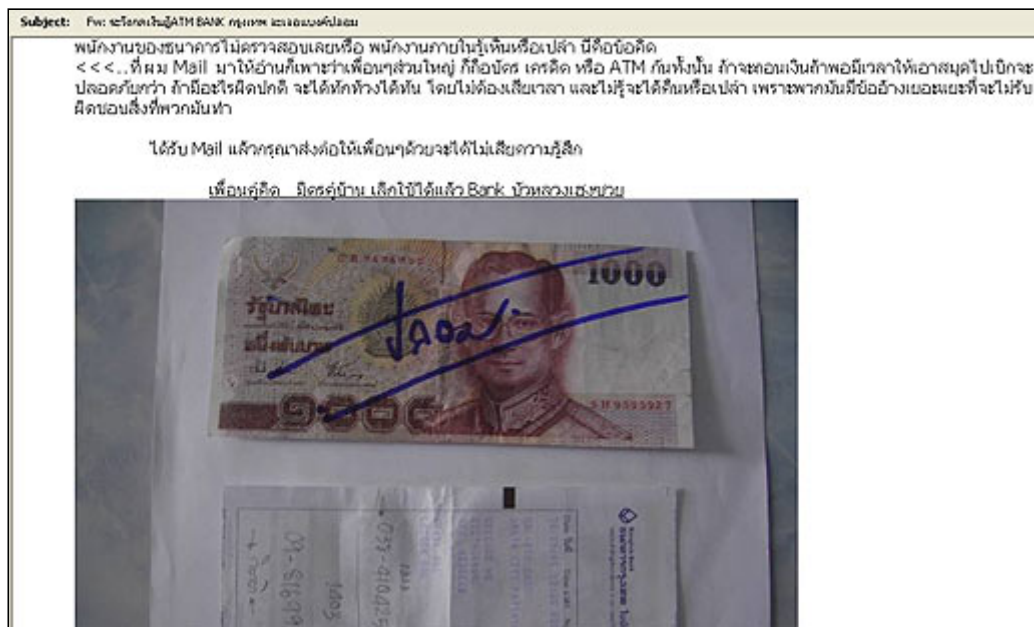
หรือ คนไทย จงขอให้ ประเทศไทย เป็น อาร์เจนตินา -2 ???????

ดู vcd ความล้มเหลวของอาร์เจนตินา เมื่อรัฐบาลแปรรูปหมดทุกอย่าง
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<http://files.photojerk.com/ihud/1131337246/Argentina.wmv>

หรือ
<http://s22.yousendit.com/d.aspx?id=11QWVRWFJYQYF3A48W83JRG8Y1>

ส่งมา: <http://www.manager.co.th/StockMarket/ArticleNews.aspx?>

Thai emails forwards
 – November 19, 2005
‘Want Thailand Back’ – The writer sends the lesson of Argentina that went bankrupt because of privatization and suggests websites for readers to read and learn more.

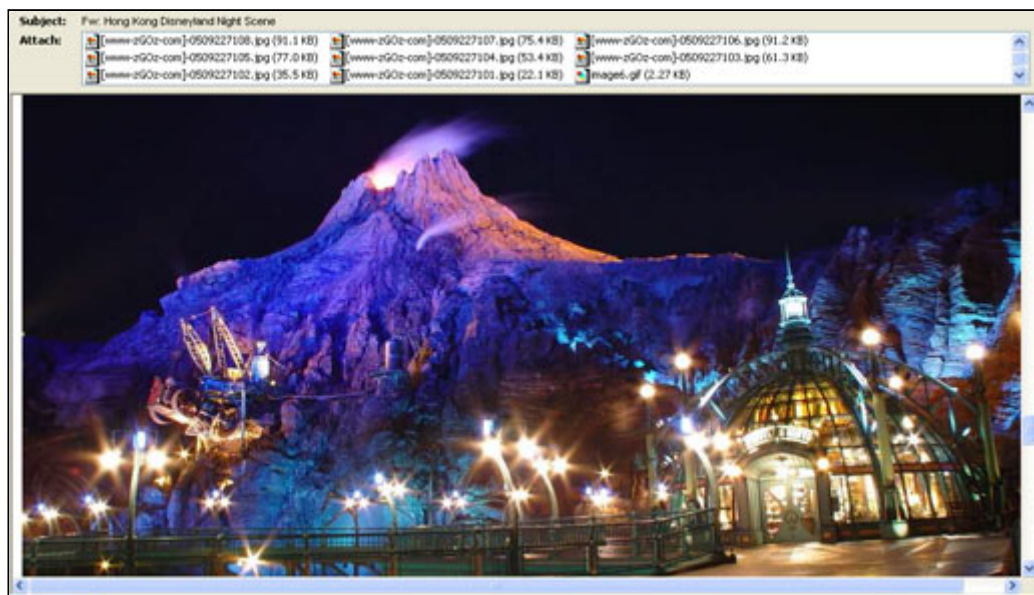


(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Thai email forwards –

October 14, 2005

Some examples of some recent forwarded emails going around. Above, someone claims that they received a fake bank note from a Bangkok Bank ATM and no one will take responsibility for it. Below, a widely circulated set of photos of the new Hong Kong Disneyland.



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Thai email forwards – August 25, 2008

Urgent announcement from CAT – We are prohibited to answer a call from a phone number beginning with the ten-digit 8223658232.

CAT Headquarters says that people should not receive a call from such number as it is a reverse charge call from Korea.

Northern Laos Cookbook

September 11, 2010

Categories: Food and Drink

[Northern Laos cookbook](#) – September 11, 2010

We would like to announce the publication of our new Northern Laos cookbook. It is called “Food from Northern Laos”, by Dorothy Culloty and Kees Sprengers.

Apart from recipes, preparation and cooking techniques, it contains a comprehensive illustrated glossary of local ingredients, a section on local ethnic groups, and an extensive index in both English and Lao. 200 pages and 400 photographs.

It is further detailed [on our website](#).

Somchai's Time in Government

September 11, 2010
Categories: High Tension in Thailand 2004-2008



รัฐบาล นายสมชาย วงศ์สวัสดิ์		
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(Source: [Thai Cabinet Resolutions](#))

Somchai's government – September 11, 2010

On the [Thai cabinet resolutions page](#), each government's cabinet notes are organized under a representative photo. Amusingly, Somchai's time as prime minister is symbolized by photos of the PAD government house occupation. More photos from that time [here](#) and [here](#).

In Thailand, Grand Plans for Higher Education

September 12, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[In Thailand, Grand Plans for Higher Education](#) – *Chronicle of Higher Education*, September 12, 2010

...The Thai government also wants to create a \$157-million “science city” in an industrial park east of Bangkok in part to stimulate science education. The government wants to work with university researchers and technology businesses to develop it.

But some say those efforts are misplaced. Rather than pump millions of dollars into glitzy endeavors, they would like the government to fortify the country’s basic higher-education structure...

Gujarat-origin woman among richest in Thailand

September 12, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Gujarat-origin woman among richest in Thailand: Forbes](#) – *DNA*, September, 2010

Equipment

September 12, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



Cartoon from *Thai Rath*, by Chai Ratchawat, September 12, 2010

The cartoon title: Equipment

Top left: Pointing to the alcohol: The tool to release sufferings

Pointing to the poison and gun: Tool to stop doubts on wife's behavior

Top middle: Pointing to the word "Yaba"

Pointing to "Yaba": The tools that help to have rice and home to stay under support of government

Top right: Pointing to the guns and knives: Tools for techno students

Bottom left: Pointing to the bags of money: Tools to promote the intention to move to a new party

Bottom middle: Pointing to the suit of armor: Tool to be a teacher in the three southern border provinces

Bottom middle: Pointing the gas canister: The tool to wreak chaos in the country

Bottom right: Pointing to the mask: The tool to reconcile

Thailand: who's buying gold?

