

# Samak in hell

May 1, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager, October, 1976



From Manager, May 1, 2014

Samak: Warn our guys who enjoy corruption now that... even after death, you cannot hide from the judicial power!!!

Caption: Mak, you should warn your guys on earth.

More on Samak:

[The shock of Samak leading Thaksin's party.](#)

[All about Samak Sundaravej](#)

# Weekly News Magazines, April 25, 2014

May 2, 2014

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



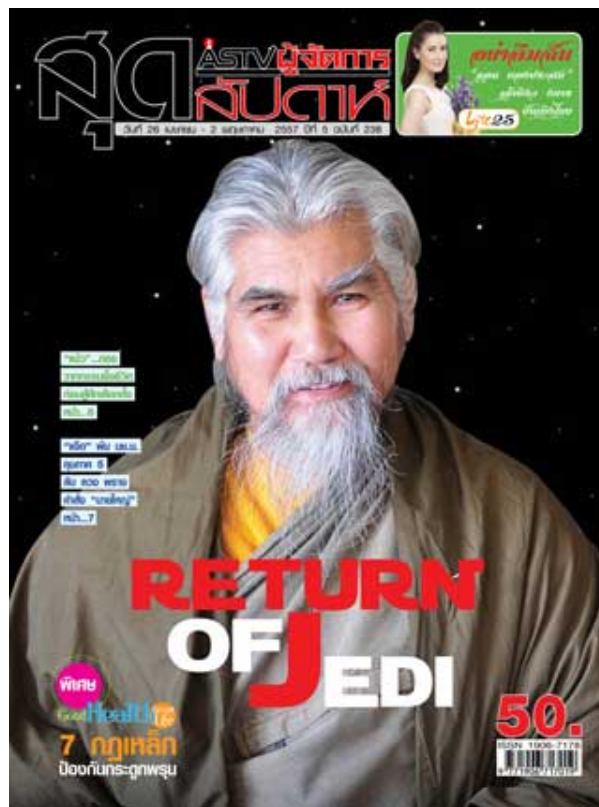
From Nation Weekend, April 25, 2014

Cover reads: 'Rianthong' loves the King



From Matichon Weekly, April 25, 2014

Cover reads (shadow text from back to front): Judicial Activism; Judicial Sovereignty

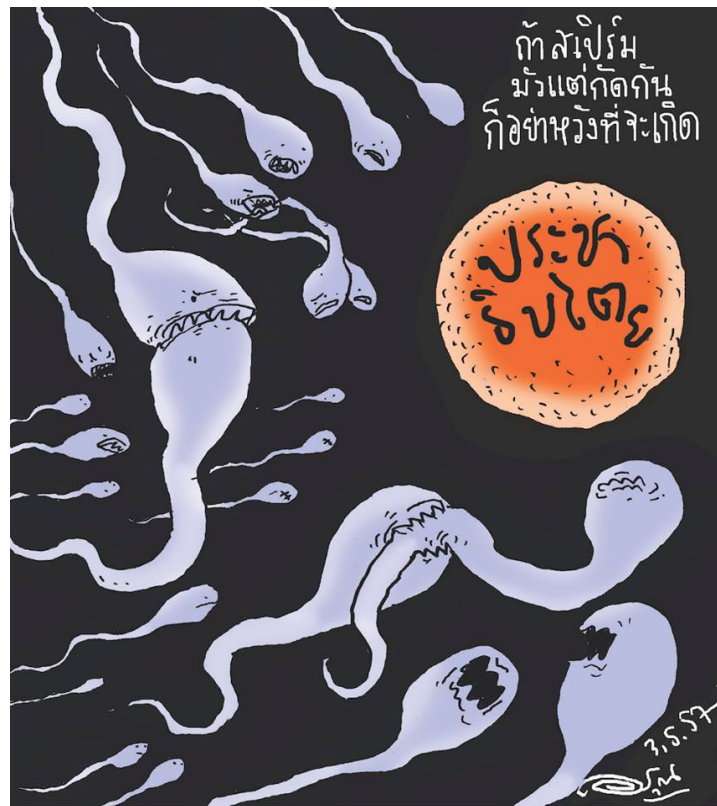


From ASTV Manager Weekly, April 26, 2014  
Cover reads: Return of the Jedi

# If the sperms keep fighting each other, then don't expect to be born

May 2, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons – Arun



From Arun, May 2, 2014

Top right: If the sperms keep fighting each other, then don't expect to be born

On the egg: Democracy

# Menace from the dog's fleas

May 2, 2014

Categories: Analysis, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



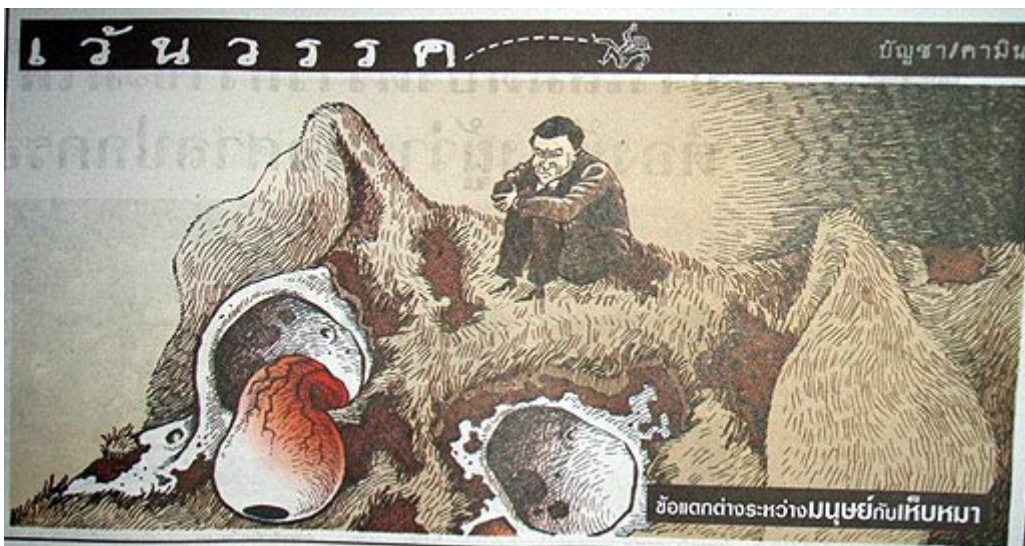
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From Manager, April 22, 2014

Caption: Menace from the dog's fleas

Flea: The death sentence for this dog is alright... But if ruling is for the fleas to die as well, then it means the court uses its judicial authority beyond limitations!! And there may be a civil war!

Other fleas: Yes. Yes.



Manager, October 18, 2006, Leave the space by Buncha/Kamin

The bottom right reads: The difference between a human's flea and a dog's flea



From *Thairath*, October 5, 2006

The dog gets sick... the flea jumps...!

In the frame is Thaksin with a resignation letter.

On the dog is the Thai Rak Thai symbol and over the dog's head is the word "dissolution"



From *Krungtep Turakit*, October 4, 2006

Worms leave the dead body of Thaksin. The worms carry flags identifying the factions leaving TRT: Chonburi group, Black Wizard group, Wang Payanak. On the right is Wang Namyom faction saying "Hey, let's rush away."

At the bottom is says: The party ends, the parasites rush away!!

# An activist in Thailand just ‘disappeared’

May 4, 2014

Categories: Human Rights



[An activist in Thailand just ‘disappeared’](#) – Amnesty International, May 2, 2014

# Many people are going to die of anger

May 4, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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From Manager, May 4, 2014

From TV: Millions of people in the Kingdom... unanimously wearing yellow shirts, gathered in front of the Royal Palace to show their loyalty...

Sound coming from the men's chests: Pop

On the door: Anti-monarchy

On wall: No Section 112

Caption: Today, many people are going to die of anger.

# Be reminded I don't accept the constitution

May 5, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, May 5, 2013

Left: Regarding Mr. Abhisit's proposal for solving the political situation, will you accept it?

Middle: Yingluck: Is the proposal in compliance with the constitution?

Man: Yes, it is.

Right: Be reminded I don't accept the constitution.

# Dead already

May 5, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, May 5, 2014

Devilish figure of Yingluck: I was dead!!!... How can the court give me another death sentence?

Caption: Because you still keep causing damage to people.

# Earthquake in Mae Lao, Thailand felt in Bangkok highrises

May 5, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News



[M6.0 – 9km S of Mae Lao, Thailand](#) and [here](#)

[Earthquake of 6 magnitude strikes Thailand, some damage](#) – Reuters, May 5, 2014

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I'm on the 9th floor in Bangkok. 3 minutes ago the building really shook for about 10 seconds.

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**2B** 2Bangkok @2Bangkok · 1h

Right now! building shaking

← 1 ★ 🗑️ ...

# **Thai actress whose photo was used on the cover of “Thai Hookers 101” to sue author**

May 7, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai Celeb To File Charges Over ‘Hooker’ Book](#) – Khao Sod, May 6, 2014

...”I am not particularly angry by the photo on the cover, because this is not the first time my photo has been abused for commercial purpose. What angers me a lot is the text on the cover and the contents of the book which greatly insult Thai women,” the celebrity said.

“Some sentences simply say, ‘You don’t need to look good or have a lot of money, but you can still find Thai women to sleep with you’” said Ms. Usanee...

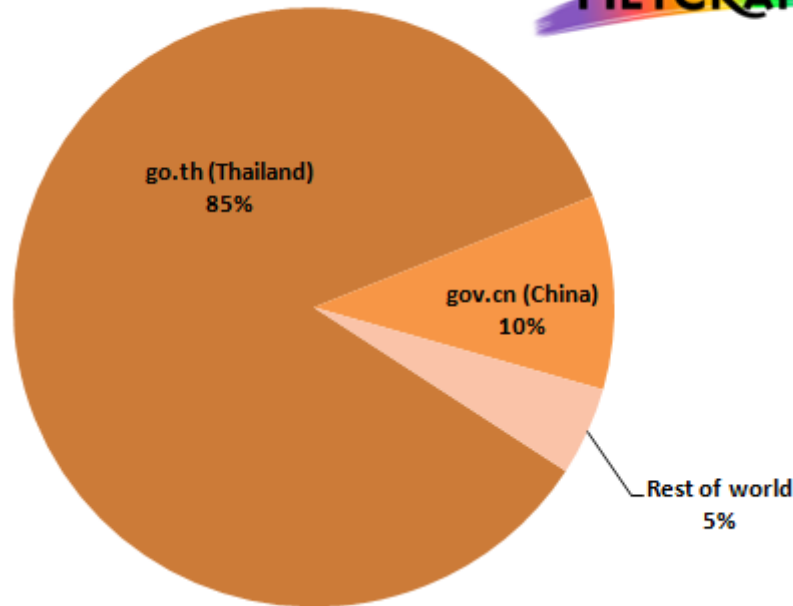
# Thai Government websites infested with malware

May 7, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

## Malware hosted on government domains

(1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014)



[Thai Government websites infested with malware](#) – netcraft.com, May, 2014

...Between them, Thailand and China alone hosted 95% of all government-hosted malware during April. For comparison, during the same month, no malware attacks were reported on US or UK government websites (.gov and .gov.uk).

# Constitutional Court rules Thawil's transfer unlawful

May 7, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Charter Court: Yingluck out](#) – Bangkok Post, May 7, 2014

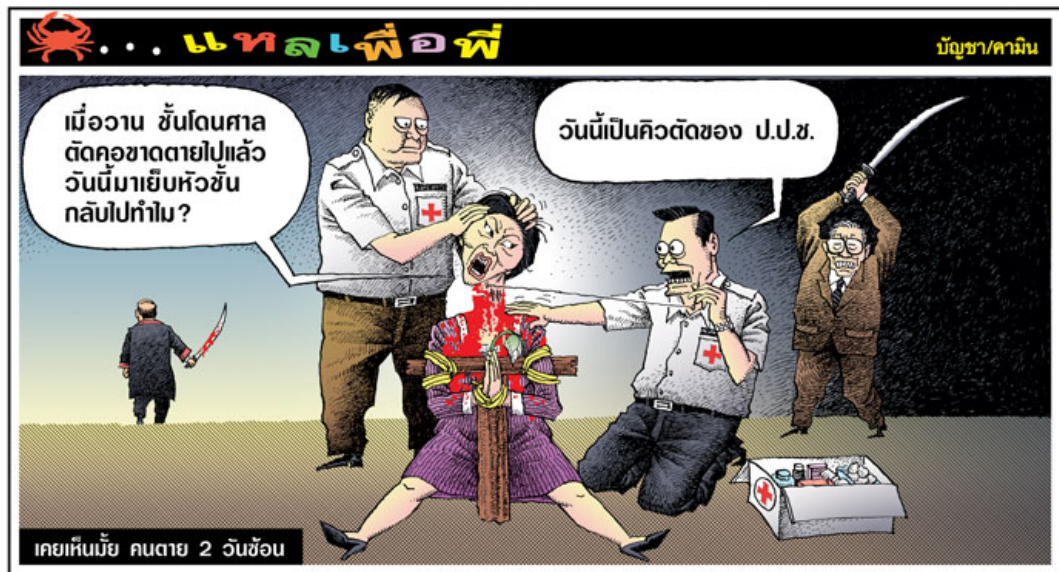
[Court rules Yingluck's PM status ended](#) – The Nation, May 7, 2014

[Constitutional Court rules Thawil's transfer unlawful](#) – The Nation, May 7, 2014

# Why are you stitching my head back today?

May 8, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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From Manager, May 8, 2014

Caption: Have you ever seen a person being killed two days in a row?

Yingluck Shinawatra: I was decapitated by the court yesterday. Why are you stitching my head back today?

Doctor: Today is the NACC's turn.

# Causes of the earthquake

May 8, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, May 8, 2013

Title: Causes of the earthquake

Words in the crack on the ground: Destroy the democratic government. Then, establish the dictator power, bureaucratic polity.

Phi Nooring: They rupture the ground.

Mouse: A real destroyer.

Yingluck is holding a ballot box.

On gavel: Injustice and independent organizations

On hooded man's shirt: 100 dead bodies

# The democratic tool to solve the nation's problem

May 9, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, May 9, 2013

Title: Transfer the democratic tool to solve the nation's problem

Yingluck is throwing the ballot box to caretaker PM Niwattumrong Boonsongpaisan.

On his tie: Niwattumrong

On the ballot box: Election on 20 July 2014.

On the flag over the ballot box: Caretaker PM.

On the judge's gavel: Injustice.

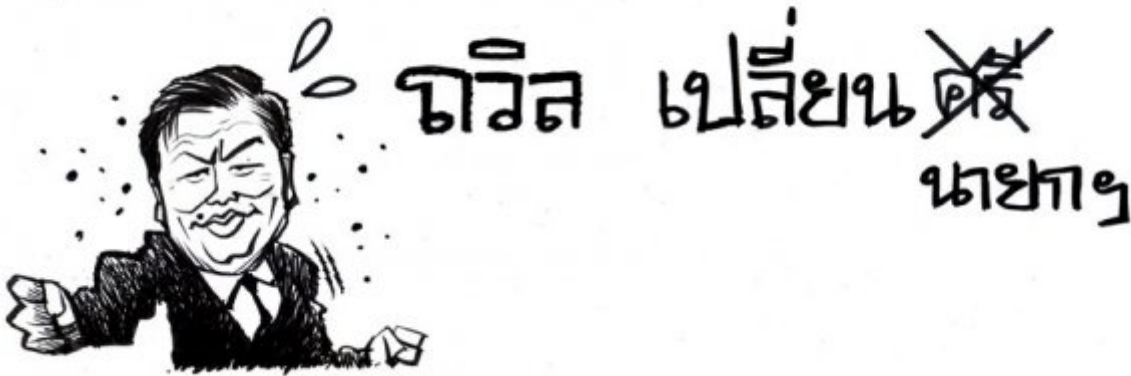
Phi Nooring: Voice of people will help.

Mouse: Don't lose to the dictator.

# The transfer that caused a change of prime minister

May 9, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, May 9, 2014

The words say: Thawil Plien-premier

## Weekly News Magazines, May 2, 2014

May 9, 2014

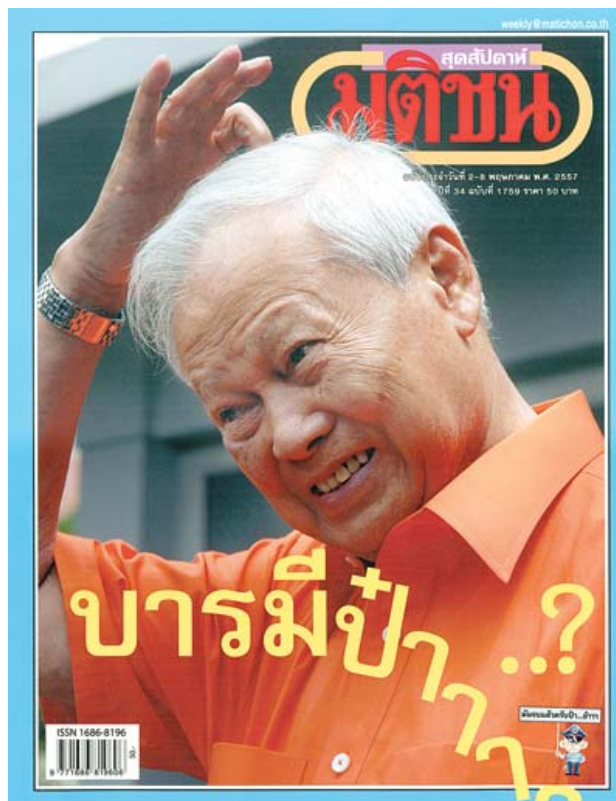
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From Nation Weekend, May 2, 2014

On the left: Fight against what? Fight for whom?

