

## **You can't make this stuff up: Top odd news of 2011**

### **คุณไม่สามารถแต่งเรื่องพวกนี้เองได้ : ข่าวแปลกที่สุดของปี 2011**

January 1, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[You can't make this stuff up: Top odd news of 2011](#) – Bangkok Post, January 1, 2011

Breast slapping, fat flight attendants, the world's hairiest girl, one-man Russian roulette, an erotic lottery and an amazing animal haul confirmed Thailand as the capital of bizarreness...

## Six Years Ago Today: Tsunami remembered with tawdry displays

### วันนี้เมื่อ 5 ปีที่แล้ว : ชีนาμιถูกจดจำด้วยการนำเสนอแบบเรียบ ๆ

January 2, 2012

Categories: Today in History

Six Years Ago Today: [Tsunami remembered with tawdry displays](#)

## Burma: Rohingya Refugees And Thailand's 'Push-Back'

### พม่า : ผู้อพยพโรฮิงยาและประเทศไทยให้ถอยกลับไป

January 2, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Burma: Rohingya Refugees And Thailand's 'Push-Back' – Analysis](#) – eurasiareview.com, December 31, 2011

...The Thai authorities are apprehensive of the influx and suspect that the Rohingyas are assisting the Muslim-led insurgency in southern Thailand, which has intensified in recent times. Furthermore, nearly 1 million other migrants from Bangladesh and Myanmar are estimated to already be in Thailand. The exceeding numbers of illegal migrants will add to the economic burden and pose a threat to Thai national security. Unlike the other migrants in Thailand who play a major role contributing to the Thai economy, the Rohingyas are only a liability and burden; they cannot get a work permit in Thailand as this requires a nationality verification certificate which the Rohingyas do not have...

## **Thailand Opens The First of Fifteen Concentrated Solar Thermal Power Plants** **ประเทศไทยเปิดโรงงานพลังงานแสงอาทิตย์ 15 แห่งแรก**

January 2, 2012

Categories: Energy

[Thailand Opens The First of Fifteen Concentrated Solar Thermal Power Plants](#) – evwind.es, January 2, 2012



## Thai-language Headlines of January 2, 2012

January 3, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, January 2, 2012

- Songkhla is worse, 12 districts have flooding. They are hurry to evacuate. Warnings for 6 more provinces to be ready.
- Drove too fast and slept without closing eyes, 4 died, 1 injured.
- Kanit chases Teung to read the proposal on the law 112 amendment before commenting.
- BMA discussed with SRT today for Chatuchak assets transferring.

Thairath, January 2, 2012

- Queues in Hat Yai after the flood, raise the red flag warning for people to evacuate 8 communities.
- Mr. Sanoh Tientong requested Thaksin not be hunted, it's enough to confine him outside the country.
- A wealthy Chinese man who is the owner of a Koh Samet resort died because his wife shot him by accident during the new year's countdown.
- 165 bodies over 3 days during the new year.

Matichon, January 2, 2012

- The police want to check guns and cars from Kanchit . The due date will be 3 Jan to investigate at his house.
- Raise up red flag at Hat Yai .
- Pheu Thai aims to appoint committees for the law section 291 amendment . Kanit was sarcastic to Teung about careless working. He should read the proposal carefully again .
- Sukhumbhan denied that he is holding back on the Chatuchak asset transfer. It's late because of the cabinet's resolution is not clear.

Daily News, January 2, 2012

- Heavy rain in 6 provinces in the south of Thailand. Flash floods washed over the village and people couldn't escape. Roads and railways were cut off. People hoard food like Bangkokians.
- All four people died in a car. They drove too fast and slept without closing eyes.
- The Office of The Election Commission of Thailand believed Thai politics will be violent in the year 2012.
- Attracting attention is that a jackpot for 34 million baht went to the former of school director.

## The Public Post

### พับบลิคโพสต์

January 3, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

From The Public Post, December 1-15, 2011

The headlines read: Money spread around in fierce competition among Central Islamic Council of Thailand members. PULO breaks into two factions vying for leadership. How will negotiations lead to peace along the southern border?

Resist the Square Face

January 3, 2012  
Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, December 19, 2012  
From left, over the pictures: Don't let animals into the country: Under the pictures: No Vote  
Caption: Start campaigning now!!!

## **In Thailand, Those Seeking a Golden Glow Rush to the Spa** **ใครก็ตามหาความเปล่งปลั่งด้วยทองคำต้องรีบไปสปาในประเทศไทย**

January 3, 2012

Categories: Local Beliefs

[In Thailand, Those Seeking a Golden Glow Rush to the Spa](#) – WSJ, December 30, 2011

...Then there's 34-year-old Thai physical therapy lecturer Pavenooch Srimongkolchai. She and her friends like to get gold-infused lotions rubbed on their faces at the local spa to give them that special, extra-radiant look.

"It's really exciting when I'm lying on the treatment table. I'm like 'Yes, I've got gold on my face!'" Ms. Pavenooch said, wrapped up in a towel in preparation for another \$200 treatment...

## Cockpit Video Landing at Hong Kong Kai Tak Airport

### วิดีโอคนขับเครื่องบินที่กำลังจอดลงสนามบินไคตักที่ฮ่องกง

January 3, 2012

Categories: Nothing to do with Thailand, but Interesting



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=>



## Belarus: Browsing Foreign Websites a Misdemeanor

### เบลารุส : การเข้าเว็บต่างชาติถือเป็นความผิดอาญาแต่ไม่ร้ายแรง

January 3, 2012

Categories: Nothing to do with Thailand, but Interesting

[Belarus: Browsing Foreign Websites a Misdemeanor](#) – loc.gov, December 30, 2011

...Additionally, the Law states that the owners and administrators of Internet cafés or other places that offer access to the Internet might be found guilty of violating this Law and fined and their businesses might be closed if users of Internet services provided by these places are found visiting websites located outside of Belarus and if such behavior of the clients was not properly identified, recorded, and reported to the authorities...

## Cambodia: A resurgence in illegal logging takes its toll

### กัมพูชา : การฟื้นคืนการตัดไม้ผิดกฎหมายโดนเก็บค่าผ่านทาง

January 3, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

Cambodia: [A resurgence in illegal logging takes its toll](#) – Economist, December 17, 2011

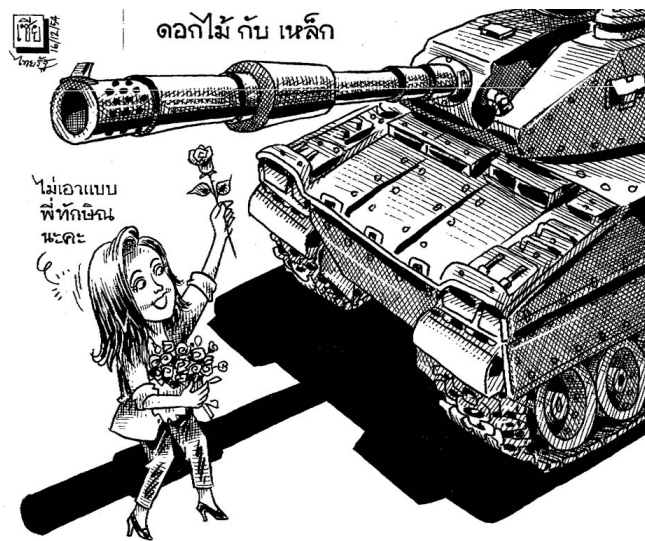
...Slung along the Thai-Cambodian border, the forests of the Dangrek mountains were once brimming with the luxury wood. But rosewood stocks have fallen precipitously in recent years as illegal logging has run rampant. For Cambodian loggers, that means having to push farther into Thailand's territory—risking capture, injury or death.

...Environmental groups say it is now led by Cambodia's armed forces. A long-running Thai-Cambodian border dispute that flared up in early 2011 around the temple of Preah Vihear has been a boon for the trade: the army has free access to surrounding areas that others do not...

## Yingluck's Rose for the Military กุหลาบของยิ่งลักษณ์สำหรับทหาร

January 3, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, December 13, 2011

The title reads: Flowers and iron

Yingluck says: Please don't treat me like you did my brother Thaksin.

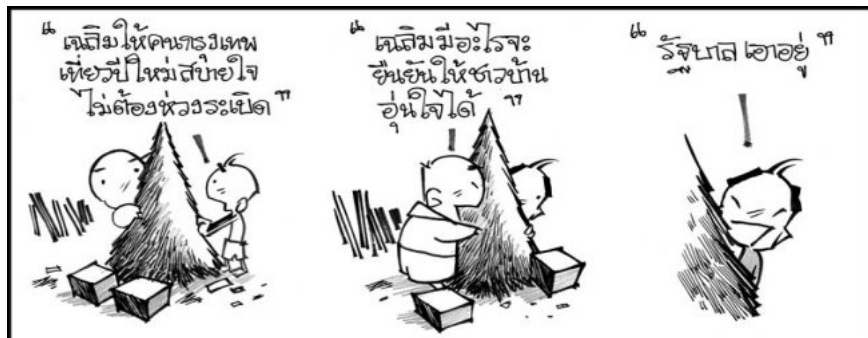


## The government says it's under control

### รัฐบาลบอกว่า เอาอยู่

January 3, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Komchadluek, December 21, 2011

Left: Chalerm wishes Bangkokians happy travels and don't worry about any bombs.

Middle: What evidence does Chalerm have that he can guarantee them relief?

Right: The government says it's under control.

## Thai-language Headlines of January 3, 2012

January 4, 2012

Categories: Thai-language Newspaper Headlines



Konchadluek, January 3, 2012

- The upper south of Thailand was severely hit by flash floods, especially Nop Phi Tham district which was one of the hardest hit area as floodwater washed away bridges and roads.
- Traffic back to Bangkok is paralyzed.
- A search warrant will be issued in regarding to Mr. Khanchit's case if he is still reluctant to hand over the suspected gun and car for an investigation.
- Members of a broad to solve the asset at Chatuchak weekend market.
- A bomb exploded at Ayutthaya province which led to three being injured.

Maticchon, January 3, 2012

- Mr. Khanchit's father said that due to a long holiday, his son will later submit the suspected gun and car to the police for an investigation.
- Songkhla and Nakhon Si Thammarat severely hit by flash floods.
- Mr. Tavin was called to expose the plot to overthrow monarchy.
- Bangkok City Hall retreated from the famous Chatuchak weekend market case and let the State Railway of Thailand, which actually owns the land, to have a full control of the market as the representatives from both sides have a good solution.

Thairath, January 3, 2012

- A university student was kidnapped for ransom, but later was killed. An male architect was later arrested and confessed to the police.
- There was still a heavy rain in the south of Thailand. The flash floods have inundated bridges and roads.
- Even with a good prevention for road accidents during the new year holiday, there were still 241 deaths for 4 days.
- In the year 2555 , many people are afraid of corruption.
- Conflagration at a house killed 2 sisters.

Daily News, January 3, 2012

- Heavy rain and flash floods buried 6 provinces in the south in turn led to the roads and railways being paralyzed.
- Ex-director won the national lottery with worth 34 million baht.
- A owner of a resort was shot dead.
- Careless car driver hit signage which caused 4 deaths.

## Happy New Year's from the Democrats สุขสันต์วันปีใหม่จากพรรคประชาธิปัตย์

January 4, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: Wishing you happiness and serenity in 2012 – MP Attawit Suwanpakdi

## With good wishes from the Royal Thai Police คำอวยพรจากสำนักงานตำรวจแห่งชาติ

January 4, 2012

Categories: Signs and Billboards, Thai Police



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: The people are safe in this auspicious year. “A safe journey comes from driving with discipline, obeying the rules and refraining from alcohol.” With good wishes from the Royal Thai Police

## **Cambodia’s “second Angkor” being restored but still off the mass tourist trail**

**นครวัดแห่งที่สองของกัมพูชา กำลังซ่อมแซมแต่ก็ยังไม่มีความพร้อมสำหรับนักท่องเที่ยวจำนวนมาก**

January 4, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

[Cambodia’s “second Angkor” being restored but still off the mass tourist trail](#) – washingtonpost.com, January, 2011

## **Do a barrell roll gimmick puts Google in a spin** **กิมมิก Do a barrell roll ทำให้เว็บกูเกิ้ลหมุน**

January 4, 2012

Categories: Nothing to do with Thailand, but Interesting

[“Do a barrell roll” gimmick puts Google in a spin](#) – Mirror, November, 2011

## Ewan McGregor reveals trauma of filming Thai tsunami movie

### อีวาน แมกเกรเกอร์เปิดเผยแผลบาดเจ็บจากการถ่ายภาพยนตร์ซึนามิไทย

January 4, 2012

Categories: Film and TV

Ewan McGregor reveals trauma of filming Thai tsunami movie – entertainment.stv.tv, January 4, 2012

Scottish star Ewan McGregor has talked about filming true-life tale The Impossible and trying to “wrap his head” around the devastating effects of the Boxing Day tsunami...

## ลมนหนาวจากความตาย

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



Cartoon reads: Cold to the bone

The blanket reads: Emergency decree, April-May 2010

The sign reads: Ratchaprasong



## Thai-language Headlines of January 4, 2012

January 5, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, January 4, 2012

- Frightened that the mountain will split up . Lack of food and water at Choomporn province. Poo ordered the army to help them.
- Bombed in the south of Thailand. An army lieutenant and a sergeant died during new year gifts' distribution to people. It was the RKK group's revenge because their leader was arrested during new year holiday.
- A girl committed suicide by jumping from a flyover and then was crushed by a taxi. Her brother revealed that she was stressed.
- It's very sorrowful that a bad group burnt wild 5 elephants and cut their tusks for sale at Kangkrachan National Park.

Thairath, January 4, 2012

- Hunting more 3 members of a cruel gang that kidnapped and tortured for money. The victim and this gang are students of Kasetsart University.
- Flash floods attacked the city of Nakorn Sri thammarat province. People there evacuated chaotically.
- Chalerm said they have to wait for 8 months to amend the constitution.
- 5 days, 282 people died. Buriram has the highest rate.
- Car bomb in the south of Thailand. An army lieutenant and a sergeant died.

Matichon, January 4, 2012

- Kanchit dare to meet up at parliament for the police to issue a search warrant.
- There are many mafias at Chatuchak market. They extort money from merchants before they start selling.
- Poo called Big Ood in the middle of the night to help the south of Thailand from flooding.
- Arresting the cruel architect gang that kidnapped and tortured Kasetsart University student to extort money from his parents.

Daily News, January 4, 2012

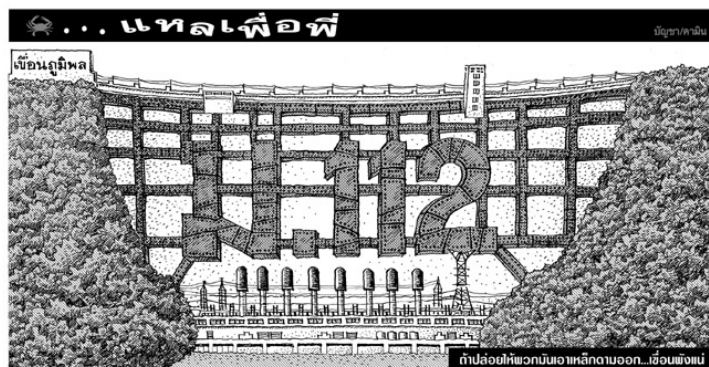
- Arrested – A gang of architect students who kidnapped and tortured a Kasetsart University student to extort money of 2 million baht.
- Poo ordered the Ministry of Defense to give assistance to the south of Thailand from flooding.
- Prepare to request a search warrant for Kanchit's house because he ignored to give evidences to the police
- The army confirmed that relations with the government are good

## Removing Section 112

### ถอดถอนกฎหมายมาตรา 112

January 5, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, December 26, 2011

Top left sign: Bhumibol Dam

Steel in the middle reads: Section 112

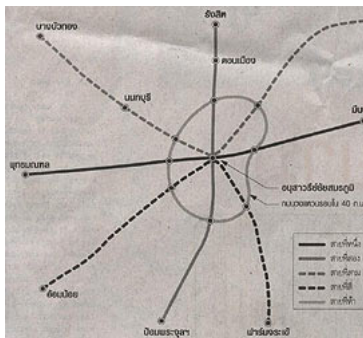
The caption reads: If we let them remove the steel facade, then the dam will collapse.

## Eight Years Ago Today: Governor Samak’s mass transit plans remembered

### วันนี้เมื่อ 8 ปีก่อน : ผู้ว่าสมัครรวมแผนการเดินทางผ่านทั้งหมดด้วยกัน

January 5, 2012

Categories: Today in History



Eight Years Ago Today: [Governor Samak's mass transit plans remembered](#)

## Weekly News Magazines, December 30, 2011

January 5, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, December 30, 2011

The cover reads: The year of Seri



From Matichon Weekly, December 30, 2011

The cover reads: A hero of the year is coming soon, won't wait for too long

## Bangkok Post recognizes “Myanmar” หนังสือพิมพ์บางกอกโพสต์จำมาได้

January 5, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines

Anonymous writes: Starting next Monday, the Post will use the terms “Myanmar” and “Yangon” instead of “Burma” and “Rangoon.” The editor-in-chief decided it was time, but it is suspected that it is tied up with the big push by Thai industry to Dawei, the former Tavoy, and which they’ve gone ahead and called Dawei for some time now.

## Myanmar's First Girl Band Pushes Limits of Censors, and Parents วงเกิร์ลแบนวงแรกของพม่าที่กระตุ้นการจำกัดด้านเซ็นเซอร์และพ่อแม่

January 5, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

### Private Video

Log in to watch (if you have permission)

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[Festival](#) from [Nicole May](#) on [Vimeo](#).

[Myanmar's First Girl Band Pushes Limits of Censors, and Parents](#) -NYT, January 4, 2012

...The band is called Me N Ma Girls, a play on “Myanmar girls.” They are battling conservative parents, a censorship board and boyfriends who think it is outrageous that they go onstage in such skimpy outfits...

## Debt Transfer Scheme Scrapped... Then Approved

### เลิกการโอนหนี้ แล้วต่อมาก็อนุมัติ

January 5, 2012

Categories: Economy

[Thai Government Scraps Plan to Transfer Debt to Central Bank](#) – Bloomberg, January 3, 2012

...“Transferring debts to the Bank of Thailand will be like printing money,” Finance Minister Thirachai Phuvanatnaranubala told reporters today. “The methods we are using must not affect fiscal and monetary discipline and must not hurt confidence among foreign investors and international agencies...”

[Govt shifts B1 trillion in debt to BoT](#) – Bangkok Post, January 5, 2012

...Finance Minister Thirachai Phuvanatnaranubala said the transfer would not hurt financial or monetary discipline but would give the government room for new investment....

[Govt debt policy will make the currency ‘worthless’](#) – The Nation, January 5, 2012

...Finance Minister Thirachai Phuvanatnaranubala yesterday told the opposition during the 2012 Budget Bill debate that the government is urgently in need of funds for investment in the post-flood recovery...

## Myanmar: Uncensored Films Finally See the Light of Day

### พม่า : การไม่เซ็นเซอร์ภาพยนตร์ในที่สุดก็ไม่สำเร็จ

January 5, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma



[Uncensored Films Finally See the Light of Day](#) – The Irrawaddy, January 5, 2012

...The movie devotes much of its attention to scenes where a group of government officials from the state censorship board, the ministry of religion, and the ministry of health watch uncensored movies together, and begin arguing about which parts should be banned. Set in a tongue-in-cheek manner, the state officials are depicted as obtuse and self-righteous; they decide to censor scenes of beggars, of girls in mini-skirts, and of characters complaining about power cuts. The ministers reason that those characters “degrade the dignity of the state...”



# We moved to Terminal 21 เราย้ายไปที่ เทอมินอล 21

January 5, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, December 16, 2011

Upper left: We moved to Terminal 21 for a long time to get away from the water. It feels like home again now that we're back at SCB Park, Dr. Vichit.

Upper right: Yes, Khun Kannika, it helps reduce our employees' expenses too.

Lower left: Kannika says: Did our employees have to pay more for transportation to get there? Vichit says: No.

Lower right: Their shopping expenses. Who can restrain themselves in Terminal 21? They shopped until their pockets were torn.

## Fallout from “Thai hospitality, with a dark side”

### ผลที่ตามมาของไมตรีจิตไทยในด้านมืด

January 5, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[THAI-TRIP COLUMN ‘NAUSEA’](#) – philly.com, December 22, 2011

...astounding claims that there are “no pimps,” little drug addiction, and that women are “independent contractors” – claims refuted by human-rights organizations that study international sex trafficking...

[Another angry voice in Thai column outrage](#) – philly.com, January 5, 2012

...”Feel bad” is a puny response to the anguish, obliteration and violence these children suffer at the hands of adult men, every day of their lives...

The original column: [Stu Bykofsky: Thai hospitality, with a dark side](#) – philly.com, December 09, 2011

## Thai-language Headlines of January 5, 2012

January 6, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Thairath, January 5, 2012

- Plavarn was stabbed by the social evil doer gang in a nightclub in Phuket.
- The flooding crisis caused electricity poles to fall down for 5 km. along a road in Choornporn.
- They will demolish buildings in Chatuchak and return the land to SRT.
- Requesting a search warrant for Kanchit's house. The police started to search his house.
- People reported to the police to arrest rice mill that cheated out of 50 million baht.

Matichon, January 5, 2012

- The police searched Kanchit's house today, found no guns and cars, and Kanchit went to parliament meeting as usual and not answer any question about Mr. Toon's case.
- UDD go on for the Constitution amendment. They are hunting 200,000 names .
- The corruption from Chatuchak market of a billion baht per year was exposed.
- The cabinet yesterday decided to transfer responsibility for 1.14 trillion baht in outstanding debt to the central bank and for the government to take out hundreds of billions of baht in new loans to fund new investment programs. And they also gave green light for 4 decrees.

Komchadluek, January 5, 2012

- Mark visited flood affected areas in Choornporn-Surat.
- Pinit revealed that he quit as Kanchit's lawyer.
- Fire in Chatuchak Market – People believed it is linked to politics.
- Pheu Thai planed that they will propose to amend constitution in the beginning of February.

Daily News, January 5, 2012

- Search warrant obtained for Kanchit's house to look for guns and cars, but found nothing.
- Green light for 4 billion baht to help the flood affected. Money spend for fixing houses can be written off on income tax.
- Chatuchak war between BMA and SRT made a mysterious fire start in the book store zone. Mr. Chad Kuldilok is hunting the mafia in Chatuchak.
- Famous hiso from Issara family was stabbed in a pub in Phuket.

## Prices crawling up for iconic spider snacks

### แมงมุมไอคอนิคราคาสูงขึ้น

January 6, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

[Prices crawling up for iconic spider snacks](#) – phnompenhpost.com, January 4, 2012

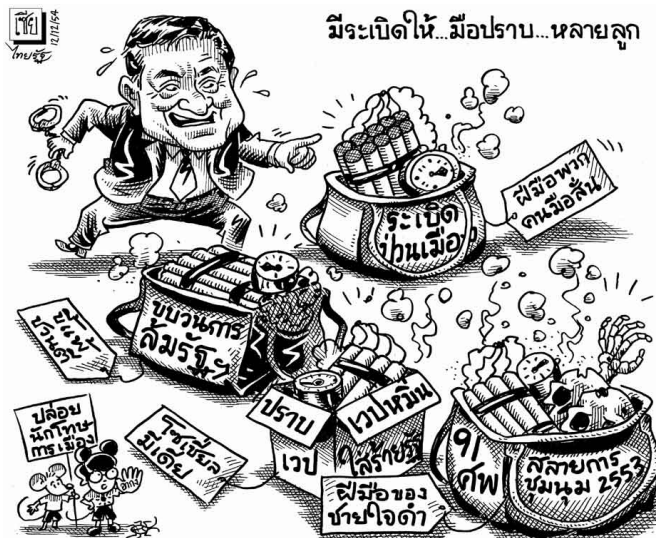
...“In the last three years, we could still find some spiders here, but now we don’t have any spiders in our village,” she says. “Skoun is now just the place to sell spiders, but there are no spiders left here. All spiders are brought from various provinces...”

## Chalerm Points Out the Bombs

### เฉลิมมุ่งไปที่ระเบิด

January 6, 2012

Categories: Chalerm Yubamrung, Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, December 9, 2011

Cartoon reads: There are many bombs for this buster.

Left basket in front of Chalerm: Movement to overthrow the cabinet. Tag: Losers can't admit they lost.

Right basket in front of Chalerm: Bombs aimed at city turbulence. Tag: The work of shaky hands.

Box: Get rid of lese-majeste and government-defamation websites. Tag: Social media

Front basket: 91 deaths from breaking up the 2010 protests. Tag: The work of an unkind man.

The mouse's sign: Free the political prisoners

# Eyegasm: The Art of Thai Movie Posters

## อายกัสนิม : ศิลปะของโปสเตอร์ภาพยนตร์ไทย

January 6, 2012  
Categories: Film and TV



[Eyegasm: The Art of Thai Movie Posters on Exhibit in Palm Springs, California](#) – prweb.com, January 4, 2012

Exhibition website: [Eyegasm: The Art of Thai Movie Posters](#)

## This week, there are only liver-eating people

### สัปดาห์นี้มีแต่คนกินตับ

January 6, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, December 20, 2011

Cartoon title reads: This week, there are only liver-eating people.

Upper left: Chinese-restaurant employees are picking their employer's liver by selling it to rivals to eat!

Upper middle: Swindlers use telephone calls to eat the liver of flood-relief donation TV programs!

Upper right: A popular singer's liver was eaten by his ex-wife via Facebook!

Lower left: A massage-parlor tycoon acts all moral when he eats the liver of another massage-parlor tycoon!

Lower middle: So far, no one knows who eats permanent secretary Supoj's liver! On the poster: Announcement — Missing liver — Whoever finds it, please don't return it!

Lower right: A deputy minister runs to Hong Kong to complain to the big boss that the minister ate a big liver himself!

## Eight Years Ago: Thaksin Responds to Washington Post Criticism

### วันนี้เมื่อ 9 ปีก่อน : ทักษิณตอบบทวิจารณ์หนังสือพิมพ์วอชิงตันโพสต์

January 6, 2012

Categories: Today in History

Eight Years Ago: [Thaksin Responds to Washington Post Criticism](#)



## Australian deported from Bahrain over Facebook posts

### คนออสเตรเลียถูกเนรเทศออกจากบาเรนโดยการโพสต์บนเฟสบุค

January 6, 2012

Categories: Nothing to do with Thailand, but Interesting

[Australian deported from Bahrain over Facebook posts](#) – zdnet.com, January 5, 2012

...Mitchell believed he was safe since the comments he had made on Facebook were not critical of the ruling family or the government. He said his posts simply tried to correct false or misleading information. On the other hand, he was unsure if he could continue working at the university if it was run by a government that resorted to unlawful arrests, torture, as well as identification from social networks...

## Thai-language Headlines of January 6, 2012

January 7, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, January 6, 2012

- The governor ordered to close Ratchada Pub in Phuket and arrested 6 cruel murderers who attempted to kill Plavarn. In fact, those people are employees and guards in that pub.
- Pancake broke up with Pae because they don't have time and want to work hard.
- The army helps 1200 people to survive at Ronpiboon. 8 provinces warned that there will be rain again on 6-10 January.
- Reds proposed to amend the whole constitution.
- Mr. Chad confirmed that in 7 days he will know the reason of fire at Chatuchak. The police suspect chief of military staff named "M" who was the person committed arson.

Matichon, January 6, 2012

- Mr. Suthep was angry that DSI will question him about plotting to get rid of the royal family.
- The Bank of Thailand obstructs the debt transfer because it is not worthwhile to do it. They want the government to reconsider. They're afraid there will be corruption.
- Chatuchak extortion gang was arrested during their mission.
- Six staff members of the Carnala-Rachada Pub in Phuket Town have been arrested for allegedly stabbing and assaulting Sri Panwa Resort General Manager Vorasit Issara early yesterday morning and are charged with attempted murder.

Thairath, January 6, 2012

- Attempted murder of "hi-so" Plavarn, the police arrested 6 employees of a pub.
- Pancake-Pae broke up because they don't have time .
- Suthep put the blame on DSI that they are bullshit for asking him to clarify about plotting to overthrow the monarchy.
- The police hurry to determine the cause of the Chatuchak arson.
- Don't put pressure on the police about Mr. Kanchit's case.

Daily News, January 6, 2012

- The actress Pancake announced the relationship between her and her boyfriend have come to the end.
- Mr. Suthep argued that a plot to overthrow a monarchy is true and he is ready to give information.
- Former Prime Minister Abhisit has criticized the government's move to transfer debt from the Finance Ministry to the Financial Institutions Development Fund (FIDF).
- The commander-in-chief of the air force gave a strong statement that if there would be any amendment of constitution, the government must take the voice of the people into account.

## Honoring Thaksin การให้เกียรติทักษิณ

January 7, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics



From Thairath, December 23, 2011

Longevity – Phra Khru Stuthep Sitthikun, the abbot of Wat Sribunruang, holds a ceremony for his longevity on the occasion of his 74th birthday and also for Pol. Lt. Colonel Thaksin and Miss Yingluck Shinawatra. He also said Pol. Lt. Colonel Thaksin will come home soon.

## Six Years Ago Today: Blurring of Smoking on Thai TV

### วันนี้เมื่อ 6 ปีก่อน : ทำให้มั่ว ๆ เวลาสับสนในทีวีไทย

January 7, 2012

Categories: Today in History

Six Years Ago Today: [Blurring of Smoking on Thai TV](#)

## Six Years Ago Today: Nightlife-themed Heineken ads

### วันนี้เมื่อ 6 ปีก่อน : หัวข้อชีวิตกลางคืนของโฆษณาไฮเนเก้น

January 7, 2012

Categories: Today in History



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Six Years Ago Today: [Nightlife-themed Heineken ads](#)

## Five Years Ago Today: Foreigners rip new rules on ownership วันนี้เมื่อ 5 ปีที่แล้ว : คนต่างชาติฉีกกฎใหม่ในสิทธิความเป็นเจ้าของ

January 7, 2012

Categories: Today in History

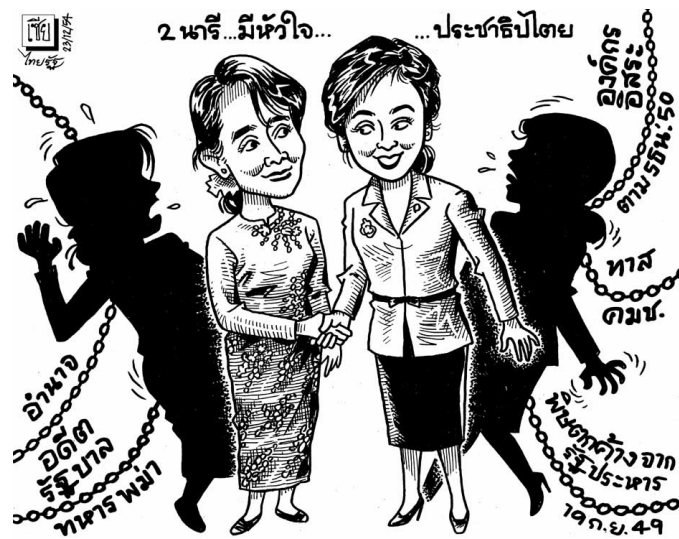
Five Years Ago Today: [Foreigners rip new rules on ownership](#)

## Aung San Suu Kyi and Yingluck: Kindred Spirits

### อองซานซูจีและยิ่งลักษณ์ : เจตนารมณ์ร่วมกัน

January 7, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From ThaiRath, December 23, 2011

The cartoon title reads: Two ladies with democratic hearts.

Text on the chains behind Aung San Suu Kyi: Power, former Burmese military government

Text on the chains behind Yingluck: Independent organizations from the 2007 constitution, CNS slaves, toxic residue from the September 19, 2006 coup

## Elephant Procession ขบวนช้าง

January 7, 2012

Categories: Old photos and films



Undated photo of an elephant procession. Does anyone know any details about what is depicted in this photo?



## DSI plans foreigner proxy firm crackdown

### ดีเอสไอวางแผนจะทำโทษรุนแรงแก่บริษัทตัวแทนต่างชาติ

January 7, 2012

Categories: Business

[DSI plans foreigner proxy firm crackdown](#) – Bangkok Post, January 7, 2012

...He said foreigners are behind the operations of many of these reserved businesses in Koh Samui and Phuket and several other tourist provinces.

Previously, many of these foreigners held land through Thai nominees for their own use, but now they are expanding their influence into new sectors such as real estate, land development and building condominiums, Mr Tharit said...

## **Doubt cast over charity group The Grey Man's sex trafficking rescue claims** **เต็มไปด้วยความสงสัยในกลุ่มการกุศล ผู้ชายสีเทา ที่ช่วยชีวิตพวกถูกค้ำมนุษย์**

January 7, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Doubt cast over charity group The Grey Man's sex trafficking rescue claims](#) – theaustralian.com.au, January 7, 2012

The Grey Man, which has among its supporters senior Queensland judge Margaret McMurdo, last year claimed to have rescued 14 boys and seven girls from captivity in a small Thai village and stopped them being transported to brothels...

[Australian Charity Accused of Faking Hill Tribe Children Rescue From Sex Slavery](#) – andrew-drummond.com, January 6, 2012

...The AFP have been asked to investigate stories in Australia last October saying that the Brisbane based charity 'The Grey Man' rescued 21 Akha hill tribe children and saved them from certain slavery in factories and brothels.

An MSDHC investigation has found that the children never left their village in Baan Khun Suay, Chiang Rai, in Northern Thailand, were all living at home and were attending a school on a daily basis. Not only that; their schooling was provided under a special government fund so all their meals, uniforms and schoolbooks fees were paid for...

## Family of circus performers off to Thailand to help refugee children ครอบครัวของนักแสดงละครสัตว์ไปเมืองไทยเพื่อช่วยเด็กผู้พลัดถิ่น

January 7, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Family of circus performers off to Thailand to help refugee children](#) – canada.com, January 5, 2012

...Strong said that more 200,000 refugees line the borders of Thailand and Burma, held in camps that can barely manage to provide for basic necessities...