September 13, 2010

Categories: Economy

[Thailand: who's buying gold?](#) – *Financial Times*, September 13, 2010

...So the numbers have got tongues wagging in Bangkok – and one player keeps being mentioned: the central bank, the Bank of Thailand...

Thai Government House re-landscaping ‘not for feng shui’

September 13, 2010

Categories: Local Beliefs

[Thai Government House re-landscaping ‘not for feng shui’](#) – *The Nation*, September 13, 2010

Senator urges govt to check report of Thai workers killed by troops in Libya

September 13, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Senator urges govt to check report of Thai workers killed by troops in Libya](#) – *The Nation*, September 13, 2010

Senator Krirk Kalayanamitr called on the government on Monday to investigate whether two Thai workers had been killed and dozens others injured by troops in Libya during a protest for pay increase...

Officials ‘have betrayed Thai’s reputation’

September 13, 2010

Categories: Vietnam

[Officials ‘have betrayed Thai’s reputation’](#) – *Thailandnews.net*, September 13, 2010

... *“We feel it is unfortunate that the Thai government has chosen to apply pressure on us in this way,” the FCCT said in a statement dated on Sunday...*

Thai groups target the west

September 13, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai groups target the west](#) – *Financial Times*, September 13, 2010

...Sahaviriya's move to buy Teesside Cast Products is part of a larger trend of cash-rich Thai companies increasingly flexing their muscles on the international stage, snapping up old-world assets as a precursor to Asian expansion...

Study: Bangkok street fruit often contaminated

September 14, 2010

Categories: Food and Drink

[Study: Bangkok street fruit often contaminated](#) – AP, September 14, 2010

...Results of the study found that 67 percent of 153 samples of fresh fruit contained unsafe amounts of coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria is common in digestive tracts and does not necessarily cause sickness, but its presence may indicate fecal matter, E. coli and other disease-causing organisms.

The study also found that 40 percent of the fruit tested contained anti-fungal agents like salicylic acid.

“Vendors love this acid for pickled fruits. It keeps the skin from turning dull and keeps fungus from forming,” said Kobchai Pattarakulwanit, a coordinator of the study and a microbiology professor at Bangkok’s Chulalongkorn University.

Of the pickled fruits tested, 64 percent were tainted with hazardous chemicals, mainly color dyes to keep the guavas extra green and the mango slices bright yellow...

A Thai Director Earns Acclaim Abroad and Ambivalence at Home

September 14, 2010

Categories: Film and TV

[A Thai Director Earns Acclaim Abroad and Ambivalence at Home](#) – NYT, September 14, 2010

...A popular online message board, Pantip.com, had roughly 100 comments about Mr. Apichatpong, half of which were critical. “We don’t consider you Thai anymore,” one poster wrote after his success at Cannes.

“We regret so much that we once admired you.” Of the other half, a representative supporter defended Mr. Apichatpong, saying: “I thought everyone who worked in the entertainment industry was a slave to the government. I’m glad we have such an independent director who deviates from the dominant thinking.

...In an interview in August on the campus of the university here where Mr. Apichatpong studied architecture, a profession he abandoned for filmmaking, he described the protests as an “uprising of the poor.” The perception of Thailand as a gentle, harmonious society is wrong, he said: “Thailand is violent and full of inequality...”

Washington Turf Wars

September 15, 2010

Categories: Crime

[Washington Turf Wars](#) – *oilprice.com*, September 15, 2010

A Thai City of Sleaze Tries to Clean Up

September 15, 2010

Categories: Pattaya

[A Thai City of Sleaze Tries to Clean Up](#) – NYT, September 15, 2010

If Las Vegas is Sin City, Pattaya is a bear hug from Lucifer himself. And yet amid the go-go bars, there are signs of change...

Phuket Wage Tipped to Rocket Past Bangkok

September 15, 2010

Categories: Economy

[Phuket Wage Tipped to Rocket Past Bangkok](#) – *Phuketwan*, September 15, 2010

China seeks to enhance military cooperation with Thailand

September 16, 2010

Categories: Thai Military

[China seeks to enhance military cooperation with Thailand](#) – *Thailandnews.net*, September 16, 2010
Chinese Defense Minister Liang Guanglie (R) meets with Air Chief Marshal Itthaporn Subhawong, commander-in-chief of the Royal Thai Air Force, in Beijing, capital of China, Sept. 15, 2010...

Glitzy Bangkok shopping mall burned in unrest set to reopen after \$90 million

September 16, 2010

Categories: Red Shirt Protest 2010

[Glitzy Bangkok shopping mall burned in unrest set to reopen after \\$90 million](#) – AP, September 16, 2010

The charred hulk of CentralWorld, one of Southeast Asia's biggest shopping malls, has undergone a 2.8 billion baht (\$90 million) renovation and will reopen this month, its operator said Thursday, four months after anti-government protesters set it ablaze...

An Established Designer With the Eye of an Upstart

September 16, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[An Established Designer With the Eye of an Upstart](#) – WSJ, September 16, 2010

... "He is like an icon" in Thailand, said Mr. Khempon of designer Thakoon Panichgul. The diplomat appeared in the sea of fashionistas because, he said, Mr. Panichgul could be a diplomatic and economic boost to the country where he was born.

That might sound like a tall order for a 35-year-old designer who is most widely known for the red-and-black dress worn by Michelle Obama on the night of her husband's election. But Mr. Panichgul is proving to be a rare sort of designer—one with enough business savvy to have hired a sales staff even before pattern-makers and seamstresses when he started his label six years ago...

In Hong Kong, Thai Art Gets Political

September 16, 2010

Categories: Art, Red Shirt Protest 2010

[In Hong Kong, Thai Art Gets Political](#) – NYT, September, 2010

...Visitors to the gallery are greeted by two gleaming butcher's knives mounted on wooden blocks, which were in fact sharpened on the spot by the artist, Charit Supaset, on opening night. The knives may well symbolize the sharp division between the rural and intellectual classes that has led to the recent protests...

Researcher says Thai berry-pickers are being blatantly exploited in Finland

September 17, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Researcher says Thai berry-pickers are being blatantly exploited in Finland](http://www.hs.fi) – *www.hs.fi*, September 17, 2010

Thailand, Cambodia look beyond Thaksin

September 17, 2010

Categories: Cambodia, Red Shirt Protest 2010

[Thailand, Cambodia look beyond Thaksin](#) – *Asia Times*, September 17, 2010

...Politically, though, Thaksin provided Hun Sen with a chance to ratchet up tensions with a traditional enemy and intensify his border rhetoric to a rather outlandish extent. “Do you dare to swear on magic that could break your neck, on a plane crash or a dissolution of the countries, that your soldiers did not invade Cambodia’s territory?” Hun Sen said in a speech last year, apparently addressing Abhisit...

Jailed protester Conor Purcell wants to return to Thailand to ‘fight for democracy’

September 17, 2010

Categories: Red Shirt Protest 2010

[Jailed protester Conor Purcell wants to return to Thailand to ‘fight for democracy’](#) – *The Australian*, September, 2010

...He told The Australian Online that while in jail he was severely beaten by a group of prisoners he believes were acting on the direction of guards. He said the beating left him unable to walk and other Thai prisoners helped him recover by giving him massages...

Bangkok Not Dangerous: A First-Timer's Trip to Thailand

September 18, 2010

Categories: Thailand in the International Media

[Bangkok Not Dangerous: A First-Timer's Trip to Thailand](#) – *petergreenberg.com*, September, 2010

...As for those media reports and State Department alerts, there was no evidence on this trip that there is any reason for visitors to worry. And, in fact, with the double whammy of traveling in the off season, we reaped the benefits of great value, lighter crowds, and gracious locals who seemed genuinely happy to have us...