Cover reads: Mark imagines



From Matichon Weekly, May 2, 2014

Cover reads: Pa's charisma?



From ASTV Manager Weekly, may 3, 2014

Cover reads: The Oxford deal; a plan to undermine the mass of the people

Men on the cover, from left: Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha, the Royal Thai Army commander-in-chief; and Abhisit Vejjajiva, leader of the Democrat Party.

# **New York Times: A Coup by Another Name in Thailand**

May 9, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[A Coup by Another Name in Thailand](#) – NYT, May 8, 2014

...In a decision that smacked of bias, the Constitutional Court ruled on Wednesday that Ms. Shinawatra and several other ministers could no longer serve in their positions because, it said, the prime minister had abused her power when she reassigned a government official in 2011 and gave his job to a relative...



## Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



# Thaksin in Singapore

May 10, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News



As often is the case during key political crunch times, Thaksin is visiting a nearby country. In his caption to the photo he explains he is spending time with his children in Singapore.

# **25 Years Ago: The Story of Thaksin's First Enemy**

May 10, 2014

Categories: Today in History

[William L Monson vs Thaksin](#)

# Taiwan's TomoNews strikes again: Yingluck as go-go dancer and pot-smoking monkeys

May 11, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News



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



# Shadow Economies All over the World

May 13, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

Tom writes: *According to the attached World Bank document titled [Shadow Economies All over the World](#), during the period 1999-2006, the shadow economy in Thailand comprised an average of 51.9% of the total Gross Domestic Product. This means that, during this period, more than half of Thailand's economy was unofficial and untaxed, earning Thailand the dubious honor of being 84 out of the 88 developing countries surveyed.*

*In neighboring countries, the shadow economy is a much smaller proportion of GDP: Indonesia 19.5%, Malaysia 31.6%, Vietnam 15.4%, Philippines 41.9% and China 12.8%.*

*Assuming that this large shadow economy has persisted in Thailand up until today, Thailand's purchasing power adjusted GDP per capita could be around \$20,000. This puts Thailand on par with near-developed nations such as Russia, Hungary, Argentina and Poland.*

# The ripe mango... dropped

May 13, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, May 13, 2014  
"The ripe mango... dropped"

## No parking or else!

May 14, 2014

Categories: Signs and Billboards



Sign near Suan Rot Fai (Railroad Park) – The sign reads: No parking along the line, absolutely

# Amazing Thailand will prevail despite the strife

May 14, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Amazing Thailand will prevail despite the strife](#) – NST, May 14, 2014

*Failed state?: One side can win by destroying the kingdom, the other by undoing failures and sharing more wealth A GREAT book about Thailand said that three things mattered: The king, the Bangkok Bank and the First Army...*

*A GREAT book about Thailand said that three things mattered: The king, the Bangkok Bank and the First Army.*

*The king is frail (he is 87) but hardly gurgling whiskey publicly like a former Russian president. He is very much alive and around in his profound dignity, I am reliably informed.*

*The Bangkok Bank is very much alive, but more in the sense of the rich dominant Sino-Thai of Krung Thep (the Thai name for the city) who are everywhere.*

*The First Army is biding its time. We only know that its powerful leader is publicly committed to defend the royal succession. That might be a good or bad thing.*

*The new force is centered on Dubai, where the fugitive prime minister crouches in luxury and spends the day dictating policy to his sister – until last week, when a court caught her just as they've caught the whole clan in shady deals.*

*So Dubai will appoint someone else. Bit by bit Thaksin's real power wanes. His knife is the Red Shirts, the thugs from the North and Northeast who do his bidding.*

*In every crisis since Thaksin's long-planned triumphal entry to premiership in 2001, Thai watchers have seen doom. The Economist last week virtually wrote the kingdom off.*

*Let's be clear. Thaksin and Co have the votes. Nowhere in history has the vote alone been decisive in a successful democracy. And Thaksin is a Putin, not a democrat. He thinks like a dictator, he acts like one.*

*The "establishment" bitterly opposing him is self-interested. But if in their hearts they are democrats under their remarkable king, they are opposing Thaksin to save Thailand from a ruthless dictator – a man who in one night had 3,000 alleged drug dealers murdered. He got the small fish, letting the big ones – sometimes his friends – get fatter.*

*So for the third time courts have intervened, over a marginal infraction by the prime minister, Thaksin's younger sister Yingluck. Well, find any Thaksin who has not been caught and look for thunder in a worm.*

*Caesar's wife (or sister) must be above suspicion, as Shakespeare has Caesar say of Calpurnia.*

*Thailand a failed state? It is on students' minds.*

*"Thailand can be considered a failed state, and has been for years. Rival political groups have proven they can take over the streets of the capital. Not to mention the storming of..."*

*That is nonsense. The rhetoric has overtaken reality. Consider this:*

*"One is the over-grabbing power-hungry neo-capitalist fascists. The other side is the 19th century yearning, task-relying, lese-majesty loving, feudal fascists. Both sides have their devoted worshippers," wrote Voranai Vanijaka in the venerable Bangkok Post.*

*In the early 1990s, the Thai economy was greater – at foreign exchange equivalent – than Russia's. Kindly don't underestimate the kingdom's strength. The military hasn't spoken but the problem is the palace.*

*The frail great king has a failed great son, Crown Prince Voroput. YouTube has gone viral with some of his horrific party scenes. He is, for now, allegedly in Thaksin's financial pockets. He lives a lot in his German palace where he has all he wants plus German medicine for his particular alleged ailments.*

*Yes, this is a zero-sum game. One side will win, one will lose. The Red Shirts and their Thaksin sponsors can win only by destroying the kingdom – the monarchy, the sacred Sanggha, and the phenomenal credit standing of Thailand.*

*The other side can win by patiently wearing down the Red Shirts, undoing catastrophic failures like the Thaksin rice bonus, sharing more of the wealth in traditionally backward north and northeast – as it was already doing prior to Thaksin's advent.*

*It can ensure a smooth transition to a less awesome monarchy (Rama IX is the greatest of the line by far), and keep the currency strong, as it has done for 60 years.*

*I will place my bet on Amazing Thailand, not on a thug hiding from justice in Dubai.*

# Don't mistake evil for good

May 15, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, May 15, 2014

Cartoon title: Don't mistake evil for good, 'blindly' glorifying a traitor as hero

On hand on the left: 40 appointed senators

On constitution on tray with pedestal: (Unlawful) P.M. by Section 7

On suit of man on his knees: Unlawful senate's speaker-elected

Sign on skulls: (Unlawful) Sovereignty

Phi Nooring: Don't commit illegal acts.

Mouse: Using unlawful regulations.

# Weekly News Magazines, May 9, 2014

May 19, 2014

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, May 9, 2014

Cover reads: The End



From Matichon Weekly, May 9, 2014



From ASTV Manager Weekly, May 10, 2014  
Cover reads: ‘Poo’'s gone, now what?

# **Election Commissioner threatens action against Ch.11 for broadcasting show about the need to hold elections**

May 19, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Election Commissioner Angered By Pro-Election Lecture](#) – Khao Sod, May 18, 2014

*...Mr. Somchai's remarks came in response to a event, televised by Channel 11, in which a panel of academics emphasized the need to hold elections promptly.*

*The lecture was organised by a group of political science and law professors with the Assembly for the Defence of Democracy (AFDD) at Thammasat University's Rangsit Campus on Saturday.*

*In the event, law lecturer and co-founder of the AFDD Worachet Pakeerut stressed that elections must be held as soon as possible...*

# When in Thailand, don't ask unanswerable question like...

May 19, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, May 19, 2014

Left: When in Rome, do what Romans do. When in Thailand, don't ask unanswerable question like...

Middle: ...between a hen and an egg, which one was born first?

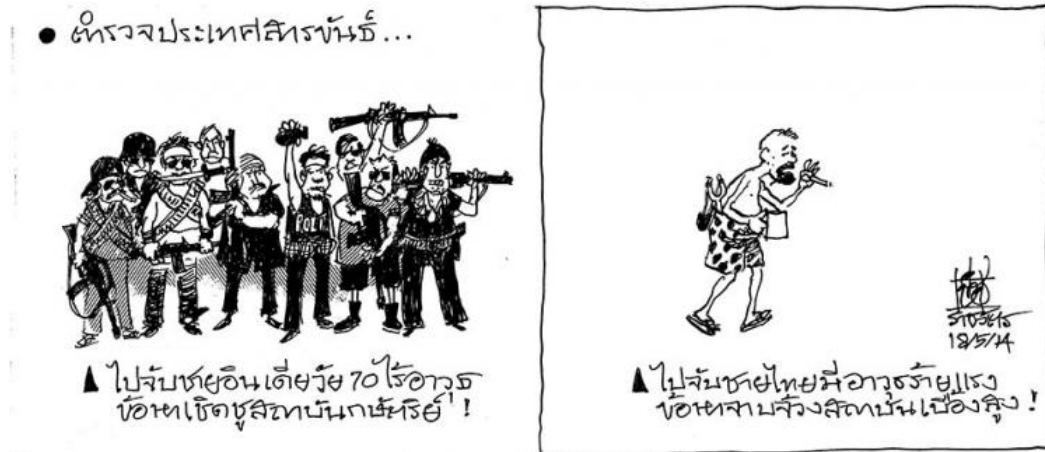
Man on the right: Why?

Right: Here, people ask question like “election before reform” or “reform before election?”

# Unprepared to arrest

May 20, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, May 20, 2014

Cartoon title: Police officers of Sarkhan Country

Left: To arrest a 70-year-old Indian who reveres the monarchy!

Right: To arrest Thai men armed with heavy weapons charged with contempt against the monarchy!

# The military to the rescue

May 20, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, May 20, 2014

Cartoon title: Kamnan's rescue truck

# Martial Law: What's really going on in Thailand

May 21, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Analysis

It has been a cool, confident, self-assured takeover by the military. With no apparent security reason on the ground for the announcement of martial law it is likely that blame will be assigned to potential Red Shirt attacks. However, security incidents recently have not exceeded in scope or pace the normal level of unrest expected in this sort of political atmosphere.

All of the events in a season of coordinated protest need to be taken in context.

The events of the last seven months are not random, stand-alone events, but part of a coordinated effort by a wide range of powers to protect their prerogatives in the face of a political party that has repeatedly proclaimed they would rewrite the charter to eliminate the political powers that can check and balance a sitting government. The anti-government protests were part of that effort and accomplished their mission with stunning success (despite the dismissive reception they have received in the media for their reactionary rhetoric)—the Shinawatra prime minister is gone, the government is in virtual hiding, the military is on the streets, and a “compromise” government is now expected to be formed.

Martial law, on top of the events of the last six months, is meant to drive home the reality that the unelected powers in the Thai political world retain the ability and will to resist Pheu Thai political dominance. Happening when an aimless, headless government still clings to power, martial law can be considered a coup or at least a step into a political vacuum by the military. It is a lead up to the hoped-for announcement of an interim government as well as a way to demonstrate to present government MPs that there is no reason for further allegiance to Thaksin.

The military was likely further emboldened by a lack of follow through from the Red Shirts. Threats that the faithful would wage civil war if Yingluck was removed from power have come to nothing. The goalposts were quickly switched to a new threat of rage if a new PM is appointed.

Government MPs were positively docile and unfazed after the removal of Yingluck. Acting Prime Minister Niwattumrong Boonsongpaisan has been virtually invisible, obviously not actually leading the government (nor any faction of MPs), and retreated to the north shortly after his appointment like Prime Minister Somchai did in 2008 when a PAD protest engulfed Bangkok.

Early in 2014, the army publicly proclaimed that its role in the conflict would be maintaining and restoring peace in the case of violent clashes between protesters and other government officers (such as the police who are thought to remain loyal to Thaksin). This is a casting of the military in its traditional, self-appointed role as a protector of Thai unity and has put the government on notice that it cannot resist the protesters without risking military action. Creating “disunity” is traditionally (or supposedly) the greatest sin in Thai society—trumping the desire for free speech. It is the ultimate threat of Thai protests that they are displaying disunity and that means unity must be restored or anger and violent acting out will result.

Over the last few months, the military has taken actions that made it clear they would not support government efforts to contain or disperse the anti-protesters—all the while maintaining a public face of neutrality. Indeed, there have been headlines in the international press such as “Military Neutral for Now” while the military was being deployed to protect the protesters from attacks from government sympathizers. It is this weight, both on the streets and behind the scenes, that allowed a small anti-government force—usually no more than 20,000—to enforce its will in the city by invading ministries to create a sense of government powerlessness.

Thus the announcement yesterday from Commander-in Chief Prayuth that the military would be acting as a mediator to bring both sides together must have made Thaksin’s blood run cold—and was a sign to the Thai political world that they should consider Thaksin influence to be waning. The “compromise” political future

is intended to remove Shinawatra family influence from politics and deny any future ability for amnesty and a charter rewrite.

One real danger now is military overconfidence. History indicates that the Thai military does not have the tact to stage manage a political crisis. All the coups and power grabs of the past (with the possible exception of the 2006 coup) ended up being marred by military officials trying to grab too much power, installing themselves in positions of power, and doing what they criticize Thaksin for doing—rewriting laws for their own benefit. However, Commander-in-Chief Prayuth appears to possess more political aplomb than the bumbling army commanders of the past who became involved in “saving the nation.”

The composition of a new government would be critical. A new government that shuts out present Pheu Thai MP factions or one emphasizing military men in top positions would generate further conflict. That is why it will be important to get Pheu Thai MPs to participate. Likewise, if major Democrat Party leaders feature too prominently in a new government, this would also be an irritant, not only to the Red Shirts, but to the Thai political class in general as it will be seen that the Democrats, who have not been able to win at the ballot box, are elbowing their way into power.

The failure of the deployment of the Red Shirts to confront the anti-government protesters so far is one of the surprising outcomes of the present round of protests. The movement as a force on the ground was conceived after the 2008 PAD march to the airport and intended to combat just such an eventuality.

However, once again the military was standing by (and even protecting) anti-government protesters who were trying to force an elected government from power. The Red Shirts have not delivered on threats to cause chaos or even assemble large groups to face off against protesters and defend the government in Bangkok as they always promised to do. From this perspective it is easy to understand the sense of disappointment from true Red Shirt believers as a relatively small group of anti-government protesters marched around Bangkok unchallenged even after the years of threats from Red Shirt leaders who promised blood if that ever happened.

Anti-Thaksin groups are pressing home a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to stop Thaksin, but must do it in a way that makes it hard for government supporters to go on a rampage. They are sending a message that a Shinawatra is unlikely to head the government again and thus the many factions of MPs that make up the Pheu Thai (all stemming from the political parties that Thaksin purchased to create his electoral majority back in the Thai Rak Thai days) are forced to rethink their allegiances and perhaps join in a compromise unity government.

Despite these desires for Thaksin influence to be removed, Thaksin has always been able to maintain party order. His choice now is between demanding a total boycott of MPs from participating in a compromise government or joining in with the option of a mass walk out at some future point to demand immediate elections.

The result of the present political disruptions might actually result in future election strength for the Pheu Thai as disgruntled voters show their support for a premier they feel has been unfairly treated and a party that put money in their pockets. This is why the Pheu Thai Party and the Red Shirts continue to push for quick elections—and why the rest of the political world wants to drag things out as long as they can.

There are still many variables—army figures who want wide punishment of the Pheu Thai and Red Shirts for making the monarchy a villain in the political drama, extremists on both sides who wish to attack protest groups and trigger a crisis, Democrats who want to capitalize on the situation to grab power for themselves, and the decision Thaksin might take to fight back.

So far, there is little room for any outside surprise to make an impact. Each of these variables, if they occurred, would play into the hands of the other side. Thaksin can pin his hopes on new elections and emphasize that it is time for his supporters to stand up for democracy and the sanctity of their vote. There will also be a mass effort made to show that the military are not impartial as they claim and that they are now engaged directly in politics.

Quick elections would mean a return to power for the Thaksin majority, a rebuke of the idea that Thaksin is finished, and a return to rewriting the constitution and amnesty. This is why new elections will be stalled for

as long as possible and a new “compromise” government will be pushed to create reforms that make it impossible for a new Pheu Thai majority to easily rewrite the charter or otherwise dominate the political scene.