## Seven Years Ago Today: Gradual moderation at The Nation

### วันนี้เมื่อ7ปีก่อน : การทำให้น้อยลงที่ละนิดของเดอะเนชั่น

January 8, 2012

Categories: Today in History

Seven Years Ago Today: [Gradual moderation at The Nation](#)

## Akha And The Grey Man – We Find The Rescued Children

### อีโก้และกลุ่มเกรแมน – เราเจอเด็กที่ถูกช่วยชีวิต

January 8, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Akha And The Grey Man – We Find The Rescued Children](#) – andrew-drummond.com, January 7, 2012

...“Indeed all the children are happily at home with their parents; they never left their homes. All that happened is that several Westerners came into the village and asked to take pictures of poor children in order to find assistance for transport to school.

“Needless to say the village community and the children themselves are very upset at having been represented as a village providing sex workers.

“The Coordination Centre for Protection of Child and Women Rights feels it is very wrong to exploit Thai children and the Australian public in this way to solicit funds on false premises. We feel the funds raised by the generosity of the Australian people in response to this hoax rescue mission should be immediately returned and the Australian media should correct their false reports...”

Earlier: [Doubt cast over charity group The Grey Man’s sex trafficking rescue claims](#)

## DSI Crackdown on “Nominees” under FBA?

### ดีเอสไอจำกัดผู้ถูกเสนอชื่อภายใต้เอฟบีเอ

January 8, 2012

Categories: Business

[DSI Crackdown on “Nominees” under FBA?](#) – thailandpolicy.wordpress.com, January 8, 2012

...In fact, changing the FBA to prohibit such practices – which the National Legislative Assembly attempted to do in 2007 – will make Thailand less competitive, chill investment in Thailand, possibly violate Thailand’s WTO obligations and would, in many situations, amount to compulsory divestiture of businesses by foreigners. As stated at that time in a position paper by the Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce in Thailand, amending the FBA to eliminate these “loopholes” would: “necessarily criminalize structures that are legal under current law.”

## Five Years Ago Today: Topping off the Giant Swing

January 9, 2012

Categories: Today in History



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Five Years Ago Today: [Topping off the Giant Swing](#)

## Seven Years Ago Today: In Praise of Purachai

### วันนี้เมื่อ7ปีก่อน : การสรรเสริญปุรชัย

January 9, 2012

Categories: Today in History

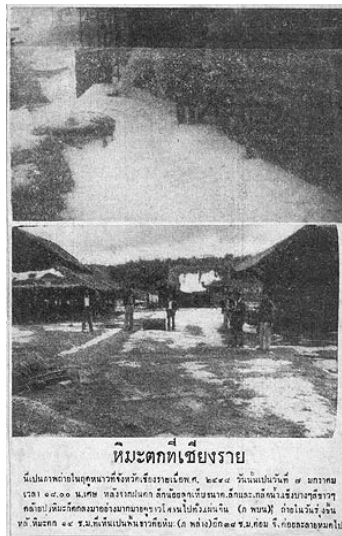
Seven Years Ago Today: [In Praise of Purachai](#)



## 57 Years Ago Today: The day it snowed in Thailand วันนี้เมื่อ 57ปีก่อน : วันที่หิมะตกในประเทศไทย

January 9, 2012

Categories: Today in History



57 Years Ago Today: [The day it snowed in Thailand](#)

**British backpacker killed by electric shock from faulty fridge on Thailand holiday with girlfriend**  
**นักท่องเที่ยวชาวอังกฤษตายเพราะไฟดูดจากตู้เย็นที่ไม่สมบูรณ์ในวันหยุดของไทยกับแฟนของเขา**

January 9, 2012

Categories: Thailand in the International Media

[British backpacker killed by electric shock from faulty fridge on Thailand holiday with girlfriend](#) – Daily Mail, January 8, 2012

## **Dad's frantic Thai search for son to be made into a Hollywood film** **พ่อไม่พอใจที่คนไทยจะค้นหาเรื่องของลูกชายไปทำหนังฮอลลีวูด**

January 9, 2012

Categories: Thailand in the International Media

[Dad's frantic Thai search for son to be made into a Hollywood film](#) – birminghammail.net, January 9, 2012

...Sean had to grease palms and brave bandits before confronting the pair in the squalid village of Chiang Rai, close to the Vietnamese border and at the heart of the narcotics freeway known as the Golden Triangle, where poppy crops, not English pounds, are the currency that counts.

Kim handed back the traumatised child for £1,000, ownership of a parcel of land in Thailand that Sean has purchased for more than £6,000, a laptop and agreement by the British Embassy she wouldn't face prosecution in this country...

## Thai-language Headlines of January 9, 2012

January 10, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, January 9, 2012

- Nonthaburi residents were angry that they didn't get the reimbursement of 5000 baht for flood rehabilitation, so they closed Kanjanapisek Road.
- More security and strictness from Plavarn's bodyguards.
- Trucks-buses-taxis gather and have a meeting today to discuss how to resist the NGV price increase.
- Poo doesn't oppose letting 34 commissioners to amend the constitution.

Matichon, January 9, 2012

- Dr. Krong will put the proposal to the cabinet meeting on January 10 of 2.2 million million baht – a big project to change the country.
- Mr. Ukrit makes an proposal to clarify the constitution amendments and Poo accepts to consider it.
- DSI confirmed that there was much cheating on the rescue bags.
- Trucks and taxis together closed the road to protest the NGV-LPG price increase.

Thairath, January 9, 2012

- Democrats expose the government's evil Bank of Thailand robbery and claims that the government is an economic dictator.
- A 61-year-old woman was raped and killed during a robbery.
- Poo and her team visited and surveyed flood affected in the south of Thailand.
- The offending gang in the Plavarn case ruined Phuket's image and impacted tourism there.

Daily News, January 9, 2012

- Protest closes Viphavadee Rd. against price increases on NGV-LPG.
- Chalerm boasts that he will bring Thaksin home.
- DSI confirmed there was much corruption of rescue bags.
- The governor of Phuket blamed the Rachada pub incident for ruining the image of Phuket.

## Will Phnom Penh ever get a bus system?

### พนมเปญจะมีระบบรถบัสหรือไม่

January 10, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

[Will Phnom Penh ever get a bus system?](#) – BBC, January 8, 2012

...The main issue seems to have been reluctance on the part of potential passengers to make their way to and from the bus stops. As the governor of Phnom Penh once quipped: “My people don’t like to walk...”

## มือบโมโห

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



Caption: If you chase after the PM with these signs, she'll leave office quickly for sure.

Signs from left to right: Too beautiful to be a PM — Please step down to compete in the Miss World pageant — Leave to become Miss Universe — Get out so you can enter a beauty pageant

## Drive Fast, Die Fast ขับเร็วตายเร็ว

January 10, 2012

Categories: Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: Drive fast, die fast

Top left logo: 100 years of the Transport Ministry

Top right: Land Transport Department

## **Thai man holds hostage at knife point in desperate bid for treatment money** **ชายไทยจับตัวประกันจี้ด้วยมีดไว้เพื่อจะเอาเงินไปรักษาตัวเอง**

January 10, 2012

Categories: Thailand in the International Media

[Thai man holds hostage at knife point in desperate bid for treatment money](#), – Mirror, January 9, 2012



## **Burma halts construction of Thai-backed power plant** **พม่าหยุดการก่อสร้างโรงงานพลังงานของไทยชั่วคราว**

January 10, 2012

Categories: Energy, Myanmar/Burma

[Burma halts construction of Thai-backed power plant](#) – BBC, January 10, 2012

...The decision on the coal-fired plant at Dawei comes four months after the controversial Chinese-funded Myitsone hydroelectric dam was halted. The move is seen as another indication of burgeoning political and economic reforms...

## Thai-language Headlines of January 10, 2012

January 11, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, January 10, 2012

- Transportation protest that closed Viphavadi road ended – They agreed to meet half way for NGV price increases. The government will increase step by step from 50 satang.
- Call center gang strikes again for 30 million baht.
- Coalition whips yesterday rejected the proposal by a committee led by former Senate speaker Ukrit Mongkolnavin to have a 34-member panel appointed to amend the Constitution.
- The Nonthaburi residents protesters sorry that they closed the road and created traffic.

Maticchon, January 10, 2012

- Viphavadi road was paralyzed because of the protest about NGV price increases.
- The government will use Ms. Sodsri's policy to amend section 291 by transforming 77 senators to be a constituent assembly .
- The Central Bank is afraid that they will be charged too high a transfer fee from the debt transfer.
- SRT is dealing with illegal peddlers and also found that Chatuchak market has three mafia gangs behind it.

Thairath, January 10, 2012

- The government will appoint committees to control NGV-LPG prices so the protest could be dismissed.
- A guy got married to a body. He wanted to fulfill his girlfriend's dream before she died.
- Senators threatened that they will report to constitutional court to investigate. They want to investigate the government transferring debt to the Bank of Thailand.
- Plabu's father was jailed because Plabu predicted that the dam would brake.

Daily News, January 10, 2012

- The government succeeded in persuading the NGV protest . They all disbursed. They will increase price by 50 satang a month for 4 months.
- Ms. Sodsri proposed the policy to amend the constitution.
- Coalition whips supported the constitution amendment of section 291 by appointment of a constituent assembly and letting the people participate.
- Rubber growers in the southern province of Songkhla were set to travel to the capital to join forces with rubber growers nationwide who are calling on the government to help shore up rubber prices to Bt120 per kilogram.

## Thai Santas

### ซานตาครอสไทย

January 11, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, December 23, 2011

The cartoon title reads: White Santa Claus – Black Santa Claus

Yingluck's bag reads: Rehabilitation and cure, building up the country's future, impartial laws, unity and harmony

Left roof reads: The people 2012

Death's bag reads: Good at talking, good at blaming, good at overthrowing

Right roof reads: Impeach the cabinet

## The Dog Brings Thaksin His Passport

### หมานำหนังสือเดินทางของทักษิณมาคืน

January 11, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, December 19, 2011

Caption: It must be acknowledged that Ai Pueng performed this task excellently .

## Eight Years Ago Today: They envy us วันนี้เมื่อ 8 ปีก่อน : เขาอิจฉาเรา

January 11, 2012

Categories: Today in History

Eight Years Ago Today: [They.envy.us](http://They.envy.us)

## Seven Years Ago: Lurid stories of Thai youth เรื่องน่าตกใจของเยาวชนไทย

January 11, 2012

Categories: Today in History

Seven Years Ago: [Lurid stories of Thai youth](#)

## Signs from the Truckers' NGV Protest

### ป้ายจากผู้ประท้วงคนขับรถบรรทุกที่ใช้เอ็นจีวี

January 11, 2012  
Categories: Thai Politics



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: Why isn't NGV available in the market? This must be answered!!!



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: The Land of the Thais must remain for our Thai descendants.

Text close to the big map reads: The total area lost is bigger than what we have left. All the Thai kings have protected our land to keep it out of foreigners' hands by giving up a large amount in exchange for recognition of Thailand's sovereignty. Don't let minor conflicts break up our unity.



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: The NGV Users' Network opposes NGV price rises – PTT has cheated us and tricked us into switching to NGV – Taking care of our NGV equals taking care of the Earth, so we say you do not love yourself.

## Fascism or Thaksin

### ลัทธิชาตินิยมหรือทักษิณ

January 11, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, December 22, 2011

The cartoon title reads: Different points of view

Left man holding a sign: Against a constitutional amendment

On the boot: Coup

On the mouse's sign: Democracy

On the offering bowl: The 2007 constitution

On the man's shirt: Consequences of the CNS

Right man holding a sign: Constitutional amendment



## Police launch chant probe

### ตำรวจเริ่มการสืบสวนการร้องเพลง

January 11, 2012  
Categories: Sports

[Police launch chant probe](#) – skysports.com, January 10, 2012

...The footage, thought to be from the early stages of last Saturday's 0-0 draw at The City Ground, shows Forest fans singing: "You used to be English, you're not any more."  
...Commenting on the police inquiry on Twitter, some fans claimed the chant was a reference to Leicester's high ethnic minority population, while others suggested that it alluded to the Thai-led consortium which owns Leicester City...

## High Ranking Customs Official Physically Abuses Airport Security ข้าราชการชั้นสูงทำร้ายร่างกายพนักงานแอร์พอร์ต

January 11, 2012

Categories: Airports and Airlines



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=>



Above: The typical “big man” syndrome:

First he pushes through. This is enough to make most lower-ranking people in most circumstances humbly back off.

Secondly the physical contact from the screener enrages the big man who, in Thai-style, does not value physical touch (as opposed to international customs of hugging, and shaking hands).

Next the big man shakes his ID badge to indicate “do you know who I am?” This is done as a response to the perceived impertinence of a lower-ranking person who is not acceding to the higher rank of the superior person.

The ear slap is not typical, but physical striking can happen when one or the other Thai parties is highly agitated (i.e. “pushed too far” — when acting out is seen as an inevitable and logical response to events).

All the while the screener bows humbly again and again to express his deference and defuse the situation.

[High Ranking Customs Official Physically Abuses Airport Security](#) – thailandoutlook.tv, January 11, 2012

[Thai official’s behavior at airport causes uproar](#) – AP, January 11, 2012

[More on the Airport Assault](#)

## Headscarves are acceptable: Woravat ผ้าโพกหัวสามารถยอมรับได้ :วรวัท

January 11, 2012

Categories: Local Beliefs

[Headscarves are acceptable: Woravat](#) – The Nation, January 11, 2012

...He said this in response to a rally held yesterday by a Muslim group, which was protesting against two students being suspended by Wat Nong Chok School for wearing a headscarf in class. After a 30-minute chat with a senior official, Woravat told the gatherers that wearing a hijab did not violate the ministry's dress code for students...

## **Australian trader funds Thai slum kids holidays**

January 11, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Australian trader funds Thai slum kids holidays](#) – radioaustralia.net.au, January 11, 2012

...It's now developing a so-called "upcycling" program in which Thai women in need of an income make old clothes into new items – many of which are then sold back to foreign residents...

## Navis Sells Dunkin' Donuts, Au Bon Pain in Thailand นาวิซขายดังกิ้นโดนัท และ โอปองแปงในเมืองไทย

January 11, 2012

Categories: Business

[Navis Sells Dunkin' Donuts, Au Bon Pain in Thailand](#) – wsj.com, January 10, 2012

Navis Capital Partners has sold its Dunkin' Donuts and Au Bon Pain businesses in Thailand to Bangkok-listed Sub Sri Thai PCL at an enterprise value of 1.32 billion Thai baht (US\$41.6 million)...

## Passing the Decision on Lese Majeste Cases

### ส่งผ่านการตัดสินใจของคดีหมิ่นพระบรมเดชานุภาพ

January 12, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, December 20, 2011

Cartoon reads: Ridiculous ...

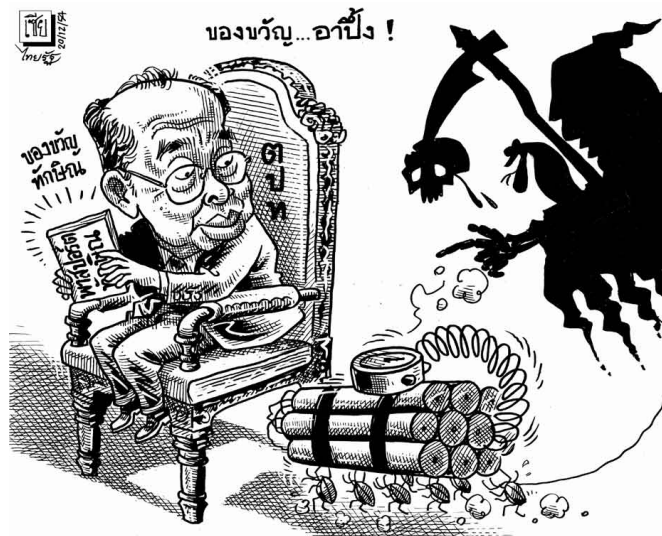
Left to right tables reads: Police, screening committee, prosecutor, screening committee, judge

Document being passed reads: Section 112 case

## Democrats Bring the Bombs ประชาธิปไตยนำระเบิดมาให้

January 12, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, December 20, 2011

The cartoon title: Ar Pueng's present!

Ar Pueng or Surapong Tovijakchaikul, Foreign Affairs Minister, is sitting on a chair that reads: Foreign Affairs

Book is is holding a booklet at reads: Thaksin's passport

Text above the passport reads: Thaksin's present

## Hanoi Then and Now

### ฮานอยสมัยเก่าและสมัยใหม่

January 12, 2012

Categories: Vietnam



Great old photos of Hanoi and current development [on this thread](#). Thanks to Danny for pointing this out.



## Thai-language Headlines of January 11, 2012

January 12, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, January 11, 2012

- Many internet users [criticized the C7 level official that showed off his power](#) and punched the airport staff who scanned him.
- 3 people were injured by an unknown man who was very angry at the demonstration felt he was provoked.
- Compensate 7.75 million baht per body from the politics protests .
- The cabinet backed offed and returned the Bank of Thailand to manage .

Matichon, January 11, 2011

- HM the King and the Queen are sad about burning to kill elephants.
- Setting the budget of 2 billion baht for those impacted during the demonstrations . Those who died get 4.5 million baht.
- The decree didn't conflict with the constitution, so 4 decrees are approved easily.
- Rubber protest closed the road. Poo order ministers to stop them from moving to Bangkok.

Thairath, January 11, 2012

- A man was very angry at the protest that closed the road. He continuously shot at the protest. 8 injured.
- Officials were involved in the killing of elephants.
- Mr. Ukrit confirms to appoint 34 committees to work for constitution amendments.
- 2 teenagers chased and shot 2 university students. 1 died, 1 injured.

Daily News, January 11, 2012

- Red shirt demonstration compensated 7.5 million baht per 1 dead.
- Rubber protest closed the road because they want the government to solve the price problem.
- A man dared to fight against a tiger.
- A bank argued against the accusation of 30 million baht lost.

## Urinating Dogs

### สุนัขปัสสาวะ

January 12, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, December 29, 2011

The fence reads: Section 112

Left: I've been waiting my whole life for that fence to collapse so I can go inside and piss on that pole at least once.

Right balloon: Yes, I've dreamed of that for a long time too. I really want to piss on it.

Caption: Dogs' ultimate dream

## Weekly News Magazines, January 6, 2012

January 12, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, January 6, 2012

The cover reads : 111.. 555



From Football Siam, January, 2012

The headline reads: The greatest Thai league



From Matichon Weekly, January 6, 2012

The cover reads: Constitution at the crossroads

## New 50 Baht Banknote Coming Out in 2012

### ธนบัตร 50 บาทแบบใหม่กำลังจะออกในปี 2012

January 12, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News



On the forum: [New 50 Baht Banknote Coming Out in 2012](#)

## World's tiniest frogs found in Papua New Guinea กบที่ตัวเล็กที่สุดในโลกถูกพบที่ปาปัวนิวกินี

January 12, 2012

Categories: Nothing to do with Thailand, but Interesting

[World's tiniest frogs found in Papua New Guinea](#) – AFP, January 11, 2012

...Not only are these little peepers with the big names — *Paedophryne amauensis* and *Paedophryne swiftorum* — the smallest frogs known to man, they are also believed to be the smallest vertebrates on Earth...

## **UK university to open campus in Thailand** **มหาวิทยาลัยของอังกฤษมาเปิดที่ประเทศไทย**

January 12, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[UK university to open campus in Thailand](#) – BBC, January 12, 2012

A UK university is to open a campus in Bangkok – in what is claimed as the first such UK branch university to be established in Thailand...

## Thai-language Headlines of January 12, 2012

January 13, 2012

Categories: Thai-language Newspaper Headlines



Komchadluek, January 12, 2012

- The director-general [can't accept the car slapping clip](#), he will report to the Deputy Minister of Finance to discharge and investigate this C7 level official. The victim's eardrum was torn.
- Hunting the Vios that shot at protesters.
- Offenders drove fast to escape the police in a drug chase, but didn't succeed. They hit a police captain and dragged him for 10 meters. Then he died. The police could arrest the offenders.
- Sek is still in a blur, he has to rehab for a long time.
- Senators blame the cabinet resolution about compensation for the protesters has a double standard.

Matichon, January 12, 2012

- Poo will adjust the cabinet on the Chinese New Year.
- Prieupan sent Pansiri to work on the elephants case. The Department of National Parks revealed that the national politicians are behind the elephant hunting.
- Customs Facilitation is hurrying to appoint a committee to investigate the C9-level officials who slapped a the ear of a staff member .
- Deputy police inspector died awfully, he was hit and dragged for 20 meters.

Thairath, January 12, 2012

- Cruel drug gangsters killed a police captain by crashed into him and dragging on the road.
- Requesting a warrant to arrest 85 members of a scam cell center gang.
- Killing each other – They don't get rubber 120 baht per kilo. The police are hunting a Vios that shot at rubber protesters.
- The Pheu Thai is chaotic now. Ministers and house of representatives flight each other.

Daily News, January, 2012

- A C7 custom official is faced with disciplinary action for his assault on an airport security officer.
- Mr. Sek's family will sue his ex-wife.
- A drug gang dared to drive a car over a policeman while he was undercover and pretending to purchase drugs.
- A politician is invoiced with the case of hunting elephants.

## Six Years Ago Today: Mysterious Company Wins Massive Airport Contract

วันนี้เมื่อ 6 ปีก่อน : บริษัทลึกลับชนะสัญญาของสนามบินที่ใหญ่โตมาก

January 13, 2012

Categories: Today in History

Six Years Ago Today: [What is Forbisher Pte. Co. Ltd.?](#)



## Chalerm Snakebitten

### หมองูเฉลิม

January 13, 2012

Categories: Chalerm Yubamrung, Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, December 28, 2011

Sign: Snake-charmer Chalerm can control the snakes.

Basket: Royal Thai Police

Caption: He brags a lot, but finally he's bitten.

**ปีมังกร 2555**

Categories: New Year's Cartoons



The cartoon reads: 2012 Riding the Dragon 2555

Standing on the dragon: Yingluck

### Kicking a ball: Chumpol

## Six Years Ago Today: 2 Billion Dollar Takeover: PM's clan agrees to sell Shin to S'pore

### วันนี้เมื่อ 6 ปีที่แล้ว : การยึดสองพันล้านเหรียญ : กลุ่มนายกเห็นด้วยที่จะขายหุ้นชินแก่สิงคโปร์

January 13, 2012  
Categories: Today in History

Six Years Ago Today: [\\$2-BN TAKEOVER: PM's clan agrees to sell Shin to S'pore](#)

## More on the Airport Assault

### การจู่โจมสนามบิน

January 13, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Guard distraught after assault](#) – Bangkok Post, January 13, 2012

...”I am as polite as possible to passengers. During my five years working here, I have come across other VIPs who refuse to have a body scan. I have never tried to stop them going through”...

Earlier: [High Ranking Customs Official Physically Abuses Airport Security](#).

## Emergency Message to U.S. Citizens: Possible Terrorist Threat

### ข้อความฉุกเฉินถึงคนสัญชาติอเมริกัน : เป็นไปได้ที่เป็นการคุกคามของผู้ก่อการร้าย

January 13, 2012  
Categories: Security

[Emergency Message to U.S. Citizens: Possible Terrorist Threat](#) – usembassy.gov, January 13, 2012

This message alerts U.S. citizens in Thailand that foreign terrorists may be currently looking to conduct attacks against tourist areas in Bangkok in the near future...

From [Bloomberg](#): ...The threat is “generic” and likely related to U.S. moves to sanction Iran over its nuclear weapons program, according to Anthony Davis, a Bangkok-based analyst at IHS Jane’s.

The U.S. is “looking at pro-Iranian groups that might possibly react to what may very well go down in the Straits of Hormuz and possibly beyond,” Davis said. “It seems unlikely that terrorist attacks would be launched before the situation in the Middle East has escalated significantly...”

**Recall: Emergency Message to U.S. Citizens: Possible Terrorist Threat**  
Bangkok ACS (acsbkk@state.gov) [Add contact](#) 1/13/2012 1:52 P  
To:  
  
Bangkok ACS would like to recall the message, "Emergency Message to U.S. Citizens: Possible Terrorist Threat".

The cryptic “Emergency Message” to US citizens was followed by a recall email (above) and then another email cancelling the recall (below).

**Resending Emergency Message to U.S. Citizens: Possible Terrorist Threat**  
Bangkok ACS (acsbkk@state.gov) [Add contact](#) 1/13/2012 2:31 P  
To:  
  
Emergency Message to U.S. Citizens: Possible Terrorist Threat  
  
Note: Due to a technical error, some recipients received this message earlier followed by a recall a few minute later. You may disregard the recall.

[US advisory is real and Bangkok is specific](#) – The Nation, January 13, 2012

...She said in her twitter; @KristieKenney that “Our advisory to US citizens is real and BKK is specific...”

[Two Lebanese terror suspects arrested](#) – The Nation, January 13, 2012

...Chalerm identified the duo as being members of Hezbollah, a Shi’a Muslim militant group based in Lebanon...

Also: [Past Terror Incidents and Warnings in Thailand](#)

## Thai smuggling cocaine glad to be arrested in Nepal คนไทยที่ลักลอบนำเข้าโคเคนถูกจับที่เนปาล

January 13, 2012  
Categories: Drugs

[Thai smuggling cocaine glad to be arrested in Nepal](#) – myrepublica.com, January 13, 2012

...Investigation by NDCLEU uncovered that the Thai woman had already traveled to many destinations illegally and acquired passports more than 10 times, each time canceling her previous passport...

## Thai International Reserves Decrease

### เงินสำรององค์การนาชาติของไทยลดลง

January 13, 2012  
Categories: Economy

[Thai International Reserves Decrease](#) – RTTNews.com, January 13, 2012

*Thailand's international reserves fell to \$174.4 billion in the week ended January 6 from \$175 billion in the week ended December 30, data from Bank of Thailand showed Friday.*

*Gold reserves totaled \$7.99 billion, up from \$7.73 billion in the previous week. Special Drawing Rights amounted to \$1.49 billion, almost unchanged from the previous week.*

*Thailand's reserve position with the International Monetary Fund fell slightly to \$692.9 million from \$695 million. Foreign currency reserves totaled \$164.2 billion, compared to \$165.2 billion in the previous week.*

## Past Terror Incidents and Warnings in Thailand

### เหตุการณ์และการเตือนภัยก่อการร้ายในอดีตของประเทศไทย

January 13, 2012

Categories: Security

[US warns of ‘credible’ Thai terror threat as Hezbollah suspect is arrested](#) – Telegraph, January 13, 2012

*The US has warned of a “real and very credible” threat of a terrorist attack in Bangkok, the first such warning in recent memory...*

2001: [U.S. Embassy exposes names of citizens](#)

2002: [A Terrorist Target? A Frantic Thailand Protests](#)

2003: [Thailand joins the war on terror](#)

2003: [One of the world’s “most lethal terrorists” captured north of Bangkok](#)

2004: [Thailand and the 9/11 Commission Report](#)

2007: [Bangkok bombings the work of JI](#)

2007: [Thai defense minister says Bangkok terror threat could be politically motivated](#)

[Notable terrorist incidents in Thailand – 1970-2007](#)

Earlier: [Emergency Message to U.S. Citizens: Possible Terrorist Threat](#)



# Fighting Over Chatuchak

## การต่อสู้เพื่อจตุจักร

January 14, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, December 27, 2011

Upper left panel: Left man: I've reserved this stall! Right man: But I've already paid rent. Sign reads: Chatuchak Weekend Market

Upper right panel: This is only a small boxing match to see who will take the stalls. Let's look at this bigger match over there. It's more exciting.

Lower panel: Left man says: The State Railway of Thailand must be the one to manage Chatuchak Weekend Market! Right man: No, the BMA must be allowed to keep managing the market. Man in the crowd says: It's Deputy Transport Minister Chat and Governor Sukhumbhand.

## Yingluck's 2012 Children's Day motto คำขวัญวันเด็กปี 2012 ของยิ่งลักษณ์

January 14, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, December 26, 2011

From left to right: Unity  
With knowledge  
Preserve Thai identity  
Mind the technology

## Thai-language Headlines of January 13, 2012

January 14, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, January 13, 2012

- NACC will call Mr. Supoj to clarify his abnormal wealthiness on 23 January. The result from the money straps is linked to four contractor companies.
- Phuket local newspaper owner was shot to death. He was a red shirt leader as well. The police suspected it was from cheating conflict.
- The C7 official was so stressed, he wasn't ready to meet the police.
- Democrat submitted document to the court to sue about 7.75 million baht compensation project. They claimed that is not fair.

Maticchon, January 13, 2012

- Wannarat withdrew herself from Poo no. 2 . She is really sick. The cabinet aims to have a big adjustment for 7 ministries.
- Dog-selling gang that was going to cross the Khong River to sell 6000 dogs was arrested.
- NACC reported to the police that Mr. Supoj is abnormal rich.
- General Prayuth starts to handle the elephant-hunting case. They will amend the law to control wild food restaurants.

Thairath, January 13, 2012

- Sending threatening SMSes to extort 20 million baht from the Chief Executive of the Provincial Administration Organization. The victim reported to the police to investigate.
- MP Kanchit showed off his power not to give his guns and cars to the police to investigate. He is not a fugitive, he wants the police to talk to his lawyer.
- NACC finalizes about the Mr. Supoj case.
- Police Captain who could arrest drug dealers and died in yesterday's news was promoted and gets compensation as a police lieutenant general.
- Red Shirts claim a quota for Jatuporn or Nattawut for minister positions in the government. They claim that they worked hard until Pheu Thai formed the government.

Daily News, January 13, 2012

- More than 6,000 live dogs were rescued from an illegal meat-trading ring.
- Mr. Thaksin will soon reshuffle the cabinet.
- Mr. Supoj was found to be unusually wealthy by the National Anti-Corruption Commission. However, Mr. Supoj still insisted that he was robbed of only 5 million baht.
- Democrat Party MP Khanchit refused to hand over his gun and car to police for an investigation.

## Five Years Ago Today: Children's Day with the Military at Royal Plaza วันนี้เมื่อ 5 ปีก่อน : วันเด็กกับกองทัพที่สนามหลวง

January 14, 2012

Categories: Today in History



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Five Years Ago Today: [Children's Day with the Military at Royal Plaza](#)

## Thai Political Prisoners Blog blocked in Thailand

### บล็อกของนักโทษการเมืองไทยถูกบล็อกไม่ให้อ่านในเมืองไทย

January 14, 2012  
Categories: Censorship

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We noted today for the first time that the [Thai Political Prisoners blog](#) has been blocked in Thailand.

## Thai Police: Plans to attack Bangkok cancelled

### ตำรวจไทย : แผนการที่จะโจมตีกรุงเทพได้ยกเลิกแล้ว

January 14, 2012  
Categories: Security

Thai Police: [Plans to attack Bangkok cancelled](#) – Bangkok Post, January 14, 2012  
...“I can only tell you at the moment that the attack plans have been cancelled”, he said.

Earlier: [Emergency Message to U.S. Citizens: Possible Terrorist Threat](#)  
Also: [Past Terror Incidents and Warnings in Thailand](#)

**Red Santa**  
**ซานต้าแดง**

January 15, 2012  
Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Komchadluek, December 26, 2011

Left: Ha! Uncle Santa

Middle: What did you bring to give to the Thais?

Right: A passport and a constitutional amendment, ho ho ho!!

## First Images of Rare Snub-Nosed Monkeys Captured in Myanmar รูปแรกของลิงจมูกเขี้ยวที่หายากถ่ายที่พม่า

January 15, 2012

Categories: Wildlife and Nature



[First Images of Rare Snub-Nosed Monkeys Captured in Myanmar](#) – ibtimes.com, January 14, 2012



## In Bangkok Vespas combine substance and style

### ในกรุงเทพฯ เวสป้าได้ผสมผสานเนื้อแท้และสไตล์

January 15, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=>



## Ten Years Ago Today: Remembering Sun Estate's Mor Chit development

### การรำลึกถึงการพัฒนาหอชิตของตึกชั้น

January 16, 2012

Categories: Today in History

Ten Years Ago Today: [Remembering Sun Estate's Mor Chit development](#)

## Yingluck Robot meets Titan the Robot

### หุ่นยนต์ยิ่งลักษณ์พบหุ่นยนต์ไทเท่น

January 16, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, December 21, 2011

Box: Yingluck Robot meets [Titan the Robot](#) the day before yesterday.

Yingluck: Oh ho!!! You can sing?!!!

Titan: What!!! You can speak only that sentence: "I don't know"?!!!

## Six Years Ago Today: Thaksin's Reality Show

### วันนี้เมื่อ 6 ปีที่แล้ว : รายการเรียลริตี้ของทักษิณ

January 16, 2012

Categories: Today in History



(Source: *Back Stage Show*, UBC)

Six Years Ago Today: [Thaksin's Reality Show](#)

## Pheu Thai and Mob Rule

### เพื่อไทยและกติกาม็อบ

January 16, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

We were going skip posting this because it was so obvious and plays into the Western idea that irony and hypocrisy is newsworthy. However, so many people sent it in to us, along with their comments, that we figured those who had not seen it would be amused as well.

As a reader noted: "...from the party that defined mob rule on the streets of Bangkok."

[Prompong seeks roadblock ban](#) – Bangkok Post, January 15, 2012

... "Pheu Thai Party spokesman Prompong Nopparit will ask the government to draw up measures to prevent people from using road blockades as a form of protest."

"Letting people block any road arbitrarily only encourages mob rule over the rule of law and incites more people to follow suit, he said..."