Digital Camera Photographer of the Year 2010

September 18, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Digital Camera Photographer of the Year 2010](#) – *telegraph.co.uk*, September, 2010

Category: Adrenaline. Fire fighter by buchachon, who took the picture in Thailand

History of Thai Prime Ministers

September 19, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[History of Thai Prime Ministers](#) – *thaigov.go.th*, August, 2010

We have pointed out this peculiar page before—particularly the claim that, unlike Phya Manopakorn, Field Marshal Pibul, Seni, Tanin, and Chatichai, who were removed by coup d’etat, Thaksin’s term ended due to a “State Administration Assembly September 19, 2006.” It has just been updated with more fractured English and the Thai disdain for consistent font types and sizes.

Cambodia: Assassins trained in Kingdom?

September 19, 2010

Categories: Cambodia, Red Shirt Protest 2010

[Cambodia: Assassins trained in Kingdom?](#) – *phnompenhpost.com*, September 19, 2010

Cambodian officials have rejected claims made in a Thai media report that a group of men suspected of involvement in a potential assassination attempt on Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva had been trained in Cambodia...

Factions went crazy at thought of Kowit leading party

September 20, 2010

Categories: Thai Politics

[PHEU THAI PARTY – Factions went crazy at thought of Kowit leading party](#) – *The Nation*, September 20, 2010

... "Yongyuth and Kowit have a totally different mindset over the premiership. We all know that Yongyuth does not want to be party leader, nor premier, but Kowit would come in with the intention of stepping up as PM. That is why many factions that hoped to see their leaders assume the premiership could not allow this to happen," the source said.

...After the reappointment of Yongyuth, national reconciliation efforts go on, but Thaksin has not accepted the condition that he must stop inciting reds because he felt cutting ties with the party and the red shirts would not do him any good.

Thakin's desire for clemency, one of his important conditions for reconciliation, is not only to gain amnesty for the reds charged with terrorism, but also to help the 111 and 109 banned politicians, and to "kill" any cases brought by the coup-installed government.

In the name of bargaining, it is common each side seeks the most they can think of – but negotiation will dictate how both settle their demands...

Visiting Bangkok Hilton

September 20, 2010

Categories: Crime

[Visiting Bangkok Hilton](#) – *Telegraph*, September, 2010

...As things stand, British prisoners, after serving eight years of their sentence in Thailand, can put in for a transfer to a UK prison although unlike other governments there is no support for a prisoner's clemency plea once they have served a sentence comparable to the one they might have received if they had committed the offence in the UK...

New charges for Thai officer accused of Calgarian's murder

September 20, 2010

Categories: Crime

[New charges for Thai officer accused of Calgarian's murder](#) – CBC, September 20, 2010

... "They wouldn't put this man in jail when he killed my son, but now apparently he's in jail because he killed his wife and his child," Del Pinto told CBC News...

Robson: Man Utd background helping me with Thailand players

September 20, 2010

Categories: Sports

[Robson: Man Utd background helping me with Thailand players](#) – *tribalfootball.com*, September 2010

Asia faces rising cost from disasters, report says

September 21, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Asia faces rising cost from disasters, report says](#) – Reuters, September 21, 2010

...

“Among 12 economies covered in the report, Thailand and the Philippines are criticized for their governments’ inability to deal effectively with natural disasters and man-made emergencies such as the Manila hostage crisis and Bangkok political riots.

“Thailand’s poor capabilities for managing life-threatening emergencies should be a concern for anyone investing or conducting business in the country,” the report said, referring to a two-month cover up of the outbreaks of bird flu in 2003...”

The Ending of the Coup

September 21, 2010

Categories: 2006 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From *Manager*, September 21, 2010

The title reads: Coup, September 19, 2006

Left: The beginning of the story is fine

Right: The ending of the story is unlucky

Blacked out – Where The Economist is censored

September 21, 2010

Categories: Censorship

[Blacked out – Where The Economist is censored](#) – *The Economist*, September 21, 2010

Via Boing Boing: *An interesting read in the Economist detailing in which countries, why, and how many times the publication has been censored since January of 2009. India can't handle a map of Kashmir with borders it disputes; maps of Taiwan piss off China, Libya doesn't like anyone criticizing Khadafi. And the 2009 Christmas issue showing Adam and Eve was censored in five countries: "Malaysian officials covered up Eve's breasts. Pakistan objected to the depiction of Adam, which it said broke a prohibition on depicting Koranic figures."*

Red tide returns

September 21, 2010

Categories: Red Shirt Protest 2010



(Source: *ThaiRath*, September 21, 2010)

[Red tide returns](#) – *The Nation*, September 20, 2010

Long-time online gamer hangs himself at family home in East Pattaya

September 22, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Long-time online gamer hangs himself at family home in East Pattaya](#) – *pattayaone.net*, September 22, 2010
...The Father is convinced that years in front of computer screens playing on-line games led his son to kill himself and is appealing for parents who may read this story to take heed...

Premium beer from Thailand gains major distribution across US

September 22, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Premium beer from Thailand gains major distribution across US](#) – *Drinks Business Review*, September 22, 2010

Singha Corporation Co, a subsidiary of Thailand-based Boon Rawd Brewery Co, has tapped new distribution and brand representatives for its Singha Beer across all 50 states, securing positions on the menus of a range of bars, lounges and restaurants across the US...

Thailand wavers between populism and welfare state

September 22, 2010

Categories: Thai Politics

[Thailand wavers between populism and welfare state](#) – *The Sun*, September 22, 2010

Saudi Jewelry Theft – Blue Diamond Blues

September 22, 2010

Categories: Crime

[Blue Diamond blues](#) – *The Economist*, September 22, 2010

...The Thai servant was arrested in Thailand and convicted of theft, but only after he had sold many of the stones, including a priceless 50-carat blue diamond. Thai police later recovered part of the haul and returned them to their owner. Saudi Arabia then complained that some of the jewels were fake baubles. Thai media reported that the wives of top government officials had been spotted wearing some exquisite diamond necklaces...

American Rapper ‘Ribkat’ is Discriminated Against at a Hotel in Thailand ‘Because He is Black’

September 22, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[American Rapper ‘Ribkat’ is Discriminated Against at a Hotel in Thailand ‘Because He Is Black’](#) – *wn.com*,
September 22, 2010

Thais Bristle at Australian's Take on Thai Cuisine

September 23, 2010

Categories: Food and Drink

[Thais Bristle at Australian's Take on Thai Cuisine](#) – NYT, September 23, 2010

... "I can't tell you why it's not authentic, but it's not," she said. "Some of the tastes are too pronounced and it's drowning in spice." (Mr. Thompson may have the distinction as the only foreigner in spice-crazed Thailand to be accused of liking his food too hot.)

But Ms. Nuchanand praised Mr. Thompson for experimenting. "You need somebody like him to push Thai food forward," she said...

Let's Pay Homage to Express Thanks

September 24, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From *Manager*, September 24, 2010

The caption reads: Let's pay homage to express thanks

Thailand Requests Kenya For Help In Rescuing Kidnapped Thai Worker

September 24, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand Requests Kenya For Help In Rescuing Kidnapped Thai Worker](#) – Bernama, September 24, 2010

Thai Foreign Affairs Minister Kasit Piromya has urged his Kenyan counterpart to help rescue a Thai worker who was kidnapped earlier this week while working on an oil platform in Nigeria's Niger Delta in West Africa...

[Nigerian rebels lose trace of French kidnap victims](#) – AFP, September 24, 2010

Nigeria's most prominent militant group said on Friday it had lost contact with the kidnappers of three French oil workers and one Thai national seized this week off the coast of the West African nation...

Anti-censorship webmaster arrested in Thailand

September 24, 2010

Categories: Censorship

[Anti-censorship webmaster arrested in Thailand](#) – *Global Voices Online*, September 24, 2010

Chiranuch Premchaiporn, the webmaster of the independent online journal Prachatai in Thailand, was arrested at Bangkok airport today on charges of insulting the monarchy...

Thailand cenbanker says concerned on Basel III

September 24, 2010

Categories: Economy

[Thailand cenbanker says concerned on Basel III](#) – Reuters, September 24, 2010

...Emerging market economies should have “adequate flexibility” in enforcing the new rules, she added.