There is something frightening and attention-grabbing about the phrase “martial law,” but it is important to understand how insular Thais are despite the nation’s reliance on tourism and exports. Many in the establishment will think nothing of taking the country through years of turmoil to ensure a desired future where the current range of powers maintain their prerogatives.

In their mind, they fear of the dominance of one party with the will to rewrite the rules in its favor and shut other parties out of power. How these events eventually work out have the potential to destroy the conception of the nation that they built over the decades—a political playing field where no party reins supreme presided over by a benevolent monarch who serves as a symbol of selflessness in contrast with the venality of creeping democratic politics.

This view is not supposed to be judged true nor false, but is a kind of self-stereotype that underpins nation building. It has been challenged as never before by electoral politics in the last 15 years and openly mocked by a new generation of politicians who continue to ride Thaksin’s political coattails. And now the Thai military is again wading into the fray.

Coming weeks and months will see efforts to stall elections with a far-off election date set to placate government supporters and foreign observers. In the meantime plans for a new government will be floated and endlessly debated, all in an effort to sap Thaksin’s political capital. The new government will be understood to be a tool to both delay as well as retool the political system to ensure that no single political party can use an electoral majority to simply rewrite the constitution in a way that threatens the existing political power balance.

Whether all the stakeholders involved can really join together to make this happen is uncertain, but this is the establishment’s last, best hope to finally isolate Thaksin—and they have never been this close before.

*2Bangkok.com* Editor Ron Morris’ book, [\*The Thai Book: A Field Guide to Thai Political Motivations\*](#), is available in the Kindle Store.

# Foreigner as non-elected prime minister

May 22, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, May 22, 2014

Left, Soldier: Military must take control of the situation before the government appoints a foreigner as non-elected prime minister.

Middle, Man: How come?

Middle, soldier: Kittiratt is making the economy plummet...

Right, soldier: ...and the IMF will have to take control.

# Remembering the Thaksin Years: Shutting Up the Press

May 22, 2014

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



From Thairath, 2001

Cartoon title: Security zone... against mouthing

On backs of the press from left: News; newspaper

# General Prayuth's 5 "homework" points for political rivals to consider

May 22, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup

[General Prayuth's "homework" for political rivals for consideration](#) – ThaiPBS, May 22, 2014

*The five issues are:*

- Reform before election or election before reform? Can an election be held and when will it be held?*
- A referendum on whether there will be reform before election or election before reform?*
- A neutral interim prime minister in accordance with the law?*
- An interim government proposed by the Senate?*
- Can the United Front for Democracy against Dictatorship and the People's Democratic Reform Committee call off their protests to let the protesters go back home and they carry on with the talks to find a solution to the political conflict?*

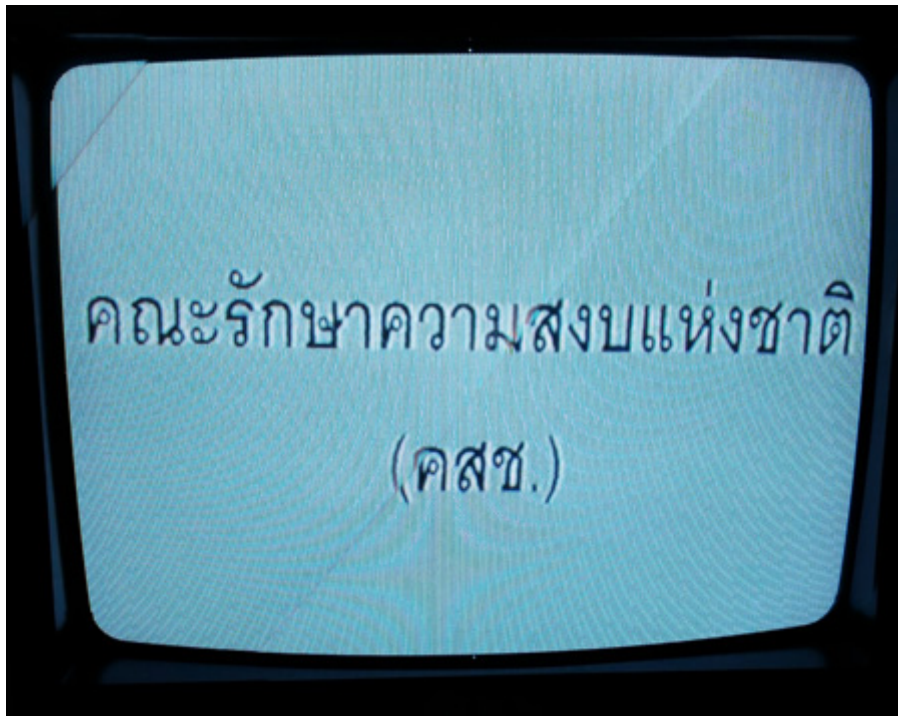
*In his capacity as director of Peace and Order Maintaining Command, General Prayuth said he would like all the concerned parties to find answers to the five issues and to try to find a way out of the conflict so that the country can return to normalcy and move on.*

*He said he expected a solution could be found before he is due to retire at the end of September.*

# Another coup in Thailand

May 22, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Analysis



Above: On all the channels now—it reads “National Peace Keeping Council (NPKC)”

[Coup declared](#) – The Nation, May 22, 2014

*...”In order for the country to return to normal quickly the National Peace Keeping Committee comprised of the army, the Thai armed forces, the Royal Air Force and the police need to seize power as of May 22 at 4.30 pm,” army chief Prayut Chan-O-Cha said.*

*He asked the public to go on their daily lives as usual.*

*The army is taking control of the government to restore order and push through political reform...*

## Politics

\* Constitution temporarily suspended, government sacked, but senate, courts, and independent agencies still functioning. This still points to the same plan that has been in place since late last year—demonstrating that Thaksin influence is finished.

\* It is suspected that peace talks were meant to lure leaders into one place—PM staying away from meeting makes more sense.

\* The 2006 coup was noted as being too soft and not eliminating Thaksin influence. This new one might include resolve to harshly deal with extremists on both sides.

\* There will be more of a demand than ever from the Thaksin political clique for elections and a return to democracy as well as a fresh effort to focus on the military as a villain.

From the military perspective, the coup is meant to prove to politicians that Thaksin and his money are finished. It will be interesting to see if the message is getting through (or being believed). This is also the reason no elections can be held anytime soon—elections would show Thaksin can return.

In a bid to be tough we might expect the army to go back to the post-1991 coup tactic of mass confiscation of politicians’ assets. They have to destroy the vast business network his family still controls to be successful in

rooting out his influence.



### **What is a Thai coup like?**

\* A note on the nature of coups in Thailand (same sort of info we gave during the 2006 coup): typically all banking and ATMs are operating, business goes on as usual (sometimes with relief as coups break political impasses), and most people never see any military vehicles which are usually only in the far downtown government areas.

This is important to explain to Westerners who associate coups with a “rebellion” when soldiers fight each other and a nation is paralyzed. A Thai coup is the army exercising its role as a “protector of the nation” against what they interpret as politicians who are tainted for being elected. Politics is seen as dirty and self-serving.

While this is a broad explanation, this overall viewpoint underpins the dynamics of what is going on now. The protests and negotiations will be used to prove that this cycle was occurring again and that the army “had no choice.”

That is not to say that the army will be successful. History is shown that a quick and painless coup eventually leads to overreach and incompetence and sometimes bloodshed. However, C-in-C Prayuth seems to have an uncommonly deft touch in dealing in political situations—particularly portraying the army as neutral (when they clearly have not been). His leadership will certainly be tested in the coming months.

### **Necessities in Bangkok**

- \* No official word on this, but in previous curfew situations, the army looked the other way if tourists had to travel from airport to a hotel or vice versa.
- \* All Thai airports operating as usual despite coup.
- \* Tourist areas outside of Bangkok have usually operated as normal during coups and curfews and other civil strife.
- \* Military issues curfew from 10pm to 5am.
- \* BTS and MRT considering stopping operation before midnight. Central department stores to close at 8pm.

\* New announcement: tourists allowed to travel if necessary after curfew, hospital personnel, patients, aviation workers allowed to travel as well.

\* Closure of educational institutes nationwide on Friday (May 23).

Also: [8 Years Ago – The 2006 Coup](#)

Also: [23 Years Ago – The 1991 Coup](#)

2Bangkok.com Editor Ron Morris' book, [\*The Thai Book: A Field Guide to Thai Political Motivations\*](#), is available in the Kindle Store.

## 8 Years Ago – The 2006 Coup

May 22, 2014

Categories: Today in History



[8 Years Ago – The 2006 Coup](#)

# The 1991 Coup

May 22, 2014

Categories: 1991 Coup



Above: Bangkok Post, February 24, 1991

The coup occurred under cover of the first Iraq war (on the day the ground war began). While the rest of the world was distracted watching reports from Iraq, Thais were watching TV screens carrying a military logo.

[Taped confession aired to justify the takeover](#)

One of the most surreal aspects was seeing this confession of a plot to overthrow the monarchy aired on all TV channels.

[Junta says why coup necessary](#)

[Rift over assassination probe was the catalyst](#)

[The Nation front page: Power belongs to the people, nobody else](#)

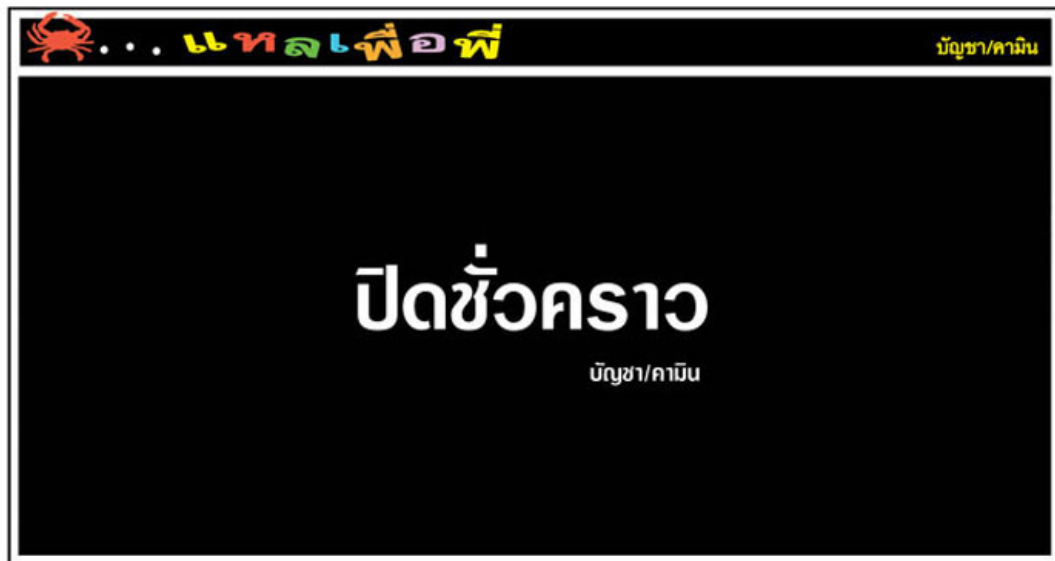
[Newswatch one of the victims of clampdown](#)

From 2005: [Bloody Events Have Mixed Legacy](#)

# Temporarily Closed

May 23, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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From Manager, May 23, 2014  
Temporarily Closed, Bancha/Kamin

# The 2014 Coup – May 22-26

May 23, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup

[Reuters: Exclusive: Fugitive Thai minister says army led government into trap](#)

[Chiang Mai police boss removed by junta](#)

[Reuters: Thai Coup Leader Sets Out Economic Priorities: Rice and Budget](#)

[Is Bangkok wall-to-wall with menacing soldiers? This CNN photo spread really makes it look like it is](#)



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Above: May 25, 2014 – Daily Mail website blocked in Thailand.

[NCPO to take legal action against Amsterdam for statements that govts are ready to host govt in exile](#)

[New statement from Red Shirt/Thaksin lawyer: UDD leadership to be reformed outside of Thailand; Thai army may undertake “terrorist actions” to increase tension](#)

[Economist: Military coup in Thailand – The darkened horizon](#)



Above: May 25, 2014, 7:00 am – No mention of the Thai situation at all on BBC.

[Thai coup sets precedent for Myanmar army to seize power citing spread of rallies demanding charter change](#)  
[Red Shirt/Thaksin lawyer: Junta holding hostages, denies lawyers access, support rapidly eroding for coup](#)  
[Scuffles, Road Blockade Greet Anti-Coup Protests](#)  
[Army has “come to an understanding” with leaders of movements in the northeast with potential to incite unrest](#)  
[Army arrests 23 red-shirt activists with arms and explosives at an apartment in Khon Kaen](#)  
[Impact of Thai Coup on Cambodia Uncertain](#)  
[Time: Thailand Is Doing a Great Job of Screwing Up Its Potential](#)



Above: The much discussed photo of Metropolitan Police Commissioner Pol Lt General Kamronwit Thupkrajang who credited his promotion to Thaksin and had Thaksin pin on his new rank insignia. On May 24 Kamronwit was removed as Bangkok police chief in a purge of Thaksin influence. [Here is an editorial cartoon that refers to him.](#)

Update: [Bangkok Police Chief and Thaksin loyalist Pol Lt-Gen Kamronwit vows to stay on until his retirement](#)

[Thailand's Attention Shifts to Future of Red Shirts](#)

[Myths that have kept Thailand together now risk tearing it apart following military coup](#)

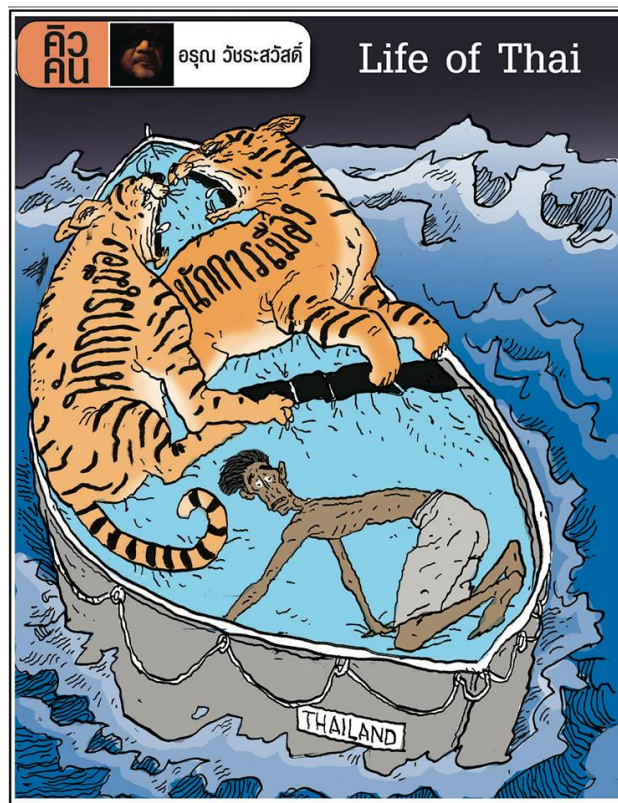
[Fears thousands of Australians could be stranded in Thailand or not covered by travel insurance](#)

[Techdirt: Thailand Coup Leaders Insist Their Orders To Censor The Internet Are Not Actually Censorship](#)

[AHRC condemns arrests of protesters](#)

[Ousted interior minister says he will not report to junta](#)

[Thaksin and Red Shirts considering government in exile following coup](#)



Above: [The Facebook page of the cartoonist Arun is gone](#)

[Protesters ‘paid’ to quit rallies, Thousands given B250 to go home](#)

[Reuters: Thaksin Shinawatra remains at centre of divisions](#)

[NPOMC introduces new national administrative structure answerable to the military](#)

[“Now who’s backwards? Thailand or Myanmar?” asked one local print reporter](#)



Above: Another media classic: “Government Overthrown in Taiwan”

[Junta tracking politicians’ money](#)

[Account of the failed negotiations that led to the coup](#)

[Pheu Thai Party opted for quiet mode on Friday, waiting for directions from former prime minister Thaksin](#)

[All free TV stations, except TPBS, to resume normal broadcast this evening](#)  
[Coups crisis could cost Thailand its medical tourism crown](#)  
[Yingluck reports to the generals](#)  
[Life as usual in Thailand as nationalistic & patriotic songs still play on television & radio](#)



Above: On Thai TV now: Back to normal television programs

[Military seizes radio broadcasting equipment from a red shirt a radio station in Udon Thani](#)  
[Abhisit, Democrat representatives released](#)  
[Army Occupies Thai-Lao Border To Cut Off Red Escapes](#)  
[Bloomberg: Thailand's Coup Builds Case for Emergency Rate Cut: Asean Credit](#)  
[Thailand Economy May Not Survive Current Coup, Despite Good Record In Past Years: Report](#)

**Thailand: With martial law imposed, should you still go?**



A view of a usually crowded area at the Suvarnabhumi Airport in Bangkok. It was empty Thursday after a curfew was imposed following a coup by the Thai army. (Nicolas Asfour / AFP/Getty Images)

Above: LA Times uses Terminal 21 Shopping Mall photo for Suvarnabhumi Airport

[Red Shirt lawyer demands army "show proof of safety of detained Red Shirts"](#)  
[PropertyGuru: Thai coup – Property price drops unlikely](#)  
[New York Times from 2013: How the US avoided the calling Egypt coup a coup](#)  
[Templeton: We view current military coup as likely overall positive as it creates a more stable environment](#)

[New York Times: A Reckless Coup in Thailand](#)

[Bloomberg: Thai Baht Plunge Is No Bear Market Sign to Coup-Savvy Investors](#)

[Wall Street Journal: Thai Coup Has Foreign Investors on High Alert, But Sitting Tight](#)

[Royal Thai Navy seize control of Pattaya Police Station](#)

[10pm curfew sent protesters, workers & shoppers home in what may be the worst traffic jams in BKK history](#)

[Thai Junta on Facebook – already 94,000 likes](#)

[Coup leader to act as PM pending new premier appointment](#)

[All protesters dispersed by soldiers; PDRC jubilant](#)

[Army seized power after govt insisted it would stay in power and would not resign](#)

[Army details curfew exemptions](#)

[Former head of the CAPO Chalerm Yoobamrung and his sons were arrested by soldiers](#)

[All Thai airports operating as usual despite coup](#)

[Before coup announcement: Representatives to meeting ‘taken away’ by troops](#)

[Thaksin duly informed of army proposals but rejected them & told party to fight to the full extent within the law](#)

[Acting Thai prime minister boycotts army-led reconciliation talks](#)

[Shinawatra family members insist they have not fled to Cambodia](#)

[Time: Thailand: If It Looks Like a Coup, and Smells Like a Coup, It Is a Coup](#)

[Thai police chief: Martial law should ease situation](#)

[Thailand’s martial law gives rise to selfies](#)

[Martial law: many in the property and real estate sector are welcoming the move towards greater stability](#)

[Aide to Thai PM: The military is negotiating with the Red Shirts to disperse](#)

[Thai military knocks 10 satellite TV stations off air \(these are stations used for political propaganda\)](#)

# In praise of military intervention

May 24, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, May 24, 2014

Cartoon title: Defusing

On bomb: Political crisis

# Cancel the constitution that obstructed peace and happiness

May 24, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, May 24, 2014

Left: Military has to stage a coup to cancel the constitution that obstructed peace and happiness.