## Police find explosives chemicals linked to terror plot

### ตำรวจเจอสารเคมีที่เกี่ยวข้องกับการก่อการร้าย

January 16, 2012

Categories: Security

[Kowit: Security assured](#) – Bangkok Post, January 16, 2012

*The government can take care of people's security and they need not be concerned about a terrorist warning issued by several foreign countries, Deputy Prime Minister in charge of security affairs Kowit Wattana said Monday...*

[Police find explosives chemicals linked to terror plot](#) – mcot.net, January 16, 2012

*Thai police early Monday led a terror suspect to search a commercial building in Samut Sakhon province, adjacent to the capital, where they discovered chemical substances which could be used in making explosives...*

[Govt move to limit fall out on terror](#) – The Nation, January 16, 2012

*The Yingluck government yesterday appeared to adjust its public relations strategy involving terrorism threats, after concerns arose that Deputy Prime Minister Chalerm Yoobamrung's hasty remarks in the wake of the latest US warning could have made things worse.*

*Government leaders yesterday held a press conference to allay the anxieties, saying security authorities were on top of the situation to ensure the country remains a safe tourist destination.*

*The press conference was organised after Chalerm's off-the-cuff remarks prompted fears they could backfire to fuel terrorist activities...*

Earlier: [Thai Police: Plans to attack Bangkok cancelled](#)

Earlier: [Emergency Message to U.S. Citizens: Possible Terrorist Threat](#)

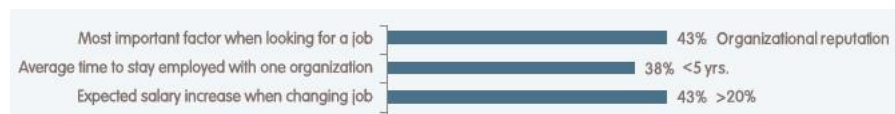
Also: [Past Terror Incidents and Warnings in Thailand](#)

## Perceptions of Thai Job Applicants

### การรับรู้ของผู้สมัครงานไทย

January 16, 2012

Categories: Business



[Adecco Thailand White Paper – Through The Candidate's Eye in 2011](#) – Adecco White Paper, January 16, 2012

## Thai-language Headlines of January 16, 2012

January 17, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



Komchadluek, January 16, 2012

- A warehouse which is linked to Thailand terrorism was found around the Rama 2 area. The PM confirmed Thailand is safe now.
- 10,000 names on a list to amend the law section 112 .
- Newin's wife achieved a decisive victory to be a Chief of Provincial Administrative Organization (PAO) in Buriram province and left Pheu Thai behind by 300,000 votes.
- Thai residents are sad and shocked about both gas and petrol price increasing. NGV price increased 9 baht per kilo, and the gasoline price was increased 1.07 baht.

Thairath, January 16, 2012

- C4 bomb production materials were found around the Mahachai area. The bombs was prepared to terrorize Bangkok. PM is confident that Thailand is safe now.
- Mr. Warawaj denied that Ms. Yaowapa or Je Dang interceded to terminate Mr. Worawaj from the Ministry of Education.
- HM the King recommended that humans can live with elephants.
- Motorbike gangsters was arrested on Viphavadee road.
- Chai and Vicky will get married on 4 May for sure.

Daily New, January 16, 2012

- There was confirmation that a Hezbollah member targeted to attack Jews and Americans in Bangkok before the 12th of February, 2012. It is because of the assassination of a top Hezbollah figure in Syria in 2008.
- There are five MPs who flew to Dubai to visit Mr. Thaksin to beg him for a minister position .
- PM Yingluck to speed up for the allocation of the compensation package .
- A photographer dreamed of a dead child, who was born prematurely, and it directed him to find the actual corpse.

Matichon, January 16, 2012

- Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra has urged the United States to revoke its terrorism warning immediately after the arrest of a suspected Hezbollah member linked to sabotage attempts in Bangkok.
- His Majesty advised the growing of pineapples to feed elephants.
- Northern people were happy with the rescue package of the 3.8 billion baht.
- PM Yingluck paid respect to three senior teachers .



## **Chiang Rai and northern Thailand's Golden Triangle: More than poppy production** **สามเหลี่ยมทองคำของประเทศไทยตอนเหนือและเชียงรายเป็นแหล่งเพาะปลูกฝิ่น**

January 17, 2012  
Categories: Tourism

[Chiang Rai and northern Thailand's Golden Triangle: More than poppy production](#) – Washington Post, January 16, 2012

...Moonlit Caribbean harbors, ritzy Swiss resorts, jungle mountains. When you get right down to it, pirates, smugglers, swashbucklers and rogues are probably the world's most discerning travelers, ferreting out the most stunning locales to conduct business in. Case in point: Southeast Asia's lush Golden Triangle, synonymous with the opium trade and best explored by motorbike...

## Seven Years Ago Today: Subway crash

### วันนี้เมื่อ 7 ปีที่แล้ว : รถไฟใต้ดินชน

January 17, 2012

Categories: Today in History

Seven Years Ago Today: [Subway crash](#)

## Thailand Plays Pass The Buck On Bank Bailout Bill

### การ์ตูนแสดงถึงปัดความรับผิดชอบให้แบงก์ชาติ

January 17, 2012  
Categories: Economy



From Manager, December 30, 2011  
The reporter says: What are you doing, Deputy Prime Minister Tong?  
Kittiratt says: I'm preparing a new year's present for the Bank of Thailand's president.  
On the toilet: Financial Institutions Development Fund

[Thailand Plays Pass The Buck On Bank Bailout Bill](#) – Forbes, January 13, 2012

...Now Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra is trying to pass the buck to the Bank of Thailand (BOT) and the commercial banking sector for THB45 billion (\$1.4 billion) in annual interest payments...

## Long Tongue Up the Dress

### ลิ้นยาวเหยียดในชุดเดรส

January 17, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, January 5, 2012

PM Yingluck is saying: Aaiee!!! Does Uncle Banharn give me a score of 9 out of 10?

Caption: Short body, but long tongue

## Uproar over slap... then nothing ความวุ่นวายเรื่องการตบ..แล้วก็ไม่มีอะไร

January 17, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Uproar over slap... then nothing](#) – Bangkok Post, January 17, 2012

...The truth is, incidents like this one—a high-ranking official flouting the rule, abusing his power and mistreating people of a lower status—happen all the time in this country.

Of course, if even a scandalous case caught on tape has failed to make a dent in the culture of abusing one's authority, and succeeded only in making the victim feel scared and insecure, then what hope do we have?...

Earlier: [High Ranking Customs Official Physically Abuses Airport Security](#).

Earlier: [More on the Airport Assault](#)

## The Stop SOPA Campaign

### การรณรงค์เรื่องเลิกกฎหมายละเมิดลิขสิทธิ์ทางออนไลน์

January 17, 2012

Categories: Censorship



[A good explanation of this from BoingBoing](#)

*...Big Content haven't just declared war on Boing Boing and Reddit and the rest of the "fun" Internet: they've declared war on every person who uses the net to publicize police brutality, every oppressed person in the Arab Spring who used the net to organize protests and publicize the blood spilled by their oppressors, every abused kid who used the net to reveal her father as a brutalizer of children, every gay kid who used the net to discover that life is worth living despite the torment she's experiencing, every grassroots political campaigner who uses the net to make her community a better place — as well as the scientists who collaborate online, the rescue workers who coordinate online, the makers who trade tips online, the people with rare diseases who support each other online, and the independent creators who use the Internet to earn their livings...*

[The Stop SOPA Campaign](#)

## The world in 2050

## โลกในปี 2050

January 17, 2012

Categories: Economy

### 3. The top 30 in 2050

	Order in 2050 by size	Size of economy in 2050 (Bn, Constant 2000 USD)	Rank change between now and 2050	Income per capita (Constant 2000 USD)		Population (Mn)
				2050	2010	
1	China	24617	2	17372	2396	1417
2	US	22270	-1	55134	36354	404
3	India	8165	5	5060	790	1614
4	Japan	6429	-2	63244	39435	102
5	Germany	3714	-1	52683	25083	71
6	UK	3576	-1	49412	27646	72
7	Brazil	2960	2	13547	4711	219
8	Mexico	2810	5	21793	6217	129
9	France	2750	-3	40643	23881	68
10	Canada	2287	0	51485	26335	44
11	Italy	2194	-4	38445	18703	57
12	Turkey	2149	6	22063	5088	97
13	S. Korea	2056	-2	46657	16463	44
14	Spain	1954	-2	38111	15699	51
15	Russia	1878	2	16174	2934	116
16	Indonesia	1502	5	5215	1178	288
17	Australia	1480	-3	51523	26244	29
18	Argentina	1477	-2	29001	10517	51
19	Egypt	1165	16	8996	3002	130
20	Malaysia	1160	17	29247	5224	40
21	Saudi Arabia	1128	2	25845	9833	44
22	Thailand	856	7	11674	2744	73
23	Netherlands	798	-8	45839	26376	17
24	Poland	786	0	24547	6563	32
25	Iran	732	9	7547	2138	97

[The world in 2050](#) – HSBC, January 17, 2012

The pdf: [The world in 2050](#)

## Hizballah planned Mumbai-style attack on Habad Bangkok, Khao San restaurants ฮิซบอลเลาะห์วางแผนการโจมตีโบสถ์ยิวในกรุงเทพ และ ร้านอาหารที่ข้าวสารแบบมumbai

January 17, 2012  
Categories: Security



[Hizballah planned Mumbai-style attack on Habad Bangkok, Khao San restaurants](#) – debka.com, January 16, 2012

*The Thai police's capture of a Lebanese-Swedish Hizballah suspect, who was charged Monday, Jan. 16, thwarted a terrorist attack on Bet Habad in Bangkok, involving the taking of hostages and blowing up the building. It was to have followed the same lines as al Qaeda's 2008 assault on the Mumbai Habad center which killed 8 Israelis and Jews – only more ambitious. The Habad Bangkok is much larger: its hostel has rooms for dozens of lodgers. A second team was to have hit the Khao San Road restaurants popular with Israelis and Americans in a coordinated operation...*

Update: 19:58 – The Bangkok Post is [leading with this story now](#).



## Cruise Ship Costa Concordia Grounding Photos

### รูปภาพเรือสำราญโคสตา คอนคอร์ดียา จม

January 17, 2012

Categories: Nothing to do with Thailand, but Interesting

[Cruise Ship Costa Concordia Grounding Photos](#) – cryptome.org, January 17, 2012

## Thaksin's Spit Take น้ำลายพุ่งของทักษิณ

January 17, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, December 22, 2011

Army Chief Gen Prayuth Chan-Ocha says: People who want to amend Section 112 should live abroad.

Thaksin (sitting in Dubai): Poot!

## PR shills: A meltdown of Thailand's blogosphere?

### พีอาร์หลอกลวง : การล่มสลายพวกบล็อดในประเทศไทย

January 18, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[A meltdown of Thailand's blogosphere?](#) – cnet.com, January 17, 2012

...From cosmetics to IT, blogger integrity is now being questioned openly, and in a very extensive post on the Pantip.com forum as well—and no punches are being pulled. For the jaded Internet users, this come as no surprise and we see many blogs actually posting “sponsored” posts as normal practice, so why is this becoming such a big issue in Thailand?...

## Itchy Feet Wanting to Kick คันเท้าอยากจะเตะ

January 18, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, January 1, 2012

On the newspaper: The Nitirat forbids the King to speak to his people.

The caption reads: News that makes feet itchy at the end of the year

## Reading and thinking will solve all your problems การอ่านและการคิดจะช่วยแก้ปัญหของคุณ

January 18, 2012

Categories: Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: Reading and thinking will solve all your problems. Reading books anywhere, anytime is worth it. Office of the Reading Promotion Project, Office of Non-Formal and Informal Education, Ministry of Education

## Weekly News Magazines, January 13, 2012

January 18, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Matichon Weekend, January 13, 2012

The cover reads: Pink Yingluck

Summarized from the article: Yingluck attended the 35th Anniversary of Matichon newspaper. One of main tasks of Matichon and Yingluck are to revive rivers and canals to make a good waterway in the future. The “pink way” of Yingluck is the way to fight with floods as a woman prime minister.



From Nation Weekend, January 13, 2012

The cover reads: BlueSky Channel, blue color whenever you are lonely

Summarized from the article: BlueSky Channel is accused by the government as a TV channel secretly owned by Mr. Suthep Tuagsuban, a member of the Democratic Party. If that is the case, then it is against the law because, according to constitution, any man who is a politician is not allowed to own any TV broadcaster.



SiamRath, January 13, 2011

Summarized from the article: Everything is from Thaksin. Although he lives outside Thailand, his role is clear everywhere in Thailand so international media named him “Mr. Prime Minister.” Why does he even need to come back then?

## Winding Up the Old Year การสิ้นสุดปีเก่า

January 18, 2012

Categories: New Year's Cartoons



From SiamRath, January 1, 2012

The cartoon reads: Winding up the old year

Yingluck is on the star. Pracha Promnok is the winged chicken.



From Than, January 1-4, 2012

The three arrows read: Natural disasters, politics, economy

Yingluck is riding the dragon and on the shield is Thaksin and the Pheu Thai Party initials.

## New, darker portrait of legendary American รูปคนอเมริกันที่เป็นตำนานคนใหม่ และเข้มข้น

January 18, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[New, darker portrait of legendary American](#) – AP, January 17, 2012

...But Washington executed an about-turn and began to back assorted Asian strongmen and the French in colonial Indochina – “a scurvy race” he called them – on grounds that it was fighting the greater menace of Communism. Thompson became disillusioned and angry.

He was devastated when Pridi was ousted in a coup followed by the killings of many of his followers and a succession of thuggish leaders from the military, which remains a powerful force in Thai politics to this day...



## Vague Terrorism Alert, Arrests Put Bangkok on Edge

### การเตือนภัยก่อการร้ายที่คลุมเครือทำให้กรุงเทพตกที่นั่งลำบาก

January 18, 2012  
Categories: Security

[Vague Terrorism Alert, Arrests Put Bangkok on Edge](#) – Time, January 17, 2012

...The scorn-filled and suspicious responses are the result of mistrust of the U.S., concern over lost tourism earnings, and the conflicting statements and shifting narrative of events by various government officials, all of whom are insisting tourists and locals have nothing to fear because they have the situation “under control...”

## Malaysian Cartoonist Takes Fight to London

### นักเขียนการ์ตูนมาเลเซียบินไปลอนดอน

January 18, 2012

Categories: Malaysia

[Malaysian Cartoonist Takes Fight to London](#) – WSJ, January 18, 2012

...Mr. Zulkiflee has been detained, has had his office raided and books banned, and is currently fighting a legal battle with the Malaysian government. More than 6,000 miles away, though, visitors to a gallery in London will have unfettered access to his work – which takes a stab at everyone from the Prime Minister’s wife to Malaysia’s judiciary – when the 49-year-old holds his first solo exhibition next month...

## Thai-language Headlines of January 18, 2012

January 19, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, January 18, 2012

- Hussein revealed there's a plan to export bombs. There is more than one warehouse.
- There are many Thaksin agents in the new cabinet reshuffle list. Nine former ministers were reshuffled.
- Minibuses wanted to increase prices by 2.5 baht, if they can't, they will sue in administrative court.
- There's violent fight in Ratchaburi between the elephant hunting gang and the police. One Karen died.

Maticchon, January 18, 2012

- Mr. Suchart is ready to be education minister. Mr. Sukampol is happy that he will control the ministry of defense. The cabinet of Poo 2 is vigorous.
- The police investigate a warehouse in Mahachai again to find more bombs.
- There was one person from the elephant hunting gang who died after the gang fought with police and soldiers.
- A battle between two big families to be the chief of PAO in Mahachai.

Thairath, January 18, 2012

- Poo continues to shuffle cabinet members. She changed many important positions.
- A Kangkrachan assistant surrendered himself in the case of elephant burning.
- There's evidence that Thai citizens were involved in Thai terrorist activities.
- Cambodians cut open rats and exported them to Thailand.

Daily News, January 18, 2012

- Confirmed that Hussein was just a buyer—not the bomb leader.
- Cabinet reshuffle is an attempt to please loyalists, but the opposition point out this reshuffle is for the benefit of just the party rather than the people.
- Mr. Dumrong believed that some local politicians are involved in the elephant hunting case.

## Happy New Year 2012 and the Flood สุขสันต์วันปีใหม่ 2012 และน้ำท่วม

January 19, 2012

Categories: New Year's Cartoons



From Khaosod, January 1, 2012

The cartoon reads: Happy New Year 2012

Bags on the truck read: Relief packages.

Pracha is holding a sign that reads: Frog

Yongyuth is sleeping.

Red Shirts climb on Democracy Monument.

Abhisit is standing in water holding a bag that reads: Relief packages – Energy

Bags on the right read: Big bags.

The speech ballon reads: Inner Bangkokians are comfortable.

## Happy New Year from the Politicians! สวัสดีปีใหม่จากนักการเมือง

January 19, 2012

Categories: New Year's Eve



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: Pheu Thai Party – Best wishes from Dr. Singthong Buachoom – Turning to meet each other – Happy New Year 2012



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: Happy New Year 2012 – Wishing you well in 2012 – From MP Thana Cheeravinij, Bangkok district councilors and Democrat Party branches



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: The Democrat Party – Happy New Year 2012 – Wishing you all happiness and life fulfillment – Best wishes from MP Vilas Chanpitaksa and Bangkok Councilor Sutha Nitipanon

## Was US wrong warning Bangkok potential terrorist target? Thai govt says so รัฐบาลไทยแก้ว่า ที่ ลุงแซม หาวากรุงเทพเป็นเป้าผู้ก่อการร้ายนั้นไม่จริงเลย

January 19, 2012  
Categories: Security

[Was US wrong warning Bangkok potential terrorist target? Thai govt says so](#) – examiner.com, January 18, 2012

## Extremely rare turtle released into the wild เต่าพันธุ์ที่หายากมากถูกปล่อยออกมาในป่า

January 19, 2012

Categories: Wildlife and Nature

[Extremely rare turtle released into the wild](#) – physorg.com, January 18, 2012

The Wildlife Conservation Society, in conjunction with the Cambodian Fisheries Administration and Wildlife Reserves Singapore, announced today the successful release of a Southern River terrapin (*Batagur affinis*) – one of the most endangered turtles on earth – into the Sre Ambel River in Cambodia...



## Firebrand activist facing terror charge for Thailand's 'Red Shirt' protests gets Cabinet post โจรสื่อแดงกลายเป็นอำมาตย์เสื้อแดง

January 19, 2012

Categories: Security

[Firebrand activist facing terror charge for Thailand's 'Red Shirt' protests gets Cabinet post](#) – AP, January 18, 2012

*A firebrand 'Red Shirt' leader charged with terrorism over the movement's 2010 protests was appointed Wednesday to Thailand's Cabinet, and a second appointee is a businesswoman blacklisted from certain U.S. financial transactions...*

## Dueling Headlines

### แข่งกันพาดหัวเรื่อง ยิ่งลักษณ์ ปะทะ อภิสิทธิ์

January 19, 2012

Categories: A Tale of Two Newspapers

[Yingluck more popular than Abhisit](#) – Bangkok Post, January 19, 2012

*Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra is still more popular than former prime minister Abhisit Vejjajiva, according to a survey by Abac Poll...*

[Yingluck's popularity on the wane, Abhisit's on the rise](#) – The Nation, January 19, 2012

*Although the popularity of the prime minister has dropped slightly while that of the opposition leader is increasing, more than one in two people have no confidence in the two, based on an Abac Poll released on Thursday...*

## Thai-language Headlines of January 19, 2012

January 20, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, January 19, 2012

- UAE media reveals that Hezbollah would copy the Mumbai model to attack Jews by seizing a church and holding hostages . The police aim to arrest a Thai lady that connected to Hussen .
- Cabinet Poo II reshuffle list is endorsed by His Majesty.
- Exposing the evil of the elephants killing gang. There were some police's sons, politicians, and rich people involved.
- Provincial Councilor in Sungaikolok was killed by being shot multiple times in a pickup car.

Maticchon, January 19, 2012

- The reshuffled cabinet list with 16 new ministers was passed to His Majesty already. Poo confirmed that she shuffled the cabinet by herself .
- Investigate a white house in Mahachai again and issuing an arrest warrant for one more person.
- There are many wounds on elephants at Suan Pueng. HM the queen is worry about this.
- Tawin said he could not remember about the plot against royalty. Red shirt will have a meeting on 20 January.

Thairath, January 19, 2012



(Source: ThaiRath)

- Nadej rescues a girl. She can survive her heart operation.
- The new cabinet of Poo II was signed by His Majesty.
- HM the Queen ordered people to kindly take care of all elephants. She is so worry about it. It is revealed that politicians were the leaders .
- The former national team athlete was arrested in a drug dealer case.

Daily News, January 19, 2012

- The new cabinet list was signed by to His Majesty with 16 new ministers.
- Mr. Oh-Varus denied that he was alcoholic.
- Cut the cycle of elephant hunting. The offenders were local Karens.
- Lahu people were arrested in a drug dealer case. There was a violent fight in the forest.

## Five Years Ago Today: Wall Street English School campaigns วันนี้เมื่อ 5 ปีที่แล้ว : แคมเปญโรงเรียนสอนภาษาอังกฤษวอลล์สตรีท

January 20, 2012

Categories: Today in History



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Five Years Ago Today: [Wall Street English School campaigns](#)

## More Happy New Year's from the Politicians!

### นักการเมืองอวยพรปีใหม่

January 20, 2012

Categories: New Year's Eve



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: Happy New Year 2012 – Stay safe, don't suffer, always be happy – Bangkok Councilor Pradermchai Boonchuaylua and Huay Khwang district council members



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: Thanks to Phasi Charoen district office for road improvements from Phetkasem Soi 48 to Wat Chai Chimplee – With coordination by the Chairman of Phasi Charoen District Council Anan Lerthawiwattana and district council members from the Pheu Thai Party

## Nine Years Ago: Phao Sriyanon – “The worst man in the whole history of modern Thailand”

### วันนี้เมื่อ 9 ปีที่แล้ว : พระยา ศิริยานนท์ คนที่เลวที่สุดในประวัติศาสตร์ประเทศไทยสมัยใหม่

January 20, 2012

Categories: Today in History

Nine Years Ago Today: [Phao Sriyanon – “The worst man in the whole history of modern Thailand”](#)

## Fixing the New Constitution in the New Year

### การแก้รัฐธรรมนูญใหม่ในปีใหม่

January 20, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, January 1, 2012

The cartoon title reads: 2012, the Year the Golden Dragon fights energetically.

On the dragon: A dictatorial constitution is not wanted. Dissolving the consequences of September 19, 2006 coup is needed.

On the bowl: Amending the 2007 constitution—the sharp-faced, black-tooth version

## Swedish-Lebanese Terror Suspect Explains Himself

### ผู้ต้องสงสัยก่อการร้ายชาวสวีเดน เลบานอนอธิบายตัวเอง

January 20, 2012  
Categories: Security

[Swedish-Lebanese Terror Suspect Explains Himself](#) – scandasia.com, January 19, 2012

...What type of business do you do?

“We bought goods in Asia and exported them to other countries, including Lebanon. It was fans, photocopier paper and cool-packs used to relieve pain. These bags contained ammonia. It wasn’t more complicated than that. We have never dealt with chemical fertilizers. It must have been placed in our store room by someone, probably the Mossad...”



## Thailand gives official recognition for Palestinian statehood

### ประเทศไทยให้การรับรองอย่างเป็นทางการของการเป็นมลรัฐของคนประเทศปาเลสไตน์

January 20, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand gives official recognition for Palestinian statehood](#) – Washington Post, January 19, 2012

...Thai officials have expressed concern that the recent arrest of a Lebanese man allegedly linked to Hezbollah and [plotting an attack in Bangkok](#) could hurt ties with Middle Eastern countries.

## SABC chief linked to shady Thai billionaire

### หัวหน้ากลุ่ม SABC เกี่ยวโยงกับมหาเศรษฐีไทยที่น่าสงสัย

January 20, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[SABC chief linked to shady Thai billionaire](#) – mg.co.za, January 20, 2012

...Shinawatra stands accused of renegeing on an “irrevocable” agreement to inject more than R100-million into Miranda Minerals and hijacking the board of the company, sparking a court action.

At the same time there are counter-allegations that the company’s balance sheet was misrepresented by its previous management to reflect R285-million worth of assets it does not own.

...In papers Nel filed in the North Gauteng High Court to motivate for the business rescue procedure he describes how Shinawatra’s company, [Global PS Telecom Investment](#), concluded an irrevocable agreement in the form of a “clawback offer” to plough R108.6-million into the troubled firm in August 2010 in return for shares. Flowing from this, Global received three seats on the board the following March...

## PAD leaders call for power seizure

### ผู้นำกลุ่มพันธมิตรเรียกร้องการยึดอำนาจ

January 20, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[PAD leaders call for power seizure](#) – The Nation, January 20, 2012

... "If the PAD is to make a move once again, this time will not just confine to street protesting but a complete seizure of power," he said, pledging a make-or break struggle.

Sondhi said he feared for the future of the monarchy if the Thaksin camp had its way.

....Another PAD leader Somkiat Pongpaiboon said he expected a final showdown with the Thaksin regime. He claimed about the regime was contracting some 5,000 Cambodian and Vietnamese mercenaries to topple the monarchy in order to inaugurate a republic.

The PAD will pour into the streets at the first sign of changing charter provisions pertaining the monarchy and granting amnesty for Thaksin, he said...

## Boeing pilot dies in mid-air on Bangkok to Moscow route

### นักบินโบอิงเสียชีวิตกลางอากาศระหว่างกรุงเทพฯ มอสโก

January 20, 2012

Categories: Airports and Airlines

[Boeing pilot dies in mid-air on Bangkok to Moscow route](#) – rt.com, January 20, 2012

The co-pilot of a Russian UTair airliner has died in mid-air after feeling unwell while piloting a Boeing en route from Bangkok to Moscow. The plane with 239 passengers on board – all Russian citizens – was able to land safely in Siberia...

## **Boeing 787 Dreamliner Coming to Bangkok, Singapore for Third Segment of Dream Tour** **โบอิง 787 ดรีมไลเนอร์กำลังมากรุงเทพ สิงคโปร์ ซึ่งเป็นทัวร์ในฝันประเภทที่สาม**

January 20, 2012

Categories: Airports and Airlines

[Boeing 787 Dreamliner Coming to Bangkok, Singapore for Third Segment of Dream Tour](#) – marketwatch.com, January 19, 2012

...The Dream Tour airplane, ZA003, is outfitted with the 787's special cabin features including a welcoming entryway, dramatically larger dimmable windows, bigger bins and dynamic LED lighting. The airplane is configured with a luxurious business-class cabin, an overhead crew rest compartment and an economy class section...

## Thai-language Headlines of January 20, 2012

January 21, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, January 20, 2012

- PM orders to create confidence. The police issue a warrant of arrest for a Hezbollah and distribute his picture. The Thai government wants America to lift the alert on the terrorists plot in Thailand.
- Yingluck led the army to welcome General Prem Tinsulanonda.
- Sukampol aims to amend the defense decree by giving the reason that he wants to prevent a coup.
- The Daily News office at Rayong was hit in a drive-by shooting because they exposed illegal forest encroachment and drug trafficking.

Matichon, January 20, 2012

- Poo clarified the quality of new ministers and guaranteed Ms. Naline. But Ms. Naline was blacklisted by the USA.
- The Democrat party unanimous voted for Kanchit not to use PM hid privilege .
- Witnesses were under protective custody in the case of the dead elephants.
- Metropolitan Police Commander is investigating Nai Chai casino which is a topless casino.

Thairath, January 20, 2012

- The survey reveals the trend of underage pregnancy is high and school girls' sadness and worry about her husband has others girls.
- General Yuthasak warned Sukampol about the amendment of the defense decree.
- Evidence is clear and it is confirmed that the bomb ingredients are for exporting.
- The arrest of 3 drug traders with worth 200 million baht.

Daily News, January 20, 2012

- Aggressively intrusion into the media by AKA rifles shooting at the Daily News office at Rayong.
- USA confirmed that Ms. Naline is blacklisted, her assets are frozen, and she is not allowed to do business in the USA. Mark chased Yingluck to clarify .
- Thai-Chinese are happy that HM the Queen will attend the Chinese New year festival.
- Chalerm will propose to Yingluck to have a fence at borders where drugs can be smuggled.

## **Malyasia: Political satirist takes government to court over “Cartoon-O-Phobia”**

**มาเลเซีย : ผู้ชอบถากถางทางการเมืองนำรัฐบาลไปศาลเกี่ยวกับเรื่อง Catoon-O-Phobia**

January 21, 2012

Categories: Malaysia

[Political satirist takes government to court over “Cartoon-O-Phobia”](#) – IFEX, January 19, 2012

...Represented by the group Lawyers for Liberty, Zunar is seeking the return of confiscated property as well as aggravated losses and damages incurred in the incident which took place on 24 September 2010. That night, hours before the launch of Zunar’s latest compilation of political cartoons titled ‘Cartoon-O-Phobia’, the police raided the artist’s office in Kuala Lumpur, seized all copies of the book and arrested him for sedition...

## Bid farewell to the old year in Thai style

### ส่งท้ายปีเก่าวิถีไทย

January 21, 2012

Categories: Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The billboard reads: Mrs. Sukumol Khunpleum, the Culture Minister, invites Chonburi residents to attend a ceremony to bid farewell to the old year in Thai style and welcome the new year like a Buddhist, on Saturday December 31, 2011, from 10pm-midnight at various temples around Chonburi. At the ceremony, you can pay respect to Buddha images, pray, listen to Buddhist sermons and the Buddha's mantra, and ring gongs to welcome the new year. All of this is aimed at welcoming the dawn of an auspicious life on New Year's Day.



## Seven Years Ago: TV commercial – Punching a Tranny

### 7 ปีที่แล้ว : โฆษณาทีวี – ชกกระเทย

January 22, 2012

Categories: Today in History



Seven Years Ago: [TV commercial – Punching a Tranny](#).

## Thailand's recognition of Palestine 'disappointing' การรับรองของประเทศไทยแก่ปาเลสไตน์ผิดหวัง

January 22, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand's recognition of Palestine 'disappointing'](#) – jpost.com, January 21, 2012

Israel expressed disappointment Saturday night that Thailand two days earlier joined a long list of countries recognizing a Palestinian state along the pre-1967 lines...

## **TAT Pushes Thai Tourism Back to Hustle and Bustle with the New Campaign ‘Wish You Were Here’ ทททดันการท่องเที่ยวไทยรีบกลับมากับแคมเปญ Wish You Were Here**

January 22, 2012

Categories: Tourism

[TAT Pushes Thai Tourism Back to Hustle and Bustle with the New Campaign ‘Wish You Were Here’](#) – prweb.com, January 21, 2012

TAT, this year, is managing to draw more tourists to the country through the video series ‘Wish You Were Here’, which will be spread through social networks and [the world’s most visited video web Youtube.com](#)...

## **Rihanna – We Found Love (Bangkok Version)** **รีฮันน่า – We Found Love (เวอร์ชันกรุงเทพ)**

January 22, 2012  
Categories: Music

[Rihanna – We Found Love \(Bangkok Version\)](#) – perezhilton.com, January 21, 2012

## Happy New Year 2012 from Komchadluek สุขสันต์วันปีใหม่ปี 2012 จากคมชัดลึก

January 23, 2012

Categories: New Year's Cartoons



From Komchadluek, January 1, 2012

The cartoon reads: Happy New Year 2012

On the red boat: FROC

On the door: Toilet

People on the red boat: Chalerm, Yingluck, Prompong or Wim

Yingluck is holding a list/note.

The sign at the right reads: Under control. The tube reads: Relief packages.

## Yingluck: Under Control

ยี่งลักษณ์ : เอาอยู่

January 23, 2012

Categories: New Year's Cartoons



From Daily News, December 31, 2011

The Cartoon reads: Goodbye to the old year

Sign in front of vehicle at left: from China

On the boat: Cabinet Poo 1

Sign over the boat: relief packages, toilets

Sign that Yingluck's holding: Under control

Farthest at right: Help

The main figures are, from left: Chalerm (holding the bloody bat), Yingluck, Thaksin (sitting on a bag of baht and holding Yingluck's puppet strings), Abhisit



From Daily News, December 30, 2011

Will be messy but attractive. Next year's horoscope says politics will be eaten up by Rahu.



From KhaoSod, December 31, 2011

Cartoon reads: Goodbye to 2012 – Under control

Yingluck is singing in the water as bombs float by.

## **Cambodia evictions continue unchecked**

### **การฟ้องขับไล่ของประเทศกัมพูชายังถูกควบคุมอย่างต่อเนื่อง**

January 23, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

[Cambodia evictions continue unchecked](#) – globalpost.com, January 22, 2012



**Internet's Dr Evil sprang electronic locks in his 'Bond villain lair' and retreated to safe room as police swooped**

**ดอกเตอร์ปีศาจวางกับดักล็อคไฟฟ้าในที่หลบซ่อนของตัวร้ายของบอนด์และหนีไปห้องปลอดภัยในขณะที่ตำรวจรีบไปจับ**

January 23, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Internet's Dr Evil sprang electronic locks in his 'Bond villain lair' and retreated to safe room as police swooped](#) – Daily Mail, January 22, 2012

...He has previous convictions for insider trading and embezzlement from his time in Germany and Thailand, according to immigration authorities, leading some opposition politicians to question why he was allowed to settle in the first place...

## Thai minister admits Mugabe facilitation

### รัฐมนตรีไทยยอมรับการอำนวยความสะดวกของมูกาเบ

January 23, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai minister admits Mugabe facilitation](#) – newzimbabwe.com, January 23, 2012

...She admitted that over the years she has acted as a liaison officer for the Zimbabwean president and his wife during their many visits to Thailand and helped coordinate and provide advice to their family members who pursued their studies in the country.

“Our relations have grown socially, not for business purposes,” she said..

## Thai media question US & Official narrative of Hizbullah suspect สื่อไทยซักถามอเมริกาและเรื่องเล่าของผู้ต้องสงสัยฮิซบาเลาะห์

January 23, 2012  
Categories: Security

[Thai media question US & Official narrative of Hizbullah suspect](#) – muslimnews.co.uk, January 23, 2012

...“Terrorist Attack!” and “Imminent Security Threat: Embassies Warn Their Citizens in Bangkok” are not headlines you see often in the Thai press.

Usually, media coverage of security threats merely consists of statements by government officials who reveal the incident and reassure citizens that “everything is under control...”

## Thai-language Headlines of January 23, 2012

January 24, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, January 23, 2012

- Drug dealers became bold, around 10 of them attacked a police checkpoint and shot a Pol. Sub. Lt. to death.
- Nalinee vows she won't resign and confirms that the US blacklist did not ban her from travel to the U.S.
- Chinese new year this year was vigorous. Leng Nei Yi temple extended the period of praying.
- An offender disguised as a servant and stole a MP's daughter's car in Chonburi.

Matichon, January 23, 2012

- A former FBI is investigating about Nalinee's case and prove she is not blacklisted with the US. She confirmed she would not quit.
- The Chief of Kangkrajarn National Park argued back against a false report and the arrest of scapegoats. He confirmed that all officials in the national park are not cruel like that.
- The superintendent exclaimed that he was got rid of the topless casino. He requested fair judgement .
- Chinese temples are crowded during Chinese new year. Many people came to pray and correct their bad fate.

Daily News, January 23, 2012

- Newly appointed cabinet member Nalinee Taveesin begged for a chance to work.
- Police seized a large haul of speed pills and crystal methamphetamine, or ice, worth more than one billion baht.
- Pakistani is faced with the death penalty for brutal murder of his child.
- Police issued a death warrant for a drug dealer who shot a merchant to death for a car.