The weapon of the police officer

September 24, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia, Thai Police



From *Thairath*, Cartoon by Sia, September 24, 2010

The cartoon headline reads: The weapon of the police officer

The word on the door reads: Toilet

The word on the sign at bottom left reads: Release UDD political prisoners

The mouse says: Strong, strong, good

Thai prime minister calls for ‘more inclusive’ political system in Burma

September 25, 2010

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Thai prime minister calls for ‘more inclusive’ political system in Burma](#) – *Washington Post*, September 25, 2010

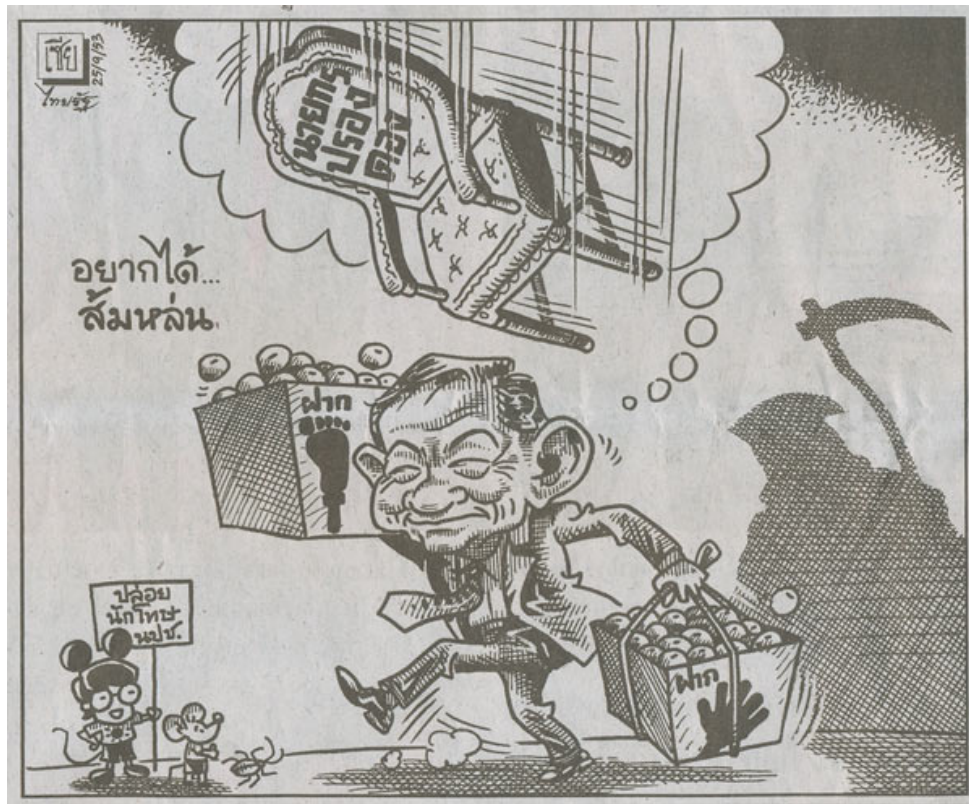
The military regime running Burma must allow for a “more inclusive” political system, such as allowing the participation of jailed opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, after disputed elections are held in November, Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva said in an interview...

“I wish they would recognize that in implementing this law we are simply trying to make sure there is stability and no violence,” he said. “I am confident that most ordinary people would say to you they have felt no effect of the law.”...

Sanan Wants Some Falling Oranges

September 25, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



“Wants some falling oranges” – from *Thai Rath*, Cartoon by Sia, September 25, 2010

The caption near the top left reads: Wants some falling oranges

The letters on the chair dropping on Sanan read: The reconciling Prime Minister

The words on each of the boxes he is carrying read: To leave/To take away

The small man at the bottom left holds a sign that reads: Release the UDD prisoners

Famous Gems/Gold Scam Caught on Hidden Camera At Royal Temple, Bangkok

September 25, 2010

Categories: Gem Scam

[Famous Gems / Gold Scam Caught on Hidden Camera At Royal Temple, Bangkok](#) – ThaiVisa, September, 2010

Myanmar: World's Largest Tiger Reserve Clearcut for Plantations

September 26, 2010

Categories: Myanmar/Burma, Wildlife and Nature

[Myanmar: World's Largest Tiger Reserve Clearcut for Plantations](#) – *Environment News Service*, September 26, 2010

In August, Myanmar officials formally announced that the entire remote Hukawng Valley would be designated as a Protected Tiger Area. They trumpeted the creation of the world's largest tiger reserve in the valley in Kachin State...

But less than a month later, a report and video released by a network of civil society groups and development organizations in Kachin State shows that one of Myanmar's most powerful tycoons has been, and still is, clear-cutting forests across the tiger reserve to put in sugar and tapioca plantations and to plant jatropha for biofuel...

The full report: [Tyrants, Tycoons and Tigers by the Kachin Development Networking Group](#)

Thailand tourism seduces India

September 26, 2010

Categories: India, Tourism

[Thailand tourism seduces India](#) – eTN, September 26, 2010

...We see huge potential for development for the Indian market. We found as a good sign that this year the market continues to grow despite the political troubles we experienced earlier in the year. This is indeed a promising sign for the future. We currently receive over 650,000 Indian travelers annually, but we are confident to reach very soon one million Indian visitors...

Checking for Snipers on the BTS

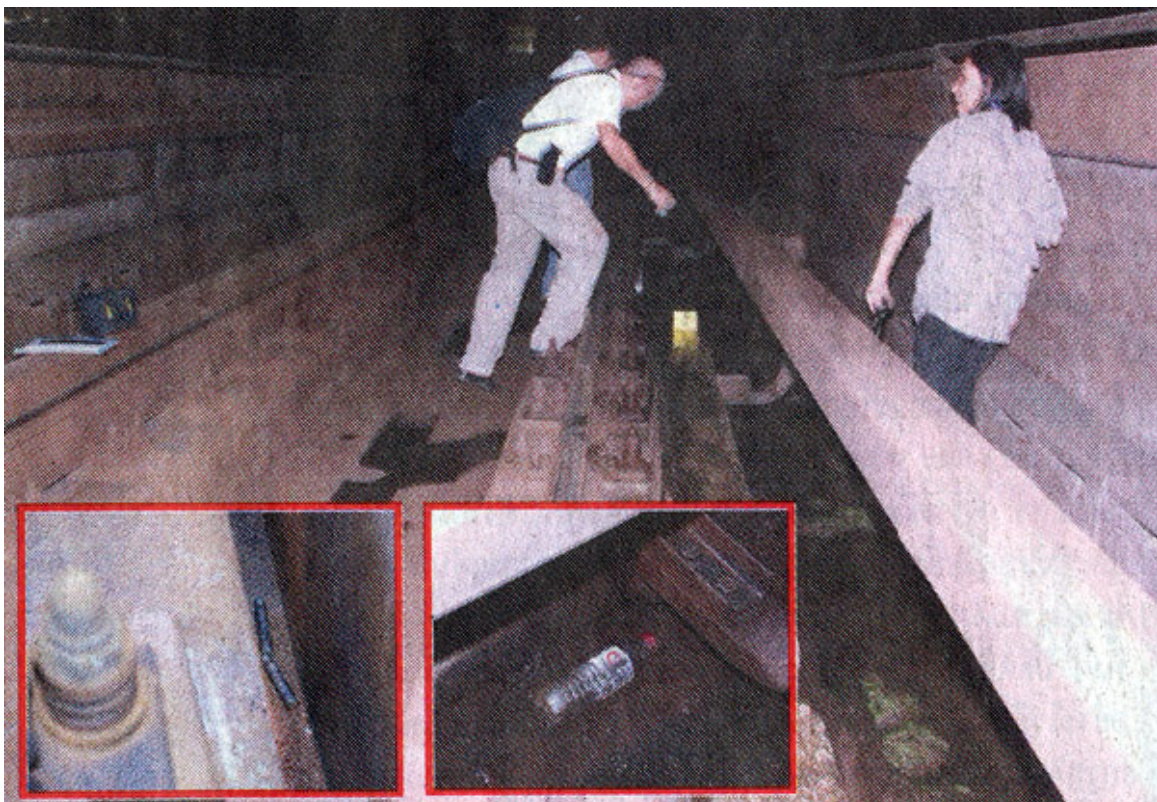
September 26, 2010

Categories: Red Shirt Protest 2010



From *KhaoSod*, September 26, 2010

The caption reads: The gun track – DSI authorities go up on the BTS Skytrain track and uses a laser gun to test the gun track that pointed to the Pathumwanaram Temple during the red-shirt rally dispersal. It was found that the gun track is exactly related to the bullet traces on the ground.



