

Would you dare blow a whistle at Thaksin's ex-wife?

March 2, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, March 2, 2014

Caption: This sis is not good at blowing back with a whistle.

Man on the left is Nutthapol Theepsuwan, an anti-government protest leader. On the right is Thaksin's son who serves as Thaksin's unofficial spokesperson in the country and a Red Shirt cheerleader.

Weekly News Magazines, February 21, 2014

March 3, 2014

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, February 21, 2014

Cover reads: The mediator... that must be watched!?!; Mobilize sickles to bring down the star



From Matichon Weekly, February 21, 2014

Cover reads: Bourgeoisie taking advantages, dividing people's classes



From ASTV Manager Weekly, February 22, 2014
 Cover reads: Nearly there... who'll be whacked first?
 On left mango: Thong Dam
 On right mango: Raed
 In yellow circle: Don't miss... Good Health inside.
 At bottom: Phanpiphob Lila; Phanfa Lilat

Those people cause a crisis in the country

March 3, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, February 15, 2014

Phi Nooring: Those people cause a crisis in the country

A mouse: Bring back Bangkok

On the knife held by judge holding Suthep: Overthrow the government

On his shirt: Careless

On the knife held by judge holding hooded man: Overthrow the Prime Minister

On his shirt: NACC

On the hooded man's shirt: 100 dead bodies

Somchai Srisuttiyakorn is sitting on a bullet box.

On his suit: EC

On the papers he holds: Impede the election

Caption: Justice... Do not be biased. using our own rights and votes... Do not impede.

No merit can stop this karma

March 3, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



17-02-57

From Manager, February 16, 2014

Ghosts: They cheated us out of the money from our rice that we pledged... and leave us to starve until we had to kill ourselves.

Caption: No merit can stop this karma

That should be damned

March 3, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, March 3, 2014

Cartoon title: Curse to be damned...!

Left, a military officer representing Commander-in-Chief Prayuth: Thailand is a single kingdom that no one can divide. If any one does, he/she is a rebel. This land is sacred. Whoever thinks to do any harm will be damned. You may not believe, but don't disrespect...

Mouse: Telling Kamnan to go home.

Phi Nooring: He's just being sarcastic.

Middle, Phi Nooring: I believe it. Because the people who shut down Bangkok and governmental offices and causing damages to Thailand already became rebels.

Mouse: Telling Kamnan to go home.

Officer: See? Believe me now?

Right, Phi Nooring: And why those who send forces and weapons to help the rebels are not damned?

Mouse: Telling Kamnan to go home.

These guys can remove this sin more effectively

March 4, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



18-02-57

From Manager, February 17, 2014

Man in the middle: Thaksin... I've heard that you want to cut off karma? ... Let us perform the ceremony for you.

Caption: These guys can cut karma more effectively

If you don't lend us more money, then, this rice farmer will die

March 4, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Komchadluek, February 17, 2014

Yingluck: If you don't lend us more money, then, this rice farmer will die.

America said Thailand is the source of fake stuff

March 4, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, February 16, 2014

Cartoon title: America said Thailand is the source of fake stuff

Top left: Fake fisherman randomly threw his net to catch feeding tubes, but only got laughter!

Top middle: Civil servants at the Commerce Ministry mourn at the fake funeral of Yanyong Puangraj!

Top right: Fake borrower to borrow on behalf of the government!

Bottom left: The fake popcorn phobia spreads among political bullies!

Bottom middle: Serious spread of fake rice mortgage warrants which cannot be cashed out!

Bottom right: Only the rice farmers who hung themselves are real!

It's like we're walking in the three southernmost provinces

March 4, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, March 4, 2014

Title: "It's like we're walking in the three southernmost provinces."

Phi Nooring: Army bunkers or PDRC bunkers?

A mouse: After the protesters left the areas, the soldiers are replacing them.

The new-born country is in the process of building its own identity

March 4, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, March 4, 2014

Title: The new-born country is in the process of building its own identity.

On whiteboard at right: Culture of the Isan Lanna

Table on left wall: Class schedule for Red Shirts

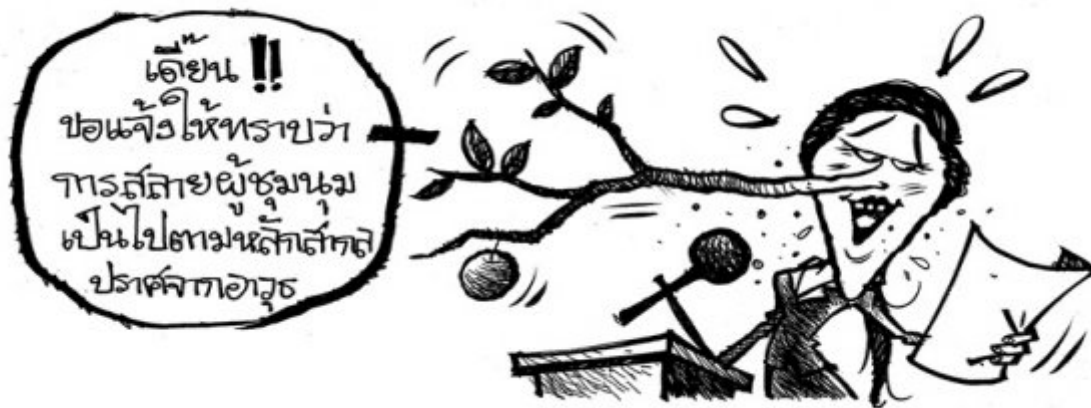
On the back of woman in the front of the row: Commoner

Red Shirt leader Thida: Look at that model... people of Isan Lanna must not sit with their legs tucked back to one side or kneel down when giving a wai... A “wai” is a traditional Thai sign of greeting.]

No weapon was used

March 6, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Komchadluek, February 21, 2014

Yingluck: I would like to announce that the crackdown is in compliance with the international standard and no weapon is used.

Remembering the Thaksin Years: Oppose killing drug dealers? Are you Thai?

March 6, 2014

Categories: Drugs, Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia, Thaksin's War on Drugs, The Thaksin Years



From Thairath, March 6, 2003

Cartoon title: Are you Thai?

On the arm: Human right academics

On the knife blade: United Nations

On packet in sitting man's hand: Ya ba

On briefcase: Money derived from Ya ba trafficking

Also: [How many died in the drug purges? 2275, 2245, 1329, or 72?](#)

Likae on “Double Standard” from the Pheu Thai band

March 6, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, February 21, 2014

Cartoon title: Likae on “Double Standard” from the Pheu Thai band

Left: ...Will sue the EC for being too slow in organizing the election...

Right: ...and will sue the NACC for being too quick in filing a lawsuit against PM for cheating the rice farmers.

Cambodia's opposition leader plays racist card

March 6, 2014

Categories: Cambodia

[Cambodia's opposition leader plays racist card](#) – DW, March 5, 2014

... "In Cambodian politics, it seems as though you only have a choice between corruption and pogrom," Golzio said in an interview with Deutsche Welle...

Thailand's Intolerance of Its Own LGBT Community Will Surprise You

March 6, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand's Intolerance of Its Own LGBT Community Will Surprise You](#) – Time, March, 2014

...“In Thailand, we always smile and save face, but we close our eyes to all bullies out there,” says Kaona Saowakun, a trans man whose struggle to come to terms with society and his gender identity has been dogged by petty discrimination. When he was barred from taking exams at his university in trousers, he filed a complaint to the NHRC and was able to force the university to amend its rules. But then the university began requiring everyone who wanted to be exempt from the dress codes to file an application ahead of every new semester.

The LGBT people who do well in Thailand tend to keep their sexual orientation hidden. “If Thailand had been really tolerant, people would come out. But they don’t,” says Douglas Sanders, a Canadian professor emeritus specializing in Asian LGBT issues. “No prominent celebrity or political figure has come out, so there are no role models...”

What's gone wrong with democracy

March 6, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[What's gone wrong with democracy](#) – The Economist, March, 2014

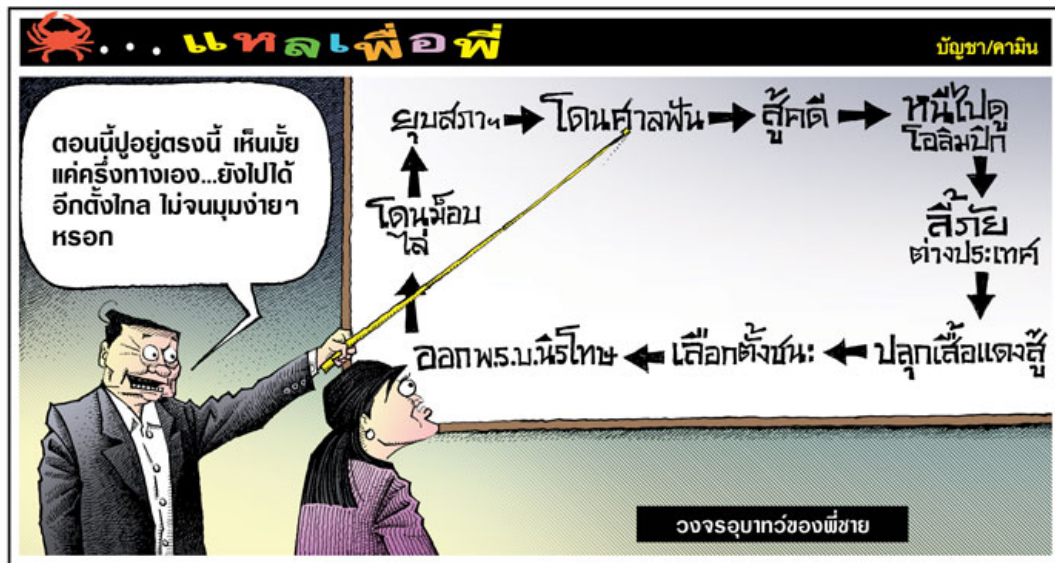
...One reason why so many democratic experiments have failed recently is that they put too much emphasis on elections and too little on the other essential features of democracy. The power of the state needs to be checked, for instance, and individual rights such as freedom of speech and freedom to organise must be guaranteed. The most successful new democracies have all worked in large part because they avoided the temptation of majoritarianism—the notion that winning an election entitles the majority to do whatever it pleases.

...Robust constitutions not only promote long-term stability, reducing the likelihood that disgruntled minorities will take against the regime. They also bolster the struggle against corruption, the bane of developing countries. Conversely, the first sign that a fledgling democracy is heading for the rocks often comes when elected rulers try to erode constraints on their power—often in the name of majority rule...

Thaksin's Master Plan

March 7, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



21-02-57

From Manager, February 20, 2014

Thaksin: Now you're here. It's just a half way. You can move forward. It's not going to end easily.

The cycle : Being ruled on by the Court -> Defending the Court's decision -> Going to see the Olympics -> Being exiled -> Agitating Red Shirts to fight -> Winning the election -> Issuing an amnesty bill -> Facing anti-government groups -> Dissolving the parliament->

Caption: Her brother's vicious cycle.

Student and People Network for Thailand's Reform delivers letter to embassies

March 7, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News



Bangkok, Thailand
March 6, 2014

Honorable Ambassadors, and respected foreign correspondents in Thailand:

At the 4-month anniversary of the resistance of Thai people against the most corrupt and most brutal regime of Thailand and Yingluck, we, on behalf of the active citizens which for a number of times peaked up to 2-3 million, would like to reaffirm our strong belief in and full support of democracy while resolute against the crimes of Thaksin regime.

Despite our untiring efforts and endurance, misperception and misunderstanding still prevails among your excellencies and respected journalists about what happening in Thailand over the past 4 months and the thinking behind them. Allow us to share with you the following facts and logics to further enhance your functions and contributions as friends hoping the best for our country and Thai people.

1. In the not so distant past, the world has witnessed western powers supporting the non-elected or rigged-elected regimes of Lon Nol, Suharto, Marcos, Da-ul-Haq, Ngo-dinh diem, and Park Chung-Hee praising them as selfless freedom-fighters. While we in Thailand has been facing Thaksin-Yingluck governments being elected but also severely plagued by populist policies like the rice pledging scheme which has been proven undermining the long term sustainability and security of both Thai economy in general and rice farmers themselves in particular. At the very

[Student and People Network for Thailand's Reform delivers letter to embassies](#) – Manager, March 6, 2014

Thailand ranks 47 out of 99 countries for rule of law

March 7, 2014

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[Thailand ranks 47 out of 99 countries for rule of law](#)

Thailand consumer confidence falls to 12-year low

March 7, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand consumer confidence falls to 12-year low](#) – MR/NN, March 7, 2014

...The latest study of the University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce (UTCC) showed that the consumer confidence index plummeted to 69.9 in February, its lowest level since November 2001...

DW: Thai PM losing grip on northeastern stronghold

March 7, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai PM losing grip on northeastern stronghold](#) – DW, March 7, 2014

Thai Premier Yingluck Shinawatra faces growing opposition from northern business leaders and farmers who blame the government for rampant corruption and a botched rice price scheme...

Thailand hotspot for young Aussies to take “steroid” holidays

March 8, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand hotspot for young Aussies to take “steroid” holidays](#) – couriermail.com.au, March 8, 2014

...According to the Australia Crime Commission, the price in Australia for a single 10 millilitre vial of testosterone was up to \$230.

In Thailand it’s about \$51...

The Guardian: Thai navy trying to silence journalists instead of investigating story about mistreatment of Rohingya refugees

March 8, 2014

Categories: Refugees and Migrants, Thai Military

[Thai pursuit of Alan Morison case 'heavy handed', says rights group](#) – The Guardian, March 7, 2014

...Human Rights Watch said Thai authorities should not bring the criminal defamation and computer crimes charges against the two journalists. It is reported to be the first occasion the Thai military has used the Computer Crimes Act against a media outlet...

Cambodia bans public forum planned by opposition-aligned trade unions on Women's Day

March 8, 2014

Categories: Cambodia

[Cambodia bans public forum planned by opposition-aligned trade unions on Women's Day](#) – Xinhua, March 7, 2014

...”The Phnom Penh Municipality does not allow the 18 trade unions and associations to hold the public forum on March 8 at the Freedom Park or other public places because this forum’s purpose has mixed with political characteristics,” said a letter signed by Phnom Penh Vice-Governor Khuong Sreng and sent to those trade unions and associations late Thursday...

Two people on board missing Malaysia Airlines flight 370 were using passports reported as being stolen in Thailand

March 9, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[2 on missing Malaysia jet used stolen EU passports](#) – WP, March 8, 2014

...The Italian Interior Ministry issued a statement that the man also reported it stolen on Aug. 1, 2013, after his return to Italy, and that the stolen document had been entered into the Interpol database...