Thairath, January 23, 2012

- Mr. Suwit, the former Natural Resources and Environment Minister, seized the reward of 7 million baht and didn't do anything to conserve tigers.
- Nalinee will fight the US blacklist and confirmed that she won't quit.
- A thief deceived a victim to rob money and a car.
- The police hurry to hunt the leader of a billion baht drug dealing gang.

## Happy New Year from Yingluck in Chonburi สุขสันต์วันปีใหม่จากยิ่งลักษณ์ที่ชลบุรี

January 24, 2012

Categories: Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The billboard reads: Happy New Year 2012 — May Thais be happy and all their hopes be fulfilled, drive safely and obey traffic laws — With our regards

## Ten Years Ago: The Weakest Link makes Thais cry

### สิบปีที่แล้ว : การเชื่อมต่อที่อ่อนแอที่สุดทำให้คนไทยร้องไห้

January 24, 2012

Categories: Today in History

Ten Years Ago: [The Weakest Link makes Thais cry](#).

## The Government Promises a Golden Year for Thai Farmers

### รัฐบาลสัญญาปีทองกับชาวนาไทย

January 24, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Above is the billboard from December, 2011-to around January 3, 2012

It reads: Golden year for Thai farmers – The government is giving a higher price than in any other year under this year's rice mortgage scheme.

If you can't sell your rice at a good price, then don't sell it!! Join the government's rice mortgage scheme

Rice mortgage: October 7, 2011-February 29, 2012

Barn mortgage: December 1, 2011-February 29, 2012

If you detect any corruption, if you see anyone abusing the rights of farmers and taking advantage of them, then call the Internal Trade Department hotline at 1569

With concern for Thai farmers from the National Rice Policy Committee



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Above: Around January 3, 2012, this billboard replaced the one above.

It reads: Golden year for Thai farmers — If you can't sell your rice at a good price, then don't sell it!! Join the government's rice mortgage scheme.

From October 7, 2011-February 29, 2012

Inquire or complain at 1569

Left logo: Internal Trade Department

Right logo: Commerce Ministry

Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra, chairwoman of the National Rice Policy Committee (NRPC)

Deputy Commerce Minister Bhum Saraphol, chairman of the Rice Mortgage Scheme Monitoring Subcommittee

## Everyone, bad or good, rich or poor, is the result of their own karma ทุกคนเลวหรือดีรวยหรือจนมันเป็นผลของชะตากรรมของคน านั้น

January 24, 2012

Categories: New Year's Eve



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: Happy New Year 2012 – A blessing from Buddhadasa Bhikkhu: Everyone, regardless of whether they're born bad or good, rich or poor, is the result of their own karma – People should practice dharma and fear sin — Good actions only bring more blessings.

Kavee na Lampang, consultant to the Consumer Protection Committee of the House of Representatives – Pheu Thai Party



## Thailand seeks political solution to insurgency

### ประเทศไทยค้นหาการแก้ไขการจลาจลทางการเมือง

January 24, 2012

Categories: The Thai Deep South

[Thailand seeks political solution to insurgency](#) – vancouversun.com, January 23, 2012

...That same year, 2006, a former Thai prime minister, Anand Panyarachun, headed a reconciliation commission which recommended that Yawi be recognized as an official language in the south and be a medium of education in the schools.

The idea was briskly dismissed by Prem Tinsulanonda, a former head of the army who is senior adviser to King Bhumibol Adulyadej and who was a key figure in the military coup later that year that ousted the prime minister, Thaksin Shinawatra.

“This country is Thai and the language is Thai,” he is reported to have said.

“We have to be proud to be Thai and have the Thai language as the sole national language.”

That view no longer predominates...

## Family calls for Thailand drug smuggler to be released ครอบครัวบอกรับปล่อยผู้ลักลอบขนยาเข้าประเทศไทย

January 24, 2012  
Categories: Crime

[Family calls for Thailand drug smuggler to be released](#) – BBC, January 23, 2012

...He was jailed for 99 years but had his sentence reduced to 30 on appeal and has been further reduced to 20.

His father said he understood his son would have to serve half of the remaining sentence, six years, in the UK, before being released on parole...

## Sumatra elephant faces extinction in 30 years: WWF

### ช้างที่เกาะสุมาตรากำลังจะสูญพันธุ์ในอีก 30 ปี

January 24, 2012

Categories: Wildlife and Nature

[Sumatra elephant faces extinction in 30 years: WWF](#) – AFP, January 24, 2012

...The elephant joins a growing list of critically endangered species on Sumatra, including the orang utan and rhino.

## Thai Govt Will Not Meddle in Dawei Dispute

### รัฐบาลไทยจะไม่ยุ่งเกี่ยวกับการโต้เถียงที่ดาไว

January 24, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Thai Govt Will Not Meddle in Dawei Dispute](#) – The Irrawaddy, January 24, 2012

The Thai government and key investors are backing the Dawei (Tavoy) harbor and economic zone project despite Naypyidaw’s recent cancellation of a 4,000MW coal-fired power station there and the Karen National Union (KNU) stalling a linking highway.

Speaking to The Irrawaddy at a Thailand Board of Investment (BOI) forum in Bangkok, Kittirat Na Ranong, Thailand’s deputy prime minister—who was appointed finance minister in Thursday’s cabinet reshuffle—said that he remained hopeful that the US \$58 billion project will proceed. However, he added, “Thailand will never interfere with any other country for the benefit of any business group...”

## Three dead in Suphan Buri fireworks

### มี 3 คนเสียชีวิตในเหตุการณ์พลระเบิดที่สุพรรณ

January 24, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

Fireworks gone wrong พลุระเบิดที่สุพรรณบุรี



[Three dead in Suphan fireworks](#) – The Nation, January 24, 2012

## Thai-language Headlines of January 24, 2012

January 25, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchaluek, January 24, 2012

- Chasing Burma to catch the drug gangster that killed a Pol. Sub. Lt. His pension was increased 7 levels of police rank for his sacrifice.
- HM the King told the new cabinet to be honest and develop the country.
- 2 models surrendered themselves to the police in the case of the topless casino. They claimed that they were incited by guests to do it for tips.
- The Queen Sirikit together with HR Princess Sirindhorn visited Yaowarat for the Chinese New Year Festival.

Matichon, January 24, 2012

- His Majesty the King granted an audience to the reshuffled cabinet which was sworn in. He told to the new cabinet to make the country progress and make it safe.
- Yaowarat residents are happy that Queen Sirikit and the Princess Sirindhorn visited on Chinese New Year.
- Poo is wearing the pilot costume to show that she is ready to maneuver.
- Amend or not to amend the law section 112 , Mr. Kittipong gave his opinion of the exclusive interview with Matichon.
- Got clues that “Atris” was bomb creator .

Thairath, January 24, 2012

- His Majesty the King asked the new cabinet to strictly follow their oath.
- Declared that the 1000 million baht assets of the drug dealer will be confiscated.
- Topless models at that casino gave themselves up to the police.
- The First Regional Army pushes BMA to dig some canals as soon as possible. Not only concern about flooding, the government should also beware of drought.

Daily News, January 24, 2012

- His Majesty the King asked the cabinet of Poo II to be honest.
- Her Majesty the Queen and Her Royal Princess Sirindhorn addressed at Yaowarat Festival for Chinese New Year. All residents there greeted them.
- The owner of a luxury house was burnt to death in this house.
- NACC alleged Mr. Supoj of having unreported wealth.

## Happy New Year from All of Us in Chonburi สุขสันต์วันปีใหม่จากเราทุกคนที่ชลบุรี

January 25, 2012

Categories: Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

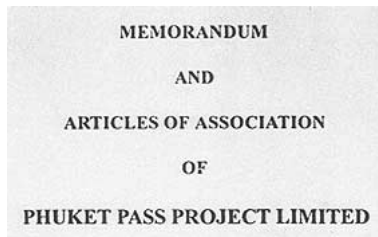
The sign reads: Happy New Year 2012 — May all Chonburi residents have only happiness and progress forever — The Palang Chon Party

## Nine Years Ago: The Kra Isthmus Canal

### 9 ปีที่แล้ว : คอคอดกระ

January 25, 2012

Categories: Today in History



Nine Years Ago: [The Kra Isthmus Canal](#)

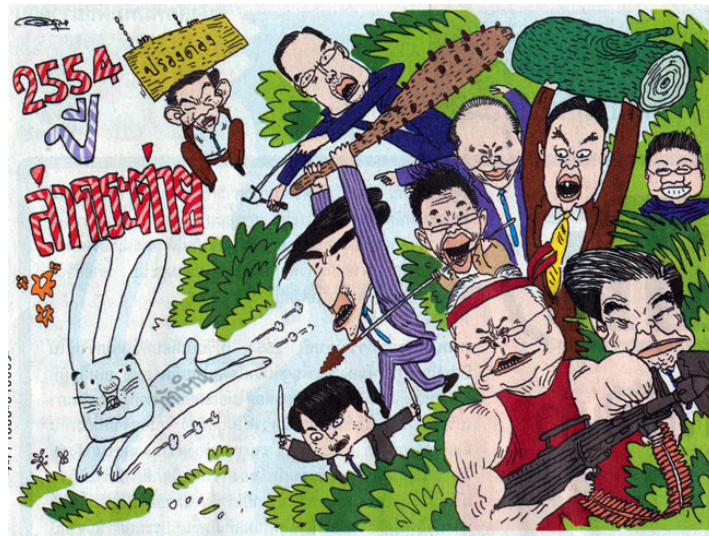


## 2011, the Year of Rabbit Hunting

### 2011 ปีแห่งการล่ากระต่าย

January 25, 2012

Categories: New Year's Cartoons



From Komchadluek, December 31, 2011

Cartoon reads: 2011 the Year of Rabbit Hunting

On the rabbit: Thaksin

Hanging sign: Unity

The man with a club is Abhisit

The man with two knives is Democrat MP Sirichoke Sopa

The man with a log is Kasit Pirom

## Give in to Beer and Sexy Ladies ส่งเบียร์ไปให้กับสาวเซ็กซี่

January 25, 2012

Categories: Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Warning at top: Drinking beer can result in disability or death.

Main part of the billboard: Some people say men must be strong all the time, but actually men can give in sometimes.

Extraordinary lives belong to those who disbelieve old ideas.

Tiger Beer — Make each day extraordinary

## Thaksin: Yingluck is a “softer and more modern Thatcher”

January 25, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[Thaksin: Yingluck is a “softer and more modern Thatcher”](#) – [www.japantimes.co.jp](#), January 25, 2012

... “She understands all classes of people,” he claims, describing her as a “softer and more modern Thatcher”.

Thaksin is her biggest cheerleader; of course: “She has no political baggage and she is a lady. She can talk to everybody easier than a man with a long political history. I may not be in as good a position to trigger reconciliation as her.”

But what about an assassination threat? The fact of gender didn’t insulate Pakistan’s Benazir Bhutto from that tragic end. But Thaksin thinks that in Thailand’s culture her style and her gender do render her all but immune. He adds: “Yingluck is very brave.”

“All I can tell you is I’m very optimistic. I’m confident of a happy ending. Anyway I’m keeping my fingers crossed. Four times they tried to kill me. I’m still alive. And I have unfinished work...”

## **BMA unveils 3D map ahead of city plan**

### **กทม.เปิดเผยความลับของแผนที่สามมิติของเมือง**

January 25, 2012

Categories: Maps

[BMA unveils 3D map ahead of city plan](#) – The Nation, January 24, 2012

... Wallop said the map, with a ratio of 1:500, was also available for city officials' use, at <http://3d-cpd.bma.go.th/>...

## **‘Coating’ from the Thai PM’s stylebook: Chic Yingluck Shinawatra touches down in Delhi** **เสื้อคลุมของยิ่งลักษณ์ลงสู่พื้นดินกรุงเดลี**

January 25, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[‘Coating’ from the Thai PM’s stylebook: Chic Yingluck Shinawatra touches down in Delhi](#) – Daily Mail India, January 25, 2012

...Style bloggers in Thailand and Indonesia are already clubbing her with fashion superiors Michelle Obama and Carla Bruni.

Her style – being a balance between Michelle’s love for the high street and Bruni’s love for elegant classics – makes the premier a hit with the fashion police.

On the one hand, her love for Crystal Shopping Mall is compared to Michelle’s love for J Crew, on the other, her clear bias for blazers and matching pant and kneelength skirt suits is more akin to Bruni’s style...

## Thai-language Headlines of January 25, 2012

January 26, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, January 25, 2012

- Fireworks for the opening Chinese New Year event in Supanburi flew into a temple and burned. 3 died and many were injured.
- The police will apprehend by killing a drug gangsters who shot dead a market woman at Chatujak market during a raid. And they suspect the owner of a rental cars shop.
- PM bars the Nitirat Groups from pushing the amendment of section 112 . She confirmed that the government has the view that it don't touch section 112.
- A spider that bit and killed a man might be a black widow spider.

Matichon, January 25, 2012

- Poo asked the Nitirat group to stop pushing the amendment of section 112. The Pheu Thai Party also declared that there are a large number of people being paid 500 baht to agitate against the government.
- 41 people were appointed as secretaries and advisers to the cabinet.
- The first phase of the ombudsman positions is finalized under Yingluck 2 .
- PM threatens to take back the budget if revitalization and flood solving projects are not moving forward.

Daily News, January 25, 2012

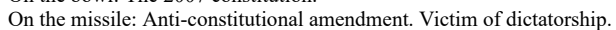
- At least four people were killed and many injured in an explosion and fire caused by fireworks at a Chinese New Year celebration in Suphan Buri province.
- A court has ordered Samitivej Hospital to pay 18 million baht in compensation for malpractice which led to a death of woman and her unborn baby during labor.
- Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra said that the monarchy should be protected and Article 112 will not be amended.
- Mr. A was shot dead during a raid on a house's roof.

Thairath, January 25, 2012

- A man died mysteriously. His wife said that he was bitten to death by a spider.
- The penis of an elephant was sliced to make sashimi.
- The Pheu Thai Party abandoned the Nitirat group 112.
- There was firework explosion at a Chinese New Year celebration in Suphan Buri province.

**พรรคประชาธิปไตยมีแต่พวกชาตินิยม**

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



**คาถาทองของปู่ “เอาอยู่” “จันไม่รู้” สามารถทำให้เธออยู่รอดได้**

January 26, 2012

Categories: New Year's Cartoons



From Komchadluek, December 31, 2011

Top right: Shadow Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva

Bottom right: Shadow cabinet's performance

On the running woman's hair: Prime minister



From Thairath, December 31, 2011

The cartoon reads: Goodbye to the Year of the Rabbit

It's a pity the dancing rabbit had to leave as if cotton buds were taken away when his ears were itchy.

It's the time of floating tiles that Poo's golden spells, "under control" and "I don't know," can help her survive.

In the year of clear water, one can see crocodiles.

Attractive city plans and good locations looked like resorts where garages were full of motorboats or yachts, and cars were parked on bridges comfortably.



## Chumphon Station Postcard, circa 1926

### ไปรษณียบัตรสถานีชุมพร ประมาณ ค.ศ.1926

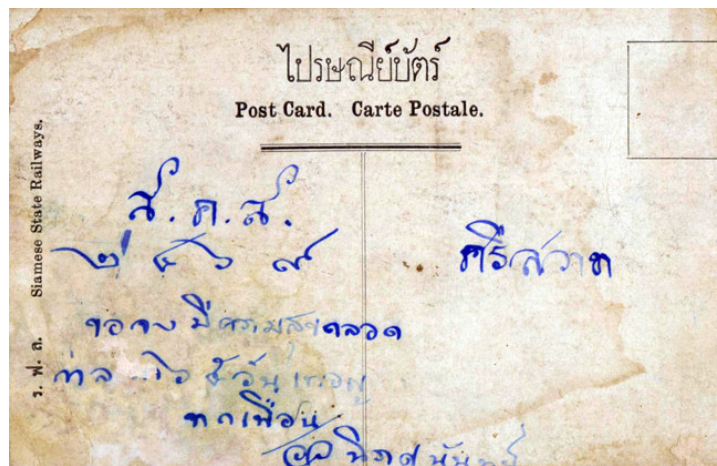
January 26, 2012

Categories: Old photos and films, Thai Railroads



สถานีชุมพรแสดงที่พักของกรมรถไฟหลวงอยู่ซ้ายมือ

The caption reads: Chumphon Station, with the Royal Railway Department staff dormitory on the left.



The message reads: Happy New Year 1926 to Sisawat. Be happy all 365 days. From your friend, Niratnan

## Conversations with Thaksin, Thailand's prime suspect

### การสนทนากับทักษิณซึ่งเป็นผู้ต้องสงสัยที่สำคัญที่สุดของประเทศไทย

January 26, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Conversations with Thaksin, Thailand's prime suspect](#) – japantimes.co.jp, January 25, 2012

... "You know how much I was paid during my prime ministership? Three thousand U.S. dollars a month. And no pension. You know how much I paid for my security people? They assign a security team for me, but they are government officials, so I need to pay them more. The total came to about \$15,000 a month — just for my security team."

"That's out of your own pocket?"

"And I got paid \$3,000 a month as P.M.!"

"The only person who could be prime minister is someone who is either very independently wealthy, or is getting an income stream from some sources that are — how to say it? — not completely evident. That's a formula for bad government..."

[Foreign Policy Under Yingluck: Return to Thaksin's CEO Style?](#) – thejakartaglobe.com, January 25, 2012

...It is fair to say that since Thaksin's downfall in 2006, Thailand has had no tangible foreign policy. The Samak Sundaravej and Somchai Wongsawat governments were short-lived. And the Abhisit Vejjajiva period was marked by conflicts with neighboring countries, especially Cambodia.

...Ultimately, both Yingluck and her foreign minister, Surapong Tovichakchaikul, have no experience in diplomacy. And one must not forget that Yingluck is indeed Thaksin in disguise. Accordingly, it is likely that she will restore the "Thaksinized" foreign policy that was essentially commerce-driven without any respect for principles.

In 2001 to 2006, Thailand under Thaksin was so ambitious that it thought it could conquer the world...

## **Press Freedom Index 2011/2012**

### **ดัชนีความอิสระของสื่อของปี 2011/2012**

January 26, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines

[Press Freedom Index 2011/2012](#) – rsf.org, January, 2012

Thailand is 137.

## Flood-proofing Bangkok could force canal dwellers out

### การต้านน้ำท่วมในกรุงเทพสามารถบังคับให้ผู้อยู่อาศัยทำตามได้

January 26, 2012  
Categories: Floods

[Flood-proofing Bangkok could force canal dwellers out](#) – BBC, January 26, 2012

*...For the last nine years a government-backed project has been trying to convince the estimated 6,000 households who live along Bangkok's watersways to give up their homes and allow canal areas to be redeveloped.*

*Some have agreed, trading greater living space for the security of living somewhere with legal status.*

*Others like Mrs Chuang and her neighbours have resisted.*

*"The floods have nothing to do with us. We live above the canal – we don't make it flood," said Mrs Chuang.*

*"They say if we don't go they're going to demolish our home, but we've been here 32 years..."*

## Thai-language Headlines of January 26, 2012

January 27, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, January 26, 2012

- The spider appeared in the city. Bit to death. The spider is small and grey color. It's not a black widow spider.
- The event organizer at Supanburi was implicated for the explosion in the event.
- The owner of a secondhand car shop linked to a major of the armed forces is arrested.
- The Commissioner General ordered public security officers to keep an eye on the Nitirat group.

Maticchon, January 26, 2012

- The organizer and the person who ignited fireworks are accused as the cause of the explosion of fireworks in Suphanburi.
- A big drugs dealer with one billion baht worth of drugs is accused.
- Cutting the interest rate to 3% to improve the economy. Civil servants surely will have the 15,000 baht by the end of January.
- The Nitirat group denied that they are leading the push for the amendment of Article 112. Big Too said that the Nitirat are hurting the feelings of Thai people.

Thairath, January 26, 2012

- The firework were in a misdirected position and that's why there was an explosion at the Chinese New Year in Supanburi.
- Big Too criticized the Nitirat group for the intention to amend article 112.
- Mr. Nipon Panchart is arrested and accepted that a major is involved with him as a drug gangster.
- Autopsy of the dead body of the spider victim. Revealed that this spider has 8 legs and it must be a brown widow spider.

Daily News, January 26, 2012

- The godfather of drugs has confessed that a major in the armed forces is a big player in the drug trafficking network.
- Mr. Chuwit disclosed that there are many illegal franchise casinos which are back up by generals in the armed forces.
- There is a cut in interest rates of 0.25%.
- The United Front for Red Shirt Democracy against Dictatorship (UDD) proposed the amendment of Section 291 of the constitution.

## Happy New Year from Chonburi Politicians สุขสันต์วันปีใหม่จากนักการเมืองที่ชลบุรี

January 27, 2012

Categories: Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: Rak Samet Group – Happy New Year 2012 – May Samet residents be happy, not suffer and meet with only good during all of 2012.



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

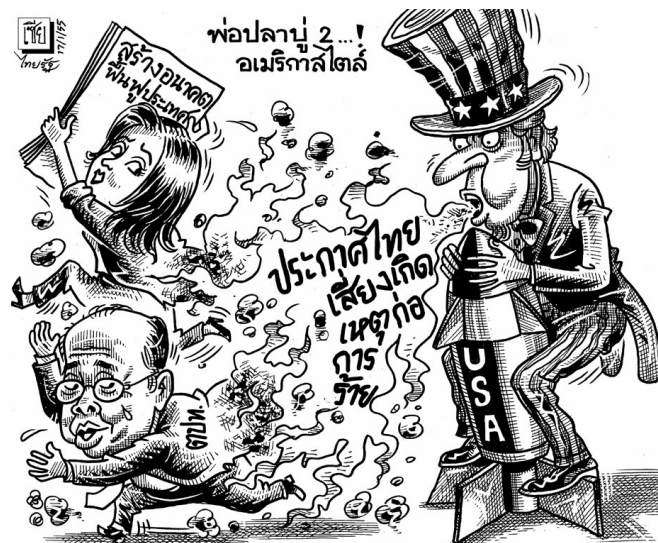
The sign reads: Pheu Thai Party – Happy New Year 2012 – In this auspicious new year, may all things sacred bring happiness and prosperity to all residents.  
Mr. Manit Pawasuth, assistant to the science and technology minister  
Mr. Sanga Tanasuanwong, secretary to the labor minister  
Mr. Jirawut Singthong, secretary to the commerce minister  
Mr. Pinyo Tunwiset, consultant to the deputy finance minister

## Editorial Cartoons on the Terrorism Scare

### การ์ตูนที่ทำให้ผู้ก่อการร้ายกลัว

January 27, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thai Rath, January 13, 2012

The cartoon title reads: Father of Pla Boo 2... American style!

On Yingluck's paper: Future reconstruction and national recovery

On Surapong's suit: Foreign Affairs

Uncle Sam's words: Announcement: Thailand is at risk of terrorism.



From Manager, January 19, 2012

Left, the American Ambassador says: Terrorists will operate in Bangkok.

Right, PM Yingluck says: Terrorists will be ministers in the Poo 2 cabinet.



From KhaoSod, January 21, 2012

On the bomb: Terrorism





From Manager, January 18, 2012

The detained terror suspect says: We see that terrorists in this country become MPs or ministers after finishing their operations. We want to do the same. The caption reads: The reasons for terrorist operations in Thailand



From Thairath, January 15, 2012

The cartoon title reads: It must be done like this. Can it be under control...?

Yingluck's phone: Cabinet reshuffle

Yingluck's paper: Poo 2 cabinet

Flying chairs: Minister – Deputy Minister

On the wall: Poo 1 cabinet

Left mouse: Silent bomb

Right mouse: Amend the unjust laws



From Manager, January 17, 2012

Eagle (representing the U.S.): There will be big terrorism in Bangkok.

Parrot (representing PM Yingluck): Under control... under control... under control... under control... under control...

The caption reads: An eagle threatens... ...A parrot soothes



## Weekly News Magazines, January 20, 2012

January 27, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



Nation Weekend, January 20, 2012

The cover reads: Red we hei!



Matichon Weekly, January 20, 2012

The cover reads: Tiles will prosper and soar.

## Seven Years Ago: The Bangkok Snowstorm Commercial

### 7 ปีที่แล้ว : โฆษณาพายุนิมะของกรุงเทพ

January 27, 2012

Categories: Today in History



Seven Years Ago: [The Bangkok Snowstorm Commercial](#)

## **Thai Elephants might become extinct because too many people are eating them** **ช้างไทยจะสูญพันธุ์เพราะหลายคนกินมัน**

January 27, 2012

Categories: Wildlife and Nature

[Thai Elephants might become extinct because too many people are eating them](#) – nydailynews.com, January 26, 2012

...”The poachers took away the elephants’ sex organs and trunks ... for human consumption,” Damrong Phidet, director-general of Thailand’s wildlife agency, told The Associated Press. Some meat was to be consumed without cooking, like “elephant sashimi,” he said...

## Thailand's Prime Minister scales down glam quotient

### นายกไทยย่อส่วนได้น่าดึงดูด

January 27, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand's Prime Minister scales down glam quotient](#) – dailymail.co.uk, January 26, 2012

...Already having received a lot of attention for her fashion choices and immaculate hair and make-up abroad, especially on diplomatic tours like this one – her dressing style was recently discussed in the Indonesian Parliament, making her blush profusely – Shinawatra has decidedly been low-key on her fashion quotient on this visit...

## Malaysia: No End to Sex Videos to Discredit Anwar

### มาเลเซีย: วิดีโอโป๊ที่ discredit อันวาร์ไม่มีวันจบ

January 27, 2012

Categories: Malaysia

[Datuk T returns with new Thailand sex expose](#) – Malaysiakini, January 27, 2012

...Police are investigating Anwar under Section 182 of the Penal Code for giving ” false information to injure another person” based on his police report denying he was the man in the video.

...Meanwhile, former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak need not entertain Anwar’s challenge for a debate on the country’s policies.

...”It’s a different case if Anwar shares the government’s opinion on matters raised,” he said...

## Thai-language Headlines of January 27, 2012

January 28, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, January 27, 2012

- Major Piyanat confessed that he transferred drugs and got 1 million baht. General Prayuth vows that misconduct charges will be brought against the owner of second hand car business.
- The organizer apologized to all Supanburi residents. The police will arrest the representative of the fireworks company.
- Teerayuth pointed out a crisis will happen if article 112 is amended. There will be a strong conflict in the country.
- Suchart-Prapassorn-Chelemchai-Settha are the national artists of the year 2011.

Matichon, January 27, 2012

- 4 decrees were submitted to a royal approval already. Democrats hurry to obstruct these and submit documents to the court to claim that they will conflict with the constitution.
- A major was questioned about a drug connection and he got a 1 million baht payment .
- The police raided three factories producing poor-standard steel.
- An organizer in Chinese New Year explosion was alleged.

ThaiRath, January 27, 2012

- There is curse that caused the firework explosion because the giant dragon shielded the Shrine of the City Pillar
- Major Nut was under arrested and taken to Bangkok. He confessed that he was a driver of a van that carries drugs.
- National Police chief Gen. Prieupan will be on a hunt for 22 casinos and declared clearly that if any police officer has ties to these casinos then he will be charged for misconduct.
- The Pheu Thai party condemned the Nitirat group as being employed to overthrow the government.

Daily New, January 27, 2012

- 4 decrees for loans were approved and announced in the government gazette already.
- Teerayuth warned the amendment of article 112 will lead to a critical situation.
- A Korat woman, the owner of a cassava farm, stripped almost naked to protest about government farm policy.
- A sergeant was arrested as being part of a network moving a billion baht worth of drugs.

## Five Years Ago Today: For investors in Thailand, it's clearly unclear วันนี้เมื่อ 5 ปีก่อน : สำหรับนักลงทุนในประเทศไทย มันไม่ชัดเจนเลย

January 28, 2012

Categories: Today in History

Five Years Ago Today: [For investors in Thailand, it's clearly unclear](#)

## Eight Years Ago Today: Lamenting Trink in The Nation

### วันนี้เมื่อ 8 ปีก่อน : ทิ้งคร่ำครวญในเดอะเนชั่น

January 28, 2012

Categories: Today in History

Eight Years Ago Today: [Lamenting Trink in The Nation](#)



## Old New Year's Postcard ไปรษณียบัตรปีใหม่อันเก่า

January 28, 2012

Categories: New Year's Eve



The card reads: Best wishes for the year 24 ..... BE

Be successful, happy, sad no more and all your desires fulfilled

Sender's name .....

## **Tourist Police chief says Pattaya ‘completely safe’ from terrorist attack**

### **หัวหน้าตำรวจท่องเที่ยวบอกว่าพัทยาปลอดภัยจากการโจมตีของผู้ก่อการร้าย**

January 28, 2012

Categories: Pattaya, Security

[Tourist Police chief says Pattaya ‘completely safe’ from terrorist attack](#) – pattayamail.com, January 27, 2012

Pattaya Tourist Police seeking to blunt damage to tourism from foreign government warnings of a possible terrorist attack in Thailand are asserting the city is “completely safe” from attack.

Tourist Police superintendent Lt. Col. Arun Promphan said Jan. 17 there was “no reason to believe there will be any terrorism dangers in Thailand.” He said Pattaya was not named in any warnings, but a number of local tourists “panicked” after listening to what he called “one-sided material” from the foreign embassies...

## Chonburi Sharks and Big Cola ชลบุรี ชลาม และ บิ๊กโคลา

January 30, 2012

Categories: Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The billboard reads: Wishing you a safe journey – Big Cola, Chonburi F. C. official sponsor

## Thaksin in Dubai Made the Decision on NGV

### ทักษิณตัดสินใจเรื่อง NGV ที่ดูไบ

January 30, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Komchadluek, January 10, 2012

Left: Protesters blocking the road to demand the government decide about NGV is not right.

Middle: Do you mean the protesters are not right to block the road?

Right: No, I mean they should block the road in Dubai, because that's where the real decision-maker is.

## Chonburi Green and Pink

### ชลบุรี เขียวและชมพู

January 30, 2012

Categories: Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Left: Samet will develop if its people are brave enough to change. Please vote for the Phalang Samet Group.

Middle: Please vote for the Phalang Samet Group.

Right: Phalang Samet — Please vote for Thanu Romkate to be mayor.



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Left: The Rak Samet Group – Knows how to do, can do, really does – Think and do together methodically – Samet, our home, must be developed every minute — Working for our city should not be risky.

Middle: Please vote for the Rak Samet Group – No. 1, Mayor Oot, Yutthana Supaporn, to be mayor of Tambon Samet – Knows how to do, can do, really does – Mr. Sumet Paisitsawet and Mr. Sompote Sookprasert, deputy to the mayor.

Right: Please vote for the Rak Samet Group to be members of the Tambon Samet Municipal Council Area 1 Moo 1 and 2, the whole team. Sunday, January 15, 2012, from 8am-3pm.

## Beaches are nice in family-friendly Pattaya

### ทะเลสวยที่พัทยา

January 30, 2012

Categories: Pattaya, Tourism



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=>



Part of the “Wish You Were Here” campaign...

## Thailand backs Twitter censorship policy

### ประเทศไทยสนับสนุนนโยบายการเซ็นเซอร์ทวิตเตอร์

January 30, 2012

Categories: Censorship

[Thailand backs Twitter censorship policy](#) – Guardian, January 30, 2012

...Thailand's endorsement on Monday could have profound ramifications across the region, said Sunai Phasuk of Human Rights Watch Thailand, while it already "adds more damage to an already worrying trend in Thailand".

"Twitter gives space to different opinions and views, and that is so important in a restricted society – it gives people a chance to speak up," he said. "But if this censorship is welcomed by Thailand, then other countries, with worse records for human rights and freedom of speech, will find that they have an ally."

## Thai-language Headlines of January 30, 2012

January 31, 2012

Categories: Thai-language Newspaper Headlines



Komchadluek, January 30, 2012

- Outrageous robbery of a million baht worth of diamonds from a clothing business owner's house. The police suspect his servant.
- Motorbike gangsters killed to steal a motorbike.
- A light truck which was carrying laborers was bombed and 6 died and 3 injured in Pichit province.
- Democrats are angry and ask Pheu Thai to show evidences that they will not amend article 112 .

Maticchon, January 30, 2012

- Mr. Tong is very confident that the two money loan decrees will not conflict with the constitution. He ignored the contingency plan and orders it to go ahead.
- Exposed: the meeting at a safe house in the Puttamonton area during which the overthrow of the government was planned.
- Klong Perm gang arrested and seized 20,000 drugs. Ja sib admitted that Major Piyanat invited him to join the drugs transportation network.
- Steel vender in the northeast revealed that was no standard.

Thairath, January 30, 2012

- The Pheu Thai party condemned the Nitirat group and is frightened the Nitirat with generate an army to have a revolution.
- Going ahead with confiscation in 17 areas to clean up the drug problem. Issuing warrants for the arrest of 8 prisoners.
- A woman was shot dead in the United States of America.
- PM asked all parties to be patient and halt the fighting in the Strategic Committee for Water Resources Management or SCWRM.

Daily News, January 30, 2012

- Meaw strongly censured the white old hair and brainless who wanted to quarrel and who retarded the country's development. He also boosted up that he can make Thais rich in a blink.
- Poo asked all sides to claim down and guaranteed that water management is good.
- Exposed – The invasion of Kao Yai.
- The NACC push hard on drug crackdown scheme as well as complimenting Mr. Thaksin. Suchart prepared to build a Super Max Jail.



## Nine Years Ago Today: Women Workers Calendar

### วันนี้เมื่อ 9 ปีที่แล้ว : ปฏิทินผู้หญิงทำงาน

January 31, 2012

Categories: Today in History



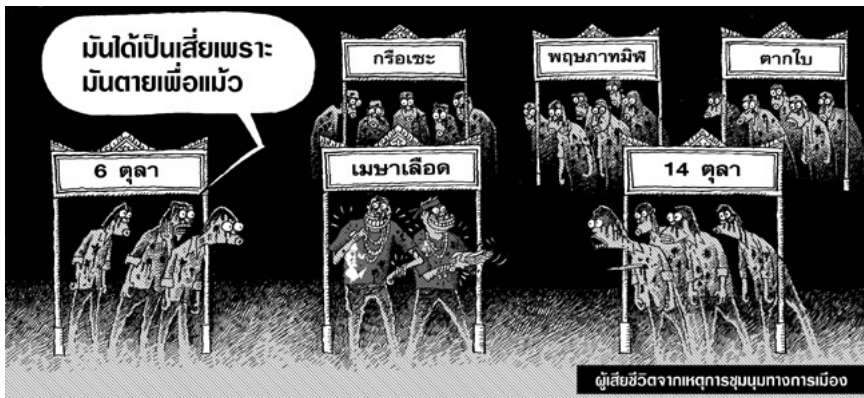
Nine Years Ago Today: [Women Workers Calendar](#)

## Dying for Maew Makes Your Family a Millionaire

### ยอมตายเพื่อแม่เพื่อที่จะทำให้ครอบครัวเป็นเศรษฐี

January 31, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, January 13, 2012

The signs indicate past violent events when citizens died at the hand of the government and/or military.

