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Documentary 'The Wan Trial' Goes Inside Thailand's Latest Attack On The Press

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[Documentary 'The Wan Trial' Goes Inside Thailand's Latest Attack On The Press](#) – September 2, 2015

...In 2013, after republishing a Reuters story about Muslim Rohingya refugees in Thailand at the Thai news website Phuketwan, Morison, an editor at the website, and Sidasathian, a reporter there, were arrested and charged with criminal defamation and computer crimes. Press freedom in Thailand went into a significant decline in 2013, when a court ruling upheld a defamation law in the country, according to the nongovernmental organization Freedom House. The law allowed the state to crack down on dissent against the government and the military establishment...

Allegations that Thai companies illegally export honey to the U.S. that is really made in China

September 3, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News

PR Newswire: [True Source Honey Issues Alert on Honey Shipped from Thailand and Taiwan](#)

...Between 2001 and 2013, Thailand exported an average of 3 million pounds a year to the U.S.; in a highly unusual development, that number jumped last year to 8 million pounds, and in the first 5 months of 2015 exports were already at 10 million pounds, more than a 3-fold increase over exports from 2013. In addition, there appears to be a correlation between Thailand's increasing exports of honey to the U.S. and its rising imports of honey from China...

You can support it, but not oppose it

September 4, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, September 4, 2015

Title: Will it be a god-version constitution?

Sign on the constitution: NCPO's constitution

The man holding the constitution is Bowornsak Uwanno, head of the Constitution Drafting Committee.

On men's backs (L-R): Support the NCPO, support an appointed

Signs held by men outside the barrier: Extend the NCPO's power, don't establish an appointed system, reject the constitution, we don't accept it

On the man's back (outside the barbed wire): Don't accept the constitution.

Phi Nooring: You can support it, but not oppose it.

Mouse: It's not democracy.

Weekly News Magazines, August 28-September 4, 2015

September 4, 2015

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Matichon Weekly, August 28-September 3, 2015

Main cover reads: Constitution

War... love And don't love 'Tu'

At top right: Prayuth 'appoints'

Somkid 'does'

To prove the ability

'Dreamteam'



From Lokwannee, August 28, 2015

Main cover reads: People on the top?

The rule of law is the highest?



From ASTV/Manager Weekly, August 92-Sep 4, 2015

Main cover reads: Deputy Real PM

Man on the cover: Somkid Jatusripitak

Top-right: Disclose

Handsome lady

Now hottest

Bottom left: Disclose a secret of 'Ratchaprosong bomb' the story which NCPO can't speak can't tell



From Nation Weekend, August 28, 2015

Main cover reads: Commander-in-chief 'Hungkaung'

Tears of Shiva is more blessed than tears of the poor

September 4, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, by Sia, August 8, 2015

Caption: Tears of Shiva is more blessed than tears of the poor.

Man from top to down: Economy, Fishery, Rubber plantation worker, Farmer.

Mouse man: If you do not believe it, do not disrespect it.

Mouse: Do not abandon the poor.

12 Years Ago: Wise Thai investors learn to follow Thaksin

September 5, 2015

Categories: Today in History

[Wise Thai investors learn to follow Thaksin](#)

Remembering the Thaksin Years: Stop terrorists

September 5, 2015

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



From Thairath, September 5, 2003

Title: Stop terrorists... Thai people kill each other.

Caption: The situation in the southernmost provinces

No other choice!

September 5, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, September 5, 2015

Caption: Only have to eat THIS (No other choice...!)

The soldier is carrying the NCPO's (National Council for Peace and Order; the junta) constitution.