[Two people who boarded Flight 370 using stolen passports appear to have bought their tickets together, records show](#)

[Radar showed missing Malaysian Airlines flight 370 may have turned back](#)

Myanmar spent \$1.6 billion on embassy building in Bangkok

March 10, 2014

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Myanmar spent \\$1.6 billion on embassy building in Bangkok](#) – Eleven Media Group/ANN, March 8, 2014
Myanmar has spent US\$ 1.3 billion (S\$1.6 billion) building a new embassy in Bangkok, the most expensive among 18 new embassies being opened in major cities around the world, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs...

Thailand a Hotbed for Fake and Stolen Passports

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[Thailand a Hotbed for Fake and Stolen Passports](#) – WSJ, March 9, 2014

[Thai police target “passport ring” in vanished flight probe](#) – AFP, March 9, 2014

Is this still considered calm, peaceful, and non-violent?

March 11, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, March 11, 2014

Cartoon title: Is this still considered calm, peaceful, and non-violent?

Top left: Suthep Thuangsuban, key leader of the anti-government demonstration

On judge robe: Injustice, sloppy

Phi Nooring: Many are dead.

Mouse: All are in difficulties now.

Brother, may I stay on to play one more round?

March 11, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, March 11, 2014

Caretaker P.M. Yingluck Shinawatra: Brother!! May I stay on to play one more round?... please.

On the platform Yingluck sitting on: The Democracy arena

Sign on the platform's arm: 2 trillion baht

On the big bag: Money from people's taxes

Restoring the NSC chief

March 11, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, March 11, 2014

Left: Thawin Pliensri: In 45 days, I'll be back to work with you again.

Caretaker P.M. Yingluck Shinawatra: Huh!... No way!

Right: Yingluck: In less than 45 days, I'll be gone... Ha... Ha...

Covered in flowers

March 11, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



11-03-57

From Manager, March 11, 2014

Man standing: When we go out to fire M79s at the mob... why do we have to put flowers on ourselves like this?

Man on motorbike: The P.M.'s order... she said it looks softer this way. She doesn't want to scare off tourists.

Caption: Must tell these guys too.

Myanmar: Police will not take action on gay lovers

March 11, 2014

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Police will not take action on gay lovers](#) – Eleven Media Group/ANN, March 8, 2014

...The Voice, 7 Day and Democracy Today reported the marriage ceremony on March 2 stirring reactions from Buddhist monks and online media calling the event illegal and immoral.

Myanmar currently has a law against same-sex intercourse that carries up to life in prison but does not mention anything about marriage.

In Thailand, watch your passport

March 11, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[In Thailand, watch your passport](#) – Washington Post, March 10, 2014

...Message boards from Lonely Planet to Thai Visa are clogged with accounts of stolen passports or ruminations on whether to leave their own at a bike shop. New Zealand, which sends thousands of tourists to Southeast Asia every year, warns its travelers to never leave their passports with a motorcycle rent shop — because no one knows where they could wind up...

[Stolen Passports Used on Malaysia Airlines Flight Show Gaps in Air Security Around Globe](#) – WSJ, March 10, 2014

...The U.S. increased scrutiny of travelers and their documents after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Numerous al Qaeda members traveled on forged or stolen documents ahead of the attacks, and the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks created afterward said that 15 of the 19 hijackers could have been stopped by stronger checks at borders. Among the commission's recommendations was the creation of systems designed to make it harder for people to travel on false identities...

[Stolen passports never used to leave Thailand: official](#) – Press Trust of India, March 10, 2014

Thailand, which came into spotlight after it emerged that two unknown passengers on vanished Malaysia Airlines flight used passports stolen in the kingdom, today said the documents stolen last year were never used by the suspects to leave the country...

Cambodia: ‘Killing Fields’ producer heaps praise on Hun Sen

March 11, 2014

Categories: Cambodia

[Cambodia: ‘Killing Fields’ producer heaps praise on Hun Sen](#) – Asia Sentinel, March 10, 2014

David Puttnam, the once-brilliant film-maker who is best known for producing the amazing movie of Khmer Rouge terror, “The Killing Fields” has stunned journalists, diplomats and others, by praising the current Khmer government and its leader Hun Sen, for “its commitment to ending corruption...”

[EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW: Sam Rainsy: I’ll be a better PM than Hun Sen](#) – The Nation, March 10, 2014

Thai Stocks: Rally Has To End Sometime, Right?

March 11, 2014

Categories: Economy

[Thai Stocks: Rally Has To End Sometime, Right?](#) – RTT, March 9, 2014

India Backs Russia's 'Legitimate Interests' in Ukraine

March 11, 2014

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[India Backs Russia's 'Legitimate Interests' in Ukraine](#) – thediplomat.com, March 8, 2014

...Telegraph India offers another reason. According to the report cited above, Indian officials have told Telegraph India that, in the newspaper's words, Delhi is "convinced that the West's tacit support for a series of attempted coups against democratically elected governments — in Egypt, Thailand and now Ukraine — has only weakened democratic roots in these countries."

This rationale would be consistent with India's long-standing, deep-seated abhorrence to anything that merely resembles Western imperialism. At the same time, India has not historically made supporting democracy abroad a central tenet of its foreign policy.

Our master doesn't mean me, does he?

March 12, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



13-03-57

From Manager, March 12, 2014

Headline of the newspaper: Thaksin says only ugly people going out to fight!

Left: Ugly?... Our master doesn't mean me, does he?

Right: Because everyone always tells me that I look like a Hollywood star...

Will Taiwan-China be the next Ukraine-Russia?

March 12, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Will Taiwan-China be the next Ukraine-Russia?](#) – mykafkaesquelife.blogspot.jp, March 4, 2014

...Just like Taiwan's sovereignty is heavily undermined by China, so is Ukraine's by Russia. In both cases the Cold War has not fully ended, its legacy is passed on to the next generation. But young Ukrainians and young Taiwanese want something better, they want to decide the fate of their country, and leave the past behind...

Earlier: [Why Thailand is looking like the next Ukraine](#)

Remembering the Thaksin Years: Is a dealer worth more than an addict?

March 12, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia, The Thaksin Years



From Thairath, March 3, 2003

Title: A fight based on... bodies and victims

At left Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra is holding a dead body.

On the body: Victim of drug addict

The policeman behind him is holding a boy on which reads: drug addict... living death

Word above the man's head: Human rights

The men on the right are carrying a dead body on which reads: shoot to kill

The corpse on the ground: a victim of extrajudicial killing.

Life sentence in US prison for ‘Cambodian Moses’ who attempted to overthrow Hun Sen govt

March 12, 2014

Categories: Cambodia

[Life Sentence Upheld for ‘Cambodian Moses’](#) – courthousenews.com, March 11, 2014

...He was convicted in U.S. courts in 2008 of conspiring to overthrow the Cambodian government, and sentenced to life without parole.

In upholding that conviction Tuesday, a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit noted that “it is not absurd for Congress to want to prevent people within the borders of the United States from plotting to commit murder in a foreign country.”

Chhun argued that he intended to arrest not kill Hun Sen, and that he planned Operation Volcano to minimize casualties.

Evidence entered at trial, however, showed that Chhun had the “intent to murder,” according to the 26-page opinion...

Also: [Cambodia attempts to block a Sam Rainsy premiership by banning dual citizens from becoming PM](#)

In a couple days of headlines, how many ways is there to say Thailand is a cesspool of corruption?

March 12, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand's role at heart of identity crime](#) – FT, March 11, 2014

...According to the Thai government, more than 60,000 passports were reported missing in the 18 months to June 2013...

[Thailand exposed as black market for stolen passports following disappearance of Malaysian Airlines flight MH370](#) – news.com.au, March 11, 2014

[Thailand exposed as crime hub over MH370 stolen passports](#) – AFP, March 10, 2014

[The Passport Underground](#) – chicagotribune.com, March 11, 2014

[Thailand grapples with “massive” fake passport racket](#) – Reuters, March 10, 2014

[Thailand's location a boon for international criminals](#) – The Nation, March 12, 2014

[Thailand under spotlight for forged passport scams](#) – Anadolu Agency, March 11, 2014

Thailand: Lawyer's 'Disappearance' Unsolved 10 Years On

March 12, 2014

Categories: Human Rights, The Thaksin Years

[Thailand: Lawyer's 'Disappearance' Unsolved 10 Years On](#) – HRW, March 11, 2014

...On January 13, 2006, then-Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra made a crucial admission that government officials were involved in Somchai's abduction and murder: "The DSI is working on this case and murder charges are being considered. I know Somchai is dead, circumstantial evidence indicated that... and there were more than four government officials implicated by the investigation." He said that collecting evidence and witnesses was "not easy because this case involves government officials..."

Twitter users notice Iranians in photos released by Malaysian police have the same legs

March 12, 2014

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Twitter users notice Iranians in photos released by Malaysian police have the same legs

[Iranians identified](#) – The Nation, March 12, 2014

Also:

[Malaysian military reveals it tracked Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 to the Malacca Straits](#)

[Why don't aircraft live stream flight data instead of relying on the "black box"?](#)

[How It's Possible to Lose an Airplane in 2014](#)

[The 727 that vanished without a trace in 2003](#)

Yingluck's ability to govern the country is the same as former PM Thaksin

March 13, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, March 13, 2014

Left: Now, Yingluck's ability to govern the country is the same as former PM Thaksin...

Middle: ...her ability is getting greater every day...

Thin man: What is the evidence to indicate this?

Right: The number of charges that she faces is increasing.

Thailand has Asia's Most Deadly Roads

March 13, 2014

Categories: Highways and Roads

[Thailand has Asia's Most Deadly Roads](#) – establishmentpost.com, March 8, 2014

...In Southeast Asia the four causes of death per 100,000 population in 2008 were: Myanmar with 1,232 deaths; Thailand with 873; Cambodia with 840; Laos with 794; Indonesia with 736; Vietnam with 662; Philippines with 564; Malaysia with 494; Singapore with 491; and Brunei Darussalam 310...

Blasting the “Shinawatra Regime” in HuffPo

March 13, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand: Treadmill or Tipping Point](#) – huffingtonpost.com, March 13, 2014

Fracking is turning the US into a bigger oil producer than Saudi Arabia

March 13, 2014

Categories: Nothing to do with Thailand, but Interesting

[Fracking is turning the US into a bigger oil producer than Saudi Arabia](#) – The Independent, March 11, 2014
The expansion in volumes of oil and gas produced by hydraulic fracturing is taking experts and politicians by surprise, with profound consequences for US geopolitics, and even Europe's reliance on Russian gas...

A Private Little War: Muslim Insurgency In Southern Thailand Rages, Ignored By Outside World

March 13, 2014

Categories: The Thai Deep South

[A Private Little War: Muslim Insurgency In Southern Thailand Rages, Ignored By Outside World](#) – ibtimes.com, March 12, 2014

...Strangely, during the early 2000s, when Thaksin ruled Thailand, the government did not take the Muslim insurgency all that seriously. Indeed, Thaksin dismissed the fighters as “sparrow bandits.” That image has been dramatically altered in the wake of a decade of horrific violence and has given way to fears that the Muslim insurgency poses a threat to the nation’s sovereignty. “We are seeing a greater radicalization of the insurgency,” said Sunai Phasuk, a senior researcher on Thailand at Human Rights Watch, reported CNN. “They don’t want the presence of anyone in the region apart from ethnic Malays, and this they’ve made clear with public announcements...”

Weekly News Magazines, February 28, 2014

March 13, 2014

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, February 28, 2014

Cover reads: The might of Luang Poo



From Matichon Weekly, February 28, 2014

Cover reads: I'll perform my duty until the last minute.



From ASTV Manager Weekly, March 1, 2014
Cover reads: Fallen mangoes

Bear or teddy bear?

March 13, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, February 21, 2014

On the left: When the police are with the protesters.

On the right: When the police are with the southern insurgents.

Daily situation

March 13, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, February 23, 2014

Cartoon title: Daily situation

Top left: Calling guests daily!

Top middle: Running away daily!

Top right: Rice farmers become hopeless daily!

Bottom left: Judges and independent organizations have been threatened daily!

Bottom middle: Who make it bleed daily? On the wall is the symbol of the Government Savings Bank.

Bottom right: Groping for crab daily!

High-speed train project comes to sudden stop

March 13, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News, Analysis

[Two trillion baht infrastructure bill ruled unconstitutional](#) – Bangkok Post, March 12, 2014

Thailand finds 200 Turkish refugees at secret camp in Songkhla

March 13, 2014

Categories: Refugees and Migrants

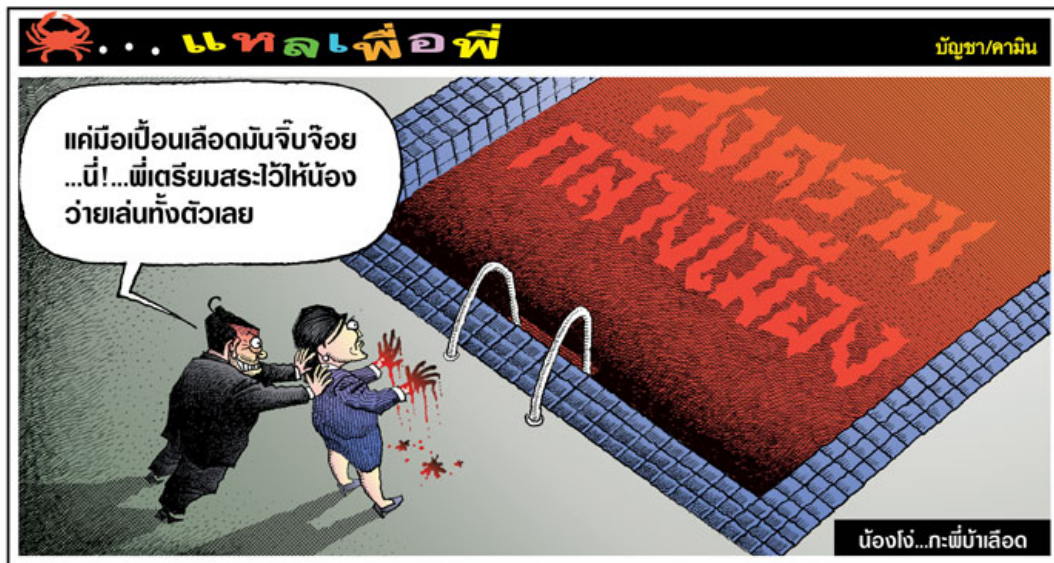
[Thailand finds 200 Turkish refugees at secret camp](#) – AFP, March 13, 2014

...The 200 refugees, whom police said identified themselves as Turkish, were detained after a raid on a camp in a mountainous rubber plantation on Wednesday night in the southern province of Songkhla...