Back left: Krue Se

Back middle: Black May

Back right: Tak Bai

Front left: October 6

Front middle: Bloody April

Front right: October 14

One of the dead from October 6 is saying: He became rich because he died for Maew.

The caption reads: Deaths from political protests

## New battlelines in Thailand

### การต่อสู้ใหม่ในประเทศไทย

January 31, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[New battlelines in Thailand](#) – atimes.com, January 27, 2012

...Some senior officers who communicated with the writers even fear that the ministry could be used to exercise control over Thaksin allies outside the military, akin to the infamous “war room” and its three Class 10 managers who, while still on active duty, effectively guided the armed street battles with government forces in 2010.

Several of the authors’ Thai classmates say that Thaksin and his advisors believe that they will be able to successfully orchestrate Prayuth’s transfer later this year, as they did with Surayud in 2002...

## Thai-language Headlines of January 31, 2012

February 1, 2012

Categories: Thai-language Newspaper Headlines



Komchadluek, January 31, 2012

- Soldiers was hunting by circle shooting . 4 died! in the south of Thailand. They used locals as their shield. Rangers are sad and hurry to investigate.
- People who want to amend the article 112 won't be allow to use Thammasart University .
- Chuwit revealed the evidence that casinos gave laptops to the media.
- 500 drugs prisoners will be moved to Kaobin prison because of the 5kg heroin drugs gangster operating in Payao province.

Matichon, January 31, 2012

- His Majesty gave advice to the Judge of the Administrative Court.
- The Constitutional Court will take two months to interpret two decrees .
- The use of Thammasat University compound as a venue for any activities relate to Article 112 is banned.
- The Meteorological Department warned that Laninya this year will have less drought and heavy rain.

Thairath, January 31, 2012

- The chancellor chases the Nitirat not to use Thamasart University students to sign the petition to amend the article 112 .
- Dr. Krong pushed to start building the Kang Sue Ten dam to prepare for the big flood again in August.
- The robbery gang invaded in the Democrat's secretary's house and got 5 million baht cash.
- Arrested – call center Korean gang that sold Korean ginseng, but never delivered anything and got 27 million baht a day.

Daily News, January 31, 2012

- There was a trap from Southern's terrorist who make soldiers spontaneously opened fire at innocent people which led to 4 deaths.
- The PM re-confirmed that she won't amend Article 112.
- Mr. Pramote made a final decision to make a flood way.
- His Majesty advised Administrative Court Judge to build unity in the country.

## Six Years Ago This Month: The 70 Billion Baht Deal – Thaksin’s Shin Corp sale

### เดือนนี้เมื่อ 6 ปีที่แล้ว : ข้อตกลงทางธุรกิจ 7 หมื่นล้านของบริษัทชินคอร์ปของทักษิณ

February 1, 2012

Categories: Today in History

Six Years Ago This Month: [The 70 Billion Baht Deal – Thaksin’s Shin Corp sale](#)

## Ten Years Ago Today: Trink stands firm: HIV does not cause AIDS

### วันนี้เมื่อ 9 ปีที่แล้ว : ทริงยืนยันว่าเชื้อเอชไอวีไม่ได้ทำให้เป็นเอดส์

February 1, 2012

Categories: Today in History

Ten Years Ago Today: [Trink stands firm: HIV does not cause AIDS](#)

## Changing Thaksin's Fortune การเปลี่ยนดวงชะตาของทักษิณ

February 1, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, January 13, 2012

Left: I will perform a trick to correct your fate. Your horoscope will no longer show bad luck.

Left middle: I will perform a *feng shui* correction for you. Your horoscope will be better.

Right middle: I will perform a ceremony to correct your misfortune. Your horoscope will no longer show bad karma.

Right: We will amend the constitution for you. Your horoscope, which is now very bad, will survive.

## ทำไมคุณประท้วงรัฐบาล?

February 1, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, January 11, 2012

Motorist 1: Ha ha! I'm pleased.

Motorist 2: Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha! Didn't you say this is the dream government?

Motorist 3: Aow! Why are you protesting against the government? Didn't you vote for them?

Motorist 4: Ha ha! I'm pleased.

## Small signs held by taxi drivers: Cremate NGV

Big signs: Nong Poo says it's "under control," Phi Lerm intervenes in every matter, but as for Nong Pichai, please kick him out.

The caption reads: The day that people who are not one of the 15 million are pleased.



## Weekly News Magazines, January 27, 2012

February 1, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, January 27, 2012

The cover reads: Mrs. Zimbabwe



From Matichon Weekly, January 27, 2012

Cover caption: Her Majesty the Queen and Her Royal Princess were in Yaowarat.

## Thai-language Headlines of February 1, 2012

February 2, 2012

Categories: Thai-language Newspaper Headlines



Komchadluek, February 1, 2012

- General Yuthasak apologized to all the victims’ relatives. The army leader from area 4 is hurrying to rehabilitate .
- To welcome first-year students, a senior kicked junior to death.
- Thammasart breaks into two parts, supporting and chasing away Nitirat.
- 3 guards at Surin prison were fired, because they were involved with the Kaobin prison drugs gangster.

Matichon, February 1, 2012

- Bachelor’s degree holder will have fifteen thousand baht which costs 7 billion in the budget. The payment will be post-dated to January.
- Mr. Chalerm has finished the reconciliation law and plans to propose to it to the parliament.
- The natural phenomenon of La Nina terrifies with threat of a deluge again.
- Mr. Didsanun confirmed that nobody resigned from the Strategic Committee for Water Resources Management or SCWRM.

Thairath, February 1, 2012

- The University of Thammasart roused people to against the Nitirat group.
- Civil servants are happy for fifteen thousand baht salary which the government has already approved.
- The welcome for a first year student was so fierce that he was kicked in the chest which caused his death.
- Big Aood admitted the four dead bodies were not southern terrorists.

Daily News, February 1, 2012

- The Department of Corrections fired 3 prison guards for being connected with the drug gang at Khao Bin prison.
- Mr. Mal impeded the amendment of Article 112.
- Mr. Chuwit apologized for wrongly revealing that the media took commission from casinos.
- The actress “Pingpong” admitted that she drove and hit which led to 2 deaths.

## Seven Years Ago Today: TV commercial – The Loan Shark วันนี้เมื่อ 6 ปีก่อน : โฆษณาทีวีพวกให้กู้เงินนอกระบบ

February 2, 2012

Categories: Today in History



Above: A loan shark and her boys arrive to confront a food vendor who is past due in his loan. Thais commonly call this an ‘informal loan.’

Seven Years Ago Today: [TV commercial – The Loan Shark](#)

## New Ministers in Thaksin and Yingluck's government

### รัฐมนตรีหน้าใหม่ของรัฐบาลทักษิณและยิ่งลักษณ์

February 2, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, January 16, 2012

The cartoon title reads: Old people leave, new ones arrive—the work is there.

Left sign: Entrance

Right sign: Exit

The chair: Minister

Paper pile: Recovery

Front paper: Thailand's future construction

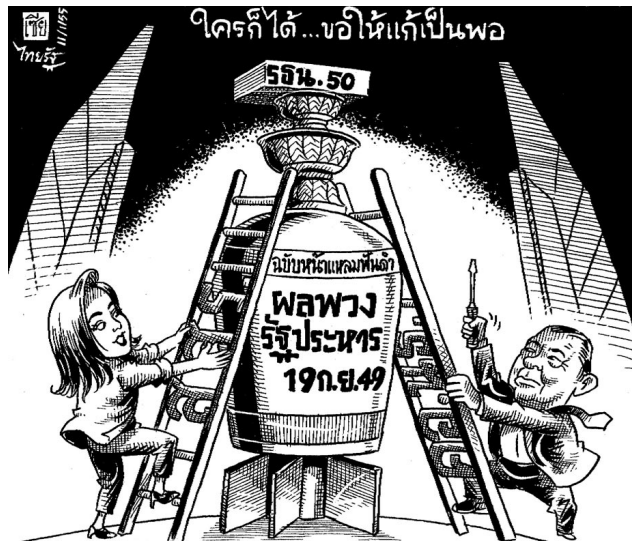
Big paper: Government policies

## Just amending the constitution is good enough

### ขอแค่ให้ได้แก้รัฐธรรมนูญเป็นพอ

February 2, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, January 8, 2012

The cartoon title reads: Anyone... just amending is good enough.

On the offering bowl (at the top): The 2007 constitution

On the bomb: Sharp-faced, black-tooth version. Consequences of the September 19, 2006 coup

Left ladder: CDC

Right ladder: NRLC

## Thai-language Headlines of February 2, 2012

February 3, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, February 2, 2012

- Army area 4 increased security more strictly in 3 provinces in the south of Thailand. Southern terrorists shot dead soldiers.
- The Department of Corrections will pay the large amount of 3.5 billion baht to build a Supermax prison for prisoners from drugs cases especially.
- University of Thammasart doesn't reconsider. He prohibited the Nitirat group to use the university to destroy the country by supporting amendment of article 112.
- Draining out water out of Bhumipol dam at 60 million cubic meters a day.

Thairath, February 2, 2012

- Arresting the hi-tech drug gangsters in the prison who moved cell phones over the prison wall by using radio-controlled aircraft.
- Southern terrorists shoot – Soldiers died and the police were injured.
- So much conflict in Thammasart University. There was a discussion about the amendment of article 112. Prohibit to use the university as a place of press conference about supporting the amendment.
- Mr. Chuwit confessed that he spoke without thinking when he said that the media got benefits from the owners of casinos.
- A former Utaintawai student was jailed for life.

Maticchon, February 2, 2012

- Former chancellors-teachers-students altogether chased Thammasart University to reconsider about considering changing article 112.
- The constitutional court will discuss next week about 2 decrees.
- Committees appointed to investigate about 4 bodies in Pattani.
- A refrigerator truck crashed with a car. Swedish travelers and a driver died.

Daily News, February 2, 2012

- Clarifying a new type of drugs which comes in a white tablet and has plenty of Codeine.
- A naughty boy was left unattended and took drugs and died.
- Chuwit revealed casino matters.
- The student union argued against the decision of the chancellor to prohibit activities related to article 112.

## Storming the Bank of Thailand ธนาคารแห่งประเทศไทย

February 3, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, January 10, 2012

Veerapong Ramangkul says: Why don't you let me rob you? Do you think you're an independent state?

On the flag: Red-Pants Krong's gang

On the sign: Bank of Thailand

Sound made by the battering ram: Bang!!!

Caption: Scolding the victims of his crimes.

## Nine Years Ago Today: Chuwit Smashes Sukumvit Soi 10 วันนี้เมื่อ 8 ปีที่แล้ว ชูวิททำลายสุขุมวิทซอย 10

February 3, 2012

Categories: Today in History



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Chuwit billboard: *Quash the cheating people, expose the evil people, do not fear the influential!*

Nine Years Ago Today: [Chuwit Smashes Sukumvit Soi 10](#)



## Silent Movie Postcards

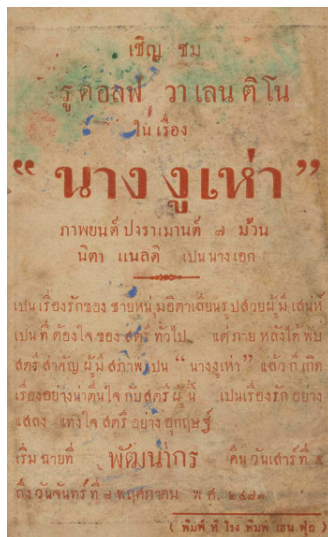
### ไปรษณียบัตรหนังใบ้

February 3, 2012

Categories: Film and TV



The postcard reads: Rudolph Valentino



The postcard reads: Come to see Rudolph Valentino in “Cobra Woman” – A Paramount movie in seven reels – Nita Naldi, the main actress  
It’s a love story of a charming, handsome Italian man who is attractive to many women. Later he meets an important woman, “the cobra woman,” and has an amazing affair with her. It’s a love story that will break women’s hearts.

It will be shown at Pattanakorn Theatre from Saturday the 5th until Monday the 8th, May 1928.

Printed at Hane Food Printing House



**Post Card**

*Harold  
Lloyd*

in

**"THE KID BROTHER"**

will be screened at :-

**Phathanakorn** *12th Dec.*

**Hongkong** } *16th Dec.*  
**Ban Moh** }

PRINTED AT "HIEN ECK PRESS"

## Thailand's teen piano prodigy

### นักเปียโนวัยรุ่นมหัศจรรย์ของประเทศไทย

February 3, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand's teen piano prodigy](#) – BBC, February 3, 2012

## South Korea indicts man for retweeting North เกาหลีใต้ตั้งข้อหาคนที่ตอบทวีตเกาหลีเหนือ

February 3, 2012

Categories: North Korea

[South Korea indicts man for retweeting North](#) – BoingBoing, February 2, 2012

... was detained last month on charges of violating South Korea’s controversial National Security Law, which bans “acts that benefit the enemy...”

## Understanding Google's new privacy policy: your YouTube activity will now be linked to your searches

### นโยบายความเป็นส่วนตัวของกูเกิ้ลใหม่ : กิจกรรมในยูทูปของคุณจะลิงค์กับการค้นหาในกูเกิ้ลของคุณ

February 3, 2012

Categories: Nothing to do with Thailand, but Interesting

[Understanding Google's new privacy policy: your YouTube activity will now be linked to your searches](#) – BoingBoing, February 2, 2012

## Thai-language Headlines of February 3, 2012

February 4, 2012

Categories: Thai-language Newspaper Headlines



Komchaluek, February 3, 2012

- Mr. Kaycha’s son and his wife arrested for bringing ice in his house.
- The Faculty of Journalism pushed Thammasart University to chase Nitirat.
- Simsimi was blamed for using rude words when chatting and possibly libeling.
- Crash in Naratiwat led to 1 death.

Matichon, February 3, 2012

- Somkid allows the Nirirat Group to have activities in the campus, but must be prohibited if it appears to lead to conflict in society.
- The Democrat Party was unhappy and walked out of parliament because they disagreed with the Pheu Thai Party’s decision related to 2 decrees being approved.
- Egyptian soccer fans clashed, 74 died.
- Arrested – Kaycha’s son who took ice in his own house.

Thairath, February 3, 2012

- Worry about the use of Simsimi robot application because it’s too rude.
- Arrested – A couple for 40 million baht laundered from heroin trading.
- A group of lecturers and students who support the freedom of thinking will gather on the 5th of February.
- Strictly controlling water management in 33 dams and considering the quantity of water to use in 2013.

Daily News, February 3, 2012

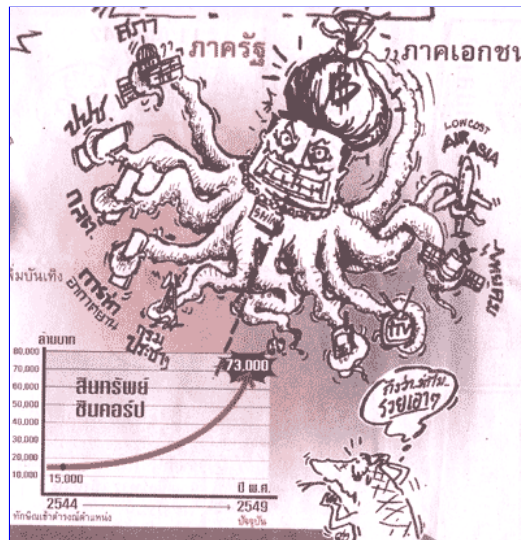
- The Ministry of Public Health is terrified that pure Codeine has same effect as opium and cocaine.
- There will be a big gathering for the article 112 matter.
- A beggar earned 100k baht a month.
- NGOs will submit a document to sue the government building dams to protect industrial estates.

## Six Years Ago Today: Protests Against Thaksin Grow

วันนี้เมื่อ 6 ปีที่แล้ว : ประท้วงต่อต้านการเติบโตของทักษิณ

February 4, 2012

Categories: Today in History



Six Years Ago Today: [Protests Against Thaksin Grow](#)

## The Government and the Military – Happy Together

### รัฐบาลและกองทัพทหารมีความสุขร่วมกัน

February 4, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, January 6, 2012

The cartoon caption reads: The sound of waves in the moonlight

On the bombs: Movements, Overthrow the government, Opposition

On the paper boat: News



## One Year Ago: Red Shirts Insist a Coup is Near 1ปีที่แล้ว : เสื้อแดงยืนยันว่ารัฐประหารอยู่ใกล้ๆ นี้

February 4, 2012

Categories: Today in History



One Year Ago: [Red Shirts Insist a Coup is Near](#)

**‘Thais look at UAE as their second home’**

**คนไทยมองอาหรับเป็นบ้านที่สอง**

February 4, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[‘Thais look at UAE as their second home’](#) – gulftoday.ae, February 4, 2012

...They are among the approximately 13,000 Thais across the seven emirates. The Thai community feels at home in the UAE, Phaovibul said...

## I Have the Right to Kill

### ฉันมีสิทธิที่จะฆ่า

February 5, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, January 9, 2012

Left: Fifteen million voted for me, so I have the right to kill the 2007 constitution.  
The caption reads: Pheu Thai likes to claim this.

Right: Twelve million voted for me, so I have the right to kill the president Toon.  
The caption reads: Now the Democrats are making the same claims.

## Seven Years Ago This Month: Thaksin's Wordless Election Poster เดือนนี้เมื่อ 7 ปีที่แล้ว : โปสเตอร์หาเสียงของทักษิณที่ไม่มีข้อความเลย

February 5, 2012

Categories: Today in History



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Above: Cult of personality – The only candidate with no words on his poster.

Seven Years Ago Today: [Election posters 2005](#)

Many fascinating posters here: the greeting card to the PM, the Democrats' young guy, Thai Rak Thai candidate puts world leaders on her posters, and state enterprises praising Thaksin by name.

## Tiger Abusers Caught Red-Handed in Bangkok Guesthouse

### คนที่ทำร้ายเสือถูกจับในบ้านพักที่กรุงเทพ

February 5, 2012

Categories: Wildlife and Nature

[Tiger Abusers Caught Red-Handed in Bangkok Guesthouse](#) – phuketwan.com, January 5, 2012

...Khun Anucha told police the animals were stuffed for parks and shopping malls in China. A big tiger could sell for two million baht...

Categories: Today in History

Five Years Ago: [New Year's Bombing Scapegoat](#)

## Four Years Ago Today: A Nurse Appointed as Deputy Finance Minister วันนี้เมื่อ 4 ปีที่แล้ว : พยาบาลถูกแต่งตั้งให้เป็นรองรัฐมนตรีกระทรวงการคลัง

February 5, 2012

Categories: Today in History



Four Years Ago Today: [A Nurse Appointed as Deputy Finance Minister](#)

## **Analysis: Myanmar’s ambitious Dawei project faces uncertainty**

### **บทวิเคราะห์ : โครงการดaweiของพม่าเผชิญกับความไม่แน่นอน**

February 5, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Analysis: Myanmar’s ambitious Dawei project faces uncertainty](#) – Reuters, February 3, 2012

... has a powerful local partner. A quarter of Dawei Development is held by Max Myanmar Group, owned by Burmese tycoon Zaw Zaw, whose close ties to the government put him on the U.S. targeted sanctions list in 2009.

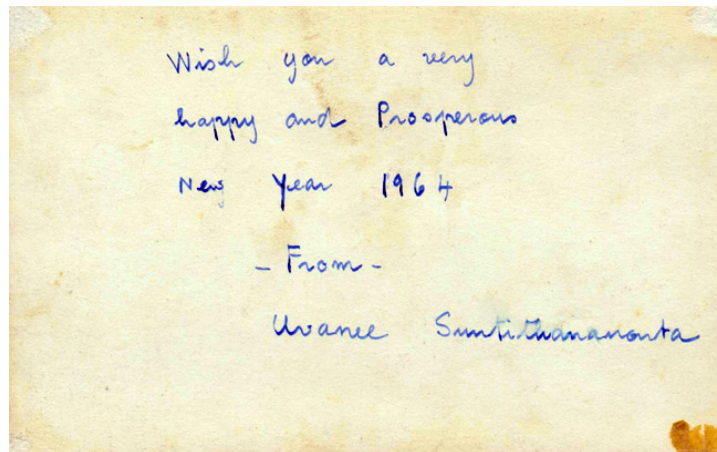
A November 15, 2007 U.S. diplomatic cable described Zaw Zaw as an “up and coming crony.” Today he is one of Myanmar’s most influential businessmen...



## Happy New Year from Chula University สุขสันต์วันปีใหม่จากจุฬาลงกรณ์มหาวิทยาลัย

February 6, 2012

Categories: Old photos and films



## India Cozies Up To Thailand – Analysis

### อินเดียพยายามเริ่มสัมพันธ์ภาพกับประเทศไทย – บทวิเคราะห์

February 6, 2012

Categories: India

[India Cozies Up To Thailand – Analysis](#) – eurasiareview.com, January 29, 2012

...India has embarked upon a strategic road with Thailand which should make China wary. More so because what India did with Thailand on January 25 was simply a carry forward of a similar diplomatic-strategic process it has begun in right earnest in 2011 with South Korea, Indonesia and Vietnam – countries which China construes as its backyard.

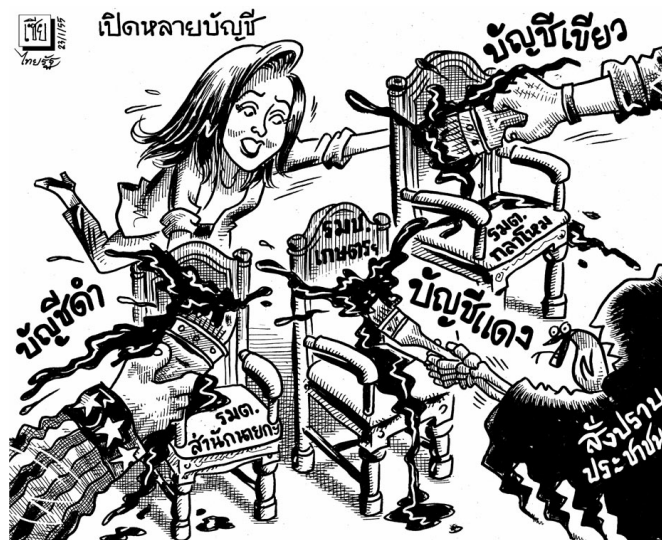
...Thailand pledged support to India's candidature for permanent membership of the United Nations' Security Council...

## Hands Attacking the Cabinet

### มือโจมตีครม.

February 6, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, January 18, 2012

The cartoon headline reads: Opening many accounts

Above Uncle Sam arm: Black account

On the left chair: PM's Office minister

Above the hooded figure's arm: Red account

On middle chair: Deputy agriculture minister

Death's robe: Order to kill the people

Above the right hand: Green account

On right chair: Defense minister

## On the forum: Simsiri Jailed ในกระทู้ : ซิมสิริเข้าคุก

February 6, 2012  
Categories: 2Bangkok News



On the forum: [Simsiri Jailed](#)

## Thanks for Dying for Me ขอบคุณที่ตายเพื่อฉัน

February 6, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, January 12, 2012

Thaksin says: Don't you see? If you want to be a millionaire quickly, then next time many of you should come out to die for me.  
The caption reads: Populist measures to form a mob

## Stifling the right to freedom of expression and the right to participate and propose legal amendments as provided for by the Constitution

### การยอมนำเรื่องสิทธิอิสระในการแสดงออกและ สิทธิที่มีส่วนร่วมในการแก้กฎหมายอย่างที่เป็นรัฐธรรมนูญมีไว้

February 6, 2012

Categories: Human Rights

[Stifling the right to freedom of expression and the right to participate and propose legal amendments as provided for by the Constitution](#) – AHRC, February 6, 2012

*...We demand that the administration of the university review its order to prevent the Nitirat Group's activities from taking place in the university's premises as long as the activities are carried out peacefully and in compliance with human rights principle.*

*Please note that the right to freedom of expression is a fundamental right in a democratic society. A person who does not agree with another person's opinion should make an attempt to defend the right to express opinion of that person.*

## Thai-language Headlines of February 6, 2012

February 7, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, February 6, 2012

- Frightened! A gas truck turned upside down. 15 tons of gas flew out. It took 8 hours to clear it.
- Thammasart University reconsiders about ban resolution .
- Democrat party casts an eye on the budget for drug elimination. The government spent 635 million baht in 6 months and plans to request more 3 billion baht more.
- Nitirat turns to a game of amending the constitution. The Campaign Committee for the Amendment of Article 112 or CCAA112 continues hunting for signatures up country and promised that the Nitirat group is not in charge anymore.

Thairath, February 6, 2012

- The police will issue an arrest warrant for Mr. Ood Bangkruay who is a big carcass trader in Asia. the owner of Bengal tiger carcass .
- CCAA112 didn't stop, they continue amendment the article 112 by going to hunt signatures up country.
- Mr. Smith, who is the president of Foundation of National Disaster Warning Council, warned about earthquakes. It will effect to some dams and Bangkokians will die first.
- 7 frightening hours to clear the overturned gas truck.
- Southern terrorists attacked more. They shot 2 volunteer men who protected monks in Yala.

Matichon, February 6, 2012

- Thammasat University students shone lights at the Tha Phra Chan campus dome to get rid of “darkness during the daytime” as school authorities reconsidered their ban on speaking out about lese majeste laws.
- Chalerm supports quick moves to be able to execute big drugs prisoners.
- Steel and iron evidence which didn't meet standards are missing as well as 254 million baht.
- LPG truck overturned and gas flew out rapidly. It took for 7 hours to clear it.

Daily News, February 6, 2012

- Terrified! 15 tons of LPG leaked and spread out from the gas truck which overturned on the road.
- People flocked to see wild boar that was hit by a pick-up truck from Myanmar. They wanted to catch that wild boar and eat it.
- Love Thailand Party's former secretary reported to the police that Mr. Chuwit libeled him saying that he took a bribe.
- Scandalous naked coyote clip was posted on Facebook .
- Investigating a warehouse to catch Payoong wood traders valued at 72 million baht.

## Five Years Ago Today: Thailand to try Swiss man for insulting king วันนี้เมื่อ 5 ปีก่อน : ประเทศไทยสอบสวนคนสวิสที่ดูถูกในหลวง

February 7, 2012

Categories: Today in History

Five Years Ago Today: [Thailand to try Swiss man for insulting king](#)



## Weekly News Magazines, February 4, 2012

February 7, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Matichon Weekly, February 4, 2012  
The cover reads: Making big merit



From Nation Weekend, February 4, 2012  
The cover reads: Simsimi

## Red Shirts Put Nattawut in the Cabinet!

เสื้อแดงเอาถั่วหมูเข้ากรม.

February 7, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, January 21, 2012

Cartoon reads: A new stage given to Ten

Chair: Deputy agriculture minister

Sign: Red-shirt power

Shirts: UDD

## **Nokia Sued by Thai Digital Mapping Provider**

### **โนเกียถูกฟ้องโดยผู้จัดหาแผนที่ดิจิทัลของประเทศไทย**

February 7, 2012  
Categories: Maps

[Nokia Sued by Thai Digital Mapping Provider](#) – cellular-news.com, February 7, 2012

## Thai-language Headlines of February 7, 2012

February 8, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, February 7, 2012

- Prisoners were angry and pressured their guards and they want to remove cellphone jammers. 700 drugs prisoners were transferred to Kaobin prison.
- General Prayuth was angry and wants all parties to stop trying to amend article 112 . He pointed out that the Nirirat Group makes Thailand split up because they want to amend the article 112.
- Blue flag shops will be located in 8000 places around Thailand. They will sell 20 baht per dish and it is confirmed the cost won't be adjusted to be higher.
- A-Anun Boonnak was tricked by a teenager gang. He saw a man laying on the road, so he wanted to help him, but gangsters threw rocks at him and his car.

Thairath, February 7, 2012

- The son of a gold shop vendor was being sarcastic by tearing bank notes.
- Too shouts at the Nitirat group not to touch on Article 112.
- Expecting that there will be 3–5 storms in the year 2555.
- Searching Mr. Aood's company for dead animal bodies .

Daily News, February 7, 2012

- A son of a gold shop vendor felt being neglected so he torn up bank notes worth 1.3 million baht.
- There were 7 superintendents of a police precinct located in the areas of casinos.
- The Commander-in-Chief made a clear statement that the activity to amend Article 112 must be stopped because it caused many conflicts.
- Convicted drug dealers will be transferred to Khao Bin Prison in Ratchaburi province.

Maticchon, February 7, 2012

- Terrified! Constitutional court accepts to interpret 2 decrees before doing loans.
- Finally the owner of gold shop's son that felt slighted by his father. He burned and tore cash.
- The election of 77 Constitution Drafting Assembly (CDA) members will be held in 90 days. And the parliament will select more 22 experts.
- The inspector general summarized there are 9 casinos in 7 police station jurisdictions. They proposed Director-General of the National Police Bureau to fire 7 superintendents .

## The Monkey's Master

### อหังการของลิง

February 8, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, January 24, 2012

On the coconut: Monarch

The monkey says: I will take care of that coconut first. Thaksin is a small issue. If there's a problem, I'll take care of it.

The caption reads: Pride of the coconut-collecting monkey

## Forbid the king to speak to his people ห้ามพระมหากษัตริย์มีพระราชดำรัสกับประชาชน

February 8, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, January 23, 2012

Worajate Pakeerat says: All Thais must have the freedom to speak and criticize the monarch.

Sign reads: Forbid the king to speak to his people

## Govt moves to keep Prem on side amid shaky times

### รัฐบาลพาเปรมมาอยู่ข้าง ๆ ในท่ามกลางเวลาที่สั่นครอน

February 8, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics



The headline reads: Prem is not the nation

From *Truth Today*, Column: Red Station, Author: Jatuporn Prompan, October 20-22, 2009

[Govt moves to keep Prem on side amid shaky times](#) – The Nation, February 7, 2012

....A number of Thaksin's supporters might be slack-jawed, as they may find it hard to believe the sudden shift in Prem's stature from chief villain to being a good guy. In Thaksin's estimation, Prem is a target of political expediency. When Thaksin faced with turmoil plaguing his leadership, he singled out Prem as the culprit instead of reflecting on his flaws...

More: [Selection of the Red Shirt attacks on Prem](#)

**We demand democracy and 7.75 million baht!**  
**เราต้องการประชาธิปไตยและ 7.75 ล้านบาท**

February 8, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, January 16, 2012

Left: Ten people die, hundreds of thousands rise up!

Right: One death nets 7.75 million baht!

The caption reads: The slogan for drumming up a mob has changed.



## Myanmar ‘world’s worst legal system’ for business

February 8, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Myanmar ‘world’s worst legal system’ for business](#) – AFP, January 8, 2012

...”(Myanmar) could become the next economic frontier in Asia, if it can turn its rich natural resources, young labor force, and proximity to some of the most dynamic economies in the world, into its advantage,” it added.

## **‘Oldest living thing on earth’ discovered** **สิ่งมีชีวิตที่แก่ที่สุดในโลกถูกค้นพบ**

February 8, 2012

Categories: Wildlife and Nature

[‘Oldest living thing on earth’ discovered](#) – telegraph.co.uk, February 7, 2012

...The analysis, published in the journal PLoS ONE, found the seagrass was between 12,000 and 200,000 years old and was most likely to be at least 100,000 years old. This is far older than the current known oldest species, a Tasmanian plant that is believed to be 43,000 years old...

## Revoking 112 การเพิกถอน 112

February 9, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, January 6, 2012

Sign in front of feet: Dong Teen National Park

Signs held by protesters: Revoke Section 112 – Prevent the king from speaking to his people, Revoke Section 112

The caption reads: This group is fated to encounter many difficulties along the way.

## Thai-language Headlines of February 8, 2012

February 9, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, February 8, 2012

- Cruel burning kills young female journalist because of a love affair.
- Arrested – A grade 11 high school student who is selling drugs.
- The Metropolitan Police Commander protects his 4 subordinates
- Thammasart Student Union Organization supports the decision not to allow Nirirat to use the campus to hold activities.

Daily News, February 8, 2012

- A vendor was deceived to transfer 600K baht by a gang who threatens him with a kidnapping story.
- Mr. Chalerm supported the army to cease the Nitirat group's activity for the amendment of Article 112.
- A 3-year-old genius child can already read a book as well as loving to watch TV and eat fish.
- Poo will head a new agency assigned to run an overall national water management system.

Thairath, February 8, 2012

- A murderer ruthlessly killed and burnt a woman who worked at cable TV in her room.
- The Army will keep an eye on the Nitirat group. Big Aod made a further clear statement to the Nitirat group to cease its activity.
- Assets of a drug dealer gang were seized that were worth of 27 million baht.
- Film-Anny have withdrawn a legal charge.

Matichon, February 8, 2012

- Poo gave an order to four cabinet members to go around explaining clearly the two executive financial decrees.
- An MP of the Bhum Jai Thai Party was given a red card by a majority vote (3 to 2) of the Election Commission of Thailand.
- A bank note destroyer will be on a trip to Europe.
- Arrested! Aood, who is a big vendor in animal carcasses.

## A laugh a day makes you live 10 years longer

### การหัวเราะ 1 วันทำให้อายุยืนไปอีก 10 ปี

February 9, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, January 22, 2012

The cartoon title reads: A laugh a day makes you live 10 years longer — Aow ... ha!

Upper left: Cambodia sends rat meat to Thailand, Thailand sends dog meat to Vietnam. (Ha!)

Upper middle: Forcing a draft constitution is more democratic than electing committee members. (Ha!)

Upper right: Nattawut says he got to be the deputy agriculture minister due to his administrative ability. (ha!)

Lower left: Thailand orders the US to withdraw its terrorism warning. (Ha!)

Lower middle: Chalerm says there was no quota in the cabinet reshuffle, only appropriateness. (Ha!)

Lower right: Prime Minister Poo affirms she reshuffled the cabinet on her own without Thaksin's help. (Ha!)