From KhaoSod, September 26, 2010

The caption reads: Evidence – DSI authorities from the team investigating the death of six people at the Pathumwanaram Temple checked and collected evidence left on the BTS Skytrain where soldiers were on standby during the rally dispersal. The team found cartridges of the HK gun and water bottles that were left.

Global Peace Index

September 27, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Global Peace Index](#) – September 27, 2010

Nils notes: *Nicely done. Mouse over countries to see the rank. There's also a tool to compare different countries (below the map). Indicators are listed on the left.*

Thailand is ranked #124 out of 149, in front of only Myanmar and the Philippines when looking at Southeast Asia.....

Cambodia denies hunt for Red Shirts

September 27, 2010

Categories: Cambodia, Red Shirt Protest 2010

[Cambodia denies hunt for Red Shirts](#) – *phnompenhpost.com*, September 27, 2010

Government officials have denied Thai media reports that Prime Minister Hun Sen talked to Thai counterpart Abhisit Vejjajiva about deporting Red Shirt protesters that might be hiding in Cambodia...

Bangkok's administration still has a lot to learn about PR

September 28, 2010

Categories: Tourism

[Bangkok's administration still has a lot to learn about PR](#) – eTN, September 28, 2010

...Last September during the TTM, the BMA Tourism Department sent Mr. Kriengpol Padhanarath, a charming old man appointed Deputy Director General of Culture, Sports, and Tourism, who had incredible difficulties understanding and speaking English in front of foreign media. During the ritual meeting with the media, he showed a powerpoint presentation which looked strangely similar to the one they showed a year before: 45 minutes of comments and pictures about what tourists could do in Bangkok. Most of the foreign media were certainly delighted to learn that Bangkok has a Grand Palace, beautiful temples, museums, and restaurants serving excellent Thai food.

Strangely, however, the old gentleman did not mention anything about what happened in the last couple of months and what was Bangkok's new message to travelers after the violence from last spring...

Current Politics

September 29, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From *Siam Rath*, September 29, 2010

Top left: A policeman with a gas canister bomb tied to his belt.

The big word on the swoosh on the left side reads: Cabinet reshuffle

Top right above the flashlight: The Surat Thani by election

Top right with the arrow pointing to Suthep: I resign from the Deputy Prime Minister post because I am the one who is fast for the spotlight

Bottom right next to Sanan holding a wine glass: I am not Prime Minister, but I just move forward on farewell to this deputy prime minister post

Close circuit cameras catches pictures of suspects involved in 4 bomb attacks

September 29, 2010

Categories: Security



From *Matichon*, September 29, 2010

The photo caption reads: The same group – Close circuit camera catches pictures of suspects involved in 4 bomb attacks – at the Statesman Foundation on March 30, at Channel 5 TV on March 27, at King Power on July 30 and at Supawadee Tower on September 21. The authorities believe that the suspects are in the same group as they used a light motorcycle usually driven by females. The rider always wore a white helmet and the accompanied person wore black helmet.

Film and Annie Crowd Out Bomb News

September 30, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons

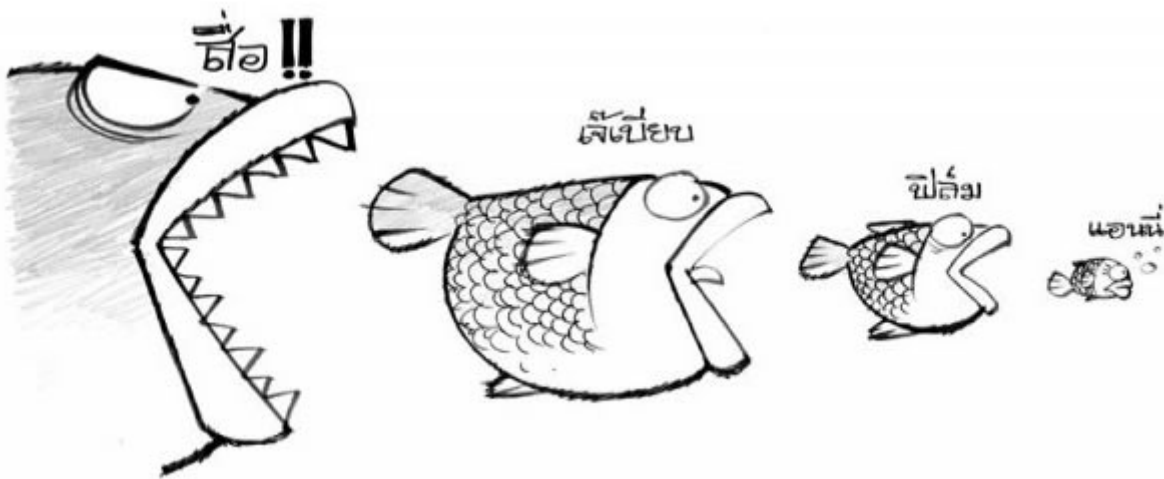


From *Manager*, September 30, 2010

Left: The motorcyclist is saying: Our headmaster orders that the next bomb attack target to the house of Film.

Why?

Right: The news on our bombing attack is slowing down. We have to keep up with the news about Film and Annie.



From *Komchadluek*, September 30, 2010

The word fish from left to are labeled: Media, Jae Beab , Film, Annie

Thai-Cambodia Border Faces Serious Challenge In Malaria Control

September 30, 2010

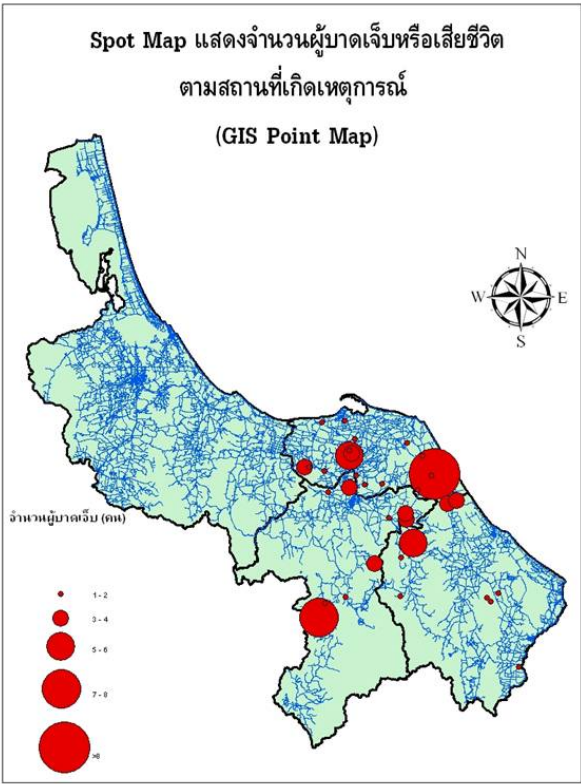
Categories: Border Issues, Cambodia, Health

[Thai-Cambodia Border Faces Serious Challenge In Malaria Control](#) – *Bernama*, September 30, 2010