Silly sister with her bloodthirsty brother

March 13, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



24-02-57

From Manager, February 23, 2014

Thaksin: It's ok. Your hands are just stained with blood. Here, I prepare a blood- pool for you to swim in.

Caption: Silly sister with her bloodthirsty brother

After all these years: Court rejects Hopewell's Bt12b claim against govt

March 13, 2014

Categories: Mass Transit



[Court rejects Hopewell's Bt12b claim against govt](#) – The Nation, March 14, 2014

[The history of the Hopewell project](#)

Weekly News Magazines, March 7, 2014

March 14, 2014

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, March 7, 2014

Cover reads: Fight right here, fight at this spot, fight until I die



From Matichon Weekly, March 7, 2014

Cover reads: We must stand by the armed forces' side.



From ASTV Manager Weekly, March 8, 2014

Cover reads: The new Thai State in their dream: Soh. Poh. Poh. Lanna

Myanmar Will Not Recognize Rohingyas on Upcoming Census

March 14, 2014

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Myanmar Will Not Recognize Rohingyas on Upcoming Census](#) – RFA, March 13, 2014

Muslim Rohingyas will not be included as an ethnic group in Myanmar's first census exercise in more than 30 years because the government does not recognize them as belonging to a national ethnicity, an official said Thursday, dispelling online reports that the group would be acknowledged in the survey...

[Myanmar: Why is the Clergy Angry?](#) – fairobserver.com, March 13, 2014

...The primary force driving this pogrom is the rising Islamophobia among the clergy and masses in Myanmar. The paranoia among Rakhine Buddhists of a potential Islamization of the country — as with Indonesia and Malaysia in the 12th and 15th centuries, respectively — is deeply-entrenched...

[Private Myanmar newspapers struggle to stay afloat](#) – AP, March 13, 2014

...Khin Maung Lay is one of many Myanmar journalists who last year embraced the chance to produce independent daily newspapers free from censorship for the first time in five decades. It was not the government that shut him down, but economics: His paper and others have been losing money as they struggle to compete with state-owned papers for advertisers and circulation...

Cambodia's lost villas: blighted and abandoned properties are being restored to their former glory

March 14, 2014

Categories: Cambodia

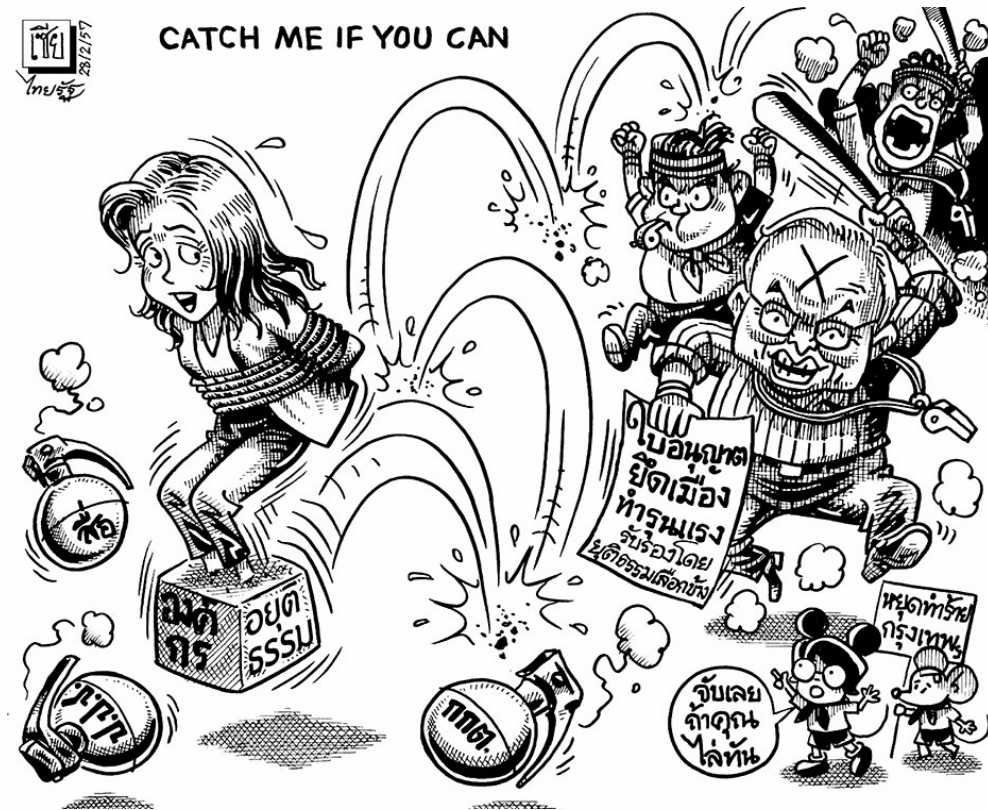
[Cambodia's lost villas](#) – Property Report, March 14, 2014

First carved out of the jungle in the 1920s by the colonial French seeking a respite from inland heat, Kep slowly grew into one of the region's most sought after vacation destinations. Both local and international visitors flocked to the town to soak up the sun, cruise the dusty streets in old convertibles and gamble their fortunes in the casino on nearby Bokor Hill...

Catch me if you can

March 15, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, February 24, 2014

On the cement on Caretaker Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's feet: Injustice organizations

On grenades, top left: media; bottom left: the National Anti-corruption Commission; bottom right: the Election Committee

Man with cross-mark on forehead is Suthep Thaugsuban, secretary-general of the People's Democratic Reform Committee.

Paper in Suthep's hand: Permission to occupy the city, using violence, approved by the side-taking justice

Phi Nooring: Catch her if you can catch up with her.

Mouse: Stop hurting Bangkok

Brit shocked to be jailed in Thailand for visa overstay

March 15, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Tommi's Thai jail terror](#) – thewestonmercury.co.uk, March 14, 2014

...“I’m in two minds at the moment about whether to go back after the way they treated me.”

Mr Stephenson moved to Thailand ^[11]_[SEP]and took up work as a swimming pool engineer. His troubles began when he took over a job from a Thai contractor, who went to the police to report him for a passport oversight.

Mr Stephenson has to get his right to stay in the country extended every 90 days, but he had stayed a couple of months extra without getting his passport stamped...

Thailand's Moken tribe survived the 2004 tsunami, but are being forced off their lands by property developers

March 15, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[The vanishing sea tribe](#) – aljazeera.com, March 14, 2014

...One such community can be found on Rawai beach, on Thailand's Phuket island. More than a dozen lawsuits have been filed by a deed owner against residents of Rawai. To investigate the Mokens' claim to the land, the government has dug up old Moken graves in the area. Businessman and deed owner Piyawat says he legally purchased the land in 2008, not knowing that so many Moken were already living there. Since then, he says he has not been able to use his land because local residents chase him out. After years of legal battles, there is still no resolution in sight...

Chiang Mai covered in smoke for the 4th day

March 15, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Chiang Mai covered in smoke for the 4th day](#) – thaipbs.or.th, March 14, 2014

...The smoke haze was caused by forest fires which, until Friday, were reported at 70 points in MaeChaem, Om Koi, Hod, Doi Tao and Mae Wang districts to the south of the province and in Chaiprakarn, Mae Taeng, Prao and Chiang Dao districts to the north...

Flight 370 exposes Malaysia's flaws: A land hobbled by a ruling party that places its needs over those of the people

March 15, 2014

Categories: Malaysia

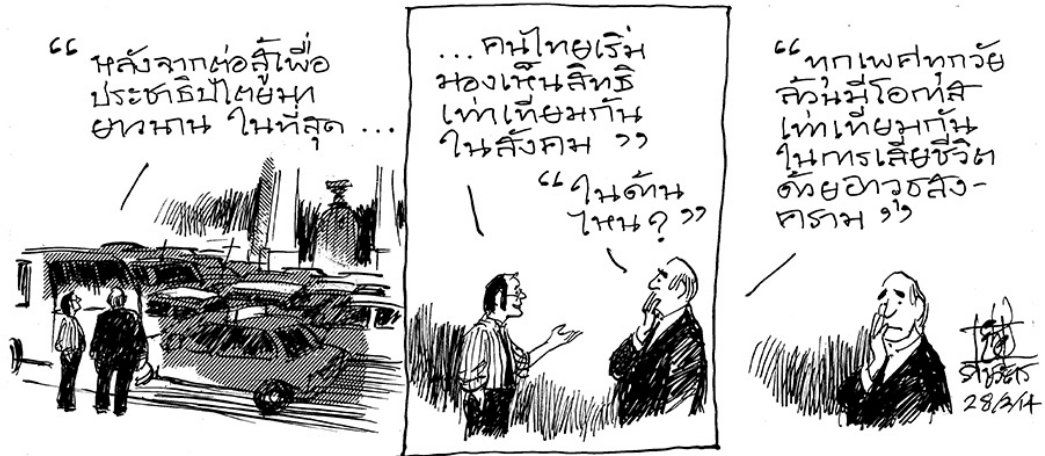
[A Plane Disappears, Malaysia's Flaws Emerge](#) – bloombergview.com, March 13, 2014

...The Southeast Asian nation has long been hobbled by a political culture that places the ruling party's needs over those of the Malaysian people. For six decades, Prime Minister Najib Razak's United Malays National Organisation has appeared to have only one goal: to maintain its hold on power...

Thai people begin to see equality in society

March 16, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, March 3, 2014

Left, Thai man: After fighting for democracy for a long time, finally...

Middle, Thai man: ...Thai people begin to see equality in society.

Foreigner: In what way?

Right, Thai man: People of all genders and ages have equal chances to be killed by war weapons.

World Thick-skin Contest

March 17, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



26-02-57

From Manager, February 25, 2014

Caption: Good news... Poo is the world champion now.

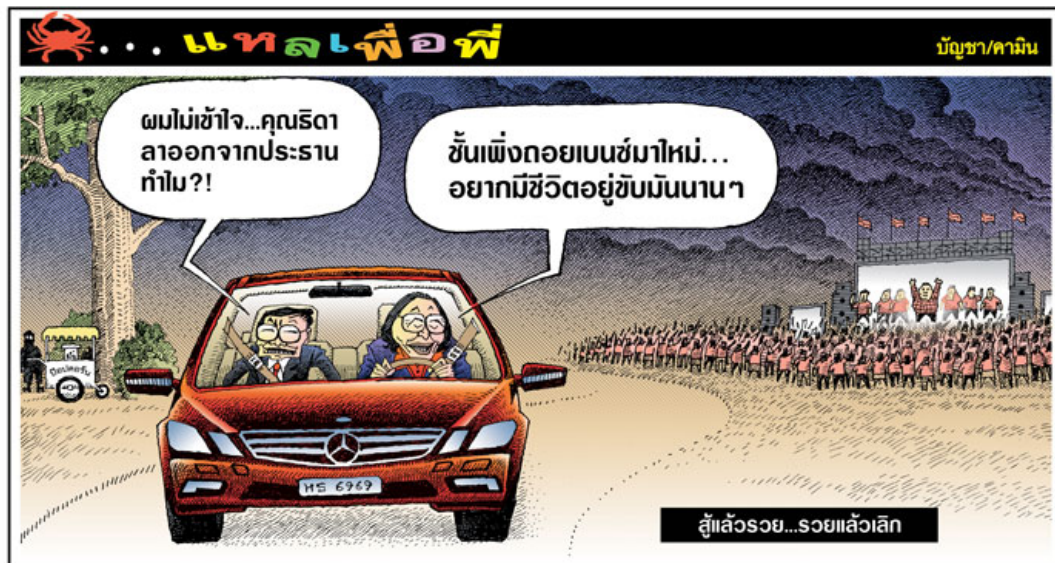
On backdrop: World Thick-skin Contest

Host: Yanukovich of Ukraine can't stand the shameless situation and stepped down the stage... this let Yingluck from Thailand snatch the championship!

Thida, why did you resign as leader of the UDD?

March 17, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



18-03-57

From Manager, March 17, 2014

Thaksin: I don't understand, Khun Thida. Why did you resign as leader of the UDD?

Thida: Because I've just bought a new Mercedes-Benz and I want to have a longer live to enjoy driving this car.

Jutuporn is on the stage surrounded by the Red-shirt supporters.

Caption: Fight for money... After rice, then quit your job!!

Map of Large Aircraft Disappearance and Searches Since 1948

March 17, 2014

Categories: Airports and Airlines

[Map of Large Aircraft Disappearance and Searches Since 1948](#)

[Determining the cause of crashes with black box data and mock-ups and reconstructions](#)

Earlier: [Flight 370 exposes Malaysia's flaws: A land hobbled by a ruling party that places its needs over those of the people](#)

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Earlier: [In Thailand, watch your passport](#)

Earlier: [Thailand a Hotbed for Fake and Stolen Passports](#)

Earlier: [Two people on board missing Malaysia Airlines flight 370 were using passports reported as being stolen in Thailand](#)

Snow-like hail blankets Loei

March 17, 2014

Categories: Weather

[Snow-like hail blankets Loei](#) – Bangkok Post, March 17, 2014

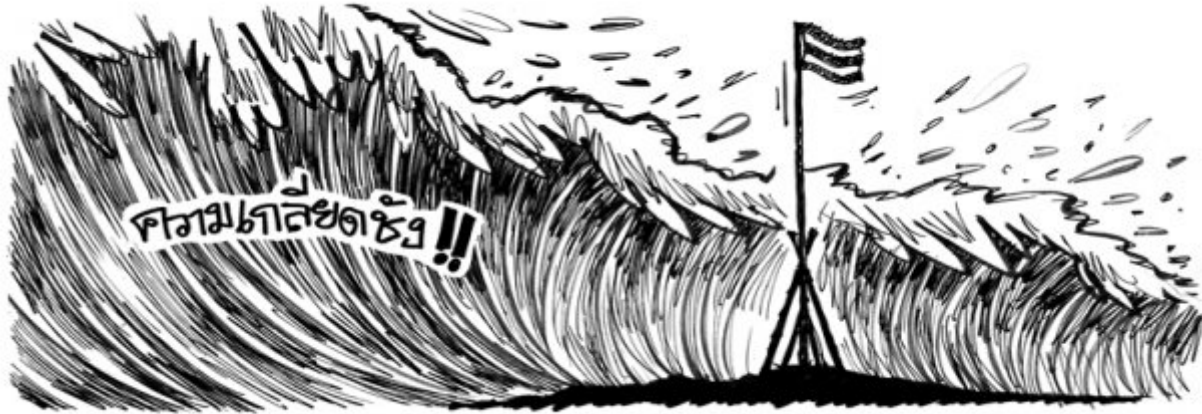
Earlier: [Almost Like Snow on Doi Inthanon](#)

Earlier: [1955: The day it snowed in Thailand](#)

Hatred!!