Middle, Phoo Yai Lee: Obstructed, how?

Middle, soldier: This is the only country in the world which has constitution...

Right, soldier: ...just to fatally fight about the interpretation of the constitution!

# Enough

May 24, 2014

Categories: Signs and Billboards



The sign reads: Enough. Let's go for election.

Earlier this billboard had an [Anti-Suthep sign](#)

# Coup headlines

May 24, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup

**รัฐประหาร ผ่าทางตัน**

ASTVผู้จัดการรายวัน

หน้า 13 วันอังคารที่ 23 พฤษภาคม 2557 ปีที่ 4 ฉบับที่ 10551 ราคา 20 บาท

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From ASTV Manager, May 23, 2014  
A coup d'état to break the dead end

**Bangkok Post**

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**COUP D'ETAT**

**Charter suspended**

■ Senate, courts, independent agencies still in place ■ Caretaker ministers told to report in; schools closed ■ Military detains PDRC, red-shirt core leaders

**INSIDE**

**PAGE 2** Reaction mixed  
Some sceptical over new military, while others say it's a last resort

**PAGE 3** Protesters disperse  
Soldiers surround the red-shirt rally site, while PDRC supporters leave peacefully

**PAGE 10** Not the solution  
Military, it says, could worsen political divisions

**PAGE B1** No panic  
Business leaders denounce daily damage from the coup

**GEN PRASIT CHAI CHOA**  
I am ready to take responsibility, no matter whether it is right or wrong.

From Bangkok Post, May 23, 2014



From Matichon, May 24, 2014

From top: Big Tou declared a coup d'etat-senate not dissolved; the constitution suspended

;

Revealing the moment of leaders of five parties were locked and sent on to vans after the failed talks; 18 ministers reported to the NCPO refusing about the government in exile; Curfew-schools closed

Arrested Weng from Aksa stage

U.N.-U.S.-E.U. announced their concerns over 'Thailand'; French President pushed for 'election'; press reported the news across the world



From Krungthep Turakij, May 24, 2014

NCPO established 2 council for 'reform'

Explained to 'Business sector-Foreigners', restoring confidence to draw investments



From Komchadluek, May 24, 2014

NCPO favors reform

On top, headline in yellow: Prayuth asked every party to cooperate in finding resolution before election.

Yellow headline in frame: Closed borders, strict for arms smuggling, stop 'blacklist' from fleeing the country

Middle, white head line: Private sector suggested a national road map to restore confidence

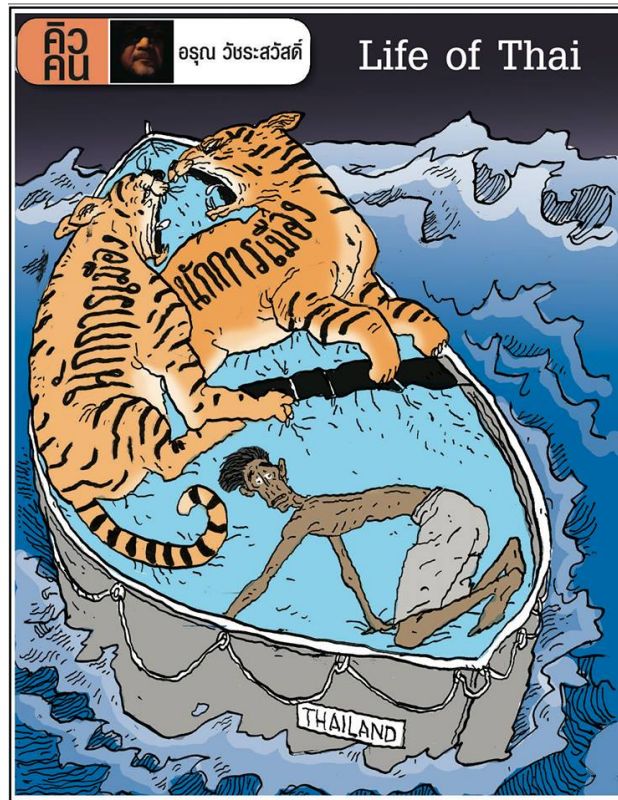
Bottom left: 20 kilo-bomb in Narathiwat Province

Bottom right: Pick-up driver dosed off and hit a tree killing 6 siblings

# Come back Arun!

May 24, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons – Arun



After the coup, Arun's [Facebook page](#) has vanished.

Above: From Arun, April 7, 2014, On the tigers: Politicians

[More Arun cartoons](#)

# The way down

May 25, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons



From Post Today, May 25, 2014

In bubble: The way down...!

# What we see from the coup

May 25, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, May 25, 2014

Cartoon title: What we see from the coup

Top left: We see wives and children are happy that a curfew was imposed!

Top middle: We see arms that the police have never seen!

Top right: We see crooked politicians corrupt the country so badly that it led to another coup crying out for election!

On the ballot box: Washing machine

Bottom left: We see peace inside a family for they stop fighting over changing the TV channel.

Bottom middle: We see some people hurry to make a swift turnaround!

Bottom right: We see tears of happiness and sadness from the two sides of the people

# New state in the south

May 25, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, May 13, 2014

Left: The Red Shirt group saw opportunity, thinking of taking the South and establish the Soh.Poh.Poh. Lanna.

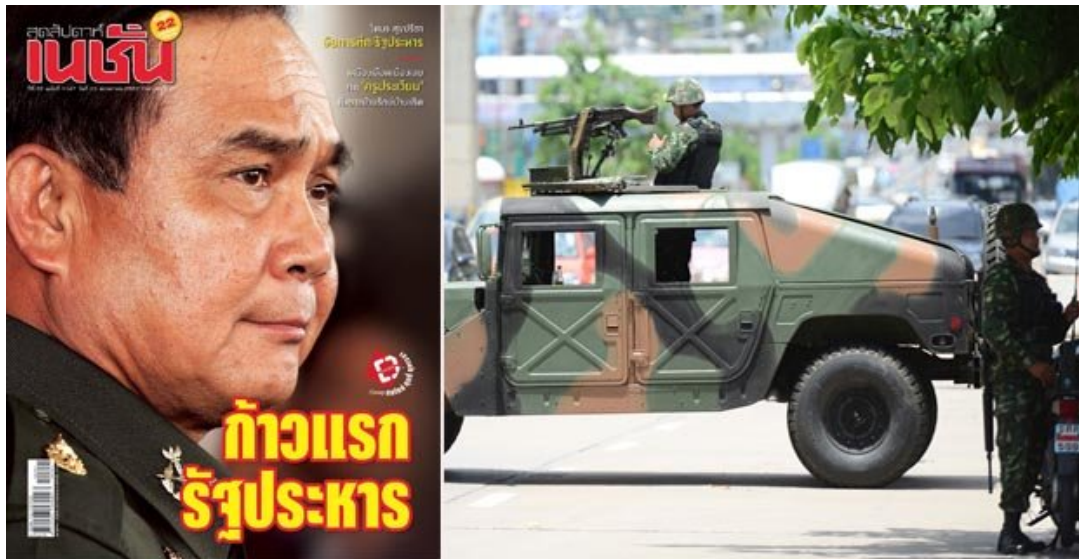
Middle: Aren't they afraid of resistance from Southerners?

Left: Almost all of the Southerners left their homes to demonstrate in Bangkok.

# Weekly News Magazines, May 16 & 23, 2014

May 25, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, May 23, 2014

Cover reads: The first step to the coup



From Matichon Weekly, May 23, 2014

Cover reads: Roasted taro in the 'shadow' of a coup



From ASTV Manager Weekly, May 24, 2014  
Cover reads: A “coup d’etat” to break the deadend

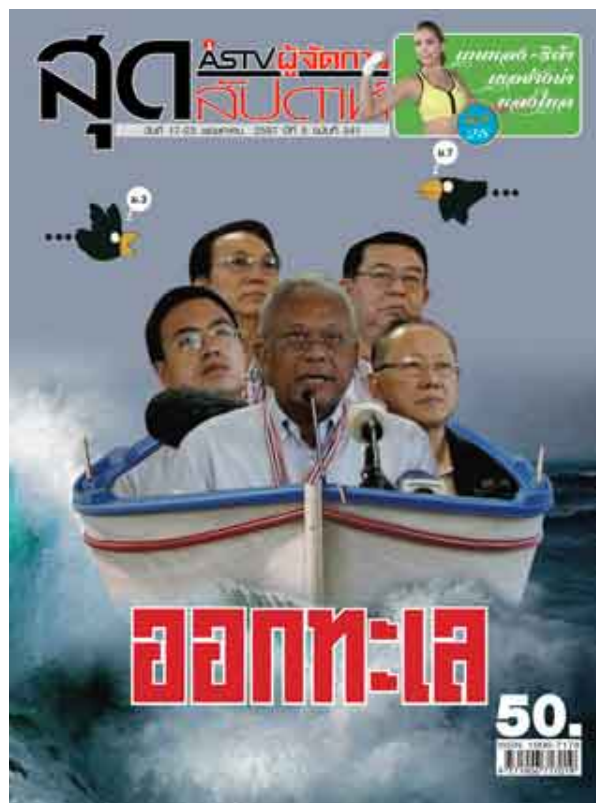


From Nation Weekend, May 16, 2014  
Cover reads: Section 7 Mango



From Matichon Weekly, May 16, 2014

Cover reads: Stuck on Section 7; Unfinished; Obstructed by the Red Shirt



From ASTV Manager Weekly, May 17, 2014

Cover reads: Out to sea

In boat, front row: Suthep Thuagsuban, secretary-general of the People's Democratic Reform Committee (PDRC)

Second row, left: Akanat Promphan, PDRC's speaker;

Back row, left: Dr. Sombat Thamrongthanyawong; right: Dr. Jernsak Pinthong

# Restore happiness to Thai people!

May 26, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, May 26, 2014

Left: Thai man: Foreign governments threaten to boycott Thailand, pressuring the NCPO to restore happiness to Thai people!

Middle, foreigner: What did the NCPO do?

Thai man: Played along...

Right, Thai man: ...by allowing TV drama series to be on air again.

# Shinawatras caught in the country

May 26, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Analysis, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, May 26, 2014

Pojjaman Na Pompet, former wife of Thaksin Shinawatra: Because we believed you... that Ai Tou is trustworthy, we have to be stuck like this. None of us have time to escape!!

Caption: It's him we must blame!

On couch against the wall, from left: Yingluck Shinawatra and her son, and the three children of Thaksin and Pojjaman. On couch on the right are MP Yaowapha Wongsawat, believed to be the most influential Shinawatra in parliament, and her husband, Somchai Wongsawat, a former prime minister.

2Bangkok.com Editor Ron Morris' book, [\*The Thai Book: A Field Guide to Thai Political Motivations\*](#), is available in the Kindle Store.

# Can we trust Too?

May 26, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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From Manager, May 22, 2014

Left: Thaksin's thought: I truly trust in Ai Too.

Left caption: This man is definitely wrong

Right Suthep: I truly trust in Ai Tou.

Right caption: This man? Still not sure whether he's right.

# TV blocking and branding during the coup

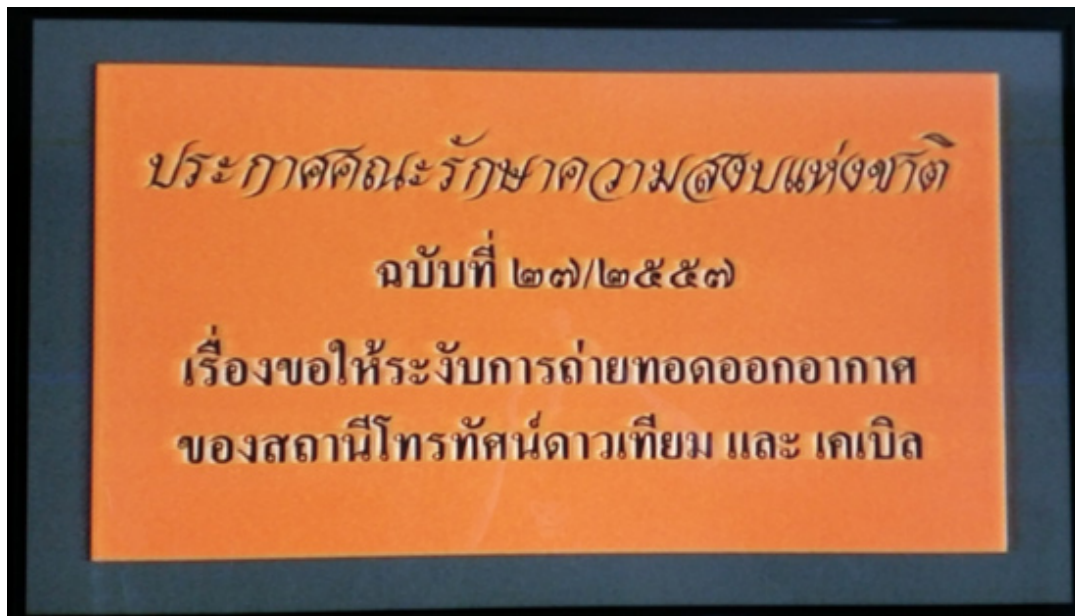
May 26, 2014

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Declaration no. 15/2014

Subject: Suspension of broadcasting  
of satellite, cable and digital TVs  
and community's radios effective immediately



Declaration of the National Council for Peace and Order

No. 27/2014

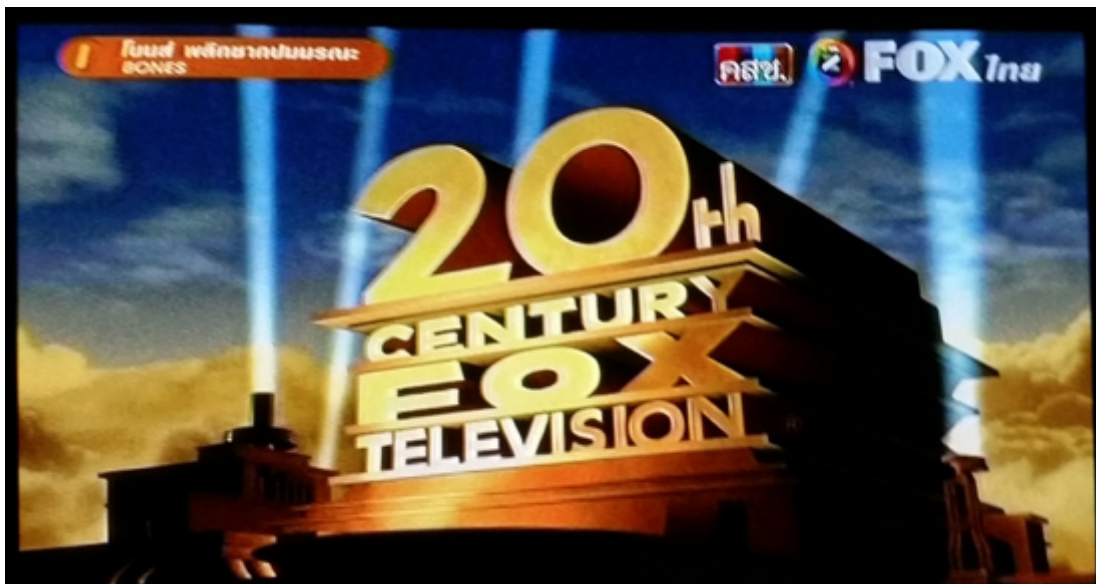
On suspension of broadcasting of satellite and cable TVs.