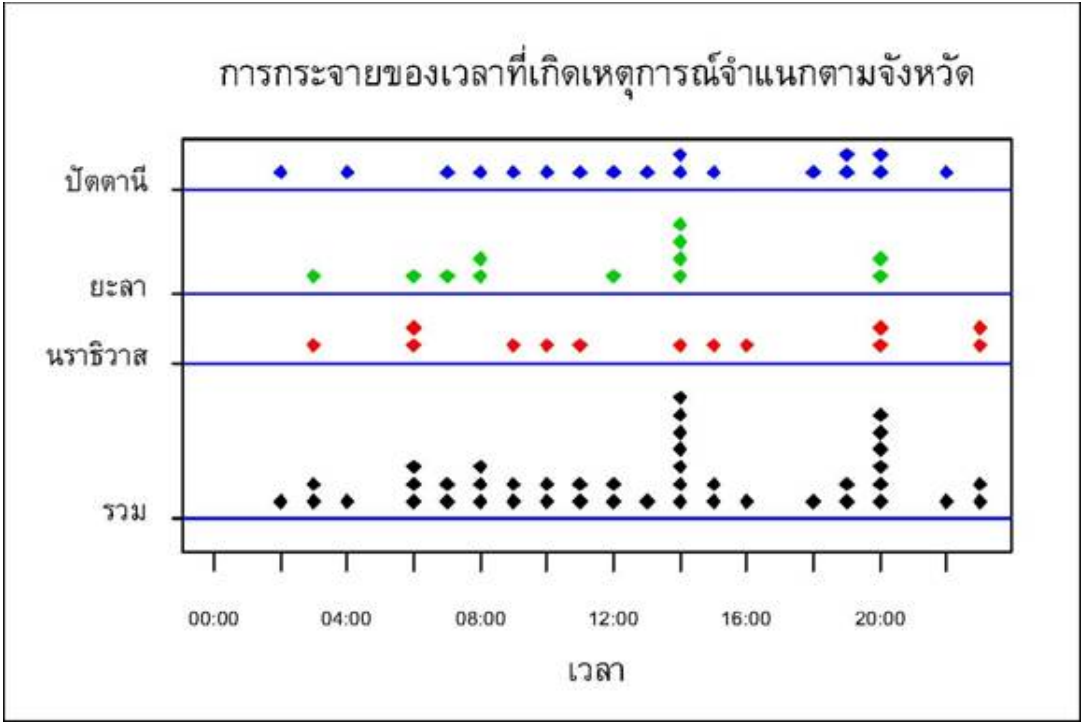
Malaria control is facing serious challenges along the Thai-Cambodian border, especially in containing a protozoan parasite that causes malaria in humans...

Southern Violence Statistics – September 2010

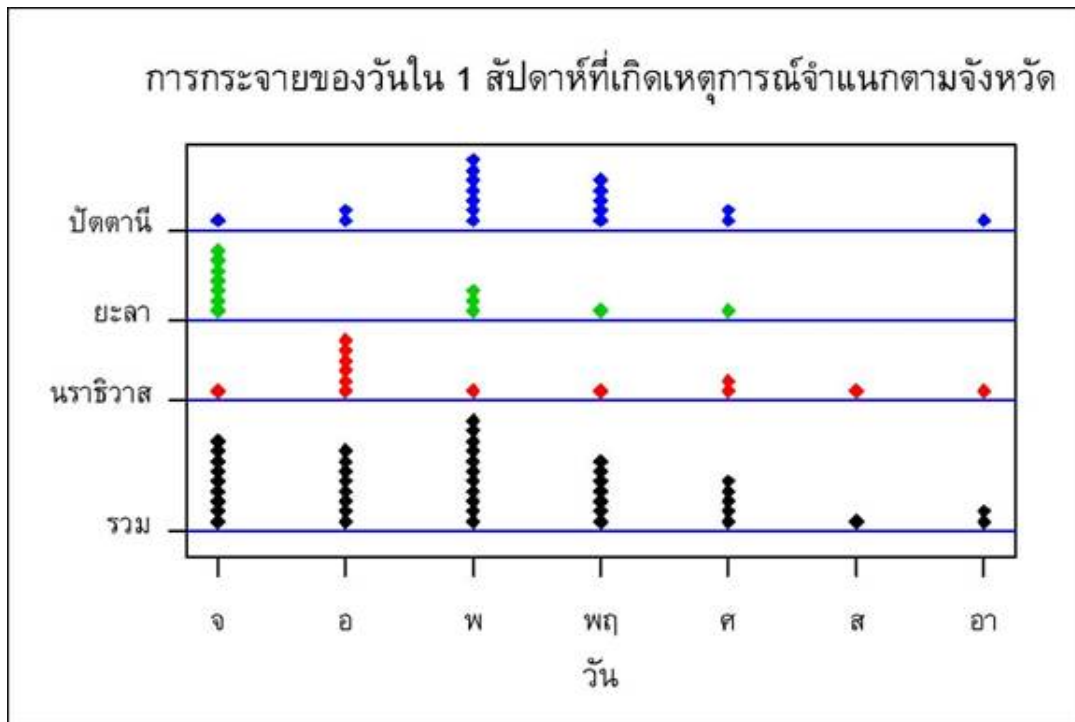
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Categories: Deep South Violence Statistics



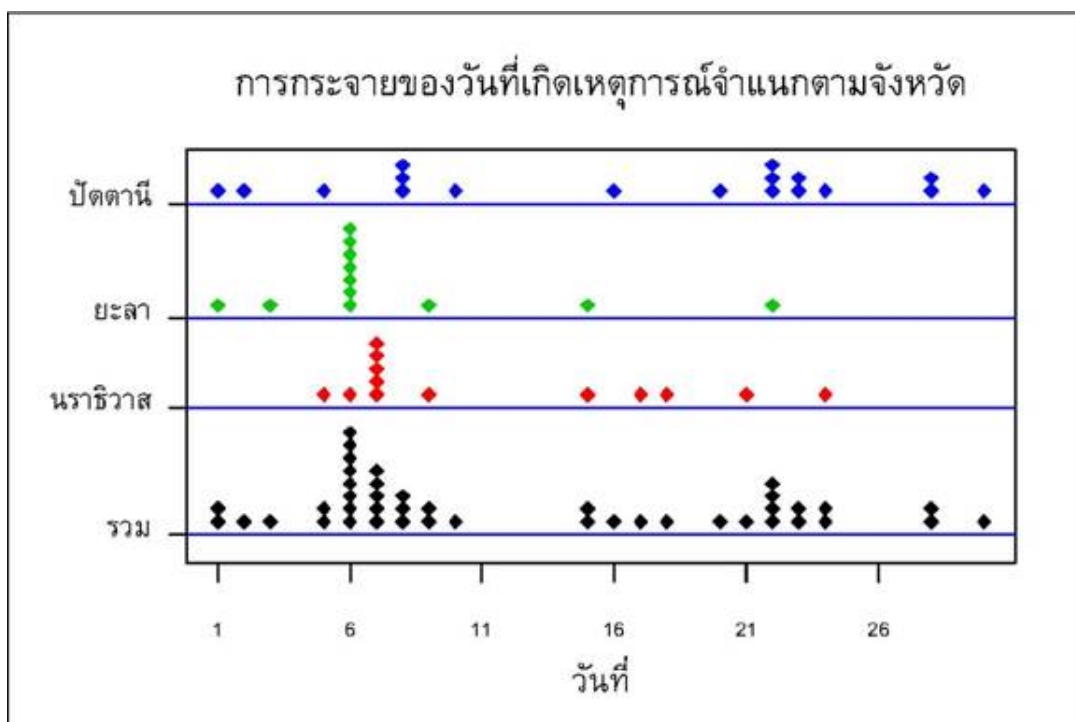
Map of four provinces in the deep south (Songkhla, Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat) showing numbers of the dead and injured by location. Southern Violence Statistics – September 2010