March 17, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, February 27, 2014

Title: Hatred!!

Establish a Lanna state to grow more rice

March 18, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, March 1, 2014

Left, Thida Thavornseth, a Red Shirt leader: I know why warehouses are overwhelmed with rice. Because we cannot produce enough amount of rice to set the world price...

Middle, Thida: ...Give Yingluck four more years to promote rice farming so much that we can set the world price.

Phoo Yai Ma: How?

Right, Thida: Establish a Lanna state to grow more rice.

Sitting on a bomb

March 18, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, February 26, 2014

On the bomb: Rice-pledging scheme

Singapore to hold its own Songkran

March 18, 2014

Categories: Songkran

[Far East Movement Headline The Largest Ever Water Festival Celebration in Singapore!](#) – prlog.org, March 13, 2014

Celebrate Songkran 2014 will be held at The Padang from 12-13 April 2014. The outdoor festival will allow people to experience Songkran festivities outside of Thailand, right here in Singapore. With a wide variety of activities lined up across the 2 days, the event is suitable for families, couples, children and party revelers! Celebrate Songkran 2014 will give people the opportunity to understand more about Thai traditions, heritage as well as its entertainment culture, and it comes with a twist of international flavor!...

Fleeing Thaksin's separatist state

March 18, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



27-02-57

From Manager, February 26, 2014

Border sign: Border Lanna Thailand

Thaksin Shinawatra: I'd better run... What a damned country! There are only poor people... Can't pay taxes... Merely wait for me to feed them...

Caption: If the country is separated... the first who ask to return.

Time to stage a coup

March 18, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



19-03-57

From Manager, March 18, 2014

Left, caption: Eyesight of a 90-year-old man

Sign on the wall reads: Soldiers stand on noble honor for Thai people rely on us as their last reliance. Signed; Gen. Kris Sivara.

Right, caption: Eyesight of a man who's only 60 years old.

‘That is a proud moment, but there’s a slope on it’: Jeremy Clarkson accused of ‘racism’ during Top Gear series finale in Thailand

March 18, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[‘That is a proud moment, but there’s a slope on it’: Jeremy Clarkson accused of ‘racism’ during Top Gear series finale in Thailand](#) – Daily Mail, March 17, 2014

One's a fake I.C. made in Thailand, one's real: Can you tell which?

March 18, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[One's a fake I.C. made in Thailand, one's real: Can you tell which?](#) – malaysia-chronicle.com, March 18, 2014

...Nirmal Ghosh, Indochina Bureau Chief, picked a Singapore driving licence and a Qatar Airways crew card from a huge album of choices for just 800 baht (SGD \$31) each.

In The Straits Times article by Ghosh, it took merely an hour and a half to make those fake IDs. All he needed was a passport photo.

Even his attire was digitally altered — a suit and tie was added to make him look professional in the Qatar Airways crew card...

In Thailand, there's no Jon Stewart — just 'Shallow News in Depth'

March 18, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[In Thailand, there's no Jon Stewart — just 'Shallow News in Depth'](#) – pri.org, March 17, 2014

...And the format helps government officials take the show less seriously. “The thing is that, if you are kind of like a cartoon character and you smile while you’re speaking and you just act silly, cut you a lot of slack,” Wongsurawat says.

She says that Shallow News in Depth has also been able to be more controversial because it is only online and not on TV.

“It’s amazing we’ve never really gotten into trouble,” Wongsurawat says...

Officials deny lottery numbers were rigged to resemble the license plates of PM Yingluck

March 18, 2014

Categories: Local Beliefs

[Officials Dispute Claims Of Pro-Yingluck Lotto ‘Rigging’](#) – khaosod.co.th, March 17, 2014

...The result sent a wave of euphoria throughout Ms. Yingluck's supporters since the number 404 coincides with the license plate of the official vehicle used by Ms. Yingluck during her recent trip to Chiang Mai province – 5404. Many of her supporters have played that number in the underground lotto market in a hope that it might bring them some fortune.

When it did, a loud cheer was heard in the community around the famous Three Baht Noodle shop on Chiang Mai's Sanambin Kao Road after the result was broadcast...

Also: [Locals In Awe Of Monk Statue's ‘Bee-Beard’](#)

Pheu Thai Party vows to defy Constitutional Court's ruling on election

March 18, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Pheu Thai vows to defy Constitutional Court's ruling on election](#) – The Nation, March 18, 2014

...The party also claimed that behaviour by six independent agencies including the Election Commission, seeking to organise talks to resolve the political crisis, was suspicious.

Crackdown Under Way on Illicit Thai Passport Trade

March 18, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Crackdown Under Way on Illicit Thai Passport Trade](#) – irrawaddy.org, March 18, 2014

...Meanwhile, a Burmese passport dealer, who asked to remain anonymous, said he had fled Bangkok in the wake of the tragic disappearance of the Malaysian plane in order to escape the crackdown.

The man explained that there are three types of passports available in the illegal market—stolen, sold by owners for different reasons, and forgeries. Dealing in passports, he added, is a lucrative business...

Tourism Authority of Thailand considers taking legal action against “Singapore’s Songkran”

March 18, 2014

Categories: Songkran

[Legal challenge to Singapore Songkran](#) – Bangkok Post, March 18, 2014

...Mrs Vilaiwan said the Singapore event will not affect local tourism during this year’s Songkran holiday. But she warned that it may have a detrimental long-term impact if it were held every year in the neighbouring country, since it could influence where local and international tourists decide to visit during the period.

Earlier: [Singapore to hold its own Songkran](#)

Graft and corruption in India is booming like never before

March 19, 2014
Categories: India

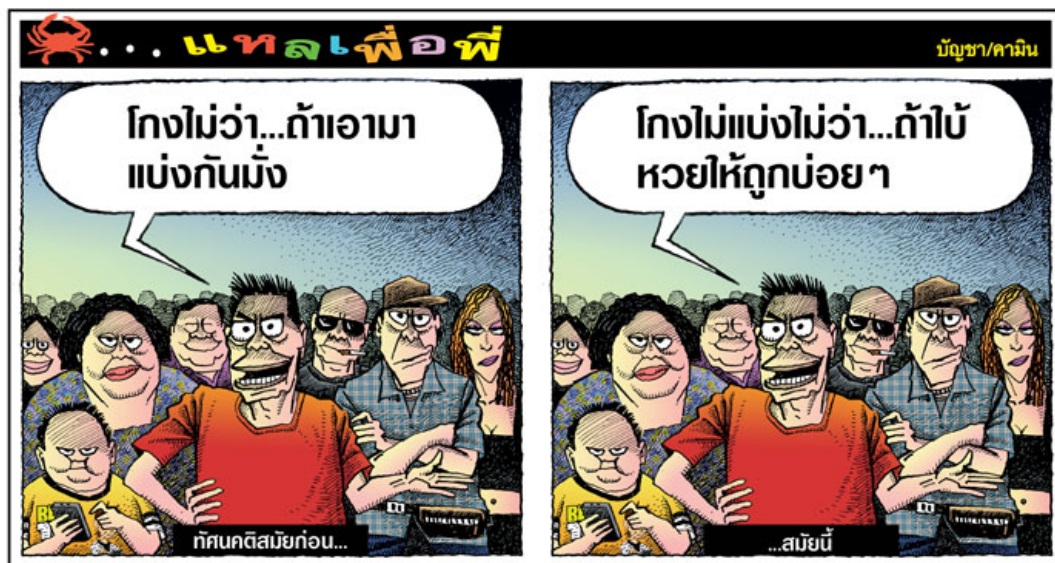
[Fighting corruption in India – A bad boom](#) – economist.com, March 15, 2014

...Mr Singh is no more a Jason Bourne than the next entomologist—he has a doctorate on metamorphosis in insects—and the infiltration he mounted with a few colleagues led to no gunplay. But it did uncover a massive scam, with hundreds of officials and politicians in the state of Karnataka in the pockets of an illegal mining mafia that, over five years, had made profits of \$2 billion or more shipping illegal iron ore to China...

It's ok to be corrupt

March 19, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



20-03-57

From Manager, March 19, 2014

Left caption: Old perception

Man: It's ok to be corrupt... if you share some with us.

Right caption: Today's perception

Man: It's ok to be corrupt and don't share some with us as long as you give us a clue to win the lottery.

Please be kind to children, women and senior people

March 19, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, March 1, 2014

Cartoon title: Please be kind to children, women and senior people

At left are signs that indicate a passenger should give up their seat to children, women and seniors.

Road signs, from top: Ratchaprasong, Pathumwan, Laksi

Top right, in the smoke: PDRC stage in Trad province

The middle section refers to the incidence of Lt. Sunisa Lertphakhawat, deputy spokeswoman of the Cabinet Office, apprehended by the anti-government protest security guards when she was spotted near by the protesting site at Pathumwan.]

Bottom, on shirt of man lying on the ground: Uncle Ah Gew

Phi Nooring: Brutal kindness

Mouse: Stop hurting the society

The country's money vs Shinawatra's money

March 20, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Komchadluek, March 3, 2014

On left bag: The country's money

On right bag: The family's money

Why can't Africa tackle poverty like Asia can?

March 20, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Why can't Africa tackle poverty like Asia can?](#) – FT, March 13, 2014

...not enough workers have moved from the fields to offices and factories. Whereas East Asian jobs have rapidly shifted from agriculture to high-productivity services and industry, such a sectoral shift is less noticeable in Africa. Indeed, in Tanzania and Uganda, jobs have moved in the other direction, from services to agriculture...

Waiting for the mango today...

March 20, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



21-03-57

From Manager, March 20, 2014

Left, caption: Waiting for the mango today...

Suthep Thuagsuban: When will it fall!?

Right, caption: ...tomorrow may have to wait for Ma Ug!

Suthep: When will it fall!?

Euphoria for Indonesia's presidential candidate Jokowi

March 21, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Indonesia elections: Five reasons investors like Jokowi](#) – FT< March 17, 2014 ...While Joko Widodo, the wildly popular governor of Jakarta, just about managed to restrain his euphoria when he was finally named as his party's presidential candidate on Friday, investors were not so coy...

Would the police take action against separatists?

March 21, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



04-03-57

From Manager, March 3, 2014

Commander-in-Chief Gen. Prayuth: I want to report on a group of rebels who try to separate the country and act in a way harmful to the country's security, sir.

Caption: Hey!... Tu started to move now... Eh!?

This time, it's serious: Thailand's upcountry is preparing for civil war

March 21, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[This time, it's serious: Thailand's upcountry is preparing for civil war](#) – globalpost.com, March 20, 2014

...Whether Red Shirt-aligned forces truly have the heart and resources for all-out conflict is difficult to determine. Part of their calculus assumes Thailand's high society is effete, terrified of physical harm and likely to flee the country en masse.

Another crucial factor: defecting soldiers. Thailand's military fills its ranks with conscripts, many hailing from the regions prone to Red Shirt sympathy. Senior Red Shirt operatives privately contend that, if civil war comes, certain high-ranking military leaders would defect and bring their subordinates with them...

Bali villa bought with bitcoin

March 21, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Bali villa bought with bitcoin](#) – property-report.com, March 20, 2014

An anonymous investor recently purchased a brand-new villa in Bali for an estimated USD500,000 using bitcoin, the non-regulated, online-only currency...

India elections: the return of Hitler

March 22, 2014
Categories: India

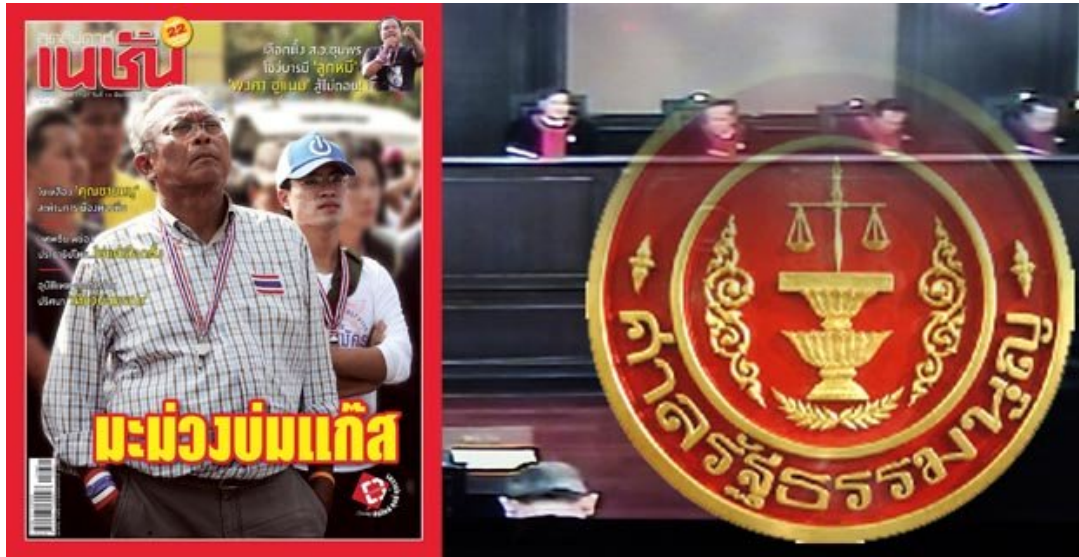
[India elections: the return of Hitler](#) – FT, March 14, 2014

...Yet it is not only right-wingers in the BJP that are the targets of Hitler jibes. Arun Jaitley, one of the most senior BJP leaders and a likely cabinet minister in any Modi government, said it was Rahul Gandhi's grandmother Indira Gandhi who was the real Hitler in India's post-independence history...