## Making the Monarch Pledge to Politicians

### ให้พระมหากษัตริย์ปฏิญาณตนต่อนักการเมือง

February 9, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, February, 2012

Left: We shall reign in righteousness for the benefit and happiness of the Siamese people

Right: We shall safeguard the constitution that Thaksin drafts for his sole absolute power.

The caption reads: In which of these ways do we want the Thai king to take an oath?

## Honoring the Corrupt Police and Military การเคารพการทุจริตของตำรวจและทหาร

February 9, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, February 1, 2012

Cartoon headline reads: Heroes in uniform

Behind the policeman: Casinos, brothels, bribes, lotteries

Behind the soldier: Employed to be *yaa baa* transport drivers

## Analysis: Raw Power Politics on the Horizon

### บทวิเคราะห์ : อำนาจการเมืองดิบบนขอบฟ้า

February 9, 2012

Categories: Analysis, Thai Politics



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

*Above: The only candidate with no words on his poster. Thaksin election poster from 2005*

In the news today: [Jatuporn in mass protest call to deter coup plotters](#) – Bangkok Post, January 9, 2012

We had been predicting this scenario since [December](#)—that during [Thaksin's Revolutionary Season](#), Red Shirts would surely be on the streets of Bangkok again this year.

The purpose of this is to create security and stability for rewriting the constitution to effect a Thaksin amnesty or pardon. The expectations for the results of constitutional amendments has already been stated by both Thaksin lobbyists and Red Shirts. Both have defined Thai reconciliation as Thaksin being able to return to Thailand.

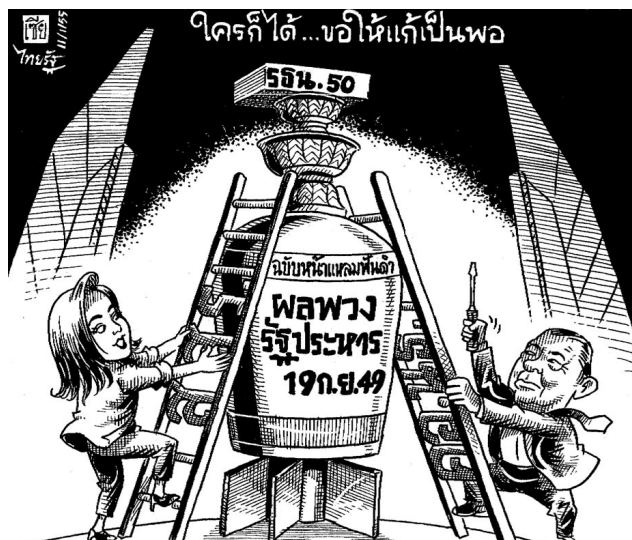
The claim that efforts for Thaksin will be made “later in the year” or that there will be a long drawn-out period of committees working on amendments is a ruse. One way or another, a change to enable Thaksin to return will have to be cemented into place in the coming months simply because that is the only time it can happen. The Red Shirts will have to be on the ground providing security, the government will only get weaker as time goes by, and the reintroduction of the 111 banned Thai Rak Thai politicians into politics will introduce too many variables for Thaksin to juggle.

The change in the lese majeste law is being held back as a bargaining chip. If the constitutional amendment process is stalled or legal cases look to impact the government, then the threat is that the Red Shirts, as voices of the people, can call on the government to amend the law. With Red Shirts massing in Bangkok it would once again be up to a skittish military to use force in front of the world to stop them.

Pressuring the monarchy was always a key bargaining chip. The threat is—if you do not accede—there will be open opposition (of some kind) during this . Part of the 's image is built on the idea that no opposition exists and there is universal praise for it—thus the idea that open opposition could be mounted is an anathema.

Things have heated up and then cooled down from time to time. During the People Power Party year in 2008, Da Torpedo was put on stage multiple nights in a row to . At other times, the government (or other Thaksin proxies) have warmly cosied up to Privy Councilor Prem and whoever the commander-in-chief was at the time.

In the past, the Red Shirts have taken up the main lead on tough issues to enable the Pheu Thai to steer clear of controversy. However, the power of the Red Shirt movement in the last election means that Pheu Thai MPs who are also influential Red Shirts have substantial clout in demanding roles in the government. Thus the Red Shirts have become entwined with the government.





From Thairath, January 8, 2012

The cartoon title reads: *Anyone... just amending is good enough.*

On the offering bowl (at the top): The 2007 constitution

On the bomb: Sharp-faced, black-tooth version. Consequences of the September 19, 2006 coup

Left ladder: CDC

Right ladder: NRLC

However, raising the article 112 issue—the move to amend the lese majeste law as proposed by the Nitirat Group—has apparently backfired. This time, after a very long period of being sidelined by the new government's popularity, the establishment finally have a powerful issue that has the government—and hence Thaksin's attempts at return—on its back foot. Opposing the Nitirat appears to be generally popular and an issue with which the military has been able to openly threaten and pressure the government.

This is the significance of the 112 issue at this time. It gives the beleaguered establishment a lever to halt and perhaps batter the government—slowing it from making moves on Thaksin's return.

This means the military and other powers will continue to pump up the hysteria for as long as possible—in their minds hopefully tainting other constitutional amendment issues with it. They will also create a hyped up air of fear in coming months to tar pro-Thaksin moves with this issue and prevent those in positions of authority from being labeled anti-monarchy by acting for Thaksin amnesty.

The establishment's apparent success in co-opting the 112 issue means that Red Shirts on the streets in coming months is a certainty. There will be no easy out to obtain Thaksin's amnesty as the military is more emboldened by the month.

How will the Pheu Thai hold up in the coming months? Pheu Thai is made up of many fickle factions. As usual, the key for Thaksin is to get MPs to risk their positions to prioritize efforts at amnesty of some sort. The MPs in the government will naturally want to draw things out to gain the most profit and popularity for themselves. The ideal outcome for the anti-Thaksin establishment would be a Pheu Thai that splinters away from Thaksin control and thus doom his ability to return. However, as in the past, Thaksin has been able to call the shots his way and generally maintain a well-ordered government working to his directions and ends.

The upcoming months also make it likely that power-players with their own agenda and goals—like Chalerm—become wildcards at key times. A bloody or otherwise destabilizing incident means a golden opportunity for the ambitious. They can position themselves as a compromise prime minister—relying on backroom support from the military—to stave off both a Thaksin return and a military takeover.



From Manager, December 22, 2011

Army Chief Gen Prayuth Chan-Ocha says: *People who want to amend Section 112 should live abroad.*

Thaksin (sitting in Dubai): Poot!

A coup, or some sort of further military intrusion in politics, can always be a danger, but probably not immediately. At this time the government is cowering and the military have openly flexed its muscle—the first time since the election when it seemed like the government was unassailable with the Red Shirts backing them up.

The reality of a new round of Red Shirts on the streets of Bangkok increases the chances of military involvement. A coup can happen for various reasons:

1. The government pushes too far on the lese majeste law or changes that dent military space and privilege in the power structure. However, we are not near this point now. In the most common Thai coup scenario, there are a series of signals to the government beforehand, as well as overwhelming public support, for the government to step down. This is because, in the Thai system, the military does not have carte blanche to move—they are one of a number of centers of power that act in unison to maintain their balance and authority. A coup is always a last, desperate resort when the military (or another center of power) feels it is being put at a permanent disadvantage regarding its influence and independence.
2. Most likely reason for a coup-> If the military senses a shock move by the government to fire the commander-in-chief. This was one of the reasons for the 1991 coup and has been a constant worry to the military in recent months. The perfect time for the government to act on firing to commander-in-chief would be once Red Shirts have flooded Bangkok again. If this is all the government can achieve during the next few months of protests, it would still be a stunning victory for them.
- 3.... This is uncharted territory, but this situation could enable the military to take a more active role in “policing the peace.” .



From Thairath, January 6, 2012

The cartoon caption reads: *The sound of waves in the moonlight*

On the bombs: *Movements, Overthrow the government, Opposition*

On the paper boat: *News*

If you wish to discount the opinions and assertions above, a less sensational reason for mass gatherings of Red Shirts in the coming months is to make sure the movement remains cohesive amid signs that various factions in the countryside are quarreling over prosaic political issues. In addition, there is reportedly disillusioned with Red Shirt leaders like Jatuporn and Nattawud who are defining reconciliation as “forgive and forget” instead of revolutionary justice for Red Shirts who died in street battles in Bangkok.

A big confrontation with the military also runs against the tact taken by sitting governments controlled by Thaksin. The People Power Party and Pheu Thai governments both went out of their way—often to the consternation of their most uncompromising supporters—to maintain good relations with the commander-in-chief.

The other thing mitigating against another Red Shirt showdown is that we do not see the level of bitter calls for death and dissatisfaction in Red Shirt rhetoric and media that was present in the long buildup to the 2009 and 2010 sieges of Bangkok. This may only be because minds have been focused on the real power of the government to create acceptable solutions for amnesty—the success the military has had on asserting itself took everyone by surprise and thus necessitates a return to the streets.

If the Red Shirt move for mass demonstrations does go ahead, what does it tell us? It means that the years of negotiations with Thaksin over conditions for his return and cessation of political agitation have come to naught. It means, as we wrote after the stunning Pheu Thai election win in 2011, that Thaksin believes he can have everything back on his own terms. It will certainly mean that this long period of unsettled Thai politics is far from over.

## Soi Ruam Ruedee residents win case against Aetas hotel

### ชุมชนซอยร่วมฤดีชนะคดีต่อต้านโรงแรมเอทาส

February 9, 2012

Categories: Buildings

[Soi Ruam Ruedee residents win case against Aetas hotel](#) – The Nation, January 9, 2012

...Chalermpong Klubdee, the lawyer who represented the residents, said the ruling meant the hotel had to be demolished because the construction had been done and the hotel could not be modified.

## Thailand Profits From Health Care to Arab Patients

### ประเทศไทยกำไรจากการรักษาสุขภาพของคนใช้อาหรับ

February 9, 2012  
Categories: Health

[Thailand Profits From Health Care to Arab Patients](#) – NYT, January 9, 2012

...Last year, 125,000 Arab patients came to Bumrungrad International Hospital in Thailand to seek medical treatment. Yet just a few years ago the sight of a woman wearing a burqa was such a rarity that it would scare the nurses at night...

## Thai-language Headlines of February 9, 2012

February 10, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Thairath, February 9, 2012

- Arrested – Mr. Nab Mud Nuk and the gang , and the police seized their lot of guns and bombs.
- Kaobin prison checked again and many Nokia and weapons were found there.
- Jatuporn referred to USA intelligence that there will be a revolution this April .
- The Transportation Ministry will prepare to lift up the roads by 1 metre along the Chaopya River.
- Bad teachers sold drugs to students. The police arrested 4 teachers.

Matichon, February 9, 2012

- Pheu Thai showed the contingency plan as they afraid the decrees will fail. They confirmed that they won't backtrack to adjust those decrees to be act of parliament.
- Chalerm is preparing to propose the cabinet to release the resolution for “Do not touch article 112”
- Ministry of Public Health strictly controls Kaobin prison. They found some prisoners took potions for cleaning kidney to hide the symptoms of drug taking, but this belief by the prisoners was mistaken
- 4 major government agencies have agreed to tackle the prison drug trade.

Komchadluek, February 9, 2012

- The police launched 7 rules to control youngsters having sex and drugs on Valentine's day. curfew for kids who under the age of 18 being out after 10pm.
- The police further investigate suspect Mr. M involved with the burning-murder case of a journalist.
- Lie detection-DNA checking-phone tap for all prison guards who are linked to the drug trade.
- Chalerm proposes the parliament not amend article 112.

Daily News, February 9 2012

- One members of a murder team who killed and burnt PR girl is arrested. The police are chasing another 4.
- MP Jatuporn has challenged national army chief Prayuth to make a public announcement that the army will not stage a coup in April.
- The survey revealed that teenagers want sex on Valentine's Day.
- Surprising! An order of iphone4s to a prison in Angtong.

## Cambodia garments ‘tribunal’ turns up heat on big brands

### ไทรบูนอล เสื้อผ้าของกัมพูชากดดันพวกแบรนด์ใหญ่

February 10, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

[Cambodia garments ‘tribunal’ turns up heat on big brands](#) – Reuters, February 8, 2012

...The call was issued by a ‘People’s Tribunal’ of judges representing the Asian Floor Wage Alliance, a labour advocacy group active across the region, who concluded working conditions were violations of human rights and the US\$61 (S\$76) minimum monthly salary was insufficient...

## Thaksin Sheds the Nitirat Group

### ทักษิณกำจัดกลุ่มนิติราษฎร์

February 10, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, January 30, 2012

On the tail: Nitirat

The caption reads: When it's close to danger, some reptiles will get rid of their tail to survive.

## Thai Leader’s Plan to Redraw Constitution Threatens Discord

### แผนของผู้นำไทยที่จะเปลี่ยนแปลงรัฐธรรมนูญทำให้เกิดความแตกแยก

February 10, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[Thai Leader’s Plan to Redraw Constitution Threatens Discord](#) – Bloomberg, January 8, 2012

...“The Pheu Thai party sees that the 2007 constitution is not democratic,” Prompong said. “It weakens political parties, weakens politicians and limits the freedom of people. The constitution should be drafted by people for people...”



## Three Obstacles for the Government

### อุปสรรค 3 ข้อสำหรับรัฐบาล

February 10, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, January 20, 2012

The cartoon title reads: Obstacles comprising the hands and feet of Big Brother.

On the trouser: Dictator's slave. Paper under the foot: Amend unjust laws

On the paper the man with glasses is holding: Address the consequences of the 2006 coup

Paper that Uncle Sam is holding: Thailand terrorism warning – The PM's Office minister is blacklisted

## The Wreckage

### ซากปรักหักพัง

February 10, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Komchadluek, January 23, 2012

On the chair: Deputy Agriculture Minister

## You must take an oath to protect the constitution first คุณต้องสาบานว่าจะพิทักษ์รักษารัฐธรรมนูญก่อน

February 10, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, January 26, 2012

Worajate: You must take an oath to protect the constitution first. Otherwise I won't allow you two to be my parents.

Caption: It must be very difficult to be Mr. Worajate's parents.

## Cobra Gold begins in Thailand

### คอบราโกลด์เริ่มขึ้นในประเทศไทย

February 10, 2012

Categories: Thai Military

[Cobra Gold begins in Thailand](#) – army.mil, February 8, 2012

...Events during Cobra Gold include a computer-simulated command-post exercise, field training operations and humanitarian and civic-assistance projects that increase the standard of living for the Thai people in surrounding communities. Additionally, senior leaders will meet to share knowledge with one another and build relationships.

...”We are very proud of our alliance with Thailand, and our alliances and partnerships throughout Asia,” said Judith Beth Cefkin, deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy Bangkok, Thailand. “These relationships based on friendship, common goals and mutual respect makes Cobra Gold the vital and vibrant exercise it is today...”

## **Cambodia seeks to curb youth sex on St. Valentine's Day** **กัมพูชาหาทางที่จะควบคุมเซ็กส์ของวัยรุ่นในวันวาเลนไทน์**

February 10, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

[Cambodia seeks to curb youth sex on St. Valentine's Day](#) – Mainichi Japan, February 9, 2012

...Sivann Botum said the video features episodes on how to spend St. Valentine's Day, including one in which students hand food to their retired teacher as a way of honoring their loved ones.

To discourage students from skipping classes on Feb. 14, some schools have scheduled examinations for that day, Sivann Botum said.

Authorities have also banned vendors from selling flowers and gifts near schools around St. Valentine's Day, she said...

## Monk and Tiger share a meal

### พระและเสือแบ่งอาหารกัน

February 10, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Monk and Tiger share a meal](#) – BoingBoing, February 9, 2012

... Worth noting: animal rights advocates do not think the temple itself is wonderful, as the afore-linked Wikipedia entry explains, because the big cats there are kept in abusive conditions.

## Thai Woman To Hang For Trafficking In Cocaine

### ผู้หญิงไทยโดนแขวนคอเพราะลักลอบขนโคเคน

February 10, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai Woman To Hang For Trafficking In Cocaine](#) – bernama.com, February 10, 2012

...Noor Azian in handing down the punishment said there was only one sentence for drug trafficking in the country, which was the death sentence...

## **The Council for Educational Travel, USA (CETUSA) banned สมาคมเพื่อการท่องเที่ยวเชิงการศึกษา ถูกอเมริกาแบน**

February 11, 2012

Categories: Labor

[U.S. State Department Bars Major J-1 Visa Recruiter](#) – NGA, January 10, 2012

...CETUSA had sourced student workers into exploitation at the Hershey's Chocolate plant in Palmyra, PA. Students organized to stop abuses, and demanded that Hershey's turn the temporary jobs filled by J-1s back into living wage jobs for local workers. CETUSA responded with threats and retaliation...

[Closing the Student Sweatshop](#) – NYT, January 2, 2012

...What the students got was endless hours packing and toting heavy boxes, risking injury for rock-bottom wages. There was no "cultural exchange," unless you count immersion in the culture of an exploited, disposable work force. Once fees and jacked-up rents were deducted from their paychecks, the students netted between \$1 and \$3.50 an hour, far less than their American counterparts...

[The Council for Educational Travel, USA \(CETUSA\) website](#)

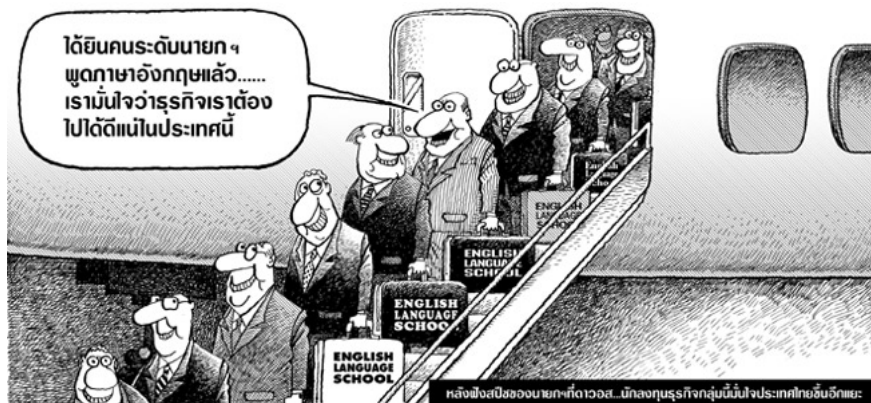


## Ridiculing Yingluck's English

### ล้อเลียนภาษาอังกฤษของยิ่งลักษณ์

February 11, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, January 31, 2012

The man says: Having heard a person like the prime minister speaking English, we're confident our businesses will certainly do well in this country. The caption reads: After listening to the PM's speech in Davos, this group of business investors are much more confident in Thailand.

## Six Years Ago Today: Anti-Thaksin rally วันนี้เมื่อ 6 ปีที่แล้ว : แรลลี่ต่อต้านทักษิณ

February 11, 2012

Categories: Today in History



(Photo: Peter)

Six Years Ago Today: [Royal Plaza Anti-Thaksin rally](#).

## Thai-language Headlines of February 10, 2012

February 11, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, February 10, 2012

- Residents are happy that the court judged the luxury hotel was wrong to be located in a narrow soi.
- Thaksin pleads with every party to know forgiveness. He wants to come back to Thailand.
- A murderer who killed journalist girl is arrested. She was malicious and asked this guy to be with her, and was the one who kill her.
- Poh-Chompoo won the Komchadluek Award for best actor and actress.

Daily News, February 10, 2012

- Police arrested one of the four murderers who killed a PR girl.
- A car bomb at Pattani was believed to target at an assistant provincial governor, however the bomb maker was killed one and 8 more were injured in a residence.
- Big Too re-confirmed that there will be no military coup.
- Mr. Chalor, who had been acquitted by the lower court, was given jail terms on the same charges at 20 years.

Matichon, February 10, 2012

- Yingluck was angry that she was blamed as the one who released water and let Ayuthaya flood.
- Ekkayuth revealed that Thaksin's guard punched him, and Poo's team denied that they set it up.
- Car bombs all over Pattani province. But this time they didn't get revenge for 4 killed like last time . 1 died, 15 injured, 10 cars destroyed.
- Mr. Tee Bangkwang's wife surrendered herself to the police and reported that two Provincial Administration Organization (PAO) staffs involved with the drug case, and she's not.

Thairath, February 10, 2012

- South terrorists attacked the city with car bombs, 1 died, many injured.
- Democrats argued that Poo spoils Jatuporn and lets him speak out about the rumor of the coup.
- The former deputy minister and provincial governor's father involved in a land grab case.
- Worry that teenagers will get AIDS from valentine's celebrations.

## **Want to be drug-free? Thai monks prescribe projectile vomiting** **ต้องการเลิกยา? พระไทยสั่งจายยาทำให้อาเจียนพุ่ง**

February 11, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Want to be drug-free? Thai monks prescribe projectile vomiting](#) – msnbc.msn.com, February 10, 2012

Carrie Jeffers feared she would never kick her heroin addiction after relapsing repeatedly in her native Michigan. Then she flew to Thailand, and her life changed...

## Nine Years Ago Today: Enforced closing times for nightlife areas

วันนี้เมื่อ 9 ปีก่อน : เวลาปิดสถานบันเทิงใหม่

February 12, 2012

Categories: Today in History

Nine Years Ago Today: [New closing times and development](#)

## Seven Years Ago: The Obscene Jockey Billboard

### 7 ปีที่แล้ว : ป้ายโฆษณาจ็อกกี้ลามก

February 12, 2012

Categories: Today in History



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Seven Years Ago: [TV show slammed as sex lure to teens](#)

Seven Years Ago: [The Obscene Jockey Billboard](#)

## Thaksin Has No Vested Interest In Energy

### ทักษิณไม่มีอำนาจในพลังงาน

February 12, 2012

Categories: Energy, Thai Politics

[Thaksin Has No Vested Interest In Energy](#) – voicetv.co.th, February 10, 2012

...Though the former Thai premier had held talk with Lebanon's high-level government officials about an energy issue, that was merely in the public interest of Thailand and not in any personal interest as unduly charged by the Democrat Party's MP and former finance minister, according to Thaksin's legal advisor...

## EC to decide on Chuwit's MP status on February 25

### คณะกรรมการตัดสินใจสถานะของส.ส. ชูวิทย์ วันที่ 25 กพ.

February 12, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[EC to decide on Chuwit's MP status on February 25](#) – The Nation, February 12, 2012

...Chaiwat said he blamed himself for first convincing Chuwit to enter politics.

“I failed to teach him about politics in a democratic system. I’m really blaming myself.”

A number of local villagers expressed their support for Chaiwat in front of Pak Panang district office yesterday as they engaged in verbal condemnation of Chuwit.

There was a brief moment of humour when a Chuwit lookalike showed up but turned out to be a supporter of Chaiwat.



## **I scuba-do! American couple marry underwater in ‘traditional Thai ceremony’ คู่รักอเมริกันแต่งงานใต้น้ำในแบบไทยดั้งเดิม**

February 12, 2012

Categories: Thailand in the International Media

[I scuba-do! American couple marry underwater in ‘traditional Thai ceremony’](#) – Daily Mail, February 11, 2012

Six scuba-clad couples gargled an I do at Thailand’s 16th annual Trang Underwater Wedding Ceremony Saturday.

The couples from both local and foreign countries dived 12 meters beneath the Andaman Sea to attend a traditional Thai wedding ceremony...

## Thai businessman pays 354,800 dollars for lucky license tags

### นักธุรกิจไทยจ่าย 354800 ดอลลาร์เพื่อทะเบียนนำโชค

February 12, 2012

Categories: Local Beliefs

[Thai businessman pays 354,800 dollars for lucky license tags](#) – DPA, February 12, 2012

...Prasakorn Sakonsattayathorn, whose family owns the five-star Sukhothai Hotel, submitted the winning bid at an auction Saturday for the licence plate bearing the Thai letters ‘Yor Ying Yor Ying’ and numbers ‘9999’...

## Pounding the Nitirat Group

### การโจมตีกลุ่มนิติราษฎร์อย่างต่อเนื่อง

February 13, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, February 13, 2012

Pounding sound: Pok... pok...

The woman: Here... here... You want to amend Section 112.

Bottle: Fish sauce

Can: Fermented fish sauce

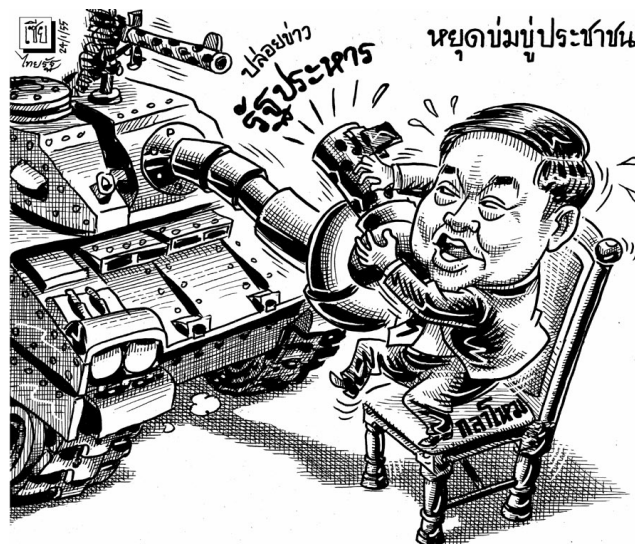
The caption reads: Mortars aren't very lucky during this time.

## New Defense Minister to Tame the Military

### รมว.กลาโหมคนใหม่ควบคุมทหาร

February 13, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, January 19, 2012

Cartoon reads: Stop threatening the people

Above the tank: Release the coup rumors

Chair: Defense

## Public Post, January 16-31, 2012

February 13, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Public Post, January 16-31, 2012

Headline: The Thai state shows its stupidity by arresting Hezbolloh , as this will only draw the battle to home turf.

## Six Years Ago Today: Bush recalls the capture of Hambali in Thailand

### วันนี้เมื่อ 6 ปีก่อน : บุชยกเลิกการจับตัวฮัมบาลีที่เมืองไทย

February 13, 2012

Categories: Today in History

Six Years Ago Today: [Bush recalls the capture of Hambali in Thailand](#)

## Thailand's Troubles Show Democracy's Weakness: Pankaj Mishra

### ปัญหาเมืองไทยแสดงให้เห็นถึงจุดอ่อนของประชาธิปไตย

February 13, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[Thailand's Troubles Show Democracy's Weakness: Pankaj Mishra](#) – Bloomberg, February 12, 2012

...Finally, Thailand (THGDPY0Y)'s older, paternalistic elites revolted against Thaksin's attempt to create a one-man democracy. Confronted with an invincibly popular politician, they were forced to resort in 2006 to an old-fashioned military coup, endowing Thaksin with the aura of a martyred democrat. Successive elections, most recently in 2011, have proved that a majority of Thais still back Thaksin, despite his contempt for civil liberties.

...Certainly, as the cases of China, India, Russia and Thailand reveal, authoritarian figures offering quick technocratic solutions to political and economic problems are here to stay. They will seek support among the beneficiaries of globalization even as they try to keep the masses passively committed to, or distracted by, the larger project of national greatness.

Of course, once the masses have been awakened, they will demand a larger share of the political and economic goods, bringing them inevitably into conflict with already privileged classes...

## **Trial of webmaster charged for computer crime resumes tomorrow**

### **การทดลองปรับคนทำเว็บเรื่องอาชญากรรมทางคอมพิวเตอร์จะนำกลับมาใช้พรงนี้**

February 13, 2012

Categories: Censorship

[Trial of webmaster charged for computer crime resumes tomorrow](#) – humanrights.asia, February 13, 2012

The Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) is calling for court observers at the resumption of the trial of Chiranuch Premchaiporn, director of the Prachai website, who is being prosecuted under the Computer Crime Act after her arrest in March 2009. The trial of her case, after it was delayed for a variety of reasons, will again resume on February 14 to 16, 2012 at the Criminal Court in Bangkok...



## Behind Maldives' Glamor, a Struggling Democracy

### เบื้องหลังความมีเสน่ห์ของมัลดีฟ คือการดิ้นรนเพื่อประชาธิปไตย

February 13, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Behind Maldives' Glamor, a Struggling Democracy](#) – NYT, February 12, 2012

For much of the world, the Maldives means idyllic and exclusive beach resorts, a kind of G-rated version of Thailand, but for many of the people who live here it has been no paradise....

## UPDATED for 2012: Thailand's Surviving Steam Locomotives อัปเดตสำหรับปี 2012 : หัวรถจักรไอน้ำของประเทศไทย

February 14, 2012

Categories: Thai Railroads



UPDATED for 2012: An Illustrated Guide to Today's Surviving Steam Locomotives of Thailand & some of the Railway Companies & Lines of Yesteryear  
by Mike Pass

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## Criminals or Political Prisoners?

### นักโทษอาชญากรรม หรือ การเมือง

February 14, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, January 19, 2012

Left: After we enter the bank, we shoot into the air before starting the robbery...

Middle: Left man: ... And shout: "Give us back democracy!" Right man: Why do we have to shout that?

Right: That way, if we're arrested, we'll be political prisoners.

## M Leg “despicable” music video: Thai-language Headlines of February 13, 2012

February 14, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines

Daily News, February 13, 2012

- Whitney Houston has passed away mysteriously.
- True love for disabled woman by Aussie guy. He flew over to Thailand to see his girlfriend.



- Music video was lusty: [“M Leg” music video is broadcast on youtube](#). It’s despicable in both lyric and dance routine.
- Thaksin flew to Beijing and gave an order to the Pheu Thai Party’s MP to win in a local election.



Komchadluek, February 13, 2012

- Shock! Whitney Houston passed away mysteriously in the luxury hotel.
- Mafia fighting, a father and son died, because they were angry that they were extorted for bribes.
- BMA indicates to put a hold on the case of demolishing the Aetas Hotel.
- Mark aimed to attack government on 3 issues: failed on the flood problem solving, expensive products, not sincere to harmonize .

Thairath, February 13, 2012

- An arrogant motorbike mafia gang used guns to extort bribes from a father and a son who ride motorbikes for living. The mafia killed them after they fought them.
- Depressing! Queen of Pop, Whitney Houston passed away suddenly.
- The Democrat Party proposed that the government should build a tunnel to drain water out.
- 300 million baht seized from drug dealers in Rayong.
- Minister of Natural Resources and Environment proposes to the cabinet to reclaim land.

Matichon, February 13, 2012

- Poo is on the trip to the North to convince 5 provinces to on floodwater measures by starting from Uttaradit province.
- Government decided to pay not more than 7.5 million baht to the victims in the south of Thailand.
- The queen went to a funeral to cremate for a former abbot at Wat Cha Na.
- Strictly controlled: youngsters who are under 18 to have sex on Valentine’s Day.

## Explosions heard on Sukhumvit 71

### ได้ยินเสียงระเบิดที่สุขุมวิท 71

February 14, 2012  
Categories: Security

Being tweeted now: Explosions heard on Sukhumvit 71

[Injured foreigner at the site of the blast](#)

[Three injured in explosion at Sukhumvit 71](#) – The Nation, February 14, 2012

via Twitter: Two explosions on Sukhumvit 71. Car bomb in Soi Pridi 31 (<http://bit.ly/AkDvj3> via @js100radio) – the other telephone booth at Pridi 35

via Twitter: @qandrew Bomb explodes in Soi Preedeeponomyong 35, Lebanese man injured by self-inflicted wound; bomb squad defusing another bomb nearby

[Bangkok bomb injures foreigner](#) – Bangkok Post, February 14, 2012

[Explosions at Sukhumvit Soi 71](#) – TAN, February 14, 2012

via Twitter: @veen\_NT Just watched police interview on #NationTV- 3 explosions and 1st at the bombers' house. 2nd thrown at taxi and 3rd in front of the school.

[BREAKING: Explosions at Sukhumvit Soi 71](#) – TAN, February 14, 2012

...Two explosions happened in Sukhumvit Soi 71 or Phrakonong, the first one damaging a taxi at Soi Pridi Bhanomyong 31 and injuring the driver and three other people while the second one exploded in front of the Kasem Pittaya School at Soi Pridi Bhanomyong 35...

[Two explosions rock Bangkok](#) – The Nation, February 14, 2012

[Breakingnews >](#)

## UPDATE: Iranian bombs himself

[Tweet](#)

Published: [14/02/2012](#) at 03:44 PM

Online news:

An Iranian man was severely injured when he threw a bomb at police that hit a tree and bounced back towards him and exploded in Bangkok on Tuesday afternoon, reports said.

Two bombs went off on Sukhumvit 71 road, injuring five people, including an Iranian man, the reports said.

According to a television news report, an Iranian man carrying a black bag hurled the first bomb at a taxi after the driver refused to accept him as a passenger.

(Source: Classic Thai headline from the Bangkok Post)

[UPDATE: Iranian bombs himself](#) – Bangkok Post, February 14, 2012

## NATIONAL

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## Arab-looking man launches two bomb attacks in Bangkok

The Nation [February 14, 2012 4:20 pm](#)

An Arab-looking man went berserk throwing two bombs at a taxi and a police and his own legs were cut off by a blast Tuesday afternoon, police said.

(Source: The Nation)

[Arab-looking man launches two bomb attacks in Bangkok](#) – The Nation, February 14, 2012

via Twitter: [5.06pm: EOD are working at the 1st explosion scene at No. 66 rented house in Soi Pridi 31- RT @Reporter\\_Js1](#)

## **Operation Cobra Gold 2012: U.S. Marines Drink Cobra Blood and Eat Deadly Insects at Training Camp in Thailand**

**ปฏิบัติการคอบร้าโกลด์ 2012 : ทหารเรืออเมริกันดื่มเลือดงูเห่าและกินแมลงที่ตายแล้วที่แคมป์ฝึกเมืองไทย**

February 14, 2012

Categories: Thai Military

[Operation Cobra Gold 2012: U.S. Marines Drink Cobra Blood and Eat Deadly Insects at Training Camp in Thailand](#) – ibtimes.com, February 14, 2012

...The tough Marines were shown by Thai Navy instructors several survival crafts including techniques of hunting down snakes before being given a chance to eat its entrails. Some photos showed several soldiers devouring scorpions and other deadly insects among other feats of the military program...

## Another gaffe: Abhisit returns as premier การเสียมารยาทอีกครั้งหนึ่ง : อภิสิทธิ์กลับมาเป็นนายก

February 14, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

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**BLASTS**

### FM to talk to Iran about triple explosions

February 14, 2012 5:52 pm



The premier has ordered police and National Intelligence Agency to probe into the triple explosions in Klongton district on Tuesday, Thittima Chaisang, deputy PM's secretary general said.