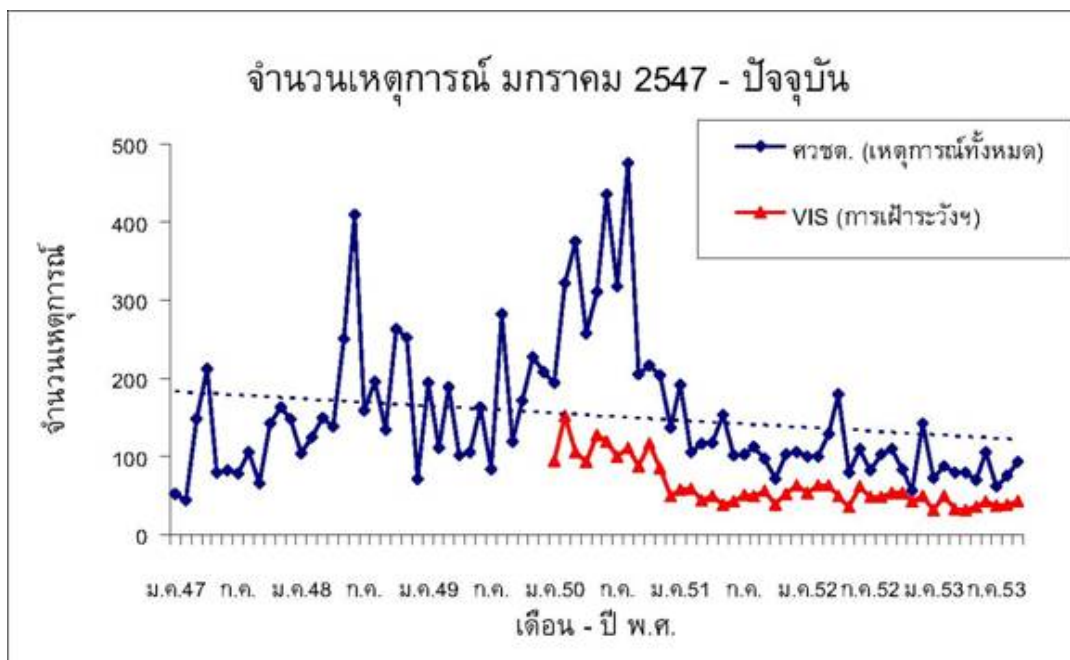
This chart shows violent incidents classified by the hour of the day (x-axis) and the province (y-axis). Songkhla=light blue, Pattani=blue, Yala=green, Narathiwat=red, total events=black



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

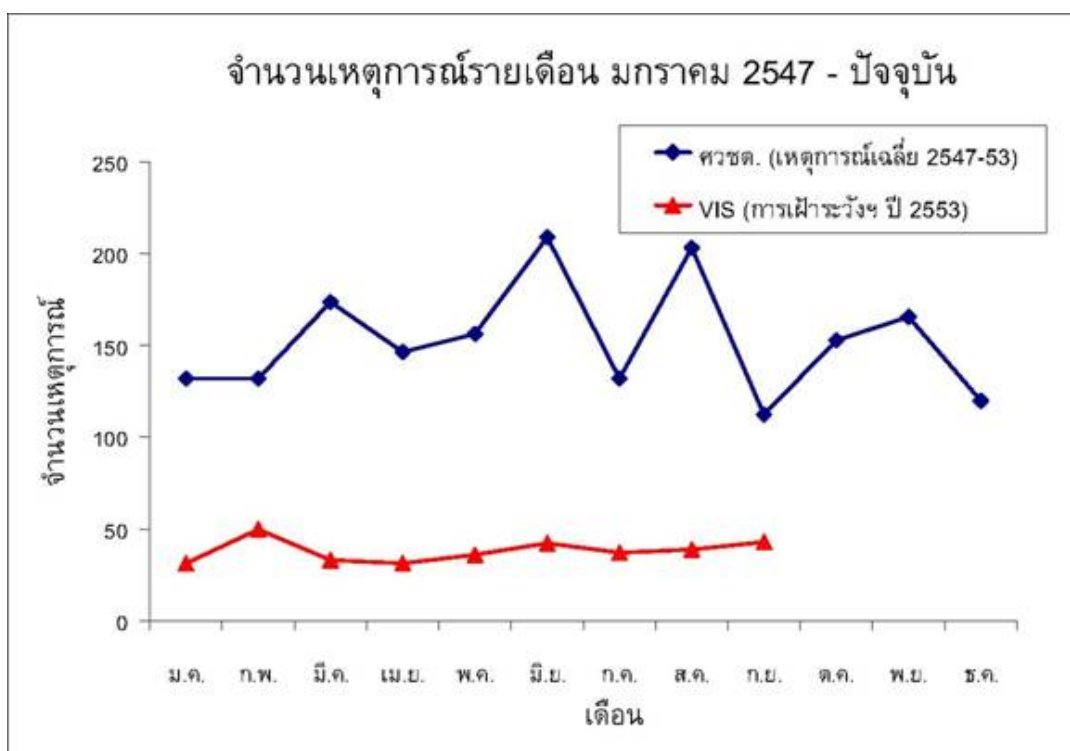


This chart shows violent incidents classified by day of the month (x-axis) and the province (y-axis). Songkhla=light blue, Pattani=blue, Yala=green, Narathiwat=red, total events=black

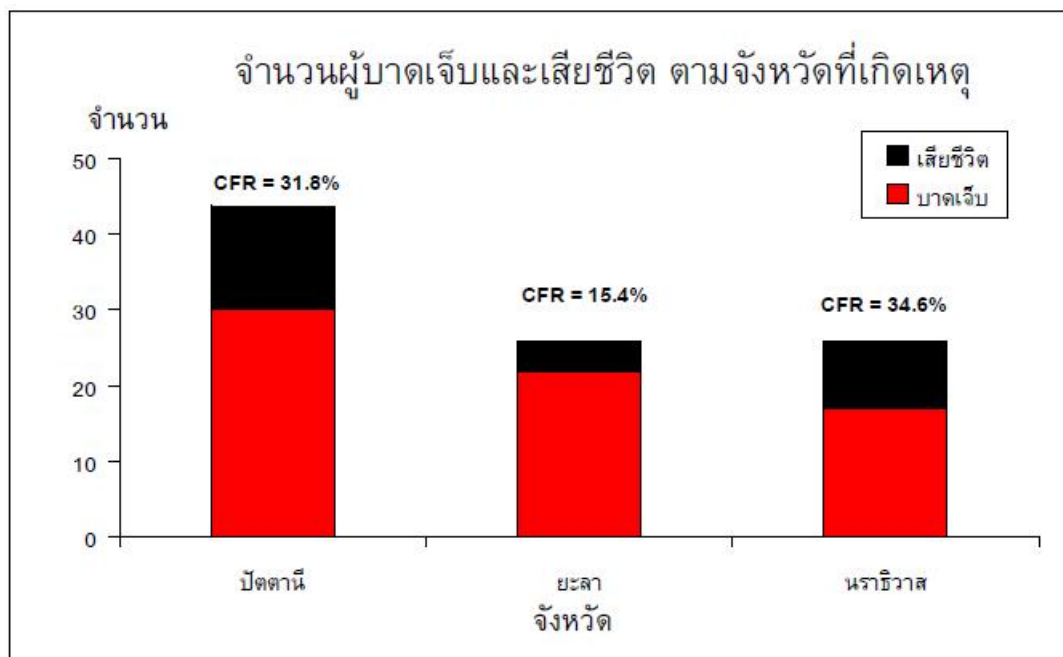


Numbers of violent incidents since January 2004. Across the bottom are the years (2547 is 2004, 2548 is 2005, 2549 is 2006, 2550 is 2007, 2551 is 2008, 2552 is 2009, 2553 is 2010).