Weekly News Magazines, March 14, 2014

March 22, 2014

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, March 14, 2014

Cover reads: Mango made ripe by gas

Emblem on the right: the Constitution Court



From Matichon Weekly, March 14, 2014

Cover reads: From Bangkok Weekly to 'Democrat' – Wind of Change

Book cover: Thai Contemporary History

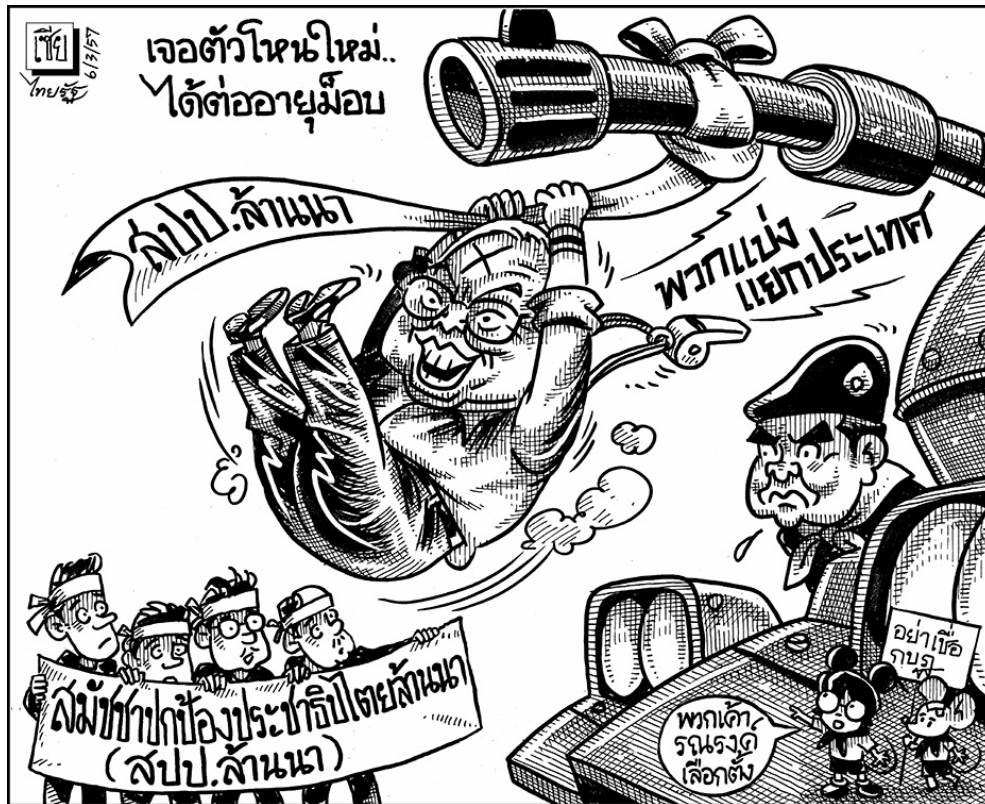


From ASTV Manager Weekly, March 15, 2014
Cover reads: Fall before the mango....!?

Catch up with the new issues to extend their protest

March 23, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, March 5, 2014

Title: Catch up with the new issues to extend their protest

Behind Suthep: Group that wants to divide a country

Ribbon Suthep is holding: Lanna state

On banner held by people: Lanna's Assembly for the Defense of Democracy (AFDD)

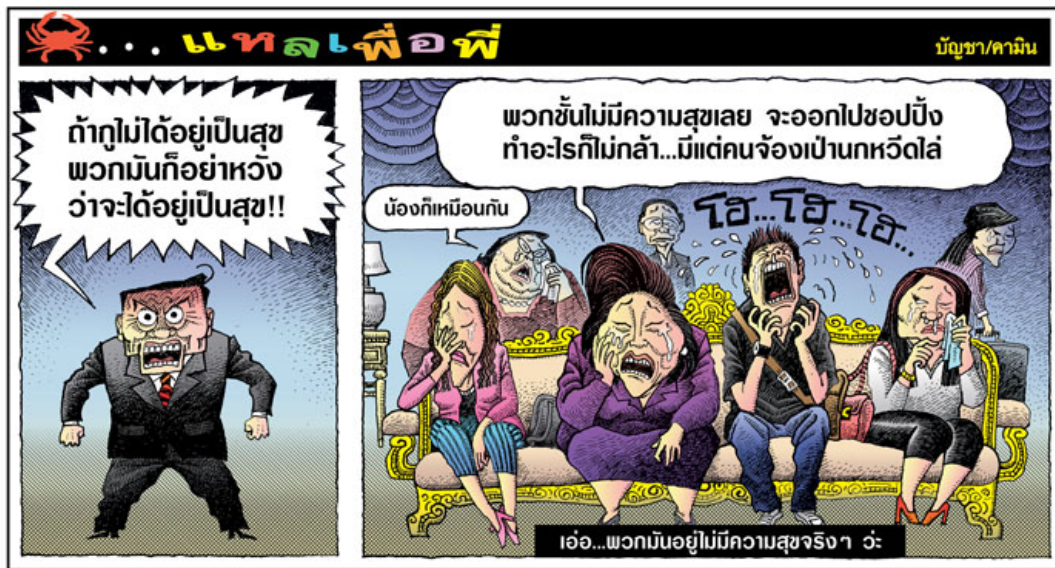
Phi Nooring: This group promotes the election.

A mouse: Don't believe the rebel.

If I can't live a happy life, they can't either!!

March 25, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



07-03-57

From Manager, March 6, 2014

Thaksin: If I can't live a happy life, they can't either!!

Potjaman: We're not happy either. We can't go shopping and do anything. People always blow a whistle to us.

Panthongtae: Ho... ho... ho...

Yaowapa: Me, neither.

Caption: Truly, they are not happy.

A loan from Tan

March 26, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, March 26, 2014

Yingluck Shinawatra: Uh!! The thing is the government is broke. So I'd like to ask Khun Tan for 3,800 million to organize another election.

Worldwide map of air pollution deaths

March 27, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Worldwide map of air pollution deaths](http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov) – earthobservatory.nasa.gov

Various roadside signs in Roi Et

March 28, 2014

Categories: Signs and Billboards



Where does people's pension go? Senator Tuang Unthachai
Standing tall, being true to ideology



Happy New Year
Be healthy with savings; not getting ill, not getting poor
“Love each other, forgive each other, leading the Thai society to peace”
The Roi Et provincial administrative organization



Dedicated to development, bringing civilization to Rob Muang
 Sunday, March 16, 2014
 Jiraporn (Je Ju) Kasemsap
 To be head of the Tambon Rob Muang administrative organization
 Pictures in small frames: Left: Thanawas Maschamadol; Right: Chet Khaminthong
 It's time for the Tambon Rob Muang to change
 Speak seriously, can really get done, never leave people



Sympathize Manoch; March 16, 2014
 Please vote for Munthana Wongsena (Laud) to be head of the Tambon Rob Muang administrative organization

Not a non-registered citizen
There really is a house in Tambon Rob Muang.



Knowing of any immigrant workers who work without permission, please notify the Roi Et provincial employment office

Weekly News Magazines, March 21, 2014

March 28, 2014

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, March 21, 2014

Cover reads: Kamnan Forever



From Matichon Weekly, March 21, 2014

Cover reads: I am neutral.



From ASTV Manager Weekly, March 22, 2014
Cover reads: Don't imagine

Thaksin Shinawatra: I trust in Ai Tou very much.

Missing DSI person

March 28, 2014

Categories: Signs and Billboards, Tharit Pengdit



Sign near the Chang Wattana protest site: Missing person

People who are in troubles are waiting for you

Whoever see the person as shown in the picture, please take him to the DSI office to perform his duty.

Singapore: lowest crime, healthiest people, easiest place to do business

March 28, 2014

Categories: Singapore

[Why does Singapore top so many tables?](#) – BBC, October 13, 2014

What if it slips out of my hands?

March 28, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



29-05-57

From Manager, May 28, 2014

People shouting: Soldiers, get out!; No military!

Statue about representing military dead (part of Victory Monument): What if it slips out of my hands...

Caption: It's just a perfect place to chase the military!

Serious human right violations created by a popular leader elected by the majority

March 28, 2014

Categories: Human Rights, The Thaksin Years

[THAILAND: Crime of the State: Enforced disappearance, killings and impunity](#) – AHRC, March 27, 2014

...Interestingly, the policies that have led to serious human right violations were created by a popular leader elected by the majority. The serious human rights violations committed under Thaksin's administration even seem to be forgotten when the country is overwhelmed by color-coded political conflict.

...On 12 March 2004, the day that Somchai disappeared, there were 75 phone calls between the five police officers, which was very unusual in comparison with the record of calls on the days before and after 12 March, which show very few contacts among the group. The phone records also show that the group had followed Somchai since the morning until his disappearance. Interestingly, the records show that one of the defendants also called a person at the Prime Minister's Office after the incident on Ramkhamhaeng Road.

...According to Angkhana, the police officers involved in the case were briefly suspended from duty during the Abhisit Vejjajiva government, but they have been reinstated and even promoted during the current Yingluck Shinawatra government...

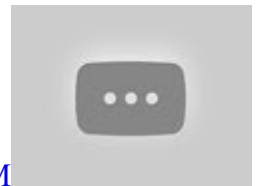
Bangkok Streets in 1971

March 31, 2014

Categories: History



https://youtube.com/watch?v=http://www.youtube.com/embed/OmJPi9_gvkM



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Dwindling red buffalo

April 1, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



02-04-57

From Manager, April 1, 2014

A red shirt man: Tu... Let's go catch some in Udon. Hundred of thousands are still there.

On the newspaper: Khunchai's wife won two hundred thousand votes.

Caption: Now the red buffaloes are becoming rare.

Dream a sweet dream together

April 1, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, April 1, 2014

Cartoon title: Dream a sweet dream together

Suthep Thuagsuban's thought balloon: Declaring a sovereign state; Cases on ordering to kill the Red Shirt dismissed; Case on occupying land at Khao Phaeng dismissed; the Insurrection case dismissed

Masked man's thought balloon: (Forcefully) appointed Premier

On masked man's shirt: A decent person

On money bag in masked man's hand: Autocratic dictatorship

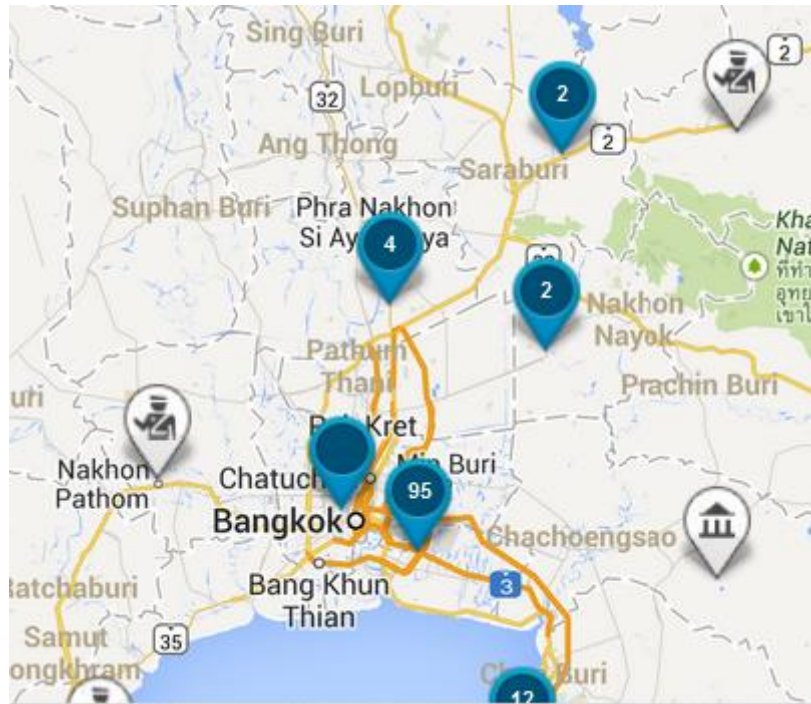
Phi Nooring: Will be Thai people's nightmare

Mouse: Who's the masked man?

Report your bribes at Bribespot Thailand

April 1, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News



[Bribespot Thailand](#)

Move faster... Don't be lazy

April 1, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Komchadluek, April 1, 2014

Thaksin: Move faster... Don't be lazy.

On the cart: Democracy

Above the men: MPs, Senators

Tourists from the Lanna Republic

April 2, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, April 2, 2014

Left, Foreign Minister Surapong Thavijakchai: I have to ask military officers to move bunkers back to the camps because these bunkers frighten foreign tourists!

Middle, Soldier: Tourists from which country, sir? Why are they so panicky?

Right, Surapong: They are from PRC Lanna who're going to visit on the 5th.

The land of fake Rolexes, knockoff DVDs & counterfeit Viagra is discovering copyright & it is a shock for many Thais

April 2, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[In Thailand, Copyright Enforcement Comes as a Shock](#) – WSJ, March 30, 2014

...Something similar happens in many countries, where broadcasters, live music venues and other establishments pay for the right to perform copyrighted songs. Now the Thai publisher, GMM Grammy, says its is preparing lawsuits to collect performance fees of up to \$7,600 a year directly from artists to help offset losses from piracy and illegal downloads.

In some ways, this newfound litigiousness shows how Thailand's economy is evolving to produce more sophisticated goods and services.

"Thailand is moving on from being an infringer to a victim," says intellectual property attorney Suebsiri Taweepon, who has pursued dozens of cases at Bangkok-based law firm Tilleke & Gibbons...

With Anticipation, Rangoon Youths Prepare for Water Festival

April 2, 2014

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[With Anticipation, Rangoon Youths Prepare for Water Festival](#) – The Irrawaddy, March 31, 2014

Young people in Rangoon are eagerly gearing up for Thingyan, a four-day Buddhist water festival that begins in two weeks to celebrate the Burmese New Year.

This year's festival is expected to be the biggest yet, with more platforms known as pandals from which to drench passing pedestrians with water cannons and hoses...

Bagan, Myanmar Tourism's Crown Jewel, Feels Strains of Growth

April 2, 2014

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Bagan, Myanmar Tourism's Crown Jewel, Feels Strains of Growth](#) – The Irrawaddy, March 31, 2014

...“We would like to follow the regulations, but too much is a waste of time, as we need to move quickly,” he said.

Muay Jin Din Kong Lok ‘the worst ever’ Thai film

April 2, 2014

Categories: Film and TV

[Muay Jin Din Kong Lok ‘the worst ever’ Thai film](#) – thaifilmjournal.blogspot.com, March 31, 2014

Removing the last vestiges of the Shinawatra name from telecommunication giant

April 2, 2014

Categories: Thai Politics

[Final curtain drawn on 'Shin'](#) – Bangkok Post, March 31, 2014

...The former Shin Corporation was founded 30 years ago by Thaksin Shinawatra as the holding company for his business empire. He sold Shin shares in 2006 to Singapore-based Temasek Group in a high-profile transaction that marked the beginning of his political downward spiral.

As of the latest shareholder's book closing on March 4, 2014, Aspen Holding Co Ltd, a subsidiary of Temasek Holding was the largest shareholder of Intouch with 41.62%, followed by retail investors through Thai NVDR Co Ltd at 20.45%...

Kardashians in Phuket, catch glimpse of Muay Thai fights

April 2, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Kardashians in Phuket, catch glimpse of Muay Thai fights](#) – The Phuket News, March 31, 2014

...On Saturday (March 29), Olympic gold medal winner Bruce Jenner – Kris Kardashian's husband and stepfather to Kim, Khloe, Rob, and Kourtney Kardashian – was seen at Patong Boxing Stadium with his son Brodi Jenner and another friend to watch the Suk Singpatong + Sitnumnoi Muay Thai fights...