Above: Many stations still carry the banner of the junta.



Above: Junta logo appears at the top of Thai stations that are broadcasting.



Above and below: Some international stations also have the logo on their screens.



# The Evolving Banner of the Junta

## การพัฒนาแบนเนอร์ของเว็บของกลุ่มรัฐประหาร

May 27, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup

Just like in 2006, the 2014 junta has been tweaking its image and changing its name.



Above: May 22, 2014 – The original Facebook banner



Above: May 23, 2014 – Updated Facebook banner toning down the Thai flag in the image



Above: May 24, 2014 – The junta updates its name so it sounds more natural in English: National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO)

Also: From the 2006 coup



Above: September 24, 2006 – Header from the original junta website



Above: September 28, 2006 – Next header from a new website



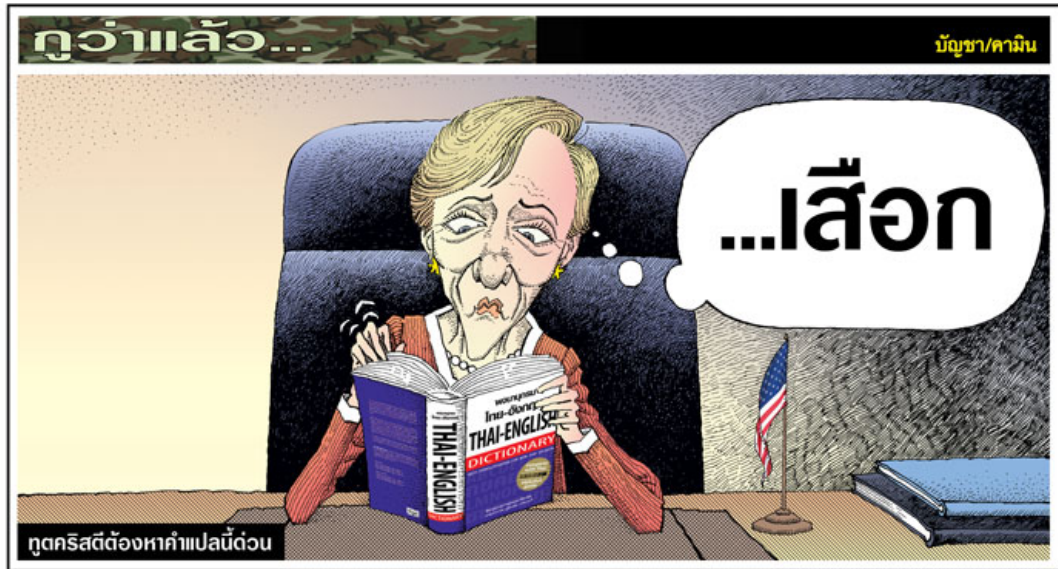
Above: October 8, 2006 – Last header from their website

In 2006 the military was caught off guard by foreign assumptions of what “Constitutional Monarchy” implied and thus changed their name several times.

# Telling the U.S. Ambassador to mind her own business

May 27, 2014

Categories: Anti-Americanism, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, May 27, 2014

The U.S. Ambassador thinks: ...”suag”

Caption: Ambassador Kristie must look for the meaning of this word fast.

# **To choose the Thaksin regime is to guarantee the death of democracy for Thailand's foreseeable future**

May 27, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup

[Thai coup holds promise of democracy](#) – latimes.com, May 27, 2014

*...To justify opposition to the coup requires support for Thaksin, a man who would brook no opposition, not even from the palace, and who would rule with an iron hand as long as he — or those he chooses to succeed him — lives.*

*Personally, my surprise is that the general has waited this long. He has played his hand carefully, declaring a neutral martial law one day and taking power in the next. The army has not produced a general of such widely regarded competence in half a century.*

*To choose the Thaksin regime is to guarantee the death of democracy for Thailand's foreseeable future. To support the army, may, just may, be the only way to restore it. It has been a general historical truth that regimes bringing order at least make a democratic transition possible. The converse is seldom true.*

*Permissive regimes tend to lead to crackdowns that doom enlightened rule.*

# Coup news May 27-28, 2014

May 28, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup

Earlier: [Coup news May 22-26](#)

[Thai Junta Sets Up Reconciliation Centres to Soothe Divisions](#)

[Troops tear down antenna of “Red Guard” community radio run by fugitive hardcore Red Shirt leader Kotee](#)



[Remembering the 2006 coup: At the Royal Plaza: Tanks, families, & Scientologists](#)

[Thailand plans a national internet gateway so that the censorship can be made more efficient](#)

[May 27: Re-release of “government-in-exile” press release from Thaksin’s lawyer](#)

[Arab News: Bangkok under the boot](#)

[Thaksin lawyer to media: call those who are detained “hostages” & instead of “trial” use “hearing”](#)

[AP: From beaches to Bangkok, tourists ask ‘What coup?’](#)

[Southern Baptists pray that Thais let go of old traditions and powers and open up to the Gospel](#)

[Washington Post: Thailand’s cybercoup](#)

[Thaksin’s provincial governors swept from power; Nine reshuffled](#)

[Royal Thai Police to be dissolved and transformed into the “Ministry of Internal Safety”](#)

[“In Thailand, once the country’s situation returns to normal, the army gives power back; In Burma, it’s been different”](#)

[Burmese Politicians Comment on Thai Coup](#)

[Remembering Thaksin as PM: Aura of fear pervades Thai media](#)

[Remembering the Thaksin years: Politics in the Age of Thaksin](#)

[Thai Farmers Get Rice Payments as Military Steps Up Propaganda](#)

[Identical banners paraded in Phuket, Lopburi & Ubon Ratchathani—provinces separated by hundred of miles](#)

[South China Morning Post: There are doubts over loyalty of officials and police in Thaksin country](#)

[Red-shirt landmark turns white](#)



[Remembering the 2006 coup: News leading up to the 2006 coup](#)

[Bloggers to the rescue to change global perceptions of traveling to Thailand](#)

[Bottles of green tea believed laced with poison were given to the soldiers in Rama II](#)

[Chaturon to be tried in military court for defying the National Council for Peace and Order's summons](#)

[Despite intense speculation, Hun Sen pledges no exile Thai regime allowed in Cambodia](#)

[Two reporters summoned by Army secretary, warned not to try to corner junta chief](#)

[AP: Thai troops detain gov't minister who blasted coup](#)

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[Junta says all freed persons must strictly comply with conditions](#)

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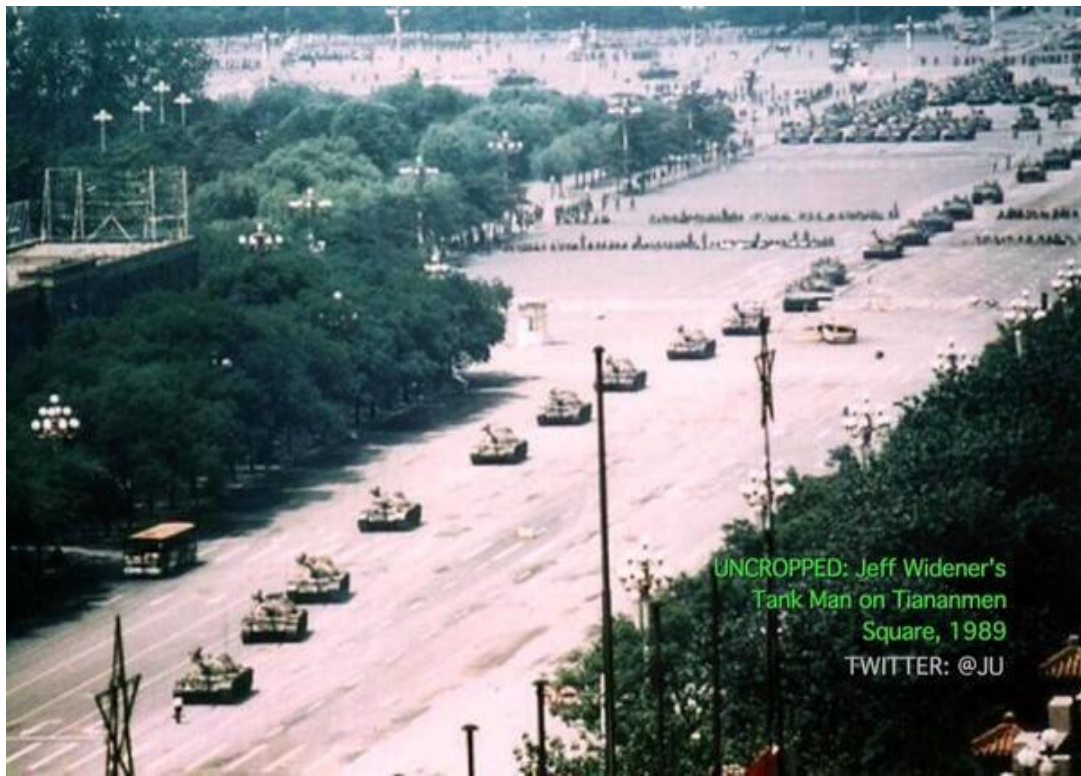
[Army continues purging hardcore redshirts](#)

[Soldiers search Rak Chiang Mai 51 radio station](#)

[People sponsoring anti-coup protests include horse racing machine operator \(NCPO\) announced Monday](#)

[Burma Election Commission Warns Suu Kyi Over 'Challenging the Army'](#)

[One year ago this month: Thaksin Blinks – Court Siege Called Off](#)



Prediction: anti-coup protesters will attempt a “tank man”-style stoppage of a Thai army Humvee

[3 years ago this month: Thaksin: I'll return at the end of the year & declare a 2nd round of war on drugs](#)

[Seized weapon in Samut Sakhon links to lethal attack on PDRC in Trat](#)

[Unusually provocative comments led to suspicions the army was goading to provide pretext for a crackdown](#)  
[“The foreign correspondents are scoundrels. They are here to sell Thailand.”](#)

# Resistance

May 29, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Signs and Billboards



Above: A leftover English-language sign from the Suthep anti-government protests

# Obama and Yingluck and the coup

May 29, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Anti-Americanism, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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From Manager, May 29, 2014

Michelle Obama: It's me who told the Pentagon to tell the Thai military to stage a coup, and kick her out of the office... for seducing you.

Caption: It may have begun like this.

# Nobody obstructs rice payments this time

May 30, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, May 30, 2014

Cartoon title: It's like a god-given gift.

On money bag in military officer's hand: Rice pledging payments

On sign in rice farmers' hands: Thank you for helping farmers.

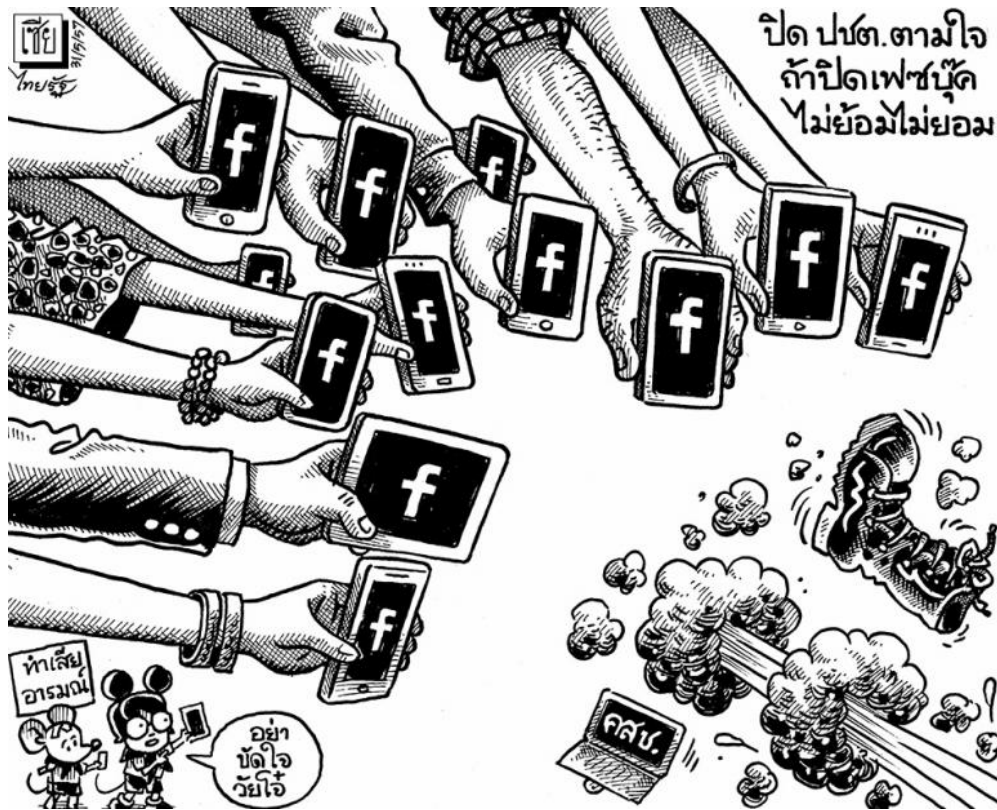
Phi Nooring: Nobody obstructs it this time.

Mouse: Rice farmers are out of poverty.

# Block democracy if you like, but not Facebook

May 31, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, May 31, 2014

Cartoon title: Block democracy if you like, but not Facebook.

On Laptop's screen: NCPO

Phi Nooring: Don't dissatisfy teenagers.

Mouse: Spoil the mood.

# Election, election!

June 1, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, June 1, 2014

Parrot: Election, election!

# At gunpoint

June 1, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, June 1, 2014

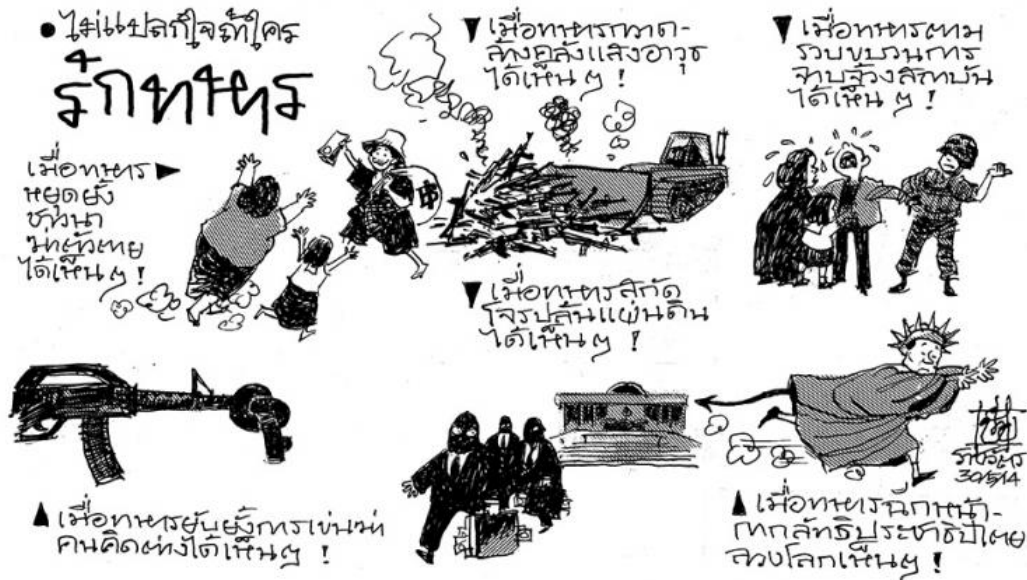
Armed military officer: Selfie now!... Smile too!!

Caption: He wants us to love each other fast.

# It's not surprising if someone is in love with the military

June 1, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, June 1, 2014

Cartoon title: It's not surprising if someone is in love with the military.

Top left: When the military can really stop rice farmers from committing suicide!

Top middle: When the military can really suppress arms caches!

Top right: When the military can really arrest the movement that undermines the monarchy!

Bottom left: When the military can really stop the killing of those who have different opinions!

Bottom middle: When the military can really stop the crooks who rob the country!