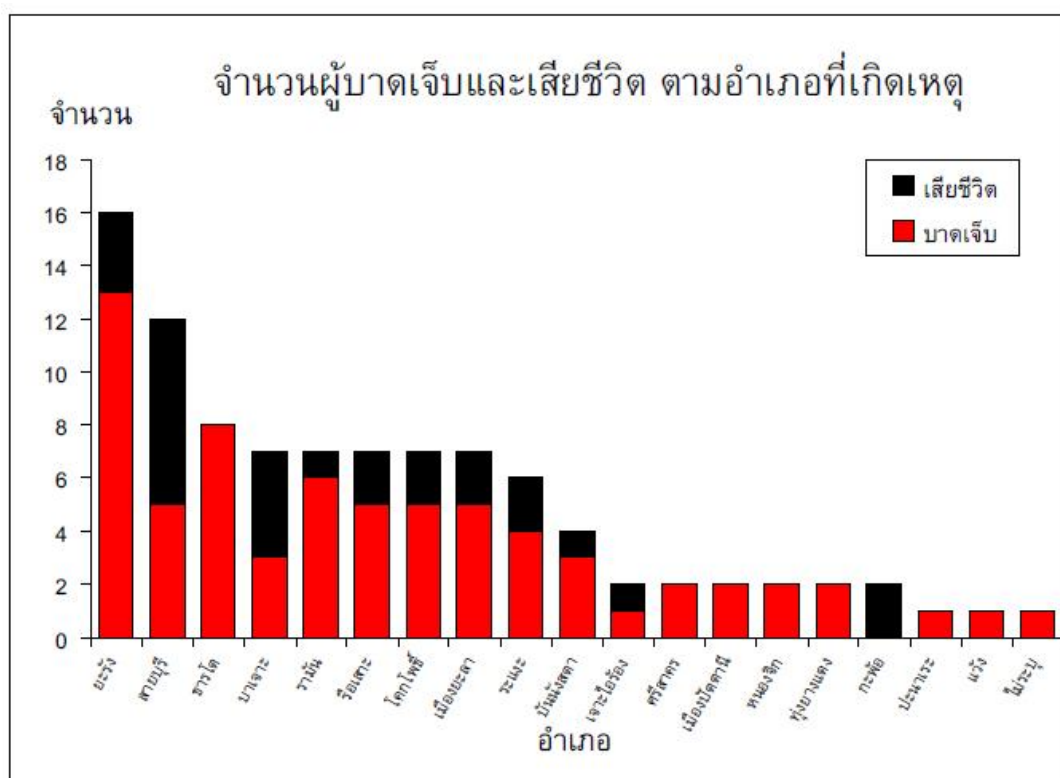
The blue line shows the number of all violent incidents that took place as reported by the Deep South Coordination Center (counting all incidents both injury and non-injury). The red line shows data according to the Violence-related Injury Surveillance (a form that hospitals, doctors and clinics are supposed to fill out to report violent incidents).



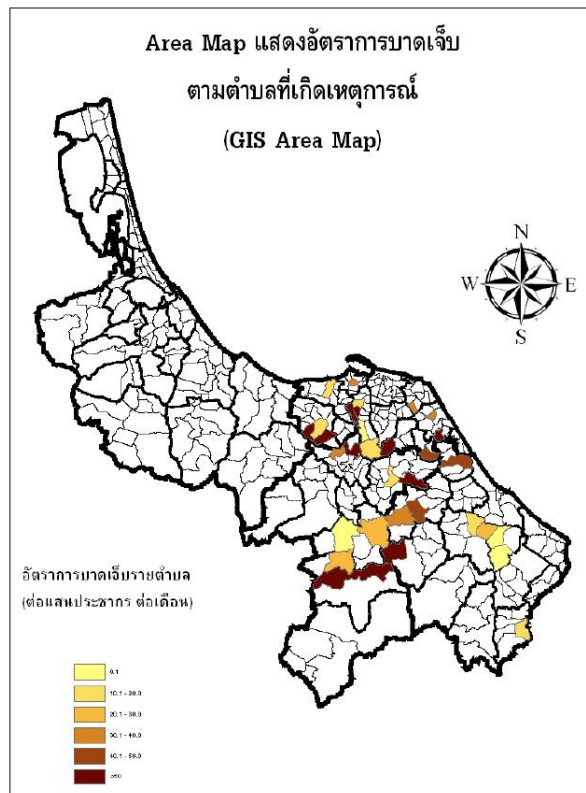
The blue line shows the average monthly level of violent incidents from 2004 up to the present. The red line shows the information provided to the Violence-related Injury Surveillance in the present year. The y-axis shows the numbers of events from 0-300. The x-axis shows the months of the year from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



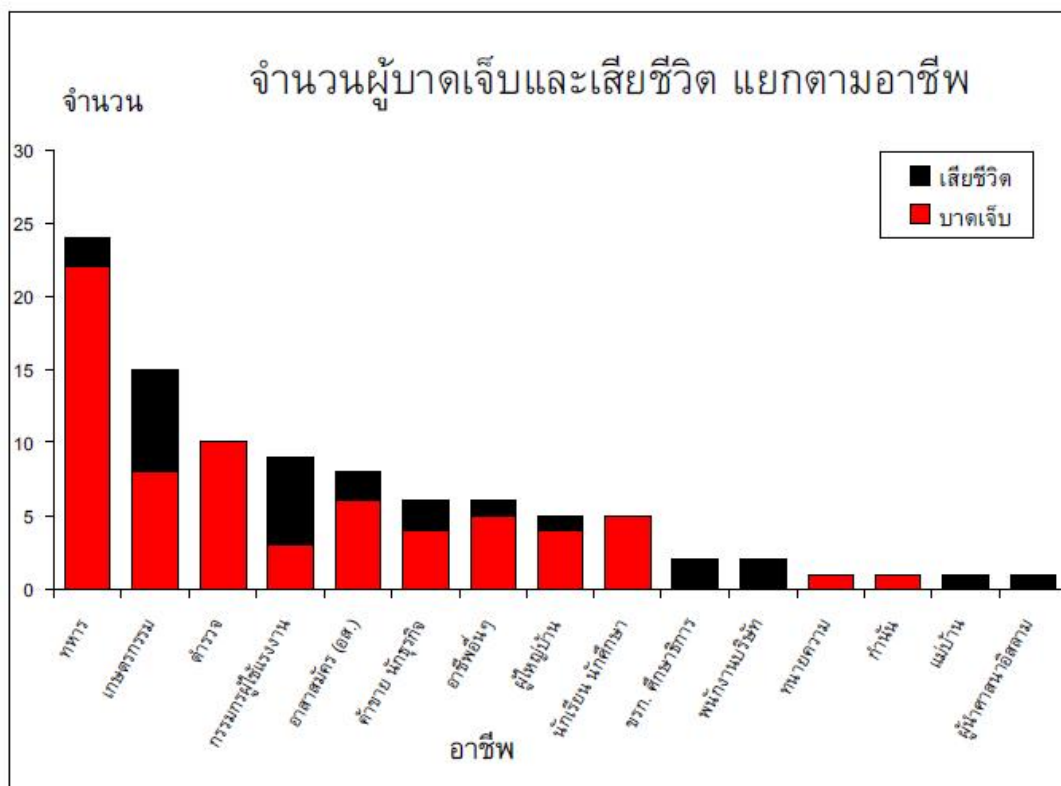
The numbers of injured and dead reported from each province where the events occurred (Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat and Songkhla). Black= dead, red=injured. The CFR (Case Fatality Rate) of each province is above each bar.



The toll of dead and injured (y-axis), classified by the districts where the incidents took place (x-axis). Black= dead, red=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, red=injured. From left to right: Soldiers, agriculture, police, laborers, defense guard volunteers, merchants and businessman, others, village chiefs, students and college students, Education Ministry officials, company officers, lawyers, Tambon chiefs, housewives, Islamic religious leaders.

Source: Deep South Violence-related Injury Surveillance statistics