Myanmar to list 'Rohingya' muslims as 'Bengalis' during census

April 2, 2014

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Myanmar to list 'Rohingya' muslims as 'Bengalis' during census](#) – AFP, March 29, 2014

...Buddhist nationalists have reacted with fury to the fact that the questionnaire includes a section for people to self-identify their ethnicity, theoretically allowing the Rohingya to be registered as such and raising fears it could lead to political rights for the group.

"If a household wants to identify themselves as 'Rohingya', we will not register it," government spokesman Ye Htut told reporters in Yangon...

UAE citizens advised not to travel to Thailand due to the tense political situation there

April 2, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[UAE citizens advised not to travel to Thailand](#) – arabianbusiness.com, April 2, 2014

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has again advised UAE citizens not to travel to Thailand unless they really have to, due to the tense political situation there...

Tragedy on this land

April 3, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, April 3, 2014

Cartoon title: Tragedy on this land

Words on the ground: Justice

Top left: Resisting the traitors

Top right: Believe in democracy

Bottom left: UDD

Bottom right: Sau

Drone Footage Shows Beautiful Cambodian Landscape

April 3, 2014

Categories: Cambodia



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=http://www.youtube.com/embed/a6p-9tL99Yg>



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[Drone Footage Shows Beautiful Cambodian Landscape](#) – globalvoicesonline.org, March 8, 2014

UK police investigate wealthy married man for alleged bigamy over claims he has ‘second family living in Thailand’

April 3, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[UK police investigate wealthy married man for alleged bigamy over claims he has ‘second family living in Thailand’](#) – Daily Mail, April 2, 2014

...The businessman, who shares a £400,000 home in rural Bedfordshire with Fiona Leonard, 49, told The Sun he was not married in Thailand and said it was a case of ‘a businessman with a girlfriend and baby, pure and simple...’

The Leather on Those Golf Gloves Might Come From a Stolen Pet in Thailand

April 3, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[The Leather on Those Golf Gloves Might Come From a Stolen Pet in Thailand](#) – businessweek.com, April 2, 2014

...Factories use leather from dog skin for use in everything from drums to guitars, says John Dalley, co-founder and vice-president of the Soi Dog Foundation, a nongovernmental organization in Thailand devoted to canine welfare. Manufacturers of golf gloves also prize dog leather, Dalley adds, especially from the skin of the testicles of male dogs “because that skin is particularly soft...”

Policies of Suu Kyi's party remain a mystery

April 3, 2014

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

Whither Myanmar? – eurasiareview.com, April 2, 2014

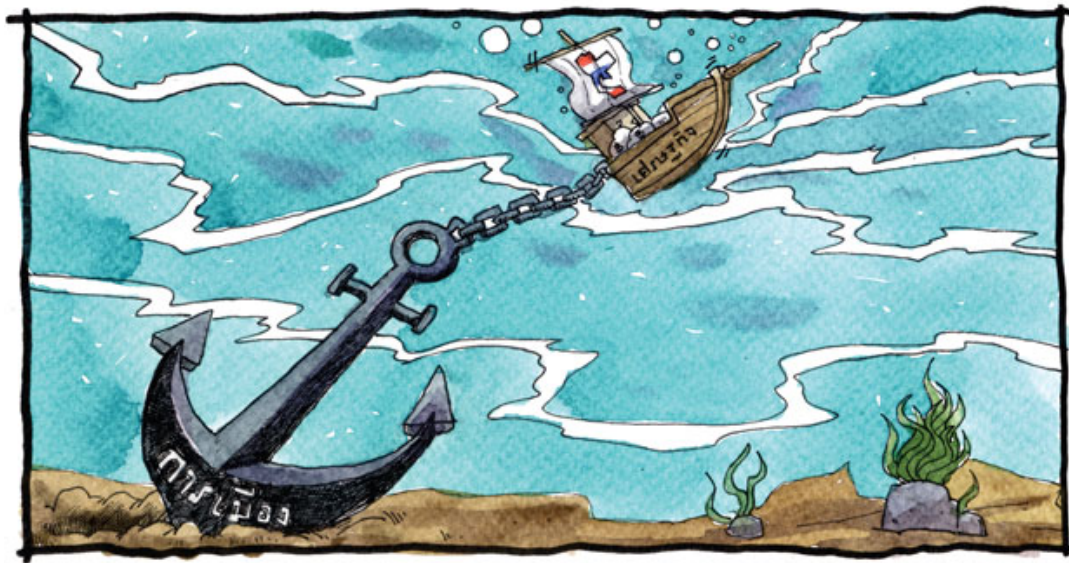
...The policies of the NLD remain something of a mystery. Their senior organization is opaque. The management of the party is autocratic. They do not even have a website, neither in Burmese nor in English. The influential 88 Student Generation group remains generally apart from the NLD, though they are working together on constitutional reform. Rival 88 Student candidates at the 2015 elections could prove seriously divisive.

...The general elections in late 2015...will be keenly contested. The USDP will not allow the NLD to walk all over them as they did in April 2012. The USDP could resort to populist policies, which Thaksin Shinawatra found so electorally rewarding in Thailand. Clandestine vote-buying, which still plagues even Indonesia, could make its debut in Myanmar. Brash electoral promises could be made, with which the NLD may find it hard to compete. In these conditions of marginally “free and fair” elections, the NLD would be lucky to secure a simple majority of elected seats in any assembly...

Boat and anchor

April 4, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Post Today, April 4, 2014

On the boat: Economy

On the anchor: Politics

Google adds Cambodia's Angkor temples to Street View

April 4, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Google adds Cambodia's Angkor temples to Street View](#) – AP , April 3, 2014

...Street View now includes more than 90,000 photographic panoramas of the sprawling temple complex, and links to Google's online World Wonders Project, allowing viewers to zoom in to study carvings and other artistic and archaeological details...

BBC: Anti-Yingluck forces “setting Thailand’s democratic progress back decades”

April 6, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand: Protesters rally in Bangkok to support PM](#) – BBC, April 5, 2014

[Thailand crisis: ‘Red shirts’ warn of civil war threat](#) – BBC, April 5, 2014

The Power of Democracy

April 7, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Khaosod, April 7, 2014

On the man: Power of conservatism

On the hand: Power of democracy

Old school, new school

April 7, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



08-04-57

From Manager, April 7, 2014

At left, Democrat leaders Abhisit Vejjajiva, Chuan Leekpai and Banyat Bantadtan wish: Next election, please help us to win and form the government.

Caption: Democrats, old school.

Right: Next rally... we will win and take sovereignty.

Caption: New school

Weekly News Magazines, March 27, 2014

April 7, 2014

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, March 27, 2014

Cover reads: Know that won, but not finished yet



From Matichin Weekly, March 27, 2014
Cover reads: Why must it be Apr 5?



From ASTV Manager Weekly, March 28, 2014

Cover reads: Branded Husband

Yingluck Shinawatra: Stop imagining thing, Nam Phueng. It's clear by now that Khun Pisut Loves me, doesn't he?!

Suthep Thuagsuban: Screammmmm. Bi.....!

Separate the country

April 7, 2014

Categories: Uncategorized



From Komchadluek, March 13, 2014

Left, man on the right: Boss!! I have know how we can separate the deep three provinces in the South as a new country.

Man of the left: What are you going to do?

Right, man on the right: Run for MP election to have seats in Thailand's parliament, and then announce that the country is not democratic. We want to separate it.

The elderly soldier

April 7, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, March 15, 2014

Jatuporn Promphan is saying: I bring the people to ask you to be our last reliance, sir!

Signs from front: Stop the PDRC mob ; stop support those who want to topple the government; stop giving orders to the judges; stop the bureaucratic regime; stop intervening in the executive authority; stop intervening in the legislative power

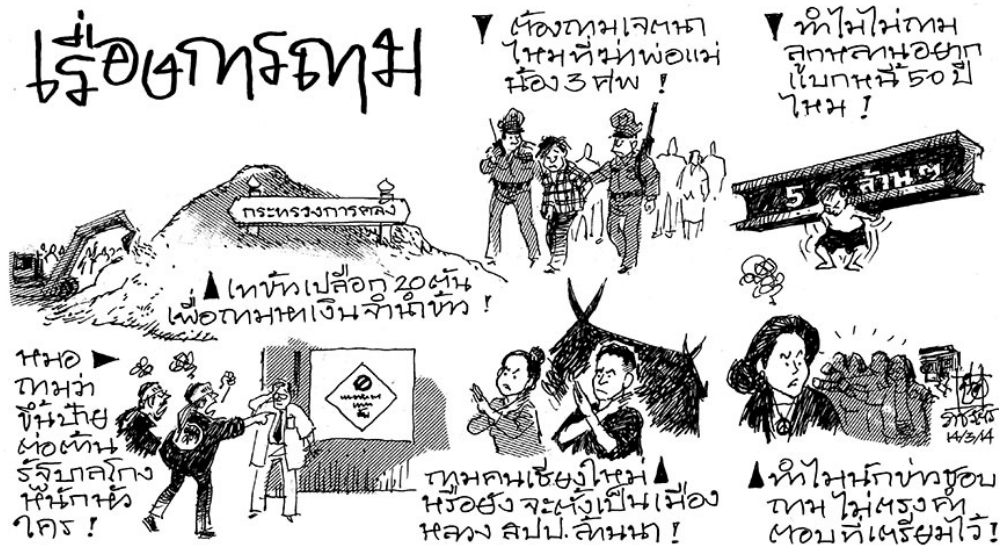
Phi Nooring: We're the people.

Mouse: Don't destroy democracy.

The matter of asking

April 8, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, March 16, 2014

Cartoon title: The matter of asking

Top left, sign on rice pile: Finance Ministry

Unloaded 20 tons of paddy rice to ask for the rice pledging money!

Top middle: Must ask whether it's deliberate killing of three people – his parents and young brother, or not

Top, right, on the metal: 5.3 trillion baht

Why not ask children whether they want to burden the debt for 50 years or not!

Bottom, left: Doctors asking whose business it is putting signs to oppose the corrupt government!

Bottom, middle: Ever asked the people of Chiang Mai for their opinions about establishing the province as the capital of Soh Poh Lanna yet?

Bottom, right: Why do reporters like to ask questions that don't match the prepared answers!?

Lottery numbers

April 8, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, April 8, 2014

Left: This time, the winning lottery number will be 66. Not only did PM Yingluck give us a clue, but former PM of Abhisit did also.

Middle: How did they do?

Man: PM Yingluck fell and broke her ankle.

Right: Former PM of Abhisit also fell and broke his collarbone. Due to this, it will be 66. (Sent by the reader)

Soldier protects a rebel

April 8, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, March 17, 2014

Title: An honorable person? An dishonorable person?

Jatuporn: We fight for democracy.

His shirt: UDD

On soldier's leg: Protect a rebel

Suthep is behind the soldier.

A sign close to a hooded man: 100 dead bodies

Phi Nooring: Please speak politely.

A mouse: We're equal.

30 years on, KFC Thailand going strong

April 8, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[30 years on, KFC Thailand going strong](#) – Bangkok Post, April 8, 2014

...Marketing director Thanyachete Ekvetchavit said KFC restaurants had operated in Thailand for 30 years and about 300 now were operated and owned by the company, while another 200 were run by its local franchisee Central Restaurants Group...

Thai Law Allows Expat Crooks to Escape But Punishes Journalists

April 8, 2014

Categories: Censorship

[Thai Law Allows Expat Crooks to Escape But Punishes Journalists](#) – phuketwan.com, April 7, 2014

...Drummond said in a recent post on his popular online site that he is "probably the most sued journalist in the world." And that is, he writes, "because foreign crooks have been abusing Thailand's ill-conceived libel and Computer Crime Act laws..."

New city plan ‘could ravage’ the verdant Bang Krachao

April 8, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[New city plan ‘could ravage’ the verdant Bang Krachao](#) – The Nation, April 8, 2014

...The controversial 2013 version allows for buildings that don’t cover more than 15 per cent of the permitted area.

For the “pure green” area, the 2005 version allowed buildings that were not over 10 per cent of the permitted area. Landowners were also not allowed to sell their land, to stop housing estates being constructed.

But the 2013 version allows owners in the green area to sell their land for the construction of housing estates...

Rubbish and Forgiveness

April 9, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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From Manager, April 8, 2014

Jatuporn: Suthep, do dare to fight with me? Whoever's rally leaves the most massive amount of rubbish... will win and take the power!!

Caption: If Tu fights like this, then, he can beat the Kanman!!



From Komchadluek, April 9, 2014

Woman: They shall love cleanness same as they love democracy.

Cambodia's rice exports drop as demand from Thailand plummets following collapse of the country's state-buying rice plan

April 9, 2014

Categories: Cambodia

[Cambodia's Rice Exports to Thailand Plummet](#) – cambodiadaily.com, April 8, 2014

...Exports to Thailand for the first quarter of this year were virtually wiped out, falling from 13,000 tons in 2013 to 300 tons this year. Last year, Thailand was the sixth biggest importer of Cambodian rice, buying 23,550 tons...

Cambodia's lost rock 'n' roll scene

April 10, 2014

Categories: Cambodia

[Cambodia's lost rock 'n' roll scene](#) – aljazeera.com, April 9, 2014

...“The Rolling Stones, the Beatles and the Bee Gees were huge here,” says Touch Seang Tana. “We loved to listen to them.”

Until 1975, music thrived in Phnom Penh, with clubs full night after night, crowds gathering in the streets around transistor radios to hear the latest releases, and the biggest stars being feted by the king...

Bangkok's Express Airport Rail Link will see the Phayathai station closed one year for maintenance

April 10, 2014

Categories: Airports and Airlines

[Bangkok's Express Airport Rail Link will see the Phayathai station closed one year for maintenance](#) – thephuketinsider.com, April 10, 2104

This seems to be the real story: [Rail Link's Phaya Thai Line suspended](#)

The express Airport Rail Link service from Phaya Thai will be suspended for one year for maintenance from Monday, April 14, SRT Electrified Train Co (SRTET) has announced...

Tourist's shock at Buddhist temple in Thailand which has a mural of planes hitting the Twin Towers

April 10, 2014

Categories: Art, Buddhism, Culture and Society

['Totally inappropriate': Tourist's shock at Buddhist temple in Thailand which has a mural of planes hitting the Twin Towers](#) – Daily Mail, April 9, 2014

...The White Temple at Chiang Rai is the bizarre pet project of controversial Thai artist Chalermchai Kositpipat.