Bottom right: When the military really tore the mask off the deceptive democratic system!

# They got Thaksin's family

June 2, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



03-06-57

From Manager, June 2, 2014

Caption: What did NCPO use to tie Thaksin that make him unmovable?

Pictures on bands tying Thaksin, on his mouth: Panthongthae Shinawatra ; on his wrists: Pinthongtha and Phaethongtha Shinawatra ; on his ankles; Pojjaman Na Pompet

# Uncle Sam: Hold elections now!

June 2, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons



From Post Today, June 2, 2014

Uncle Sam says: Holding an election within 15 months is too long for democracy. Thailand must hold an election immediately.

Caption: Thailand's power seizing vs the world's power seizing

[That Thailand is ruled by a coup suggests that Thaksin did little to improve the foundations of democracy](#)  
[Asian Human Rights Commission: Thai junta cracks downs on political freedom and freedom of expression](#)  
[100 ping.pong bombs seized from a Red Shirt suspect's house](#)  
[Don't mess with Oz: Thailand's junta "would be wise to heed" Australian warning](#)  
[AP: In junta-ruled Thailand, the simple act of reading in public becomes a new form of resistance](#)  
[Bloomberg: Groundhog Day in Thailand Began With Cop-Billionaire](#)

[More on the post-coup illegal wood crackdown: Rosewood seized after 100km chase](#)  
[100 anti-coup protesters demonstrated at Terminal 21 after editor of Lai Jood magazine posted a message on Facebook](#)  
[Thaksin's dream of exile government faces hurdles](#)  
[3,000 illegally cut rosewood logs seized](#)  
[Military reconciliation activities start with get-together parties, friendly talks](#)  
[Members of the public are asked not to wear military fatigues which make them look like military personnel](#)  
[Fugitive Red Shirt to announce surprise protest site for Sunday rally](#)  
[Malaysia's opposition leader condemns Thai coup](#)  
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[Thaksin lawyers who were jailed for trying to bribe a judge lose appeal to be reinstated as lawyers](#)

[Thai Startups Wary After Facebook Outage](#)

[Lavish PDRC party draw flak](#)

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[MPs deny drunken gambling quarrel at army camp](#)

[PT MP reports as monk, old political trick, 2008 photo fears Thaksin returns as monk](#)

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[No post-coup violence as Reds promised, Instead "extend moral support to the NCPO" for its "good intention"](#)

[Logs seized from Shinawatrass probed](#)

[Hardcore Redshirt 'Rambo' Quits Politics For Life](#)

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[Army says man living abroad masterminding "Khon Kaen model" sabotage to resist the coup](#)

[Urgent order to governors of all provinces to be prepared for nationwide political rallies on June 1](#)

[Prayuth outlines stages to elections](#)

[Asian Human Rights Commission: Reinstate democracy and restore democratic rights of Thai people](#)

[Anti coup protesters warned of drastic action](#)

[Thai Ambassador: Coup 'wrong in principle' but 'morally right'](#)

[Going after the untouchables: illegal wood confiscated from Yaowapa's house \(Thaksin's sister\)](#)

["Cash payment returns happiness to rice farmers"](#)

[Reuters: Thai military rulers appoint anti-Thaksin advisers](#)

[Mood darkens for Thais](#)

[Turnabout: Red Shirts to join with junta to jointly lead country to democracy?](#)

[The quick liquidation of Thaksin's foe: Police ready to revive Akeyuth's case if...](#)

[Reuters: Thai ministry admits blocking Facebook to stem anti-coup criticism](#)

[NCPO denies blocking Facebook](#)

[Hun Sen reiterates: Thaksin will not be allowed to form an exile government in Cambodia](#)

[Pracchatai: ICT was ordered by junta to block Facebook because it provoked conflict & violence](#)

[Army claim: Army Loudspeaker 'Hijacked By Imposter' At Victory Monument](#)

[Reuters: In divided Thailand, some welcome coup as necessary medicine](#)

[Reuters: After Thai Coup, Junta Has New Opponent: Social Media](#)

Earlier: [Coup news May 22-26](#)

Earlier: [Coup news May 27-28](#)

# Weekly News Magazines, May 30, 2014

June 2, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, May 30, 2014

Cover reads: Fight all the dangers with my proud heart



From Matichon Weekly, May 30, 2014  
Cover reads: Oh les belles... you're so beautiful



From ASTV Manager Weekly, May 31, 2014  
Cover reads: “yuth” Ship

# Thaksin's roots are deep

June 3, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



04-06-57

From Manager, June 3, 2014

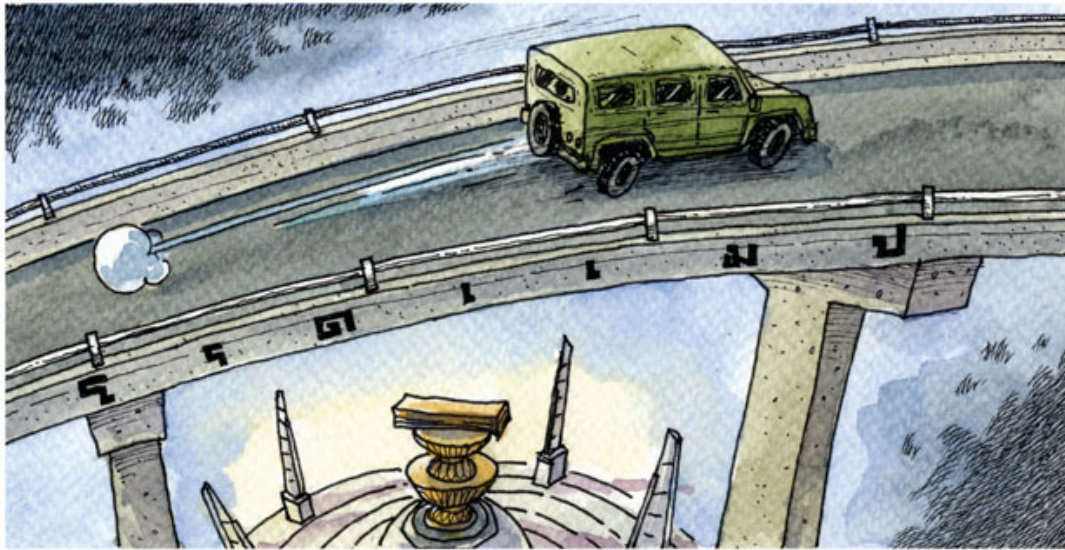
Caption: Only this much?!

Tree stump with Thaksin's face: Go ahead, cut my branches... When the rain comes, I'll grow again... even bigger than ever.

# Bypassing Democracy

June 3, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Post Today, June 3, 2014

On flyover: Roadmap

# Disbanding the Thai police

June 3, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia, Thai Police



From Thairath, June 3, 2014

Cartoon title: Restore happiness to police?

On book: Reform the Police Bureau

On armband of soldier: NCPO

More: [The era of the independent \(and politicized\) Thai police is over](#)

# “This website contains inappropriate contents”

June 3, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Censorship



Above: New blocking screen for sites blocked in Thailand. It reads: This website contains inappropriate contents – Being suspended by the Ministry of Information Technology and Communication

They seem to be using a service from [dyn.com](https://dyn.com) to hijack the DNS.

# You can't just break the snake's back

June 4, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, June 4, 2014

On the snake's tail: CNS

On snake's midsection: NCPO

# Who will write the new constitution?

June 4, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



05-06-57

From Manager, June 4, 2014

Military officer: There are only these two in Thailand, Gen. Prayuth. Meechai is in business for a long time. For Witsanu, he was an apprentice at Meechai's shop. But he opens his own shop now.

Sign on the left shop: Witsanu Services

On window: Constitution drafting service, fast and accurate, young and enthusiastic

Sign on the right shop: Meechai Mechanic

On yellow banner: Welcome

On window: Constitution drafting services, longer 50-year experience

Caption: He'll have to choose one of these two after all.

# No mention of Thaksin

June 5, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



06-06-57

From Manager, June 5, 2014

Thaksin Shinawatra: Since he staged the coup Prayuth has never mentioned my name. Doesn't he really know that all of these frictions are caused my me? How come? Unbelievable!!

Caption: This man is also doubting just like us.

# It happened on the night of the coup d'etat on May 22, 2013

June 6, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, May 26, 2014

Cartoon title: It happened on the night of the coup d'etat on May 22, 2013

Left, kid: Wah, wah... Mom... What's wrong with TV? Where are my cartoon channels?

Middle, mother: Oh... This is TV screen for specific purpose of the NCPO who took the government's power.

Right, kid: Take the power But why does it take away my cartoon channels? Wah wah...

On TV screen: NCPO

Phi Nooring: Liberty, peace, fraternity

Mouse: Justice, please.

# It's time Thai people love each other

June 6, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, May 28, 2014

Cartoon title: It's time Thai people love each other

Photographer: Count 1... 2... 3... Smile... smile... love each other...!

Phi Nooring: Just like what it's called: Siam, the land of Smiles

Mouse: Let's love each other

# Making people happy

June 6, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, June 6, 2014

Cartoon title: The next queue is the ten-finger mob

On the bag in hands of a military officer: Restore happiness to Thai people

On people's clothes, from the front: Businesses; investors; foreigners; tourism; farmers; reconciliation

The child in front is thinking of a tablet.

On the shirt of a man jumping over other people's heads: Reform

Phi Nooring: The three fingers must move aside.

Mouse: The real big job

Categories: 2014 Coup, Analysis



# All about Sombat Boonngamanong, a rebel Red Shirt

June 6, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Analysis



The mouse man above is artist Sia's caricature of activist Sombat Boongamanong whose nickname is Nuling (or "mouse"). He always appears at the edge of Sia's cartoons, often calling for human rights and reform.

Sombat predictably refused to cooperate with the junta and was eventually apprehended in Chonburi ([‘Catch me if you can’ man caught](#)).

Sombat is an actual activist and rebel—nothing like the ambitious mainstream Red Shirt leaders who repeatedly reversed their rhetoric for cabinet positions in the former Pheu Thai-led government. Sombat is known for his refusal to censor his own speech (particularly about the monarchy) as well as for his middle finger salute.

He began Sunday protests at the Rajaprasong McDonalds to oppose the amnesty that would have included Thaksin. These protests angered mainstream Red Shirt leaders who always made sure that their movement served Thaksin political interests first.

Below are some past mentions of Sombat's activities.

2Bangkok.com Editor Ron Morris' book, [The Thai Book: A Field Guide to Thai Political Motivations](#), is available in the Kindle Store.



## From 2010: “ban me from talking, I will type...”

From *Red Power*, Author Robin warrior / Nakrob Robin, August 15, 2010

The headline reads: The Red Sunday Group – the uncommon symbolic fighting

The article reads: The symbolic movement of the Red Sunday group under the leadership of Sombat Boongamanong or Bor Kor Lai Chud, former President of the Thailand Mirror Foundation, who said, “ban me from talking, I will type, ban me from typing, I will write, ban me from writing, I will think, ban me from thinking, it is a must to ban my breath.”

He is under close watch of every social sector after the movement of the group defies the power of the emergency decree by the ruling government of PM Abhisit Vejjajiva.

"The symbolic movement is to put the significance of politics into activities that do not express their meaning directly. It is similar to the ironic teasing, but when it reaches the point that the people understand it, this will generate great power and the movement like this has benefit as it is not about physical violence, not costly. The public can join and it is powerful."

Sombat explained the form of the political symbolic movement. The Red Sunday group continue to host activities every Sunday starting with wearing red...“ [More here](#)



## From 2010: Scheduling a political talk show on the King’s birthday

This is when Sombat scheduled a pro-Red Shirt talk show on the King’s birthday causing the mainstream of the Red Shirt movement (and reportedly Thaksin himself) to frantically intervene.

For Thaksin and the mainstream Red Shirt movement, intolerance of the monarchy is a card to play in a quest for amnesty, not a real ideological belief. More here-> [Risk the trampling](#)



### From 2011: “A genuine Red”

From Red Power, August 2011

Headline: Sombat Boonngamanong, a genuine Red who did not ask for a ministerial post.

If Yingluck keeps concentrating only on reconciliation, then she'll certainly die.

Other headlines: Yingluck's government with 300 supporting MPs is not stable – Autocracy in Thailand –

The aristocratic cabinet is feeling queasy, commoners are praising their power.

More on [this page](#)



## From 2012: Giving a red card to the judges

From Thairath, July 5, 2012

The cartoon title reads: The newest column, the latest one to support

The word on the man's shirt reads: The new Thai communists

The word next to the mouse man: Red cards

The word close man holding the pole: The red star

The word on the card reads: Slanted

The word on the joss house: Constitution Court comedian

The word on the sign that the mouse holds reads: Breaking the law itself



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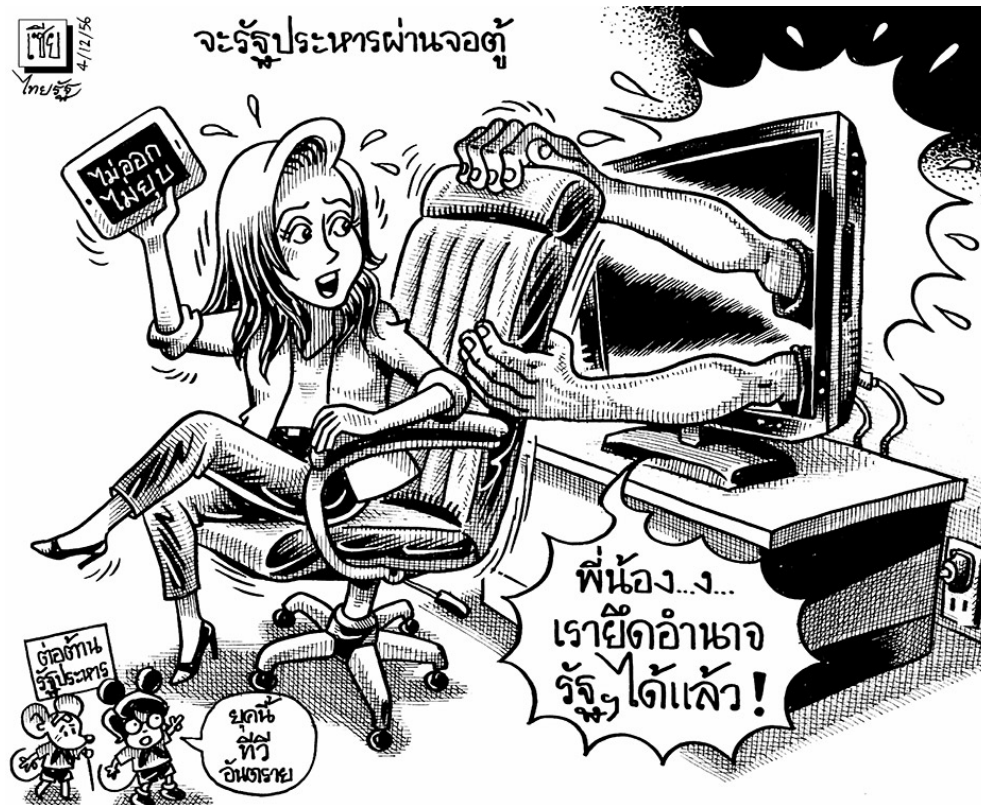
## From 2013: Sombat angers the Red Shirts for opposing Thaksin's amnesty

From Manager, October 24, 2013

Jatuporn: Only having a dot and eating McDonalds doesn't mean that you are not a buffalo. Don't pretend like you're progressive... Don't forget that you're in *our* barn.

Sign close to the dotted buffalo: The amnesty bill sucks

Caption: The owner must subdue (the dotted buffalo)...



### From 2013: A fixture in Sia's political cartoons

From Thairath, December 3, 2013

Cartoon title: Will stage a coup via a monitor

From TV: Brothers and sisters, we can seize the power now!

In hand of Premier Yingluck Shinawatra: No resignation, no dissolution

Phi Nooring: In this era, TV is dangerous.

Mouse: Against the coup.

### From 2007 and before: Sombat detained for violating the Computer Crime Act after the 2006 coup

[Press group slams Google over YouTube deal in Thailand](#) – ITworld.com, September 5, 2007

A press advocacy group is “dismayed” about Google Inc.’s reported decision to block YouTube videos from viewers in Thailand that are considered inappropriate or illegal by that Asian government.

...Thailand recently introduced the Computer Crime Act, which gives authorities the power to seize the computers of people suspected of accessing or creating content deemed insulting or pornographic, according to the IFJ.

Activist, social worker and webmaster Sombat Bun-ngam-anong is currently serving a 12-day detention order for alleged defamation for violating the Act, the IFJ said in Wednesday’s statement.

...The blogger’s arrest “confirms our fears about the dangers of a law that is supposed to combat pornography but turns out to be a way of restricting and controlling press freedom,” Reporters Without Borders charged.

[Sitthichai: No plans to shut web forums](#) – Bangkok Post, April 10, 2007

...”I support freedom of expression,” he said. “No websites will be banned as long as their contents are not indecent or insulting to the monarchy.”...