On the gun barrel: 99.99% Democracy

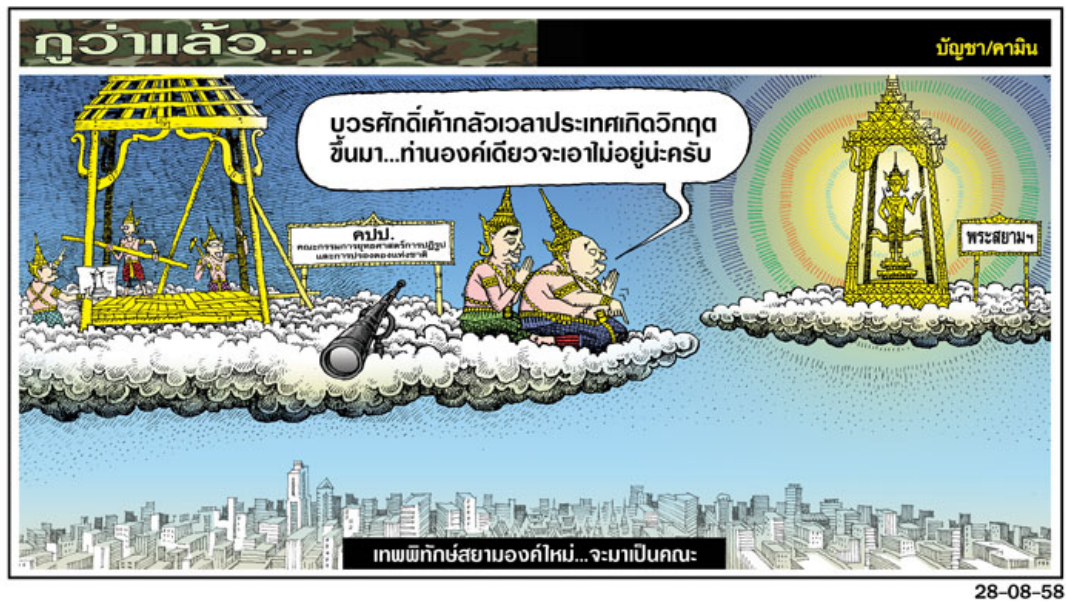
Mouse man: It's all stinking and hidden toxins.

Mouse: Thai people are captive.

A New God

September 5, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, August 27, 2015

God: Bornwornsak, he's afraid that when the country is in the crisis... only one god may not enough.

A sign on the left cloud: NSRRC, National Strategic Reform and Reconciliation Committee

A sign on the right: Pra Siam

Caption: A new god protecting Siam... will come as a team.

Bypassing official channels, Prayuth uses Article 44 to strip Thaksin of his rank

September 5, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Prayut uses S44 to strip Thaksin of rank](#) – Bangkok Post, September 5, 2015

...A source said Gen Prayut apparently chose to invoke his power under Section 44 instead of seeking His Majesty the King's endorsement as is the regular channel, possibly to protect the palace from a political backlash.

But critics have said the use of Section 44 was probably to prevent future lawsuits as the power under this clause is absolute...

Sluggishly

September 6, 2015

Categories: Chuwit Kamolvisit



Since the coup, political gadfly Chuwit Kamolvisit has been using Photoshop to create humorous graphics about the political situation. Many of these have become memes widely circulated in Thai-language social media.

No direction
to seek the bomb suspect

The Charter Designed to Fail–Does Fail

September 6, 2015

Categories: Analysis



From Thairath, August 26, 2015

Title: The Beauty queen shown to you.

Beauty queen: Don't take out my intestines to see what's inside.

On her sash: NCPO's constitution beauty queen

On Borwornsak's suit: Constitution Drafting Committee

Phi Nooring: Need to see it as though it's beautiful.

Mouse: Beauty from the past to the future.

As previously noted, this was a charter “designed to fail.” And interestingly, today the hand-picked junta body voted down the charter draft.

This is a dilemma for Thaksin and his supporters. The Pheu Thai Party, the Red Shirts, and Thaksin were all on record opposing the draft. They were likely making this stance with the belief that their opposition would come into play during an eventual referendum. Then, the “no” vote from the referendum could be used to show that many people disagree with the military draft and thus an elected government would be justified in “fixing” it.

However, to kill the charter at this stage is a big plus for the junta. They can simply start the drafting process again and also claim that their hand-picked assembly was impartial and listened to the voices of the people by voting down the draft. All of this adds perhaps eight months more to junta rule to reinforce the idea to the political class that Thaksin is finished. It is fascinating that critics of the junta who had called the vote today a farce (expecting a “yes” vote from the puppet assembly for the “dictatorial” draft) now claim the “no” vote was a farce as well.