As well as depicting planes flying into the Twin Towers, the mural at Chiang Rai features fictional characters such as Spiderman and Harry Potter, celebrities like Michael Jackson, as well as fighter jets and spaceships...

Bangkok bus routes to have one operator per route to stop drivers from racing against each other for passengers

April 10, 2014

Categories: Buses

[BMTA bans bus-route competition](#) – Bangkok Post, April 9, 2014

Tilted justice

April 10, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, April 10, 2014

Cartoon title: Will justice ever return?

On the silhouette's head: Decent and moral person

On the judge's robe: Injustice; sloppy; taking sides

Left man in arms of the judge is Suthep Thuangsuban, secretary-general of the People's Democratic Reform Committee.

On Suthep's shirt: PDRC

Paper in Suthep's hand: seize governmental offices, become a sovereign state

Band the on head of man in the middle: PAD

Paper in Sondhi's hand: occupied the airport, yet remains at large

Paper in hand of man behind Sondhi: occupied the government's House, yet not jailed

Skull: We're killed and jailed.

Road sign: Kok Wua Intersection

In the hands of death: Order to suppress the people; 100 dead bodies

On clock in the hands of Yingluck Shinawatra: Fair and just

Phi Nooring: Must ask for it

Mouse: Asking for justice



From Thairath, April 11, 2014

Left, man: Why are we looking at the Leaning Tower of Pisa? It doesn't look leaning to me.

Right, man: But the balance in our country, it's absolutely tilted.

Iraq lifts ban on Thai rice imports after suspension for “low quality”

April 11, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai Rice Welcomed Back to Iraq After Months of Suspension](#) – WSJ, April 10, 2014

...Prior to the ban in August, Iraq had imported 500,000 to 600,000 metric tons of Thai rice each year, making it one of the country’s major clients. The biggest importer of Thai rice is Nigeria, which brings in an average volume of 1.1 million tons per year...

Cambodia cyber law to penalize any website that “generates insecurity, instability, and political cohesiveness”

April 11, 2014

Categories: Cambodia

[Cambodia’s Draft Cyber Law Threatens Free Speech](#) – thediplomat.com, April 10, 2014

...But activists have highlighted article 28 of the bill as a concern. The provision would criminalize web content that “hinders the sovereignty and integrity of the Kingdom of Cambodia.” If this is not vague enough, the same provision penalizes any online publication that “generates insecurity, instability, and political cohesiveness.” What exactly is the crime of “political cohesiveness?”

Another criminal offense is the publication of Internet material that is deemed to be “non-factual which slanders or undermines the integrity of governmental agencies, ministries, not limited to departments, federal or local levels.” This would clearly discourage criticism of government officials.

As expected, publishing something that is deemed “damaging to the moral and cultural values of society” is prohibited. The bill even specified these harmful values: “Writings or pixilation that display inappropriate activities of persons, copulations between humans or animals; or devalue the moral of family values and pixilation that displays domestic violence...”

Reuters: Flaws found in Thailand's human-trafficking crackdown

April 11, 2014

Categories: Refugees and Migrants

[Flaws found in Thailand's human-trafficking crackdown](#) – Reuters, April 10, 2014

...A two-part Reuters investigation in three countries, based on interviews with people smugglers, human traffickers and Rohingya who survived boat voyages from Myanmar, last year showed how the treatment of Rohingya often constituted trafficking. Reporters found that hundreds were held against their will in brutal trafficking camps in the Thai wilderness...

Phuket police ‘too busy’ to extradite man accused of killing girlfriend in Thailand

April 11, 2014

Categories: Crime

[Police ‘too busy’ to extradite Hull man Mick ‘the Pom’ Taylor accused of killing girlfriend in Thailand](http://hulldailymail.co.uk) –
hulldailymail.co.uk, April 10, 2014

...Mr Taylor denied the charge, claiming he had been having sex on a beach with a ladyboy at the time Miss Weangta, 27, was killed...

Kim Kardashian's 'extreme Thai treatments': butt slapping

April 11, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Kim K's 'extreme Thai treatments'](#) – belfasttelegraph.co.uk, April 9, 2014

...Included in these supposed treatments was the ancient procedure of butt, face and breast slapping. Costing £200 for a 15-minute session, fans of the treatment says wrinkles are erased, pores are shrunk and skin feels tightened...

One family's fight against Cambodia land grabs

April 11, 2014

Categories: Cambodia

[One family's fight against Cambodia land grabs](#) – ucanews.com, April 10, 2014

...Mak Siv Hong, 51, lives in the shack with her family of three. The past year has been a nightmare of repeated intimidation and attacks by thugs she claims were hired by the Khun Sear Import and Export Company to try and push them off the land...

Weekly News Magazines, April 4, 2014

April 12, 2014

Categories: Uncategorized



From Nation Weekend, April 4, 2014

Cover reads: The national neutral man



From Matichon Weekly, April 4, 2014

Cover reads: Keep smiling though being aware of the defeat



From ASTV Manager Weekly, April 5,2014
Cover reads: Love, kiss kiss

In Picturesque Thailand, Coal Plant Draws Protests

April 12, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[In Picturesque Thailand, Coal Plant Draws Protests](#) – VOA, April 11, 2014

Environmental activists in Thailand are protesting plans to reopen an 800-megawatt coal plant in a coastal region, Krabi, that is popular with eco-tourists. The controversy pits Thailand's growing energy needs against its image as a seaside paradise...

Thaksin's Songkran message: Let's forgive and forget

April 12, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News, Kamronwit Thoopkrachang, Songkran

[Thaksin: Let's forgive and forget](#) – Bangkok Post, April 12, 2014

... "Let's make April 13 the day we put everything behind us and be generous to one another like when disasters struck, whether it was the tsunami or the great floods, during which Thais lent a hand to one another."

"I love, respect and care for all Thais but you don't have to worry about me. I'm in good health. My only concern is for Thailand to be peaceful and Thais to love another once again..."

Thaksin Shinawatra has asked Thais to forgive and forget starting from Songkran Day.

The fugitive former prime minister, who is spending the holiday in Hong Kong, made the plea in a speech that was broadcast on the satellite station Channel 4 for the People.

"What grieves me is the loss of our good old culture. Thais used to be generous and caring. What happened has destroyed that spirit," Thaksin said.

"In the past, we helped one another but today we bare our teeth. We fight, shoot, stab, rob and threaten one another. I can't believe this is happening in Thailand after we have developed ourselves to a level close to becoming a developed country."

The political divide is worsening, he said, "because Thais do not forgive".

"We hold grudges. We slander one another and live with lies. Those who do not know the truth are misled.

"In every country plagued by conflicts, people try to avoid inciting hatred using false information. They don't want the repeat of what happened in Rwanda, when two radio DJs whipped up malice between two tribes. Eventually, genocide led to 800,000 deaths. The DJs were sentenced to life in prison. What they did achieved nothing except mountains of bodies.

"As tomorrow is Songkran Day, I would like to apply the concept of our good old traditions to all Thais," Thaksin said.

"Let's make April 13 the day we put everything behind us and be generous to one another like when disasters struck, whether it was the tsunami or the great floods, during which Thais lent a hand to one another.

"I love, respect and care for all Thais but you don't have to worry about me. I'm in good health. My only concern is for Thailand to be peaceful and Thais to love another once again."

While in Hong Kong, Thaksin is expected to meet with several former Pheu Thai Party MPs and other supporters.

He has already met with Metropolitan Police Bureau chief Khamronwit Thoopkrachang, who has drawn criticism for his outspoken admiration of Thaksin.

This year's Songkran goddess

April 13, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai, Songkran



From Thairath, April 13, 2014

Cartoon title: This year's Songkran goddess

Top left: Riding in a wheelchair pushed by the Eel on a skateboard

Bottom left: Left foot was in a cast in a splint, some days!

Bottom right: Left hand holds script when giving convincingly beautiful speeches

Right top: Wearing earphone to receive the voice from the foreign land

Right middle: Her dress is decorated with gemstones while wearing the world peace necklace

Right bottom: Right hand playing Facebook to counter-attack the constitutional court

Police asleep for lese majeste

April 13, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, April 13, 2014

Alarm clock: Lèse majesté charge, Kotee, Tang Archiva

A couple who are now facing difficulties together

April 13, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, April 13, 2014

Title: They are becoming a couple who are now facing difficulties together

On the left: Force farmers by buying rice at the lower price of 4,000-5,000 baht per ton.

Men close to a farmer are a rice trader and a rice mill owner.

On the rice basket: Reduce the rice price.

On the ground: No more rice-pledging scheme

On the right on the men's jackets: NACC; injustice

On the black smoke: Overthrow PM

Phi Nooring: Both are attacked.

A mouse: Taking an advantage from farmers.

Thai tourism ministry ordered to help cheated tourists

April 15, 2014

Categories: Scams, Tourism

[Thai tourism ministry ordered to help cheated tourists](#) – eturbonews.com, April 13, 2014

...Yukhon, who looks after the ministry, has ordered its permanent secretary Suwat Sidthilaw to make a list of the deceived victims. The names will be sorted into groups to lodge complaints against wrongdoers, making clear the problems from case to case...

Hezbollah members arrested in Thailand

April 15, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Hezbollah members arrested in Thailand: report](#) – The Daily Star, April 14, 2014

...The Thai website dedicated to gathering intelligence reports identified the three arrested suspects as a Thai citizen, Y. Ayyad, who was described as a member of a foreign operations unit of Hezbollah working out of East Asia...

Thailand second deadliest nation in Asia for environmental activists

April 15, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[More Than 900 Environmental Advocates Slain In A Decade As Concern For The Planet Grows](#) – AP, April 14, 2014

...As head of his village, Prajob Naowa-opas battled to save his community in central Thailand from the illegal dumping of toxic waste by filing petitions and leading villagers to block trucks carrying the stuff — until a gunman in broad daylight fired four shots into him.

A year later, his three alleged killers, including a senior government official, are on trial for murder. The dumping has been halted and villagers are erecting a statue to their slain hero...

If you don't listen and believe me... then, the election dies!!!

April 16, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, April 16, 2014

Somchai Srisuthiyakorn, an election commissioner: If you don't listen and believe me... then, the election dies!!!

On his headband: EC

On the ballot box: Election

Phi Nooring: Using the election as a hostage. Taking sides.

A mouse: Impeding the Election Committee.

Person who is holding a candle and flash light are the "White shirt" group which are a rebranding of the some of the Red Shirts to focus on the issue of elections and democracy.

Look at all the dicks!

April 16, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



17-04-57

From Manager, April 16, 2014

Caption: They sure come numerously today.

Chalerm Ubumrung: But you said those Palad are so afraid of us and every of them will come to take policy from us... But what are these?

Paradon Pattanathabutr: Ohh! It's Palad Khig!

Thaksin: I want all of you to forget and forgive

April 17, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, April 17, 2014

Thaksin: I want all of you to forget and forgive.

Yingluck is behind the wall.

Hitting your own head for now!

April 17, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, April 17, 2014

Cartoon title: Hitting your own head for now!

The giant's face is Somchai Srisuthiyakorn, an Election Commissioner.

On the giant's baton: EC

Above the baton: Perform its duty

On the shirt of the man: The people

The man plays a Pi, a classical Thai woodwind. The music coming from the flute reads: Carry out the election; don't serve the PDRC; don't breach the constitution; stop bringing good things to itself while pushing bad things to the government.

Woman sitting beside the man is the caretaker premier Yingluck Shinawatra.

Phi Nooring: Playing tough on FB

Mouse: The Giant taking sides

Sign from a protest

April 17, 2014

Categories: Signs and Billboards



Sign at Silom and Rama 4 Road

Who can fire the government?

April 17, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, April 3, 2014

Thaksin Shinawatra to his sister, Yingluck: See... I really trust in Ai Tou.

The guard: I'm an employee of his company. How can I fire the company's owner? I have to protect my own status.

On the guard's left arm: Security

Sign on the building: the Shinawatra Co., Ltd.

Caption: You heard the company's guard... Is it clear now?

Thai anti-govt groups have bullet-proof vests, but journalists & medics forced to break the law if they want them

April 17, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai anti-govt groups have bullet-proof vests, but journalists & medics forced to break the law if they want them](#) – establishmentpost.com, April 17, 2014

Something is lost in translation in Thailand where armed anti-government protesters are able to readily access bullet-proof vests and other ballistic and protective wear in addition to guns, yet journalists and volunteer medical personnel are forced to break the law if they want to work with increased safety...

Guardian: Australian journalist accused of defaming Thai navy set to face court

April 17, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Australian journalist accused of defaming Thai navy set to face court](#) – The Guardian, April 17, 2014

...The charges, brought by the Royal Thai Navy, follow Phuketwan's republishing of a Reuters news agency report last year that alleged Thai security forces, including navy and police personnel, were linked in the smuggling of Muslim Rohingya from Burma.

The Reuters reporters, Jason Szep and Andrew Marshall, were this week awarded the Pulitzer prize for international reporting over their coverage of the Rohingya trafficking...

Thai Diners Emerge as Asia's Top Tippers

April 17, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai Diners Emerge as Asia's Top Tippers](#) – WSJ, April 16, 2014

...Based on a survey by MasterCard of nearly 8,000 respondents in the Asia-Pacific region between October and November, 84% of Thai diners said they left a tip after a good meal. Bangladesh (80%) and India (78%) ranked second and third, followed by the Philippines (73%). Japan (4%) was reported as the least generous, with Indonesia (33%), Malaysia (31%) and Singapore (20%) falling somewhere in the middle...

Bagan denied “world heritage” designation over the army building faux-historic pagodas to earn merit

April 18, 2014

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[What's the future for Myanmar's architectural past?](#) – PBS, April 15, 2014

Sign from a protest

April 18, 2014

Categories: Signs and Billboards



Sign at Silom and Rama 4 Road

How did foreign cuisine become Thailand's national dish?