Sombat Boonngamanong, webmaster at Nocoup.org, which hosts a political forum, said the number of users of his web board suddenly skyrocketed from about 1,700 to 4,200.

”Most of them were people who fled Pantip.com in search of a new space to continue their political discussion,” he said.

More than 10 staff were deployed to delete unseemly messages from the web board, otherwise they feared it could be used by the ICT as a reason to shut down their website, said Mr Sombat, a critic of the Sept 19 coup.

[Anti-coup website blocked again without notification](#) – *The Nation*, December 30, 2006

*Access to an anti-coup website, [19sep.org](#), has been blocked again, for the sixth time in three months, its webmaster Sombat Boon-ngam-anong said yesterday...*

*Sombat directed his criticism at the ICT Ministry, which received orders just hours after the coup three months ago to “block or destroy” websites and content considered as anti-junta. There was no official comment on the matter, however...*

More on the early days of web censorship in Thailand [here](#)

# Is the United States the puppet master?

June 6, 2014

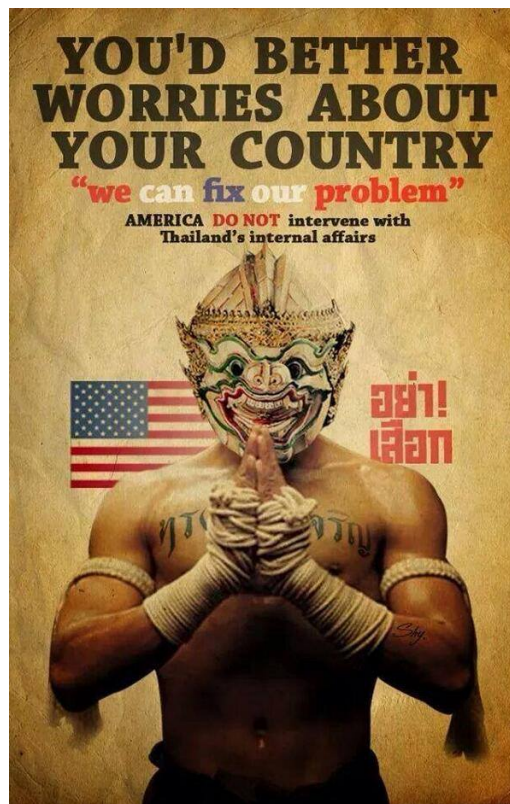
Categories: 2014 Coup, Analysis



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2Bangkok.com Editor Ron Morris' book, [\*The Thai Book: A Field Guide to Thai Political Motivations\*](#), is available in the Kindle Store.

Also: [Telling the U.S. Ambassador to mind her own business](#)



# AMERICA

**DO NOT** be over officious  
in Thailand's internal affairs



**Your standard**  
can **ONLY** be used  
in my **TOILET.**

*American  
Standard*





**USA** if you like Thaksin  
then take him, it's yours,  
but if you prefer Thailand,  
then **shut the fuck up!**  
It's my country, OK?





# เรื่องของเรา เขาจะรู้อะไร

They don't know shit about us.

เรื่องของไทย ให้ไทย เป็นคนบอก  
สื่อเมืองนอก อย่ามาบอก ว่ารู้จัก  
อย่าชี้นำ น้ำซุ่นซุ่น จุ้นจ้านนัก  
ปัญหาไทย ไม่ตระหนก กล้าชักนำ  
ศูนย์การค้า อย่าเห็น เป็นแอร์พอร์ต  
เอาไปเขียน จดตจอต ให้นำเข้า  
ประเทศไทย ใช้ได้วัน ทานจงจำ  
อย่าก้าวล้ำ ทำรู้ กว่ากูเลย

พีคนดี (P.khondee)  
25 พฤษภาคม 2557



Above: Much has been made online of U.S. officials being honored at Red Shirt villages

# Move forward to reform the right a way for the happiness of Thai People

June 7, 2014

Categories: Uncategorized



From Thairath, June 7, 2014

Cartoon title: Move forward to reform the right a way for the happiness of Thai People

On back of soldier: NCPO

Phi Nooring: Become sacred as before

Mouse: Reconciliation must be fair.

# Cartoons about the anti-coup salute

June 7, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, June 5, 2014

Cartoon title: Heroic act of heroes

Left: Yesterday

Right: Today

Police at top right: Maybe it's just a husband and wife matter.

Phi Nooring: Police must serve people.

Mouse: Protect people's peace



From Naewna, June 5, 2014

Caption: Rubbish principle

On the index finger: Liberty

Thaksin Shinawatra says: My LIBERTY means I can corrupt freely...

On the middle finger: Equality

Yingluck Shinawatra says: Equality means equally expensive across the country. Do you like it?

On the ring finger: Fraternity

Yaowapha Wongsawat says: Fraternity among siblings only. Having been so corrupt that it becomes a habit.



From Komchadluek, June 6, 2014

Left, voice: Raising three fingers mean you don't agree with the coup?

Right, man: No!! I want to know where all the three million tons of rice that went missing has gone.

# Game over

June 8, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, June 8, 2014

Cartoon title: Game over

Top left: Game over. Time's out for team-color sports!

Top middle: Game over. Time's out for playing with 10 million guns!

Top right: Game over. Time's out for playing Mon hiding rice!

Sign above the entrance: Rice warehouse

Bottom left: Game over. Time's out for being quibble bickering!

Sign above the entrance: CAPO

Men from left: Surapong Towichakchaikul, former foreign minister; Tarit Pengdit, former director of the Special Investigation Department

Bottom middle: Game over. Time's out for playing 'Ti Chab'!

Bottom right: Game over. Time's out. Insert coin. If you want to keep playing, insert more coins!

# Thaksin thanks Gen. Prayuth for shutting down ASTV

June 8, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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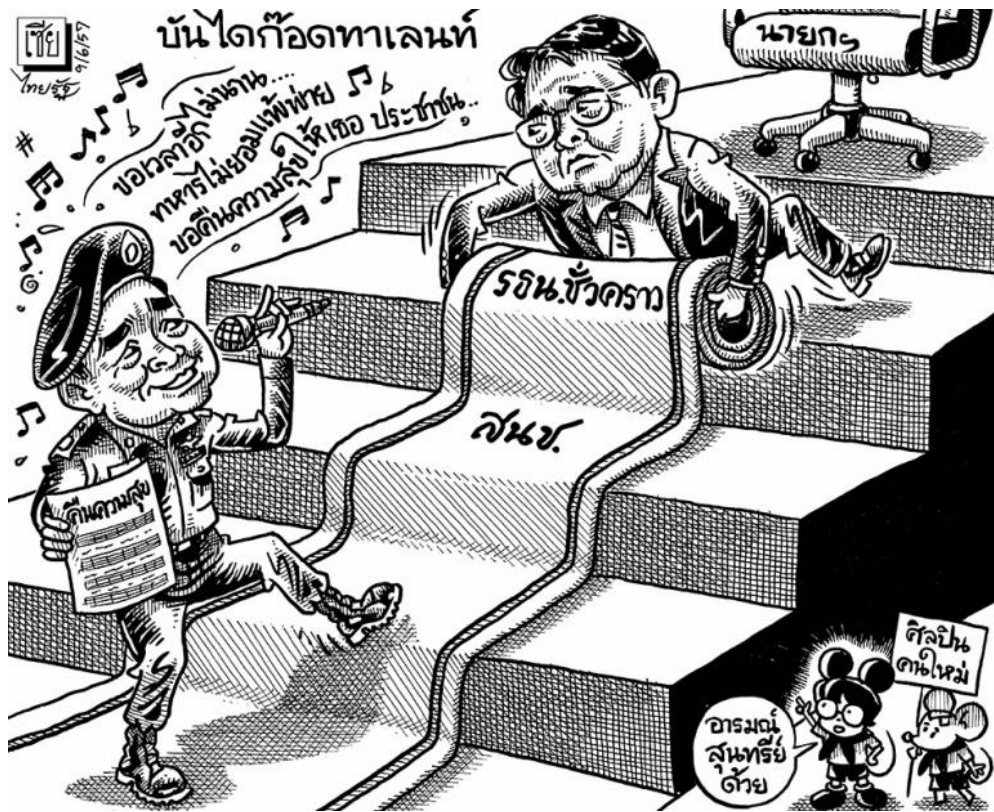
From Manager, June 8, 2014

Thaksin Shinawatra: I've tried to shut down this TV channel, but never succeeded... Thanks Prayuth!

# Stairs Got Talent

June 9, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, June 9, 2014

Title: Stairs Got Talent

Gen. Prayuth singing: "Please give us a little more time. The military will not give up. We will return happiness to people..."

On a paper held by Gen. Prayuth: Song name "Return happiness to the people"

Visanu Krua-ngam lays out the carpeting.

On the carpet: NLA and interim government

On chair: PM

Phi Nooring: An artist.

A mouse: New artist

# Mr. Suthep keeps slowly feeding fried noodle to Mr. Thaksin

June 9, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



10-06-57

From Manager, June 9, 2014

Gen. Prayuth: That's right... Mr. Suthep keeps slowly feeding fried noodle to Mr. Thaksin. Yes, it's so cute.

From now on, they stop fighting.

Caption: We may see this picture soon.

# Eight Years Ago: 60th Anniversary of the King's Accession to the Throne

June 9, 2014

Categories: Today in History



Eight Years Ago: [Thai Newspapers: 60th Anniversary of the King's Accession to the Throne](#)

[More Thai news items from the 60th anniversary of the King's Accession to the Throne in 2006](#)

[Thaksin celebrates the King's Accession to the Throne in 2006](#)

[More Thai Newspapers: 60th Anniversary of the King's Accession to the Throne](#)



Also: [Vintage photos of royal celebrations](#)

# Happiness of the Thai people depends on Thaksin

June 10, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



11-06-57

From Manager, June 10, 2014

Thaksin Shinawatra: I don't know if what they return to you... is real or fake... I only know that the real one is still here with me!

The chained text: Happiness of Thai people

# The Thai Airways CEO who was fired after leading a financial turnaround

June 10, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Airports and Airlines



Above: From Thairath, May 21, 2012

The caption reads: Fall from the heavens

On the chair: Piyasawat

June 10, 2014: The news today of the junta cleaning house at Thai Airways ([Junta cancels free flights for THAI board members](#)) reminded us of the unfortunate fate of the Thai state airline under the Pheu Thai-led government. The firing of successful CEO Piyasawat and his replacement with a political lackey was noted with shock by the airline industry worldwide.

From 2012: [Why was the CEO of Thai Airways fired for leading a financial turnaround?](#)

From 2012: [Financial guru Faber: “Strange” that the government gets to appoint Thaksin cronies to head large companies](#)

From 2013: [Is Thai Airways Sixth President since 2000 already gone?](#)

# Weekly News Magazines, June 5, 2014

June 10, 2014

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From nation Weekend, June 5, 2014

Cover reads: Big brother of the tigers from the East



From Matichon Weekly, June 5, 2014

Cover reads: Chatchat 'thinks'; Abhisit 'opposes'; Military 'does'



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Above: The sign reads: Thaksin thinks, Pheu Thai takes action – “The experienced doers” support – Pheu Thai Party



From ASTV Manager Weekly, June 6, 2014  
Cover reads: Please dress up like ‘soldier’

# Celebration of Karma arch

June 12, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, June 12, 2014

Title: Celebration of Karma arch

On the sign behind the arch: Welcome to the justice process

On the sign close to skulls: Victims Apr-May 2553

On hooded man's shirt: Order to kill people, 100 dead bodies

Phi Nooring: Order to use real bullets

A mouse: Karma

# NCPO making us happy

June 12, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, June 12, 2014

Left, Ai Joiy: Since NCPO has been established, happiness in listening to the radio has changed...

Middle Ai Joiy: ...Now people stop listening to requested songs.

Man on the right: Then what do they listen to?

Right, Ai Joiy: Listening to lists of names of those to have to go to AF camp on NCPO's request make us happy already.

# Thaksin is a vampire

June 12, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, June 12, 2014

Igor: Be patient, Master. The election will be conducted soon. Then you will be revived and can suck the blood of them again.

# The military makes the rules

June 13, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, June 13, 2014

Cartoon title: Just walk straight

Next to the line: Judgment of independent organizations and the justice process

On books on heads of the three men walking the line, read from back: Justice

In hand of officer on the right: Fairness

In hands of lawyer in the front: Laws

In hands of man standing behind: Correctness

Phi Nooring: Don't stray away.

Mouse: Reconciliation must be fair.

# First priority: Root out the Thaksin regime

June 15, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, June 15, 2014

Caption: The importance of the first button

The first button: Root out the Thaksin regime

The second button: Reconciliation

# Sorry, boss

June 16, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



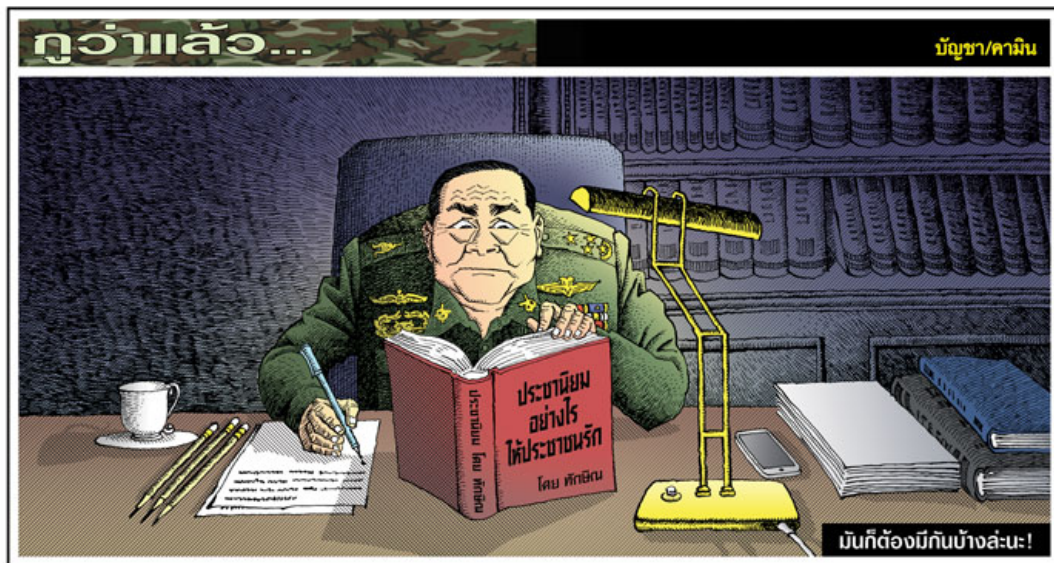
From Komchadluek, June 16, 2014

Man: Boss, the military officers are successfully returning happiness to Thai people.

# Populism, by Thaksin

June 17, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



18-06-57

From Manager, June 17, 2014

Book title: How to make people love you with populism, by Thaksin

Book spine: Populism, by Thaksin

Caption: There must be some.

# It is not a riot

June 17, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, June 17, 2014

Man: It is not a riot. It is an event in which Thais can watch a free movie.

# Same cartoon idea from both pro- & anti-Thaksin cartoonists

June 18, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, June 16, 2014

Title: Migrant workers

A bus on the left: Boards of state enterprises

On the men's suits: President, Board member, Adviser

A bus on the right: Alien laborers



19-06-57

From Manager, June 18, 2014

Left caption: Cambodian workers

Man: Hurry up... The soldiers are coming to catch us.

On the border gate: Thai-Cambodia border

Right caption: Boards of state enterprises

Man: Hurry up... The soldiers are coming to catch us.

Sign above door: The board's meeting room

# Traveling in a forest in Thailand is more dangerous than a forest in Africa

June 19, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, June 19, 2014

Left: Man: Now, traveling in a forest in Thailand is more dangerous than a forest in Africa...

Middle: Man: ...please be careful.

A foreigner: Is it a fierce animal?

Right: The police and army find bombs hidden in the forest to avoid being caught by the NCPO.

# Reduce the price of lottery tickets

June 19, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, June 19, 2014

Above the bull: Mafia

On the cape held by the soldier: Lottery 80 baht

## Super Too, help me...

June 19, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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From Manager, June 19, 2014

People: Super Too, help me... Super Too, help me... Help me please...

Caption: Only one month passed, Super Too is getting tired.

## Weekly News Magazines, June 13, 2014

June 19, 2014

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, June 13, 2014

Cover reads: Inside friends of Prayuth



From Matichon Weekly, June 13, 2014

Cover reads: The lost leaf



From ASTV Manager Weekly, June 14, 2014  
Cover reads: Returning happiness!!

# Fixing the Democrat's police station project

June 20, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons – Arun



From Arun, June 20, 2014

NCPO spends more than a billion baht on a budget to revive the police station construction project. Thank you, sir.