Above: Another gaffe: Abhisit returns as premier

[FM to talk to Iran about triple explosions](#) – The Nation, February 14, 2012

## Israeli analysis: ‘Thai blast likely part of larger terror attack’

### บทวิเคราะห์อิสราเอล : ระเบิดในไทยเหมือนจะเป็นส่วนหนึ่งของการโจมตีของผู้ก่อการร้าย

February 14, 2012

Categories: Security

Israeli analysis: [‘Thai blast likely part of larger terror attack’](#) – jpost.com, February 14, 2012

...It was not immediately clear if the Iranian cell’s target was the Israeli embassy in Bangkok, but the explosion came just weeks after Thai security forces arrested Hussein Atris, believed to be a senior Hezbollah operative who was plotting to attack Israeli and Jewish targets in Bangkok. At the time, Thailand said that it was hunting down other members of Atris’s cell.

The investigation following Tuesday’s explosions will look into the possibility that Morabi and Atris were working together...



## Bangkok Blasts in the Foreign Press: The First Articles

### ระเบิดในกรุงเทพในสื่อต่างประเทศ : บทความแรก

February 14, 2012

Categories: Security

[Bangkok grenade attacks wound ‘Iranian’ suspect and four others](#) – guardian.co.uk, February 14, 2012

Thai police say male suspect, initially identified as Iranian, accidentally blew his own legs off in a series of blasts in the capital...

[Israel blames Iran for Bangkok blasts](#) – telegraph.co.uk, February 14, 2012

An Iranian man was critically injured by his own bomb in a series of blasts, raising fears he and two countrymen accomplices had planned an attack just a day after operations against Israeli diplomats in India and Georgia.

Ehud Barak said Tuesday’s explosion “proves once again that Iran and its proxies continue to perpetrate terror”...

## US, Thai Marines rehearse chemical attack, decontamination situation ทหารเรือไทยอเมริกันซ้อมโจมตีทางเคมีในเหตุการณ์กำจัดสารปนเปื้อน

February 14, 2012

Categories: Thai Military

[US, Thai Marines rehearse chemical attack, decontamination situation](#) – dvidshub.net, February 14, 2012

...Chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear defense specialists with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit participated in a multilateral scenario in which they, along with their Royal Thai Marine and Air Force counterparts, responded to a chemical attack on a troop transport truck...

## Thai-language Headlines of February 14, 2012

February 15, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, February 14, 2012

- Mr. Suchart, the minister of education, is seriously against additional charges for school enrollment.
- Found that Whitney used drugs the same as Michael Jackson.
- Arrested: father and son in the case of drugs. Father took, son sold.
- Thammasart University allows the campus to be used for the article 112 movement.

Daily News, February 14, 2012

- It will take 6–8 weeks to know the cause of Whitney's death.
- There will be 10 provinces to take water from 27 typhoons in the coming months.
- The cabinet approved the government's draft charter. PM Yingluck denied that she has the intention to benefit former PM Thaksin.
- Trainer of Mr. Add Karabal was shot dead.

Thai Rath, February 14, 2012

- The death penalty for those convicted of drugs will be performed within 60 days after the court's decision.
- There was a revelation of Whitney's physical state before her death—she danced around for 3 hours.
- A rose costs 1,000 baht during Valentine's Day.
- There was an argument pointing out that the approval of government's draft charter will help Mr. Thaksin to come back to his power.

Matichon, February 14, 2012

- PM Yingluck boosted Sirikit dam as a typical one which can help to solve the water problem. Five provinces will be used for water retention areas.
- The cabinet approved the government's draft charter.
- There will be a longer period of lessons for both primary schools and high schools.
- Many couples from Thailand and foreign countries got married on the backs of elephants.

## Weekly News Magazines, February 10, 2012

February 15, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, February 10, 2012

The cover reads: 10th February “Valentine’s Day”



From Matichon Weekly, February 10, 2012

The cover reads: Love ‘Papa’, Love ‘Thailand’

## Hiding the debt under his pants!

### ซ่อนหนี้ใต้กางเกงใน

February 15, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, January 25, 2012

Thirachai says: Hiding the debt!!! He's hiding the debt. Come on, he's hiding the debt. The caption reads: Krong starts to feel guilty that he kicked Thirachai out of the gang.

## Royal Thai Marines educate US/US Navy flight surgeons teach Thais

### ทหารเรือไทยให้ความรู้แก่ทหารเรืออเมริกัน/ ทหารเรืออเมริกันสอนการรักษาตัวเองแก่ทหารไทย

February 15, 2012

Categories: Thai Military

[Royal Thai Marines educate US, ROK forces in jungle survival](#) – dvidshub.net, February 13, 2012

...With hundreds of U.S., Thai and South Korean Marines in a semi-circle around a presentation area, Sub-Lt. Pranom Yodrug, a Thai reconnaissance Marine, with the aid of a translator, outlined the wide variety of edible foliage and fruits there are to be found in the Thai wilderness and how to properly prepare each item. Following this, bamboo shoots fashioned into makeshift trays were passed around with cooked insects, further exemplifying the fact that there is more to eat in the jungle than fruit...

[US Navy flight surgeons teach Thai flight surgeon trainees about field medical treatment](#) – marines.mil, February 12, 2012

...“We want to give them a glimpse of what our medical setup would be like during a deployment,” said Navy Lt. Ky Dorsey, a flight surgeon with Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. “It’s almost like a hospital setup in that the lower ranks are taking care of the patients, then presenting to the flight surgeons...”

## The Guillotine เครื่องประหารชีวิต

February 15, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, February 7, 2012

Worajate Pakeerat: The media have distorted our message by alleging that we intend to overthrow the monarchy. We have never thought about that. Never.

Both balloons (Singing in French): *Allons enfants de la Patrie Le jour de gloire est arrive...*

The caption reads: Wow! It's very clear they're denying it.

## U.S., Thailand Hold Chemical War Drills

### อเมริกา, ประเทศไทยยังการฝึกหัดสงครามทางเคมี

February 15, 2012

Categories: Thai Military

[U.S., Thailand Hold Chemical War Drills](#) – huffingtonpost.com, February 14, 2012

Chemical war? In Thailand? Don't worry; it's just a drill. On Tuesday, U.S. and Thai forces held joint exercises simulating a chemical attack 80 miles east of Thailand's capital Bangkok...



## Israeli Minister links Thai blasts to recent Iranian attacks on diplomats นายกอิสราเอลโยงระเบิดในไทยกับการโจมตีนักการทูตของกลุ่มอิหร่าน

February 15, 2012  
Categories: Security



Above: Israeli Foreign Minister on Piers Morgan Tonight on CNN linking the Bangkok blasts to Iranian attacks on Israeli diplomats in India and Georgia.

## Bangkok Blasts – First Government Explanations

### กรุงเทพฯระเบิด – การอธิบายของรัฐบาลครั้งแรก

February 15, 2012

Categories: Security

#### [Home-made bombs meant for individual targets: NSC](#)

...Based on preliminary checks by police, Iranian bomber suspects, one at large and two in police's custody, want to target individuals although it remains unclear about potential targets or organisations, Wichean said...

#### [Sukumpol rules out three explosions as terror attacks](#)

... "In my personal view, the bad men were trying to assemble bombs which led to the explosions," he said...

#### [Americans alerted to maintain heightened awareness](#)

... "Be alert for unattended packages/bags in public and report any suspicious behavior to the nearest law enforcement personnel," according to statement in its website...

#### [Blasts linked to 'global tensions'](#)

... "Yesterday's incident was caused by current international tensions in world politics," National Security Council secretary-general Wichean Potephosree told a news conference on Wednesday morning.

"It's happening not only in Thailand but also elsewhere..."

#### [Hotel staff shocked by 'polite' bomber](#)

... "Mr Moradi was good-looking and dressed neatly, as if he was a young entrepreneur," said the worker. "He was also polite and I can't believe that he would be a bomber..."

## Latest Bangkok Blasts News: Iran blames Israel for the bombings ข่าวเรื่องระเบิดในกรุงเทพฯล่าสุด : อิหร่านต่อว่าอิสราเอลเรื่องวางระเบิด

February 15, 2012  
Categories: Security



(Source: Thairath, February 16, 2012)

Above: Photo from Thairath this morning showing Mohammad Hazaei, 42, who was arrested at the airport shortly after the blasts.

[Third Iranian suspect arrested and detained in Malaysia](#)

[Iranians 'targeted Israeli diplomats'](#)

Police charge two Iranians over an alleged bomb plot to kill Israeli diplomats in Bangkok, but top Thai security officials deny the three bomb explosions in Bangkok on Tuesday were an act of terrorism...

[Arrest warrants out for 4 Iranians](#)

...Pol Maj-Gen Ronnasilp Phusara, chief investigator of the Metropolitan Police Bureau, said the four are Saeid Moradi, 28, Mohummad Hazaei, 42, Masoud Sedaghat Zadeh, 31, and a woman, Rohani Leila, 32...

[Net widens: Bangkok blasts point at foreign terror hand](#)

...The sources also argue that the IM always tries to hit "targets of importance", like market or country's top institutions. A shift to "targeted killings" does not gel with its mode of operation. They, however, is not ready to rule out the role of neighbours in the blast. "Every recent attack in Delhi – the Parliament attack, the 2008 serial blasts, the 13/7 Mumbai attacks or the high court blast – all took place on the 13th. This latest attack also took place on the 13th," said a source...

[Iran denies role in Thai blasts](#)

..."The Islamic Republic of Iran believes that elements of the Zionist regime are responsible for these terrorist acts," Mehmanparast said, referring to Israel...

## Burma's Govt Does the Right Thing; Activists Wonder Why

### รัฐบาลพม่าทำในสิ่งที่ถูกต้อง แต่นักกิจกรรมสงสัยว่าทำไม

February 16, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Burma's Govt Does the Right Thing; Activists Wonder Why](#) – The Irrawaddy, February 15, 2012

When 200 activists in green t-shirts marched along a pristine Burma beach to protest plans for a coal plant, they expected a long, tough struggle against the powers that be. But then, something bizarre happened.

A deputy cabinet minister asked for a meeting. He listened patiently to their concerns about pollution. And then he told them the government agreed: It would halt construction of the controversial 4,000-megawatt plant on Burma's southern panhandle...

## Steps to Power ขั้นของอำนาจ

February 16, 2012

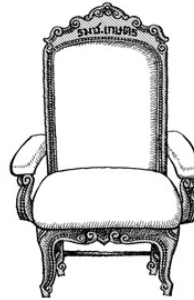
Categories: Editorial Cartoons



คนเจ็บ



คนตาย



คนหลอกคนมาเจ็บมาตาย

From Manager, January 20, 2012

Left: Injuries

Middle: Deaths

Right: Those who trick others into getting injured or dying

## Thai-language Headlines of February 15, 2012

February 16, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, February 15, 2012

- Awful bombs in the city. 3 men from Iran rented a house and kept C4 prepared for turmoil city. It failed as the bomb by accident.
- NACC threaten to sue Mr. Suchart about additional charges . They claimed that it against the constitution.
- 50 billion baht for 2,000 projects to fight the deluge .
- Whitney’s body arrived home, fans download her songs all around the world.

ThaiRath, February 15, 2012

- There was explosion in Bangkok - 'Iran' - The bomb planner lost his legs in the blast.
- The Democratic Party voted against the draft charter amendments proposed by the government. In return, Mr. Chalerm challenged them to a debate.
- After the further investigation by police, a convicted drug gang was found to have 1 billion baht in a bank.
- PM Poo pressed to dig up three marshes for water retention.

Matichon, February 15, 2012

- Three bombs exploded in Bangkok. Iranian was the bomb maker and lost his legs. One of the suspects to detain investigate for terrorist matter.
- A 50 billion baht will be used to compensate provinces which affected by water. PM Poo consulted with 10 provincial governors.
- Seized: 10 million of drugs.
- PM Poo extended the period of senators in exchange of the vote for the draft charter . Mr. Maew urged the Pheu Thai party members to help PM Poo.

Daily News, February 15, 2012

- Iranian to bomb the city for terrorism, but failed—he blew up his legs. It might be linked to Hezbollah.
- Resident altogether against headlands, they don't want them to reclaim land in Gulf of Thailand. Residents claim that will ruin the ecology.
- Men kissing marathon for a prize of almost 200,000 baht.
- Arrested! Drugs dealer and a billion baht.

## Thai Headlines on the Bombings – February 16, 2012

February 16, 2012

Categories: Security, Terrorism, Thai-language Newspaper Headlines



From Komchadluek, February 16, 2012

Americans warn that Thailand at high risk. The police denied that sabotage . 3 points of explosions in Sukhumvit 71.



From Thairath, February 16, 2012

Hunt—one more Iranian. Thailand is shocked! They rented a house and prepared to bomb with C4.



From Daily News, February 16, 2012

Explosion in the city is linked to Hezbollah. One of the Iranian gang ended up with missing legs, another one was arrested at the airport.

## Sticky bomb common to Delhi, Bangkok blasts

### ระเบิดในกรุงเทพเหมือนกับที่กรุงเดลี

February 16, 2012

Categories: Security

[Sticky bomb common to Delhi, Bangkok blasts](#) – Press Trust of India, February 15, 2012

...“We haven’t found any links but we are still investigating. We admit there was magnetic component aiming at individuals but the origin of the magnet still has to be investigated,” he said...



## Thai-language Headlines of February 16, 2012

February 17, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, February 16, 2012

- Exposed – The bomb team, that they wanted to kill Jewish diplomats. The National Security Council confirmed it's not terrorism.
- A tour crashed, 12 died.
- The additional charge for school is halfway to success .
- 2 decrees to loan money will be ruled on by the courts on 22 February .
- Poo promises that the Paknam protection plan will be done by 3 months.

Thairath, February 16, 2012

- Israel is confident that the Iranian gang wanted to kill Jewish diplomats.
- Mr. Rattanapol, the former world boxing champion, isn't despondent. He now sells DVDs and noodles for living.
- Hell fire burnt up a prison in Honduras. 350 died.
- A tour coach drove too fast and crashed with an 18-wheel truck. 12 died.

Daily News, February 16, 2012

- Malaysian authorities arrested one of the six bomb suspects.



(Source: Post Today)

Above: The sticker reads: Oppose the constitution amendment for Thaksin

- The Democrat Party was told to stop using the sticker of Mr. Thaksin to stop the draft charter amendments proposed by the government.
- A coach hit and 12 people were killed.
- The grand opening of “Daily News TV” – TV programs via satellites.

Maticchon, February 16, 2012

- The bombing in Thailand was related to the India-Georgia targeting of Jewish cabinet ministers.
- The Constitution Court will, on 22nd of February rule, on the constitutionality of two financial decrees.
- The House of Parliament will have a debate over the amendment of the constitution on the 23rd of February.

## Yingluck attempts detente with Privy Council President Prem

February 17, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics



(Source: Thairath)

From Thairath, February 12, 2012

The caption reads: Pa and Poo — Privy Council President and statesman General Prem Tinsulanonda looks cheerful as he speaks with Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra while attending a “Rak Muang Thai Doen Na Prathet Thai” party hosted by the government at Government House on February 10 to build reconciliation and thank all agencies and parties involved in last year’s flood efforts.



(Source: Daily News)

From Daily News, February 12, 2012

The caption reads: Being delighted — Privy Council President and statesman General Prem Tinsulanonda speaks with Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra cordially at the the “Rak Muang Thai Doen Na Prathet Thai” at Government House.



From Mahaprachachon , February 10, 2012  
Love Pa and you’ll be taken to parties.

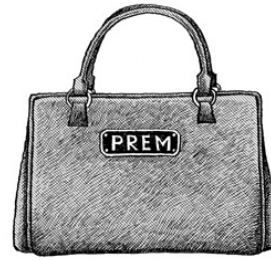


From Manager, February 9, 2012

Yingluck says: A peasant shirt and an aristocrat necklace can match perfectly.

On the shirt: Peasant

The caption reads: It's true what people praise Poo for, that she's good at mixing and matching her clothes.



From Manager, February 8, 2012

Left: Poo carries this brand to general events.

Right: Poo will carry this brand to the party on the 10th.

From 2009: [Red Shirt enemy #1: Prem](#)

## Two Warnings

### สองคำเตือน

February 17, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons, Security, Terrorism



From Manager, February 17, 2012

Left: The U.S. Ambassador Kristie Kenney says: This announcement is to warn Americans to avoid travel to Thailand due to terrorist operations...

The caption reads: This woman is warning her people...

Right: A terrorist says: This announcement is to warn terrorists to avoid operating in Thailand due to Phra Siam Thewathirat intervening against us...

The caption reads: This guy is also warning his people!

## The People Demand the Constitution Be Amended! ประชาชนต้องการให้รัฐธรรมนูญแก้ไข

February 17, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, February 17, 2012

The cartoon title reads: Holding onto the remnants of a dictatorship that blocks democracy

Sign: We demand a constitution from the people

On Death's robe: Orders to kill the people

The snake, representing Newin Chidchob, says: Someone's benefiting from the CNS

On the top of the monument: The 2007 constitution

On the turret: Consequences of the September 19, 2006 coup

## Conversations with Thaksin: a sycophantic approach to biography

### การสนทนากับทักษิณ : การประจบมุงเข้าไปสู่ชีวิตประวัติ

February 17, 2012

Categories: Books, Thai Politics

Conversations with Thaksin: a sycophantic approach to biography – thenational.ae, February, 2012

...Beyond that, the tone is folksy, often to the point of grating, and we learn far more about Plate's own life than is desirable: his problems with his waistline, what he did when he realised he was going to be fired from the LA Times, the fact that his father had a temper and so did his best friend at college, his wife's opinion of his wish to be liked; and so on and so on.

...Well, "Professor Tom" is certainly not one to wield the knife. He is prone to come up with analyses that other commentators have unaccountably overlooked, such as his suggestion that what Thailand needs is an international commission of reconciliation, on the board of which should sit Bill Clinton, Nelson Mandela, Aung San Suu Kyi (assuming she is at liberty, which she has never been thus far, to leave and re-enter Myanmar), the Pope, Jimmy Carter and "every saint, all the goody types, you know?" How Plate thinks that Thailand and its king could possibly countenance such an intrusion into the country's politics is beyond comprehension...

## Thaksin supporters turn the villages red

### ผู้สนับสนุนทักษิณกลับไปหมู่บ้านแดง

February 17, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[Thaksin supporters turn the villages red](#) – FT, February 17, 2012

...The battle for control of Thai politics is now being played out in places like Napo which, along with 16 other communities in the area, is formally declaring itself a “red shirt village”. The status, which must be approved by more than 70 per cent of a village council, brings the entire community into the fold of the red shirt movement, explains Preedee Pantiwa, a co-ordinator of the programme.

Almost 80 per cent of people in the northeastern region of Isan are farmers, the soil is poor and output of rice and other crops is relatively low. Red shirt organisers claim to have 300,000 members in the region of 1.8m people.

“This is a happy day, our lives will improve now we are a red shirt village,” said a woman who gave her name only as Nok...

## **SET website experienced distributed denial of service (DDOS) attack**

### **เว็บไซต์ SET มีประสบการณ์การจู่โจม DDOS**

February 17, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[SET website experienced distributed denial of service \(DDOS\) attack](#) – SET News, February 15, 2012

The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) reveals that on Monday, February 13, 2012, SET's website experienced distributed denial of service (DDOS) attack and has been restored to normal for local users and SET provides alternative access to its website from international network. This does not interrupt any normal trading activities...



## Professional girlfriends: Moving beyond sex work แฟนสาวมืออาชีพ : ไปไกลเกินกว่างานทางเพศ

February 17, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News, Cambodia

From Phnom Penh Post: [Professional girlfriends: Moving beyond sex work](#) (Part 1 of 3)

[Why western boyfriends? A cultural perspective](#) (Part 2 of 3)

[The bar: The good, bad and practical](#) (Part 3 of 3)

## Iranian Suspects partied in Pattaya

### ผู้ต้องสงสัยชาวอิหร่านอยู่ที่พัทยา

February 17, 2012  
Categories: Security

[Suspects partied in Pattaya](#) – Bangkok Post, February 17, 2012

...Her account, and photographs taken with her mobile phone, could help authorities confirm whether the suspects know one another.

The woman, in her twenties, and identified only as Nan, told the immigration officers that she had escorted Mohammad Khazaei, who was detained at Suvarnabhumi airport late on Tuesday after a series of explosions on Sukhumvit Soi 71...

## Thailand's Thaksin prepares for war

### ทักษิณเตรียมการสำหรับสงคราม

February 17, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[Thailand's Thaksin prepares for war](#) – atimes.com, February 18, 2012

Newly appointed Thai Minister of Defense Air Chief Marshal Sukampon Suwannathat is quietly planning to activate a new “war room”, or secretive unofficial command center, to direct mass pro-government “red-shirt” demonstrations planned for the coming months, according to senior Thai military sources familiar with the situation...

In contrast to the 2010 protests, current plans involve equipping frontline red-shirt column leaders with handheld, encrypted communications devices, allowing for more immediate, continuous and centralized control than in 2010.

This could be an indication that the war room is planning to direct even larger protests than the 2010 red-shirt demonstrations, which often dwindled in number yet were widely portrayed as an organic pro-democracy movement. Conversely, however, it makes the new war room at least potentially vulnerable to the army’s electronic intercept and jamming capabilities...

## Thai-language Headlines of February 17, 2012

February 18, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, February 17, 2012

- The government ordered to increase more security strictly at 3 risk points which are airports-gasoline storage-skytrain.
- Sek vows that he will not take drugs anymore. He accepted that he took them and lost control a million percent.
- Parliament was frantic because of the 5th interrogation at the meeting. The Speaker of Parliament didn't allow asking of personal questions.
- Lift the road by the Chaophaya River for 400 km. to protect from flooding.

Daily News, February 17, 2012

- Strictly control and intensively investigate Mr. Khazaei who targeted a diplomat for attack.
- Industrial estates are confident in the government's water management.
- There was a huge debate over the matter of the Four Seasons' Hotel.
- Killed – A faithful village headman.

Thairath, February 17, 2012

- Police are chasing one more of the bomber gang. It is further revealed that Mr. Rohani has fled to Tehran.
- The Democrat Party walked out from the House of Parliament which led to chaos.
- Order to adjust a military camp to be used for a water retention area.
- There was an earthquake in Hong Kong of 4.5 on the Richter scale.

Matichon, February 17, 2012

- While police investigated a Pattaya girl, "Nancy," who has close links with the three bombers, it also continues to search for the fifth Iranian suspect.
- Support for Mr. Newin to be a head of the Bhum Jai Thai Party instead of Uncle Jin .
- The Bang Ban area will be used for water retention area voluntarily.
- Iranian-Jews are a quarrelsome couple in the world.

## **Bangkok on its feet, Delhi gropes in the dark** **กรุงเทพทำได้ดีขึ้น, กรุงเดลียังคลำหาในความมืดอยู่**

February 18, 2012

Categories: Security, Thai Police

[Bangkok on its feet, Delhi gropes in the dark](#) – indiatimes.com, February 17, 2012

...In what can only be called shoddy investigation, Delhi cops picked everything possible from the blast site from the bumper of the car to the tyre with bare hands. However , this doesn't hold true for their Thai counterparts, who handled the probe in a more professional and scientific manner...

## More on the Bangkok Bombs

### เรื่องเกี่ยวกับกรุงเทพระเบิดเพิ่มเติม

February 18, 2012  
Categories: Security

[The Bangkok Bombing Attributed to Iran: A Scene From a Keystone Kops Movie or a Clever or Rushed Maneuver by the Iranians?](#) – huffingtonpost.com, February 17, 2012

...Was that for real? A botched terrorist attack by one of the world's renowned terrorist-sponsoring state and its proxy terrorist organization?

...The planners wanted the attack on the Israeli ambassador to Thailand to be painful, sending shockwaves throughout the region, but at the same time, by sending untrained men to do the job, the planners allowed themselves tongue-in-cheek plausible deniability. However, to make sure that Israel and the U.S would take the "hint" the planners probably sent individuals without proper guidance or training, allowing them to use their real names and Iranian passports. Thus, the planners hoped, they could kill a few birds with one stone: cause damage, deny responsibility, but not hide too deeply who was behind the perpetrators...

[Bangkok Says Explosives Expert Among Suspects in Bomb Plot](#) – WSJ, February 17, 2012

...Police said they are now hunting for the sixth suspect, 52-year-old Javad Nikkhahfard, a suspected explosives expert who like the other alleged plotters is believed to have come from the Middle East to Thailand...

[Sun and sin: Thailand questions open-door policy after Iranians' arrested in botched bomb plot](#) – WP, February 13, 2012

...The "Land of Smiles" has long been a favorite haven for criminals — from Russian arms dealer Viktor Bout to gangsters, drug smugglers and pedophiles — drawn by its open-door visa policy, lax law enforcement and huge variety of white sand beaches...

## **Discovered: The mini-meleon that is one of the smallest reptiles on the planet** **ค้นพบกิ้งก่าตัวเล็กที่เป็นสัตว์เลื้อยคลานที่เล็กที่สุดในโลก**

February 19, 2012

Categories: Wildlife and Nature

[Discovered: The mini-meleon that is one of the smallest reptiles on the planet](#) – Dailymail, February, 2011

## It's Best Not to Say Anything มันดีที่สุดที่ไม่พูดอะไรเลย

February 19, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, February 19, 2012

The cartoon title reads: It's best not to say anything.

Upper left: May Valentine's Day be the day of reconciliation.

Upper middle: I have evidence showing brothels are allowed to operate in the middle of Bangkok.

Upper right: This school does not have extra charges. It accepts only donations.

Lower left: There are no terrorists, only a couple of accidents. *Toom ... Toom ... Toom*

Lower middle: Ten million baht is not expensive to organize Thailand's reconciliation party. On the gate: The opposition is not allowed to enter.

Lower right: Left man: The prime minister's gone to an official meeting on the 7th floor! Right man: Don't pose personal questions!



## Elephant whistleblowers targeted by National Parks Department

### การให้ข้อมูลหลักฐานคดีช้างถูกดักเป่าหมายโดยกรมอุทยานแห่งชาติ

February 19, 2012

Categories: Wildlife and Nature

[Endangered animals confiscated in Thailand after sanctuary founder speaks out](#) – examiner.com, February 17, 2012

...Today and for the past several days armed Thai officials have laid siege to two widely respected wildlife sanctuaries in Thailand. The raids have impacted Wildlife Friends Foundation Thailand (WFFT) and Elephant Nature Park (ENP) in an apparent attempt to silence the park's Founders efforts to curtail poaching of elephants. Both WFFT and ENP appear to have been targeted for speaking out on the recent elephant killings at Kaengkrachan National Park and Kuiburi National Park, and the involvement of Thai officials, politicians and wealthy businessmen.

...'The situation is desperate', says Mr. Wiek. 'Armed Department of National Parks enforcement officers have forced their way onto our properties and have begun confiscating animals. They claim we don't have necessary paperwork but this is a lie.' Mr. Wiek continues. 'I'm horrified that innocent animals are now paying the price for my commitment to preventing illegal poaching...

## The Northern Thailand Gold Rush

### ช่วงรีบเร่งของทองคำเหนือของไทย

February 20, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[The Northern Thailand Gold Rush](#) – chiangraitimes.com, February 17, 2012

...The survey also discovered gold veins in Thoen and Mae Phrik districts, Mr Somboon said. He said the gold deposit in Wang Nua district holds a fair amount of gold ore. Three grams of pure gold can be extracted from one tonne of rocks in the area, which is in keeping with accepted standards for gold-bearing deposits, Mr Somboon said. However, Mr Somboon said the amount of gold ore in the district is not enough to be developed for large-scale commercial gold mining...

## The elusive Borneo pygmy elephant

### ช้างแคระบอร์เนียวที่หายาก

February 20, 2012

Categories: Wildlife and Nature

[The elusive Borneo pygmy elephant](#) – theborneopost.com, February 19, 2012

...Smaller by some 600 centimetres to one metre than their other Asian counterparts, and less aggressive, they have rounded faces, larger ears and longer tails, which sometimes sweep the ground. They are a chubbier species of elephant.

As their forest habitat shrinks, despite the creation of elephant corridors, as plantations take over the land, they often confront humans over food needs to guzzle crops in particular, leading to the beating of gongs and even fireworks to scare them away...

## Warning at Suam Lumpini

### คำเตือนที่สวนลุมพินี

February 20, 2012

Categories: Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The writing reads: This area has been taken over. Don't try to look to benefit here in any way or else you will be legally charged.

## Hard Questions for Yingluck คำถามยากสำหรับยิ่งลักษณ์

February 20, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, February 20, 2012

Left: Prime Minister, what did you do at the Four Seasons?

Below: Wants to know.

Middle: I'm the opposition, Prime Minister. You must tell me what you did at the Four Seasons.

Below: Wants to know very much.

Right: I'm your husband, Khun Poo. You must tell me what you did at the Four Seasons.

Below: Want to know the most.

## Seven Years Ago Today: The 80-day plan to form a Pattani state

### วันนี้เมื่อ 7 ปีที่แล้ว : แผนการก่อตั้งปัตตานี 80 วัน

February 20, 2012

Categories: Today in History

Seven Years Ago Today: [The 80-day plan to form a Pattani state](#)

## No details shared by Thailand or Georgia, say cops

### ตำรวจบอกว่าไม่มีรายละเอียดที่ถูกเปิดเผยร่วมกันโดยประเทศไทยหรือ จอร์เจีย

February 20, 2012

Categories: Security

[No details shared by Thailand or Georgia, say cops](#) – indianexpress.com, February 20, 2012

...“Neither we approached them (Georgian or Thai authorities) nor they approached us. We do not know about their line of investigations and ours is an independent probe,” said a senior police officer...

## **Sukampol: No war room against coup**

### **สุกัมพล : ไม่ห้องสงครามที่ต่อต้านรัฐประหาร**

February 20, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[Sukampol: No war room against coup](#) – The Nation, February 20, 2012

...Sukampol said had he given a secret order to set up a war room, Asia Times would not have learnt about the order.

Earlier: [Thailand's Thaksin prepares for war](#) – atimes.com, February 18, 2012



## Block B Releases Official Apology, Zico Shaves Head to Show Remorse for Thai Interview

**บล็อก บีออกมาขอโทษอย่างเป็นทางการ, ซิกโกโกนหัวเพื่อแสดงการสำนึกผิดต่อการสัมภาษณ์ของไทย**

February 20, 2012

Categories: Music

[Block B Releases Official Apology, Zico Shaves Head to Show Remorse for Thai Interview](#) – soompi.com, February 20, 2012

...Adding insult to injury, Block B behaved erratically throughout the interview, screaming randomly from time to time and clapping with their feet, acting like monkeys...

## Thai Tourism Sector Must Face, Not Dismiss, the Threat of Terrorism

### ภาคการท่องเที่ยวแห่งประเทศไทยต้องเผชิญหน้า ไม่ใช่ไม่สนใจการขู่เพื่อการก่อการร้าย

February 20, 2012

Categories: Security

[Thai Tourism Sector Must Face, Not Dismiss, the Threat of Terrorism](#) – Time, February 20, 2012

...The Defense Minister said the men were only making bombs, so it wasn't actual terrorism. The Deputy Prime Minister in charge of security said the explosions were merely "symbolic acts." Tell that to the five people who were injured...

## Thai-language Headlines of February 20, 2012

February 21, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, February 20, 2012

- A girl was kidnapped by her nanny for 13 years since she was 1 years old and was raped until pregnant for 3 months by the nanny's husband.
- The police issued the fifth arrest warrant for the Iranian bomb master. He is a specialist in bomb making.
- A teacher sold drugs to students in Chaiyapoom province. He said he got a low salary.
- Pheu Thai dared Democrats-Media-Female organizations to prove the 7th floor of Four Seasons Hotel 5th parliament meeting agenda .

Thairath, February 20, 2012

- Investigating a new place for Iranians to lie low, the suite room in Petchburi Road and the police are hunting Thai people who are involved with this gang.
- Pheu Thai dared Democrats to prove the 7th floor of Four Seasons Hotel .
- Motorbike gangsters crashed in each other, 2 died.
- Cruel huntsman created the murdering place for the killed elephant. The police get more evidence.

Maticchon, February 20, 2012

- If the voting is over 6 votes, 2 decrees will not be approved. Pheu Thai pleads with Democrats to withdraw their petition.
- The police is hunting Lila's boyfriend who is involved with the Iranian gang.
- Hurry to launch the law to prevent laundering money and clean up all blacklists .
- Mr. Toon's father won the post of Chief Executive of the Provincial Administration Organization of Samuth Sakorn.

Daily News, February 20, 2012

- A maid allegedly kidnapped a girl and let her husband have sexual intercourse with her.
- A parent reported to police to arrest a teacher for selling drug to students.
- A poll revealed that PM Yingluck has the ability to solve the flooding problems.
- Mr. Mor won by-election for Provincial Administration Organization at Mahachai.

## Five Years Ago Today: Yam Fao Paendin–The Anti-Thaksin show วันนี้เมื่อ 5 ปีที่แล้ว : ยามเฝ้าแผ่นดิน โขว์รพวกต่อต้านทักษิณ

February 21, 2012

Categories: Today in History



Five Years Ago Today: [Yam Fao Paendin–The Anti-Thaksin show](#)

Five Years Ago Today: [Govt's anti-Thaksin offensive could backfire](#)

## Unanswerable exam questions have students scratching their heads

### คำถามข้อสอบที่ไม่สามารถตอบได้ทำให้นักเรียนต้องเกาหัว

February 21, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Unanswerable exam questions have students scratching their heads](#) – The Nation, February 21, 2012

...One of the multiple-choice questions asks, “If you have a sexual urge, what should you do?” The available alternatives are: a) Ask friends if you can play football together; b) Consult family members; c) Try to sleep; d) Go out with a friend of the opposite sex; or e) Invite a close friend to watch a movie together...

## More on the Bombings

### เรื่องเกี่ยวกับระเบิดเพิ่มเติม

February 21, 2012  
Categories: Security

[Police: Stickers linked to bomb plot](#) – Bangkok Post, February 21, 2012

...The stickers were first seen under a flyover on Duang Pitak Road in the Lumpini area of Klong Toey district – which runs parallel with the Ploenchit Expressway on the southern side and the Thailand Tobacco Monopoly factory – and were spotted at other places along a 1.5km stretch to the mouth of Soi Ruam Rudee near Ploenchit BTS skytrain station.

Officials believe the stickers may have been used to mark specific locations in a plot to assassinate high-ranking Israeli officials who use the route...