April 18, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

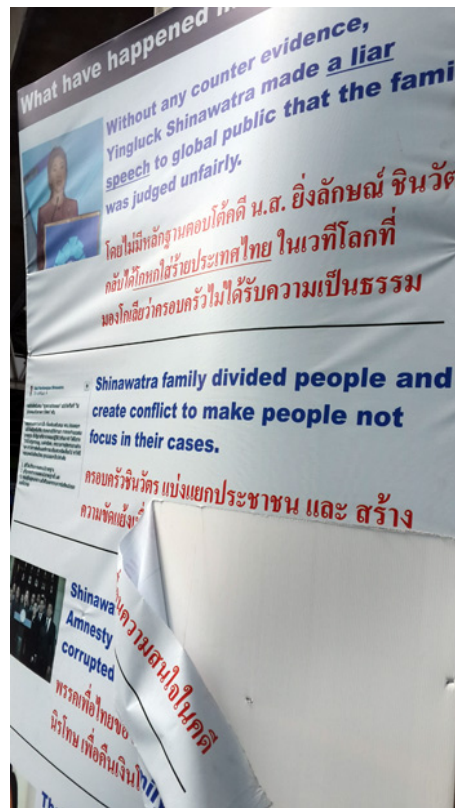
[The Non-Thai Origins of Pad Thai – How did foreign cuisine become Thailand's national dish?](#) – The Atlantic, April 17, 2014

...The popularization of the noodle dish, as it turns out, was but one of several measures taken by Thai authorities in the 1930s and 1940s to both Westernize and modernize the country. The others, as The New York Times noted over the weekend, included changing the country's name from Siam to Thailand, banning local languages and dialects from the nation's schools, and promoting the word sawasdee as a means of greeting...

Sign from a protest

April 19, 2014

Categories: Signs and Billboards



Sign at Silom and Rama 4 Road

Thais are the world's fourth biggest liquor drinkers

April 19, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[South Koreans drink twice as much liquor as Russians and more than four times as much as Americans](#) – qz.com, February 2, 2014

Domino's Pizza coming to Thailand

April 19, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Domino's Pizza Hits Thailand](#) – guardianlv.com, April 17, 2014

...For Fico, their entrance into the fast food market in Thailand is part of the implementation of a \$6-8 million company expansion plan...

CAPO warns Constitutional Court and NACC not to rule against the prime minister

April 19, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Capo has overstepped its authority, shunned its real job](#) – Bangkok Post, April 18, 2014

...In the statement, Capo warned the Constitutional Court not to cross the line by making a judgement on the status of the caretaker cabinet if it faults caretaker Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra for the removal of National Security Council (NSC) secretary-general Thawil Pliensri two years ago and rules that she must give up the premiership...

[CAPO under fire for statement ‘pressuring’ top court and anti-corruption agency](#) – The Nation, April 19, 2014

...”Also, we work without any bias although we have been threatened and intimidated by some groups of people. NACC commissioners have not been discouraged and we will never abandon the rule of law,” the NACC spokesman said.

Red-shirt supporters of the government have denounced the NACC for legal moves against Yingluck, and its office has come under several grenade attacks.

The NACC is investigating an allegation of neglect against the PM over the government’s loss-making and allegedly corruption-plagued rice price-pledging scheme. Meanwhile the Constitutional Court is hearing a case in which she is accused of malfeasance for removing National Security Council secretary-general Thawil Pliensri.

CAPO, in its “statement No 1” on Thursday, expressed concern there could be bias and “double standards” by the court and the NACC against the prime minister. It warned that such practices could lead to violence...

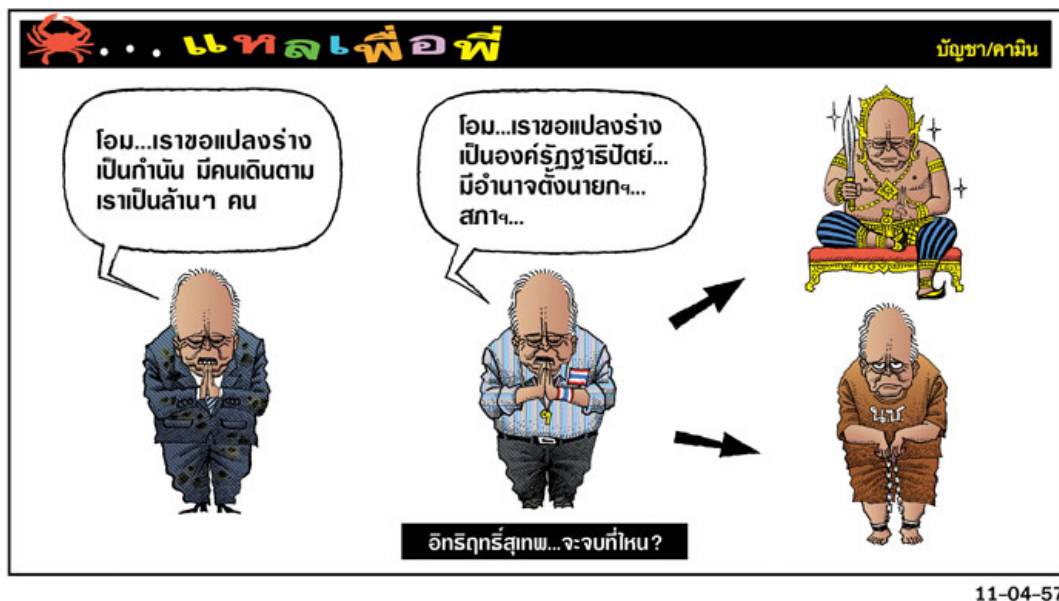
[CAPO’s warnings to Constitutional Court are a Pheu Thai move aimed at a coalition govt, sources say](#) – The Nation, April 19, 2014

...government sources said the move was aimed at forcing the formation of a coalition government, with the Pheu Thai Party nominating the next prime minister and ensuring that no sides achieve a decisive victory. The sources claimed that if the move “failed”, violence might be inevitable.

If Suthep fails...

April 19, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, April 10, 2014

Where will Suthep's magic end?

Left: I want to transform to Kamnan with millions of people following me.

Middle: I want to transform to a sovereign state... with authority to appoint the premier and parliament...

Activist feared ‘disappeared’ while on way to meet with villagers who filed lawsuit against government

April 21, 2014

Categories: Human Rights

[Thailand: Prominent Activist Feared ‘Disappeared’](#) – HRW, April 20, 2014

The Thai authorities should urgently provide information about a prominent ethnic Karen activist who is believed to have been forcibly disappeared, Human Rights Watch said today. Por Cha Lee Rakcharoen, known as “Billy,” was reportedly arrested on April 17, 2014, in Kaengkrachan National Park in Petchaburi province and released, but his current whereabouts are unknown.

Local authorities have not disclosed either Billy’s detention or any evidence of his release, raising grave concerns of his safety, Human Rights Watch said. Billy was involved in a lawsuit against park officials...

Thaksin leaves politics

April 22, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



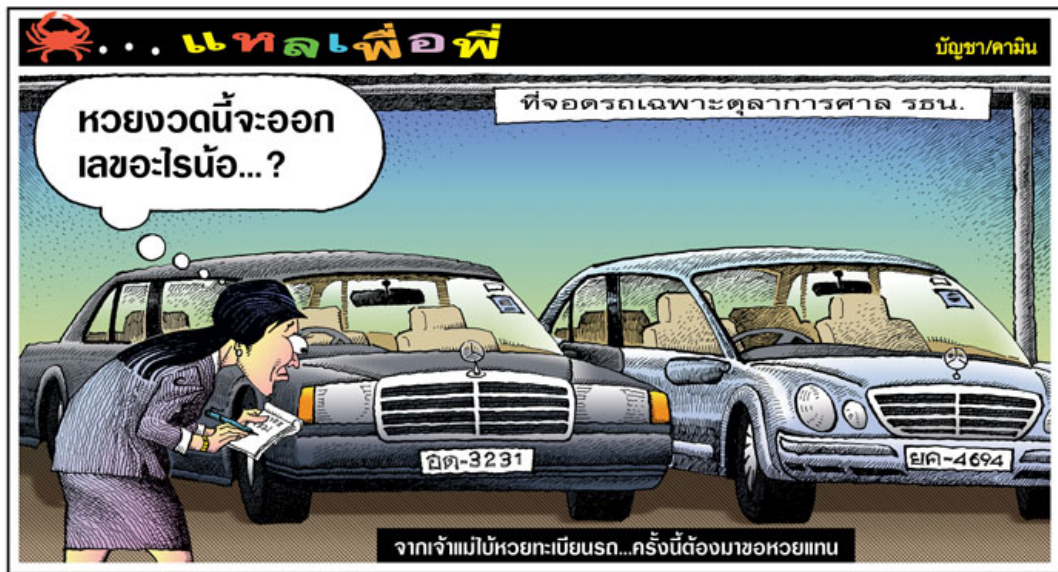
From Komchadluek, April 22, 2014

Clown: My family and I will totally leave politics so that the country become peaceful again.

Yingluck Looking for Luck

April 23, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



24-04-57

From Manager, April 23, 2014

Sign at the top: Parking for constitutional judges only

Caretaker Premier Yingluck Shinawatra: What will it be for this lot...?

Caption: From a god-mother hinting at lotto numbers from her plate... now she, herself, has to look for a hint.

Thaksin: Is it hot in Thailand?

April 24, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



25-04-57

From Manager, April 24, 2014

Thaksin: Now the weather in Alaska is very nice. Is it hot in Thailand?

Caption: Ask for what?

The Thai Scream

April 24, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons – Arun



From Arun, April 24, 2014

Title: Thai political party

Tent: Election area

Thailand, Rwanda?

April 25, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Various



From Khaosod, April 25, 2014

In the ghost's hand: Garbage

On the ghost's robe: Thailand, Rwanda?

Our family has already quit politics

April 25, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, April 25, 2014

Yingluck: “I come from the election,” “our family has already quit politics” and “election, election!!”

Mainueng Kor Kuntree

April 25, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, April 25, 2014

Title: Mainueng... only one in our heart

Even dead, his wish still exists. It's still shining and can't be hidden.

A bullet can shoot his heart, but can't stop his dream for freedom.

Mainueng Kor Kuntree

1969-2014

On Mainueng's shirt: Release the political prisoner.

Sign held by the mouse: RIP, our Hero for democracy.

On the wreath: Mourning the people's poet

Weekly News Magazines, April 11, 2014

April 25, 2014

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, April 11, 2014

Cover reads: The Royal Guard



From Matichon Weekly, April 11, 2014

Cover reads: The endorser?



From ASTV Manager Weekly, April 12, 2014

Cover reads: Stunned...

In quotation: People Like Gen. Prayuth and armed forces' commanders, most of them stand by this land, by the people's side. If I'm wrong, I'll be responsible for it.

Weekly News Magazines, April 18, 2014

April 25, 2014

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, April 18, 2014

Cover reads: The Autocrats

Seated from left are Gen. Surayuth Julanont, privy councilor, Gen. Prem, chairman of the privy councilor and Statesman, Gen. Prayuth Chano-cha, Commander in Chief of the Royal Thai Army, Admiral Narong Pipattanasai, Commander in Chief of the Royal Thai Navy, Air Chief Marshal Prachin Chantong, Commander in Chief of the Royal Thai Air Force, and Pol.Gen. Adul Saengsingkaew, Commander in Chief of the Royal Thai Police



From Matichon Weekly, April 18, 2014

Cover reads: Don't imagine; what I 'close,' you think about 'open' it.



From ASTV Manager Weekly, April 19, 2014

The man on the cover is Jessadaporn Poldee, main actor from a TV series, “Forget Me Not.”

The cover reads: Take a pillow and take a break from section 7

In the bubble: Forget me not; From left: Suthep Thuagsuban, secretary-general of the People’s Democratic Reform Committee; Thaksin Shinawatra; Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha, Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Army

Demanding Immediate Explanation Regarding the Disappearance of a Karen Hill-Tribe Human Rights Defender

April 25, 2014

Categories: Human Rights

[THAILAND: Demanding Immediate Explanation and Investigation by Relevant Officials Regarding the Disappearance of a Karen Hill-Tribe Human Rights Defender](#) – Cross Cultural Foundation, April 20, 2014
...Mr. Billy is a human rights defender and a witness in the case villagers' lawsuit against the National Park Office as above mentioned. His disappearance is a matter of grave concern as it may affect the case and the struggle of the villagers for rights and justice.
Enforced disappearances often occur when authorities refuse to disclose the fate or whereabouts of the persons arrested and detained by them. Such an act violates the fundamental rights and freedoms, most importantly the rights to life and security of a person as well as human dignity. The State, therefore, has the obligation under international law to ensure full respect for and protection of such rights...

Slow? Or fast?

April 25, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Thairath, April 25, 2014

Left: Yingluck: Why do you have to promptly consider my charges? Slowly please.

On a man's suit: NACC

Right: Yingluck: Please conduct the election faster. Why are you so slow?

On a man's suit: EC

No elections please

April 27, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



28-04-57

From Manager, April 27, 2014

Suthep, at left: No, Mark! . I've come too far to become an insect as before.

In the cockroach's hand: Let's hold an election.

Arrest in 2010's “Red Nonthaburi” bomb blast

April 29, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News, Terrorism



From *Komchadluek*, October 7, 2010

The headlines read: 50 Kg. TNT hidden in mansion in Bangbuathong area – Blast! Kills 3 – mistake in producing – bomb maker died torn apart in his room – CD about new Thailand’s State is found – explosion at Mansion in Bangnuathong – misproducing – CD of “New Thailand’s State” is found – 3 died and 7 injured – owner is revealed to be community radio DJ, alias “Red Nonthaburi” – police release 11 red local fighters

[A suspect in Nonthaburi’s apartment bombing detained by police](#) – Thai PBS, April 27, 2014

From 2010: [Wasa, businessman in police detention](#)

Use of torture still commonplace in Thailand

April 29, 2014

Categories: Human Rights

[THAILAND: Rights groups tell U.N. torture is still rife](#) – AHRC, April 25, 2014

...“Allegations of torture not only involve a broad range of perpetrators, ranging from military, police, paramilitary officials, and volunteers, but also indicate that such acts take place in various institutions,” the coalition says.

“Detainees are often transferred several times to different detention facilities. Some of them not only reported having been mistreated in the different locations, but also at the time of their arrest and during their transportation,” it continues.

Methods of torture described include strangling with hands or rope, choking, face dunking, kicking, punching, beating in the stomach, beating with cloth wrapped wooden bat, head-butting against the wall, force feeding, injecting with drugs that cause unconsciousness or loss of control, hooding, and electric shock...

Only in Thailand...

April 30, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, April 30, 2014

Cartoon title: Only in Thailand...

From left: Resigned for the sake of democracy

Remained in power for the sake of democracy

A machine to wash stains off clothes

A machine to whitewash politicians

Unity or disunity?

April 30, 2014

Categories: Analysis, Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, April 30, 2014

Billboard: Harmony of the people in the country. Unity.

To be good or bad... it depends on what you have done

April 30, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, April 30, 2014

Title: To be good or bad... it depends on what you have done.

On a judge's robe: Injustice, immorality

On the paper the judge holds: Intervene in the transfer of the police

On the paper held by Yingluck: Transfer Thawin based on administrative power

Phi Nooring: To be higher or lower... it depends on yourself.

A mouse: Immorality