Thaksin and his supporters, anxious for another election, have little pretext for dissatisfaction. They had openly opposed the draft, but it seems they were lured into opposing the charter too early. The junta can

claim that voting down the draft charter was exactly what Thaksin and the Red Shirts called for. However, it appears to have been a trap to further delay elections and extend junta rule.

This is certainly a setback for Thaksin-aligned supporters and will bring into focus the decision to either continue to wait patiently for elections or to believe that some sort of agitation would serve to destabilize the junta.

For now, the junta seems to be comfortably in control. However, the order they bring is only by virtue of their direct power. Little real reform has taken place as their actions continue to be to craft a new political future for Thailand without Thaksin. This means extending their rule will always be the best option for them.



Update: [Phue Thai key leader Phongthep thanks NRC for rejecing draft charter](#)

And earlier: [Junta Nixes Redshirt News Conference](#)

...The Redshirt news conference was planned for the same day the junta appointees of the National Reform Council are expected to accept the draft charter. After that it will go to the public for a vote as early as January as part of the junta's most recent "roadmap" to returning Thailand to civilian rule...

Why all the fuss?

September 7, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, August 14, 2015

Title: I knew it. (By Buncha/Karmin)

Thaksin: I do not understand... only these little chevrons of mine... Why they are making a big deal out of it, needing it back..asking for it every single day?

The Police Need More Help

September 7, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager, Thai Police



From Manager, August 24, 2015

CCTV: I've already given you all information I have regarding the suspect... not only the suspect's appearance... how he dressed... where he put the bomb... how he escaped... You still have not been able to catch him... What else do you want from me?

Policeman, probably Police Chief Somyot Pumpanmuang: Can you help catch him too, please?

CCTV: ?

Caption: There is one more thing CCTV needs to do to help out.

It should be about what can be given to the poor

September 8, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, by Sia, August 28, 2015

Caption: It should not be used to determine how to call them “who they are”, but for “what to give” them.

PM Prayuth holds a sign that says: Enforcing Section 44, disallow calling people “grassroots”, instead call them “people with low income”

Signs from left to right: Enforcing Section 44 to help us earn more income. Enforcing Section 44 to increase rubber prices. Enforcing Section 44 to increase rice prices.

Mouse man: Who shall reform Thailand’s education first?

Mouse: No hierarchy.

Earlier: [Understanding why everyone loves the absolute power of the military](#).

Cleft Palate Billboards

September 8, 2015

Categories: Signs and Billboards



The billboard reads: Let this smile stay longer stay forever.
Please make a donation for children who need the operation.
Operationsmile.or.th | 02-652-0515-6
Operation Smile Foundation, Operation Smile Thailand





The billboard reads: We want to see their smiles.



The billboard reads: Please make a donation for children who need the operation.
Create their long-lasting smiles.
Operationsmile.or.th | 02-652-0515-6
Operation Smile Foundation, Operation Smile Thailand

Wrong Direction?

September 9, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, August 26, 2015

The officer says: Bangkok's explosion case—I think we are heading in the right direction

U.S. Produced Thai Propaganda Newspaper, ca. 1943-45

September 9, 2015
Categories: History



Left: Pictures of the recovery in the Philippines.
Above right: Pacific War.
Center right: Failure of Germany in Europe.



Left: Japan Army was defeated in Burma.

Right title: Save the country .

Right headline: The U.S.A. bombed Japanese Army in Thailand.

The draft constitution exploded

September 9, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, September 9, 2015

Title: Urgent! Meteorite hits Thailand.

On the explosion: NCPO's constitution

On Bowornsak's shirt: CDC

On a man's shirt (with glasses): NRC

On a chair: NCPO

Phi Nooring: Bombing at the centre of the group

Mouse: Rest in peace

The Reward

September 10, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, August 24, 2015

Thaksin: Now that my son offer 7 million baht!! Is there anyone who wants to offer more than this amount?

Getting Strangled

September 11, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, August 25, 2015

Title: How's about you, sir... still ok?

On a snake from the left-middle-right: Anti-foreigners , economic problems, constitution to cement power

On the notepad: News

Phi Nooring: To handle this snake, you'd better be able to control it.