[Bangkok bombings: unravelling the truth out of chaos](#) – guardian.co.uk, February 20, 2012

...Mostly, however, his story drove home the difficulty of reporting the “truth” in a world where facts are about as changeable as the location of a sticky bomb. Asian society orbits around a custom of “saving face” that does not exist in the west, which means that anyone – from a high-ranking government official to an eyewitness or interviewee – can tell you what they think you want to hear, instead of what they actually know. That’s why, when Thai authorities “confirmed” last week that the so-called Bangkok bombers were indeed Iranians targeting Israeli diplomats, other Thai authorities underlined that the suspects’ nationalities still hadn’t been confirmed and that the Bangkok blasts were totally unrelated to those in Georgia and India...

[Thai Religious Leader: MKO Responsible for Bomb Blasts in Bangkok](#) – farsnews.com, February 20, 2012

...Bizmark further said that the Iranian embassy in Thailand has deep doubts about the actual nationality of the suspects detained by Thai and Malaysian authorities with the alleged Iranian passports, and whether they were indeed Iranian citizens.

“We don’t know who they are... They could be anybody,” the Iranian ambassador said...

## Thailand's Goldenduck surfaces as major cinema technology company

บริษัทโกลเด้น ดักของประเทศไทยได้เปิดตัวว่าเป็นบริษัทที่เกี่ยวกับเทคโนโลยีโรงภาพยนตร์

February 21, 2012

Categories: Film and TV

[Thailand's Goldenduck surfaces as major cinema technology company](#) – filmjournal.com, February 17, 2012

## Thai-language Headlines of February 21, 2012

February 22, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, February 21, 2012

- Found stickers all over Pleonchit. The police decrypt the secret code to be 27 target points to bomb.
- Arrested: A taxi driver who got AIDS, who raped and robbed.
- Pheu Thai wishes the decrees for loan money to succeed. It's one failed and one approved.
- The Gasoline price is higher. The Ministry of Commerce begs all fresh merchants and department store to sell pork at 100-105 baht per kilo.

Daily News, February 21, 2012

- It was amazing that the bomber gang used a secret code to target the Jewish minister.
- A taxi driver was a social harm because he has the HIV virus and raped girls.
- The kidnapping case of a girl for 13 years seems to change to the other way around.
- Waiting to see the conclusion of two financial decrees.

Matichon, February 21, 2012

- The permanent secretary of Finance's Ministry to attend the Constitution Court for the judgment on two financial decrees. Mr. Tong has said that he has a second plan.
- The Pheu Thai Party members took a journalist on tour to the 7th floor of the Four Seasons Hotel.
- The stickers link to the bomb plot against the Jewish minister.
- The Council of Ministers prepared to propose 2.7 billion for 12 provinces with 29 projects.

Thairath, February 21, 2012

- Found: The important evidence which are stickers with the symbol "SEJEAL52" to help bomb the minister of Israel.
- The weakness that causes big floods is Yom River that passes Pichit Province.
- Poo clarified that there's no double benefit by her going to the Four Seasons Hotel.
- Arrested: A dangerous taxi driver who got AIDS. He raped and robbed many customers.



## Tricks

## เล่นมุก

February 22, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, January 29, 2012

Cartoon reads: Tricks

Upper left: An old trick is to serve a dish of bear's paw. The new trick is to serve elephant's penis!

Upper middle: An old trick is to sniff glue to arouse oneself. The new trick is to sniff women's underwear!

Upper right: An old trick is to protest by closing the road. The new trick is to protest while scantily clad!

Lower left: The old trick is to beware of green mambas. The new trick is to beware of black widow spiders!

Lower middle: The old trick is to burn tires. The new trick is to take care of the rubber price!

Lower right: An old trick is to put PTT in the stock market. The new trick is to include PTT in the Vayupak Fund!

## Seven Years Ago Today: Translation of a leaflet left by ‘bandits’ in the deep South วันนี้เมื่อ 7 ปีที่แล้ว : คำแปลใบปลิวที่โจรใต้ทิ้งไว้

February 22, 2012

Categories: Today in History



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Seven Years Ago Today: [Translation of a leaflet left by ‘bandits’ in the deep South](#)

## Five Years Ago Today: Before the Red Shirts

### วันนี้เมื่อ 5 ปีที่แล้ว : ก่อนที่จะเป็นเสื้อแดง

February 22, 2012

Categories: Today in History



Five Years Ago Today: [Before the Red Shirts](#)

Before the Red Shirts, before the DAAD yellow shirts' attack on Prem's residence, there was the original organization agitating for Thaksin: PTV.

This all happened during [Thaksin's Revolutionary Season](#) (as did the 2009 and 2010 protests). These PTV protests were rudimentary with crowds composed of clumps of impassive men who showed little interest in the fiery speakers.

## Weekly News Magazines, February 17, 2012

February 22, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, February 17, 2012

The cover reads: A man of the February – Mr. Srettha Thavasin



From Matichon, Weekly, February 17, 2012

The cover reads: Orchestra – To Killing a 'Female'

## **Failed Bombings in Thailand, India Indicate Weaknesses in Iranian Espionage**

### **วางระเบิดล้มเหลวในประเทศไทย อินเดียชี้จุดอ่อนของการจารกรรมของพวกอิหร่าน**

February 22, 2012  
Categories: Security

[Failed Bombings in Thailand, India Indicate Weaknesses in Iranian Espionage](#) – worldpoliticsreview.com, February 21, 2012

...“The Iranians place great emphasis on reciprocity in the relationship to the outside world,” said Eisenstadt. “They are always tit for tat.”  
“These attacks basically send the message: You killed our scientists with these kinds of bombs, we’ll kill your diplomats with these kinds of bombs,” he said. “It’s almost a modus operandi of the way the Iranians work. They very often use the same mode to strike back at their enemies.”  
...“They often leave a lot of fingerprints at the scene of the crime. They have left a trail in almost every major operation they’ve been involved in, so we’ve been able to figure out their role,” he said. “Even going back to the 1980s, to the ‘heyday’ of their terrorist operations, they did a lot of stupid things...”

## Yingluck Sings ยิ่งลักษณ์ร้องเพลง

February 22, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=>



Thai media (and the public) is obsessed with female singers. When the singer is the Prime Minister, there is even more of a frenzy. Clips of her performance have been featured multiple times on Thai TV.

## Photos Show Alleged Iran Bombs Hidden in \$27 Radio

### รูปแสดงระเบิดของอิหร่านที่ถูกกล่าหาซ่อนในวิทยุราคา 27 ดอลลาร์

February 22, 2012

Categories: Security



(Source: ABC News)

[Photos Show Alleged Iran Bombs Hidden in \\$27 Radio](#) – ABC, February 22, 2012

...Israeli authorities and U.S. bomb experts say the bomb in the photos is strikingly similar to those used in other attacks last week in the republic of Georgia and India. “While there are small differences,” said one U.S. expert, “they appear to be factory made...”



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=>



## Talk of a Power Struggle in Naypyidaw

### พูดถึงการต่อสู้เพื่ออำนาจในเนปีดอว์

February 23, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Talk of a Power Struggle in Naypyidaw](#) – The Irrawaddy, February 22, 2012

...The question mainly stemmed from a current parliamentary debate over Shwe Mann's proposal on Feb. 7 that the country should increase the salaries of state employees in an effort to tackle corruption and to implement the new government's slogans of "clean government and good governance."

Though his proposal was unanimously approved in Parliament on that day, three government ministers led by Minister of Finance Hla Tun later dismissed it in a parliamentary briefing on the grounds that the move would worsen the country's currency inflation and budget deficit which the government announced stands at more than US \$2 billion...



## Thai-language Headlines of February 22, 2012

February 23, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, February 22, 2012

- Jews praised that Thais are great in investigating terrorism.
- Three southern terrorists attacked and legally killed. Teachers in the southern area will propose the government pay 7.5 million baht for rehabilitation.
- A deadline will be in 30 days–Poo must clarify about the Four Seasons issue.
- Alderman of Sriracha was murdered.
- Stepfather surrendered himself, but he denied that he raped the 15-year-old girl.

Thairath, February 22, 2012

- Kazahi questioned for 5 hours straight, but he didn't implicate others.
- Three southern terrorists legally killed. They attacked officials for 30 minutes.
- The Four Seasons Hotel does not allow other people and media to go up to the 7th Fl.
- Strategic Committee for Water Resources Management or SCWRM reported to HM the King about water management plans.

Matichon, February 22, 2012

- The court president says don't panic. The government is excited that two controversial executive financial decrees on water and debt management will be judged this afternoon.
- The Red Shirts reserved the area in front of the council to keep watch on the constitution amendment.
- The police confirmed that Nurosi was the leader of the bomb blast gang.
- DSI found that 101 students were victims of the university management team's scam. The students all were sued by Krungthai Bank about money loans for studying, but none of them took out loans.

Daily News, February 22, 2012

- There was confirmation that stickers indicated the intention to mark an assassination.
- There was excitement to wait for the decision of constitution court concerning the two decrees.
- A gang took children from their parents (who owed money) to work off the debts by forcing them to take drugs and to dress as novices to collect offerings and donations.
- The house of a Thai country song female singer was robbed.

## Urgent press releases advising Thailand on human rights issues

### ข่าวแจกด่วนที่โฆษณประเทศไทยเรื่องสิทธิมนุษยชน

February 23, 2012

Categories: Human Rights

The last week has seen an unusual number of urgent press releases advising Thailand on human rights issues:

February 16 – [Thailand: Growing Threats To Political Freedom In Thailand](#)

February 17 – [Website editor's trial resumes, court hears defence witnesses](#)

February 19 – [THAILAND: Continued impunity for enforced disappearance in Thailand](#)

February 20 – [THAILAND: Trial of ten activists charged for protesting against undemocratic legislation tomorrow](#)

February 22 – [THAILAND: Thai Civil Society and Human Rights Coalition urged the government to uphold Human Rights Standard and Obligations](#)

## A shadow war from Bangkok to Baku

### สงครามเงาจากกรุงเทพถึงบากู

February 23, 2012

Categories: Security

[A shadow war from Bangkok to Baku](#) – CNN, February 22, 2012

...Several analysts consulted by CNN say elements within or associated with Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard are likely responsible for the recent plots. One branch of the Guard, the Quds Force, is responsible for covert operations overseas.

..."We see what is happening in India, Georgia and Thailand. It is the same pattern. The same bomb, the same lab, the same factory," Yaalon told the newspaper Maariv.

Nasr says that the Quds Force is capable of highly professional operations. It may be deliberately mounting unsophisticated, easily discovered plots to try to scare the West – and to demonstrate that it can carry out attacks anywhere in the world.

The Quds Force was also implicated in a plot to assassinate the Saudi ambassador to the United States last year...

## More articles on the Bangkok bombings บทความเกี่ยวกับระเบิดในกรุงเทพเพิ่มเติม

February 23, 2012  
Categories: Security

[Convoluted fuse to Bangkok bombs](#) – atimes.com, February 24, 2012

...It remains to be seen, however, how aggressively the Thai authorities – perennially reluctant to be dragged into the maelstrom of Middle Eastern conflict – will choose to pursue the investigations or request assistance from Tehran. In the final analysis, Thailand has little to gain and possibly much to lose from establishing publicly and with certainty either the innocence or guilt of the Iranian government.

Indeed, the best pointer to the affair's likely outcome is the fate of Atris Hussein, the Lebanese-Swedish businessman with suspected links to Iran-allied Lebanese Hezbollah, whose January arrest was followed by the seizure of four tons of explosives he and his associates had amassed in a warehouse on the edge of Bangkok. Hussein is to be charged with possession of restricted substances and may serve a few years in a Thai jail in a case that will soon be quietly forgotten.

[Bomb plot shows Thailand's security gaps](#) – news24.com, February 23, 2012

...“There has been so much disarray in Thai politics and Thailand's political class has been so focused on other things that having a serious discussion on matters like security hasn't been possible,” said Michael Montesano, a research fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore.

Thailand's national police “has capable people aware of threats to foreign targets on Thai soil”, he said.

“But like members of bureaucracies anywhere they face big challenges in terms of co-ordination with other parts of the government,” Montesano said.

“We need someone to move beyond this state of denial and take real leadership. If recent events prove a wake-up call for the Thais to evolve capacities, it would be a blessing in disguise.”

[Was Bangkok Just the Start?](#) – the-diplomat.com, February 23, 2012

...Ultimately, analysts see more strikes aimed at civilians, not unlike the 2008 Mumbai attack that left 257 dead and another 700 wounded. However, such strikes will be increasingly based around far-flung reasons with little local relevance, such as with Iran's nuclear program and its ties with Hezbollah.

Boyd predicts more Mumbai-style attacks in Asia, and says Sabah in Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia are obvious staging grounds...

## Israeli's False Flag Operations

### การดำเนินการก่อการร้าย False Flag ของพวกอิสราเอล

February 23, 2012

Categories: Security

[False Flag](#) – foreignpolicy.com, January 13, 2012

...A series of CIA memos describes how Israeli Mossad agents posed as American spies to recruit members of the terrorist organization Jundallah to fight their covert war against Iran.

...The report then made its way to the White House, according to the currently serving U.S. intelligence officer. The officer said that Bush “went absolutely ballistic” when briefed on its contents...

## Vintage Thai Music Goes Global

### เพลงไทยเก่าไปสู่ทั่วโลก

February 23, 2012  
Categories: Music

[Vintage Thai Music Goes Global](#) – WSJ, February 23, 2012

...Most people won't be aware that there was once a really thriving recording industry in Thailand...

## Thai Wildlife Group Raided for Criticizing Elephant Poaching กลุ่มสัตว์โลกไทยโจมตีการวิจารณ์การล่าช้าง

February 23, 2012

Categories: Wildlife and Nature

[Thai Wildlife Group Raided for Criticizing Elephant Poaching](#) – VOA, February 22, 2012

...”This is all lies, intimidation, only because we speak up about the illegal trade in elephants in Thailand and the illegal wildlife trade within Thailand. A cover-up for the criminals done by the Department of National Parks,” said Wiek.

Wiek says park officials showed up after he published letters in Thai media in January that questioned their accounts of how elephants were killed at national parks...

## Thai-language Headlines of February 23, 2012

February 24, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, February 23, 2012

- Iran implicated Jews as being behind the hiring of rebels to set up the Bangkok blasts.
- Director-general of Royal Irrigation Department dismissed.
- 2 decrees to borrow money to urgently deal with floods and water management were approved.
- Exposed!! The former drug dealer became a local politician and bought positions for police in Chiang Rai. Then arrested Sanam Luang residents in drugs case to make a good image for their performance.

Thairath, February 23, 2012

- The Constitution Court clarified that the 2 decrees will solve the flood crisis as emergency cases.
- Royal Irrigation Department dismissed the director-general.
- Secret code stickers were found around the Israel Embassy.
- The protest to support and oppose the constitution amendments met up in front of the parliament.
- Arrested – the cruel capitalist who hired hunters to kill elephants.

Daily News, February 23, 2012

- The Constitution Court ruled that two executive decrees related to water management and post-flood rehabilitation and debt management issued by the cabinet do not violate the constitution.
- Four more stickers were found with a secret code related to the bombing plot.
- His Majesty the King went to take a look at the Chaophaya River.
- Mr. Chalit was removed from his post at the Royal Irrigation Department.

Matichon, February 23, 2012

- PM Poo was relieved after the Constitution Court ruled that two executive decrees did not violate the constitution. For the decree for the transfer of full responsibility for the 1.14 trillion baht of debt, the judges voted 7-2 that it complied with the charter.
- The lecturer pointed out that stickers with the word “Sejeal” was a set-up against Iran.
- MPs were ordered to be in the House of Parliament from 9:00-24:00 with the intention to discuss the amendment of the constitution.
- PM Poo insisted that females should never give up and pushed for the Woman Organization Funds with 4 objectives.



## Phuket tourist cheats spark foreign diplomat intervention

### นักการทูตแทรกแซงการโกงชาวต่างชาติในการท่องเที่ยวภูเก็ต

February 24, 2012

Categories: Scams

[Phuket tourist cheats spark foreign diplomat intervention](#) – phuketgazette.net, February 23, 2012

...Mr Chumpol said that the problem of tourism cheats operating in Phuket has become an international issue that calls for immediate action.

The most common rip-off schemes that tourists face include overpriced products and services, low-quality products, low-standard services and exaggerated damage claims on broken items, said the report.

Meanwhile, the Tourism and Sports Ministry will launch a blacklist of jewelry shops that sell low-quality items at inflated prices, it was announced...

## Buffett's Berkshire muscles into Thai reinsurance การใช้กำลังควบคุมของ Berkshire ในการประกันใหม่ของไทย

February 24, 2012  
Categories: Business

[Buffett's Berkshire muscles into Thai reinsurance](#) – ibtimes.com, February 23, 2012

...Berkshire will offer to write 100 percent of the business or none at all, a third executive said.

The sources quoted in this story declined to be named for fear of damaging their relationship with Berkshire...

## Terror detainee who once lived in U.S. reaches plea deal

### นักโทษที่หวาดกลัวที่เคยอาศัยอยู่อเมริกาสรรพผลสำเร็จในข้อตกลงการแก้ต่าง

February 24, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Terror detainee who once lived in U.S. reaches plea deal](#) – cnn.com, February 23, 2012

...Khan allegedly traveled to Bangkok, Thailand, in December 2002 and provided \$50,000 in al Qaeda money that ultimately reached the terror group Jemaah Islamiyah. The funds allegedly were used to finance the August 2003 bombing of the J.W.Marriott Hotel in Jakarta, Indonesia, which killed 11 people and wounded more than 180...

## Jatuporn Warns จตุพรเตือน

February 24, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, February 7, 2012

Cartoon reads: Who actually meddles?

Jatuporn says: Warning! Someone wants to overthrow the government and become prime minister using special methods. His shirt reads: UDD

Left mouse's sign: Correct unfair laws

Right mouse says: We must know what others are up to.

Yingluck's paper: Country restoration

Curly-haired man says: Slandering and making up stories for the news. His paper reads: Block everything

Chavanond says: Daily attacks

Death says: Discredit!

## Thai Cheerleaders Documentary Draws Applause

### ภาพยนตร์สารคดีเกี่ยวกับเชียร์ลีดเดอร์ไทยสร้างการปรบมือแสดงความชื่นชมได้

February 24, 2012

Categories: Film and TV



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=>



[Thai Cheerleaders Documentary Draws Applause](#) – wsj.com, February 23, 2012

...“[The Cheer Ambassadors](#),” set for official release in March, centers on the underdog Thai national team that placed a remarkable second at the annual International Cheer Union World Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, Florida in 2009.

Despite the fact that there is little tradition of the sport in Thailand, the team took home the silver medal, finishing only behind the traditional cheering juggernaut of the United States...

## Dutchman shines spotlight on Thailand's baby elephant trade

### คนดัชส่องสปอตไลท์ไปที่การซื้อขายลูกช้างในประเทศไทย

February 24, 2012

Categories: Wildlife and Nature

[Dutchman shines spotlight on Thailand's baby elephant trade](#) – bikyamasr.com, February 23, 2012

...In an article titled Thai Elephants Are Being Killed for Tourist Dollars published in The Nation newspaper on January 24, Wiek said that the six elephants had been killed to get their babies, not for elephant meat and ivory as claimed by government officials.

He argued that the incident demonstrated that the trade in baby pachyderms was no longer just a cross-border business with Myanmar, but that poachers were now targeting Thailand's own depleted herd of fewer than 2,000 wild elephants.

Based on his own investigations, Wiek estimates that two to three baby elephants are poached from the wild per week.

...“There are so many of these charities and none of them have proper paperwork for the animals, so we are trying to straighten it out a bit,” Damrong said.

The first two animal sanctuaries on Damroing's hit list happened to be the department's most outspoken critics...

Also: [Thai Wildlife Group Raided for Criticizing Elephant Poaching](#)

Also: [Elephant whistleblowers targeted by National Parks Department](#)

## One thousand Red Villages open in Isaan หมู่บ้านเสื้อแดง 1000 แห่งเปิดในอีสาน

February 24, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[One thousand Red Villages open in Isaan](#) – asiancorrespondent.com, February 23, 2012

...“I like being a part of this movement because I want to see a return to a fair constitution in Thailand,” said Samanjit Khotchomphoo from Nong Khai. “It’s as if our rights were stolen after the 2006 coup.” Huddled under a tent, five new friends nodded behind her in agreement.

## New Cambodian lizard discovered

### จิ้งจกกำพูชาใหม่ถูกค้นพบ

February 25, 2012

Categories: Wildlife and Nature

[New Cambodian lizard discovered](#) – timeslive.co.za, February 22, 2012

A new species of lizard with striking iridescent rainbow skin, a long tail and very short legs has been discovered in the rainforest in northeast Cambodia, conservationists announced Wednesday...



## Thai-language Headlines of February 24, 2012

February 25, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, February 24, 2012

- A mad man shot 5 people to death. A male nurse who bandaged wife too slowly, as well the owner and staff of a Karaoke shop who hurt wife.
- Poo clarified 3 points of Four Season Hotel issue through Facebook.
- Hunting people who put stickers up from CCTV footage. Yuthasak doesn't believe that it is a set up.
- A drug dealer legally shot in Surat and a monk that hid drugs was arrested.

Thairath, February 24, 2012

- Tragedy of 5 murdered by a mad man. He hurt his wife and brought her to the hospital. He shot a male nurse and 4 more people from a karaoke shop.
- Poo revealed her feelings about the Four Season Hotel issue through Facebook.
- Report to the police to arrest a craven C8 official who raped a 14-year-old girl.
- Burmese murdered a grade-12 girl with a knife. She was stabbed 28 times.

Daily News, February 24, 2012

- A man killed brutally 5 people, including a male nurse and karaoke girls.
- Poo clarified that the Four Seasons Hotel issue was a private mission.
- The electricity charge will be increased.
- No further clues can be traced from the word "SEJEAL" on stickers.

Matichon, February 24, 2012

- The Pheu Thai Party will stick together to vote for article 291 and their target is 378 votes. The Democrat Party criticized them for allowing the Constitution Drafting Committee members to do whatever they want.
- Poo filed a report with the police to arrest the Democrat Party for insulting her mission.
- The PM and water committees discussed all information and reported to HM The King.
- A cruel man shot 5 to death and injured 1 in a hospital and karaoke.

## Six Years Ago Today: Strange Politics for Strange Days

### วันนี้เมื่อ 6 ปีที่แล้ว : การเมืองแปลก ๆ สำหรับวันแปลก ๆ

February 25, 2012

Categories: Today in History

Six Years Ago Today: [Strange Politics for Strange Days](#)

## Ultimate Tazer Ball Coming to Bangkok อัลติเมต เทเซอร์ บอลกำลังจะมากรุงเทพ

February 25, 2012  
Categories: Sports



From the [UTB website](#): Ultimate Tazer Ball Comes to Bangkok MARCH 2ND/3RD 2012

[Tazer Ball: The most shocking extreme sport of the year](#) – nationalpost.com, February 8, 2012

...The next match is scheduled for early March in Bangkok, Thailand, where Toronto will face off against the Philadelphia Killawatts, the San Diego Spartans and the Los Angeles Nightlight. Organizers are expecting several thousand spectators...

And as [parodied on The Colbert Report](#)

## **Block B's new apology: 'We never meant to hurt anyone'** **การขอโทษใหม่ของบล็อก บี : เราไม่ได้ตั้งใจจะทำร้ายใคร**

February 25, 2012  
Categories: Music

[Block B's new apology: 'We never meant to hurt anyone'](#) – mb.com.ph, February 25, 2012

...The cyber-bullying has severely affected the group that Block B member P.O was hospitalized on Feb. 24. His agency said he was under so much stress since the controversy broke out and was shocked to learn that netizens have filed an online petition for the group's suicide...

## Six Years Ago Today: High Tension – Promises of No Coup and Angry Crowds

วันนี้เมื่อ 6 ปีที่แล้ว : แรงตึงเครียดที่สัญญาว่าจะไม่มีรัฐประหารและชุมนุมที่โกรธอยู่

February 26, 2012

Categories: Today in History

Six Years Ago Today: [High Tension – Promises of No Coup and Angry Crowds](#)

## Goa's loss is Thailand's and Caribbean's gain

### การขาดทุนของรัฐทั่วโลกคือประเทศไทยและแคริบเบียนได้กำไร

February 26, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Goa's loss is Thailand's and Caribbean's gain](#) – indiatimes.com, February 26, 2012

...”It’s a horrible time for us,” said Lourenco Fernandes, who owns a shack on Calangute beach. “Even if we serve guests alcohol or beer at 10.30pm, the police on patrol won’t allow their glasses to be seen on the table after 11pm. Guests like to have a drink along with their meals. They’re now having their meals within the four walls of their hotel rooms,” he added...

## Thailand second to China as top investor market

### ประเทศไทยได้ที่สองรองจากจีนที่เป็นตลาดนำลงทุนมากที่สุด

February 26, 2012

Categories: Business

[Thailand second to China as top investor market](#) – iol.co.za, February 26 2012

...Thailand is second only to China among the world's best emerging markets for investors. The ranking looks at a series of measures such as market transparency and prospects for growth over the next four years.

Thailand's tiny, \$303 billion (R2.3 trillion) stock market as of February 22, accounted for just 0.6 percent of the market value of world equities. As of 2011, its gross domestic product per capita was a mere \$5 281 less than half that of Mexico's. The country is prone to disruptions, ranging from coups d'état and civil strife to tsunamis and floods.

Yet Thailand has developed such successful electronics and auto industries it now produces from 35 to 40 percent of all computer hard-disc drives and, in 2010, built more light trucks than Japan.

In agriculture, besides being the world's biggest rice exporter, Thailand ranks number one in rubber and number two in sugar. The country that brands itself the Land of Smiles has consistently remained one of the world's top 20 tourism destinations, attracting more visitors in 2010 than Greece...

## Thai animal haven raided after poaching claim

### ที่หลบภัยของสัตว์ไทยถูกโจมตีหลังจากถูกกล่าวหาเรื่องล่าสัตว์

February 26, 2012

Categories: Wildlife and Nature

[Thai animal haven raided after poaching claim](#) – smh.com.au, February 27, 2012

...Sydney veterinary nurse Lucy Clark says staff at the centre were pushed, shoved, abused and even spat on by Thai officials during the raids last week when one-quarter of the centre's rescued animals were taken away, many of them distressed and bleeding...

Also: [Dutchman shines spotlight on Thailand's baby elephant trade](#)

Also: [Thai Wildlife Group Raided for Criticizing Elephant Poaching](#)

Also: [Elephant whistleblowers targeted by National Parks Department](#)



## Thai Corporate Tax Explained

### คำอธิบายเกี่ยวกับภาษีเงินได้นิติบุคคล

February 27, 2012  
Categories: Business

[MYTHBUSTING Thai Corporate Tax Explained](#) – thephuketinsider.com, February 26, 2012

...The perhaps most commonly stated rationales for the CITR reductions is to make Thailand's business environment more competitive with its neighbors and further to "compensate" Thai companies for the coming minimum wage increases. But the reductions are not "permanent" for most "normal" companies under RD 530. Even if the "plan" is to extend or even increase them three years from now, it will take the political will of and action by the then current Cabinet. Thus, any such extension can only be seen as uncertain. Such can hardly be encouraging for those considering doing business and investing in Thailand beyond the next three years. Therefore, although the business community is welcoming the CITR reductions under RD 530, it is unfortunate that they were not made "permanent" for all Thai companies..."

## The Bomb Distracted

### ระเบิดทำให้ไขว้เขว

February 27, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, February 16, 2012

In the balloon: Boom!

The caption reads: Because a bomb could be heard

## Academic Freedom cartoon

### เสรีภาพทางวิชาการ

February 27, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, February 5, 2012

Cartoon reads: Academic freedom

Upper left: Female students show their academic freedom on YouTube!

Upper middle: Open anatomy courses are held in casinos!

Upper right: Engineering students build rockets to shoot packages across prison fences!

Lower left: Parents come out to resist to Simsimi's academic freedom!

Lower middle: Bt3.5 billion is wasted in building a high-tech prison to curtail notorious inmates' freedom!

Lower right: Members of parliament use their freedom to vote in ballots on behalf of others!

## Constitution Moves Threaten Thai Détente

### ความเคลื่อนไหวของรัฐธรรมนูญคุกคามการผ่อนคลายความตึงเครียดของไทย

February 27, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[Constitution Moves Threaten Thai Détente](#) – WSJ, February 26, 2012

...Government supporters argue that the changes are needed to help rebalance Thailand's democracy after Mr. Thaksin's sister, Yingluck Shinawatra, was elected prime minister in a landslide last July.

Mr. Thaksin's critics, though, contend that changing the constitution is also a way to enable the former leader back into the country from his bolt-hole in Dubai, where he lives to avoid imprisonment on a corruption conviction that he says is politically motivated...

## Thai-language Headlines of February 27, 2012

February 28, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, February 27, 2012

- Arrested and investigated–2 more suspects linked to the Bangkok blast. The police saw them who put up “SEJEAL” stickers from CCTV footage.
- Chalerm vows that he didn’t get drunk and he will sue 4 newspapers .
- In the case of Muay-Maxim , the police investigate abortion clinics.
- Thrilling for Thailand–raining in summer, storm is coming to Thailand, but the Meteorological Department confirms that 2 dams can handle it.

Daily News, February 27, 2012

- For the Valentine’s blast, the police arrested 2 more Iranian suspects who appeared at the Jews’ embassy on blast day.
- Howard’s mother responded that she didn’t know that Muay had an abortion. The police will investigate that clinic.
- Deputy PM Chalerm yesterday filed a complaint with police against four daily newspapers for defaming him over accusations that he was drunk during a parliamentary debate.
- Keaw from Fay Fang Keaw fainted because she worked hard and studied hard.

Thairath, February 27, 2012

- Police asked for a search warrant for a clinic where Ms. Moui is thought to have had an abortion.
- The Democrat Party member searched the bins in the parliament and found bottles of soda water.
- Arrested–a prison officer for smuggling drug for prisoners.
- Nano-sack will be produced instead of sand bags to protect from flood waters.

Matichon, February 27, 2012

- PM Yingluck took a lead and advice from His Majesty the King to protect forests.
- Mr. Chalerm reported to the police to arrest the press and Democratic Party members because they accused him of being drunk during the charter debate.
- Arrested–three more people who involved with the bombing.
- Political concert until dawn at Bonanza big mountain.

## Bangkok's 'Hitler chic' trend riles tourists, Israeli envoy

### ฮิตเลอร์ ชิค เทรนใหม่ชาวกรุงเทพทำให้นักท่องเที่ยว ทูตอิสราเอลเคือง

February 28, 2012

Categories: Local Beliefs

[Bangkok's 'Hitler chic' trend riles tourists, Israeli envoy](#) – CNN, February 27, 2012

...In the Thai capital's latest outbreak of Nazi chic, pandas, Teletubbies and Ronald have metamorphosed into cutesy alter egos of the Führer, who seems to exert a childlike fascination over some young Thais...

## Bad Words

### คำหยาบ

February 28, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, February 6, 2012

Left: Our spies have arrested another foreign terrorist ...

Middle: ... We're investigating. Other man: What have you got?

Right: We're decoding the confession so we can press charges.

## Fasting for Father สู้เพื่อพ่อ

February 28, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, February 15, 2012

On the wall: Criminal court

On the sign: I'm fighting to have my father bailed out.

Left: Man in the mask says: You do understand that everyone loves their father?

Bald-headed man: Yes.

Right: Then tell your father not to scold other people's fathers.



## **Cambodia Bans Roasting Whole Cows in Public** **กัมพูชาต่อต้านการย่างวัวทั้งตัวในที่สาธารณะ**

February 29, 2012  
Categories: Cambodia

[Cambodia Bans Roasting Whole Cows in Public](#) – AP, February 28, 2012

## Thai-language Headlines of February 28, 2012

February 29, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, February 28, 2012

- For five hours the police surrounded and tried to arrest the man who murdered 5 people. Finally he surrendered himself, because he was afraid to be murdered legally.
- Muay apologized that she did wrong . The police will investigate more at the clinic at Sukhumvit 12.
- Chalerm accepted that he walked in an unbalanced way because of an inner-ear ailment.
- The Strategic Committee for Water Resources Management or SCWRM had an idea to create the flood protection plan “Street Canal.” They will propose to dig tunnels.

Daily News, February 28, 2012

- Hunting for 2 Iranian gang members for helping a bomber escape as they appear on CCTV at the airport.
- Found – a gecko putting the palms of his hands together in a wai.
- Phahonyothin Road was paralyzed.
- Deputy PM Chalerm investigated in the case of being accused of being drunk.

ThaiRath, February 28, 2012

- A 4-year-old girl was found dead in the jungle with incense sticks beside her dead body.
- Mr. Chalerm challenged all organizations to investigate the allegation that he was drunk.
- Mr. Haward’s mother was called for investigation.
- Meryl Streep won the best actress Oscar.

Matichon, February 28, 2012

- MP Watthana proposed to dissolve the Constitutional Court and Administrative Court and set up a new department within the Supreme Court.
- Mr. Chalerm insisted that he was not drunk and challenged those to investigate him. The Democratic Party is confident that its claims are not libelous and ready to fight against the allegation they are.
- Strategic Committee for Reconstruction and Future Development (so-called “SCRF”) involved another 4 parties to be involved in plating more tress.

## Floods from the Heavens

### น้ำท่วมจากสวรรค์

February 29, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, February 14, 2012

Left angel: The Democrats can do nothing, and the elites are old. I suspect we'll have to chase the evil ones by ourselves, Phra Piroon.

Phra Piroon: Um ... m ... m

On the machine: Rainmaker

The caption reads: It looks like this year there'll be more water than last year!!!

## Weekly News Magazines, February 24, 2012

February 29, 2012

Categories: Thai Media Project



From Nation Weekend, February 24, 2012

The cover reads: Did not cry, it did not mean not hurt



From Matichon Weekly, February 24, 2012

The cover reads: Emergency decrees 'New World Development?' – Charter 'Disaster?'

## **Kirsty Jones murder: DNA focus for Thai police**

### **การเสียชีวิตของคริสตี้ โจนส์ DNA มุ่งเน้นไปที่ตำรวจไทย**

February 29, 2012  
Categories: Crime

[Kirsty Jones murder: DNA focus for Thai police](#) – BBC, February 28, 2012

A senior detective says he is more optimistic than ever that Thai police will catch the killer of a backpacker from Powys...