Left side of the uniform: Police stations under the Thailand's strength of the Democrat Party

Right side of the uniform: NCPO's police stations

# Festival of reptiles crawling down into their holes

June 21, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, June 21, 2014

Cartoon title: Festival of reptiles crawling down into their holes

Officer with loudspeaker: Attention... attention... I'm chasing to arrest you guys...

On soldier's helmet: NCPO

On document's cover in hands of soldier: Eliminating mafias

On holes, from top left: Mafia; Influential people; Criminals; Shark loans; illegal logging; public land trespassing; Forest trespassing; Illegal lotto; Commuting van mafia, motorcycle taxis; Government lotto mafia; extortion; Corruption

Phi Nooring: For peace

Mouse: Returning happiness

# For some people happiness is not about watching football or free movie

June 22, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



23-06-57

From Manager, June 22, 2014

Caption: For some people... happiness is not about watching football... or a free movie

Left, Nitcha Thuwatham: If only the legal system can convict the person who killed Brother Romklao, I'll be happy.

Middle, Angkhana Neelapaijit: If only I knew how lawyer Somchai died and where his body is, I'll be happy.

Right, Veera Somkwamkid: If only I can return to family in Thailand... I'll be very happy.

# We don't support people who 'love reading'

June 22, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, June 22, 2014

Title: We don't support people who 'love reading'

Phi Nooring: They allow people to read at home.

A mouse: Please return our freedom.

Papers on the floor: Freedom, equality and brotherhood

## A man who carries the world on his back

June 23, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, June 23, 2014

Title: A man who carries the world on his back.

## Phi Nooring: Show his power

A mouse: Return happiness to the people

On the globe: Restructure: vans, motorcycles, taxis; stop corruption, economic problems, protectionism  
harmonization, dissolve the colors , reform boards , lottery tickets and control energy prices

On right side: Idea by Nam Raengvuth

# If we take this off, then we can work easily

June 23, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek, Thai Police



From Komchadluek, June 23, 2014

Soldier: If we take this off, then we can work easily.

Above the money the soldier is holding: Interests

A small word close to the soldier: Graft

# They think 'Rose' is more dangerous to the country than us!

June 23, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



24-06-57

From Manager, June 23, 2014

Thaksin: What!! They think 'Rose' is more dangerous to the country than us!!

On the newspaper: May request the UK to extradite 'Rose'

Caption: This is an insult.

# Only two Red Shirt rebels?

June 24, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



25-06-57

From Manager, June 24, 2014

Caption: Attention... The government in exile was formed.

From top: Jakrapob Penkhae, prime minister; Jarupong Ruangsuwan, deputy prime minister; Jarupong Ruangsuwan, secretary; Jakrapob Penkhae, interior minister; Jakrapob Penkhae, defense minister; Jarupong Ruangsuwan, transportation minister; Jakrapob Penkhae, commerce minister; Jarupong Ruangsuwan, finance minister; Jarupong Ruangsuwan, foreign minister; Jakrapob Penkhae, education minister; Jarupong Ruangsuwan; justice minister; Jarupong Ruangsuwan, energy minister; Jakrapob Penkhae, labor minister; Jarupong Ruangsuwan, tourism and sport minister; Jarupong Ruangsuwan, public health minister; Jakrapob Penkhae, industry minister; Jarupong Ruangsuwan, science minister; Jarupong Ruangsuwan, culture minister; Jakrapob Penkhae; ICT minister

# Pheu Thai Party head to lead “Organisation of Free Thais for Human Rights and Democracy”

June 24, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=http://www.youtube.com/embed/vpoeAmJoxq8>



[Thai ex-lawmakers vow ‘fightback’ against coup](#) – channelnewsasia.com, June 24, 2014

*...Jarupong Ruangsuan, who was president of the Pheu Thai party as well as a senior minister, will lead the “Organisation of Free Thais for Human Rights and Democracy” from self-exile in an unnamed country, according to a declaration marking the group’s founding...*

# Thai human trafficking abuses ‘some of the worst seen’

June 24, 2014

Categories: Human Rights, Refugees and Migrants

[Thai abuses ‘some of the worst seen’ by EJF exec](#) – undercurrentnews.com, June 23, 2014

... *“Today’s decision by the United States Department of State to downgrade Thailand is the right course of action given the damning evidence that has continued to emerge throughout 2013 and 2014,” said EJF executive director Steve Trent...*

# **Thai honey trap fear: Starving brain-damaged Scot banged up after he's found near death weighing just 6 stone**

June 24, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai honey trap fear: Starving brain-damaged Scot banged up after he's found near death weighing just 6 stone](#) – Daily Record, June 23, 2014

...“One time I spoke to him, he said, ‘Mum, I want to come home’.

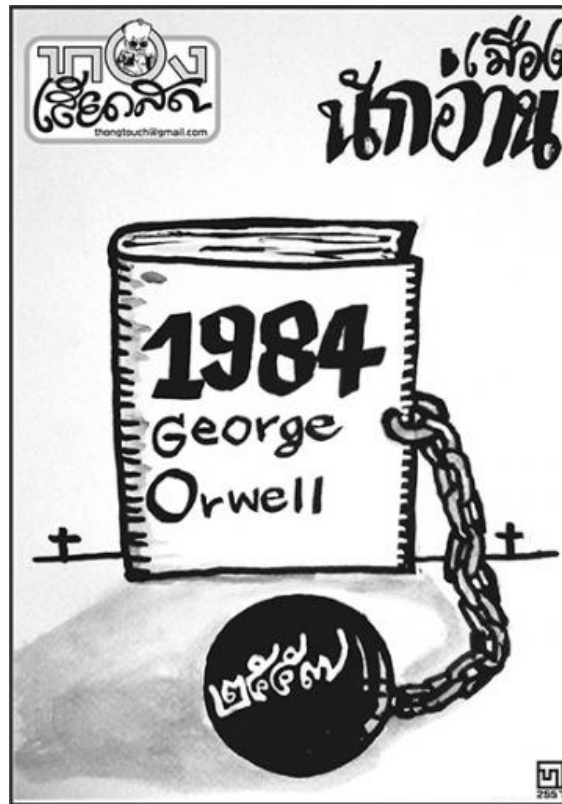
“I told him to do that because I knew he had an open return plane ticket. But he had lost it.

“Every time we spoke, a lady would come on the phone, saying ‘money, money’...”

# World book capital?

June 25, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Khaosod, June 25, 2014

Caption: City of Readers

On chain: 2557

# Cookie Run... Dangerous!

June 26, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, June 26, 2014

Title: Cookie Run... Dangerous!

On a paper held by Cookie run: Kids are charged with a 100,000 baht phone bill.

Mouse: Kids are still innocent.

## Weekly News Magazines, June 20, 2014

June 27, 2014

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, June 20, 2014

Cover reads: Elitist-East Commander



From Matichon Weekly, June 20, 2014

Cover reads: ‘Beauty’ of the people in the great war



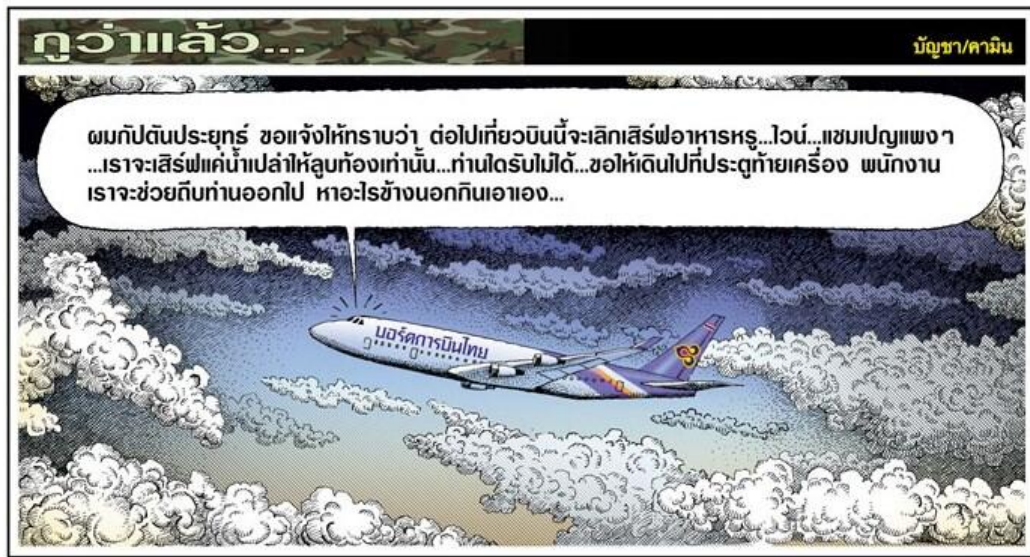
From ASTV Manager Weekly, June 21, 2014

Cover reads: Chairman-to-be of PTT board of directors; ...gone, what to come?

# Shaking up Thai Airlines

June 27, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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From Manager, June 12, 2014

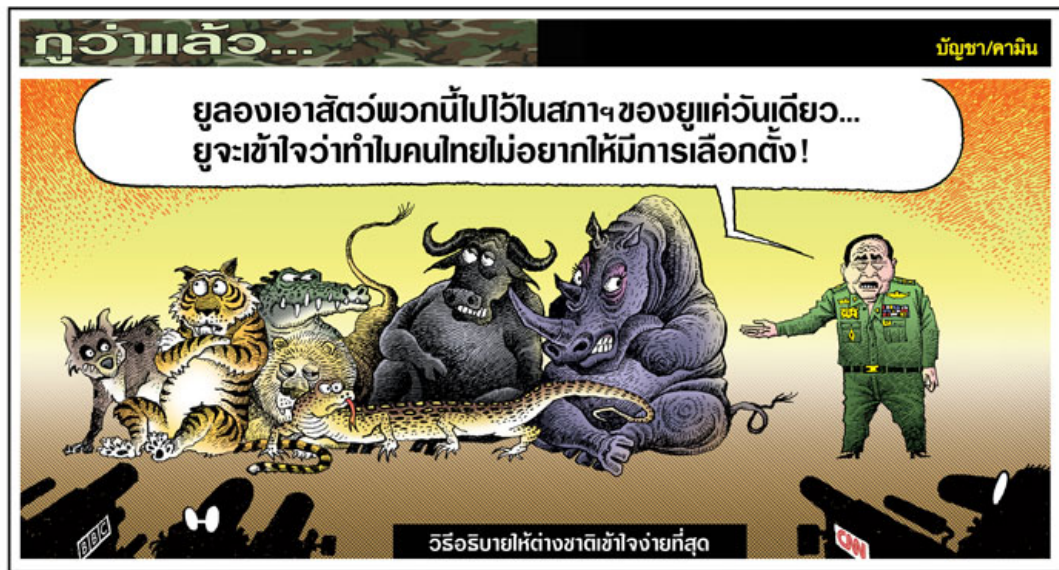
Captain: I am Captain Prayuth. I'd like to inform you that from now on this flight will stop serving luxurious food... expensive wine... champagne... we'll serve only plain water just enough for you to live on... those who cannot accept it... please walk to the exit at the rear. And our staff will help push you out with their feet to find something else out there to eat.

On the airplane: Directors of THAI

# These are dangerous animals

June 27, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, June 27, 2014

Junta chief Gen. Prayuth Chan-och: Try keeping these animals in your parliaments for just a day... and you'll understand why the Thai people don't want elections.

Caption: The easiest way to make foreigners understand

Some other “Tiger-lion-bull-rhinoceros” references in recent years:

2011: [Tiger-lion-bull-rhinoceros headed figures for new year's](#)

2011: [Tiger-Lion-Bull-Rhinoceros enter parliament](#)

2011: [Pre-election billboard: “Don't let these animals into parliament!”](#)

2011: [Wild animals escaping parliament](#)

2013: [Thaksin and the Fierce Animals](#)

2015: [No barking... no fighting... or even threatening...](#)

2016: [The animals that tabled Thaksin's amnesty bill](#)

2016: [Advice from the dangerous animals](#)

2017: [Hope for the thirsty](#)

2018: [The animals have to wait](#)

# Former Thai minister says General Prayuth obsessed with power

June 27, 2014

Categories: 2014 Coup

[Former Thai minister says General Prayuth obsessed with power](#) – ABC, June 27, 2014

*...The ruling military is infuriated by coverage of the new group in exile. Called The Organisation for Free Thais for Human Rights and Democracy its members are campaigning from afar while also trying to recruit within Thailand.*

*The military doesn't want Thai people to know about it. It's making every effort to block coverage of the issue on home soil.*

*It's also set up four separate media censorship panels, with one to monitor just international news outlets.*

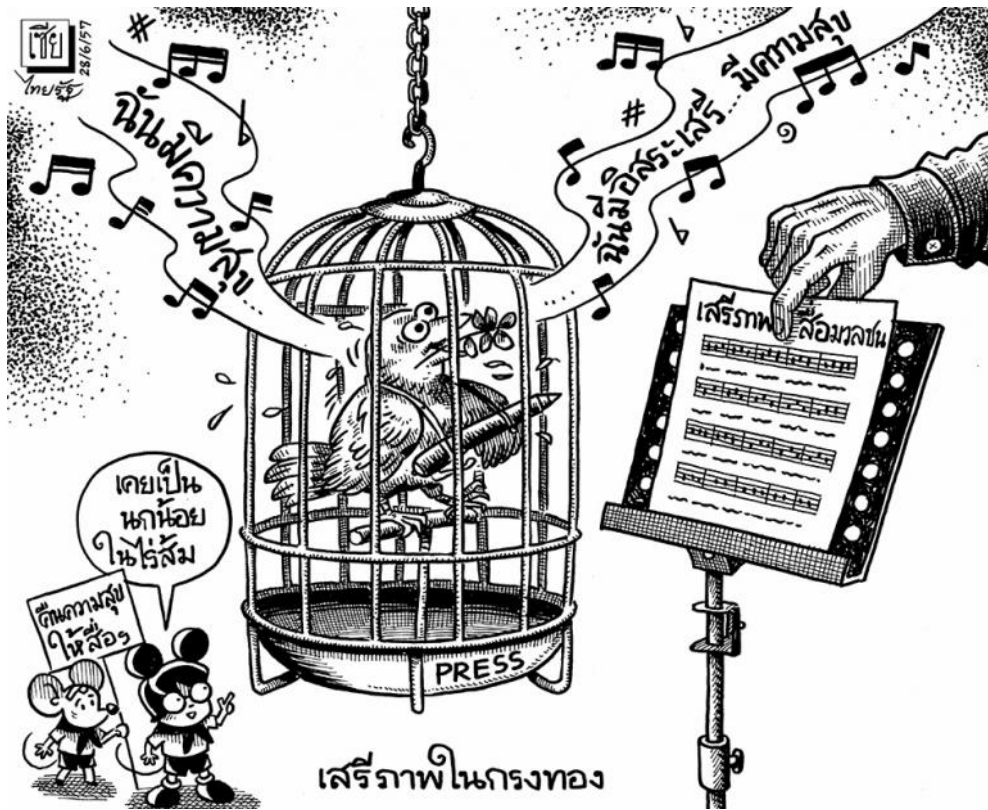
*The new anti-coup organisation hasn't found a country to officially operate from yet but it had hoped Australia may lend a hand.*

*A spokesman for the Australian embassy in Bangkok says there's been no dealings with the organisation...*

# The caged media sings the junta's tune

June 28, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, June 28, 2014

Bird: I'm happy... I'm free... I'm happy.

Song: Freedom of the press

Phi Nooring: It's used to being a little bird in an orange farm.

A mouse: Return happiness to the press

Caption: Freedom in a golden cage

# The Worst Party in Asia

June 28, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[The Worst Party in Asia](#) – Slate, June 27, 2014

Thailand's Full Moon Party is debauched, depraved, and increasingly deadly. If only it were fun...

# Who used the guns?

June 29, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



30-06-57

From Manager, June 29, 2014

Gun: I wonder why you can seize many of us—a huge number—but those guys who used us... you cannot arrest any of them?!!

Caption: We also have the same question as this gun.

# **Failed States Index: Thailand ranks as 10th most-worsened country for 2014**

June 29, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Failed States Index 2014: Somalia Displaced as Most-Fragile State](#) – FFP, June 24, 2014

...Nevertheless, two of the most destabilized countries in the first half of 2014 were registering worsening trends over the past 12 months – along with Ukraine’s worsening, Thailand, another country to experience severe instability this year with its recent military coup, also saw its score slip by 1.9 points in the 2014 FSI, ranking as the tenth most-worsened country for 2014. And among all three countries, Iraq, Thailand, and Ukraine all experienced significantly worsening pressures in the past few years on the key indicators of Group Grievance, State Legitimacy, and Human Rights and Rule of Law. Though this year’s instability of neither Iraq, Thailand, or Ukraine has yet registered in the 2014 FSI, it is clear that they were on the slide even before the current levels of stress took hold. Unless the situation in these countries improves markedly in the next six months, it is reasonable to expect that the scores of all three countries will slip significantly in the 2015 FSI...