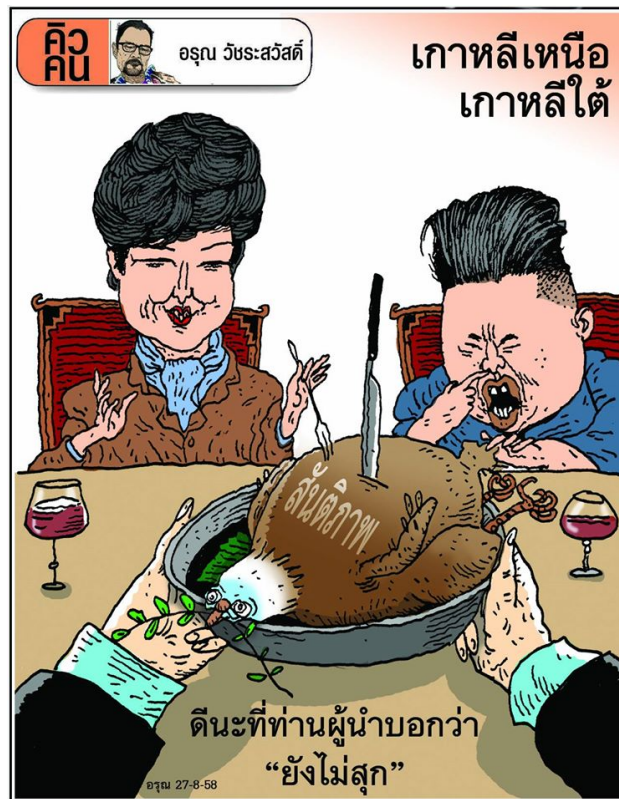
Mouse: A fierce snake is wrapping around your neck.

More: [The Charter Designed to Fail–Does Fail](#)

Cooked Eagle

September 14, 2015

Categories: Anti-Americanism, Editorial Cartoons – Arun



From Arun, August 27, 2015

On the top-right: North Korea, South Korea

The woman is South Korea's President Park Geun-Hye

The man is North Korea's President Kim Jong Un

On the bird (representing the U.S.): Peace

Caption: It's good that our leaders say "it's not done yet."

The Philippines: Another Dysfunctional Democracy

September 14, 2015

Categories: The Philippines



[The Real Crisis of Philippine Democracy](#)

...Whereas the oligarchs, the few who hold much of the nation's wealth and power, are guilty of these electoral crimes, their mass market, composed of the the poor and "uneducated" is demeaned as "bobotante" (ignorant voters) by the elite establishment. The "elites" question the political underclasses' ability to make sound leadership choices because of their vulnerability to selling votes and to populism. With the majority being thus exploited with only a number in control, our elections are nothing short of a mockery of democracy...

Weekly News Magazines, September 4-11, 2015

September 14, 2015

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Lokwanee, September 4, 2015

Main cover reads: Oh... my goat! Are you Thai?



From Manager Weekly, September 5-11, 2015

Main cover reads: Parent destroy me

The man on the cover is Panthongtae Shinawatra.

In the background is the logo of Krungthai Bank

Top-right: Award a plate...

Good daughter

“Tak-Bongkoch”

Donate kidney to her mom.

Bottom left: Ratchaprasong Conspiracy Part 3

Finally arrested

Then what to do next..!!

The man is Yusufu Mieraili, a suspect in the bombing.

Bottom right: NRC did the final task to submit the 'draft constitution' before conducting a 'referendum'
The man is Borwornsak Uwanno, a head of the Constitution Drafting Committee (CDC).
The man on the right is Thienchay Kiranandana, the NRC chairman.



From Matichon Weekly, September 4-10, 2015

Main cover reads: Bombing

Isn't

A terrorist

Man on the cover is the suspect arrested in connection with the Rajaprasong bombing.

Top-left: Abhi sit moves

Abhi "Suthep" comes back

Abhi "junta"



From Nation Weekend, September 4, 2015

The main cover reads: Who was he angry at?

The man on the cover is Yusufu Mieraili, a suspect in the bombing

Left side: Look back a history of

'Moo Nonmakmun'

a real Eastern tiger

The man in is new army chief Gen. Teerachai Narkvanick

Headline: Explore 4 ways
Take Uguir to Turkey

How to make Thai people agree with the constitution

September 14, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, by Sia, August 29, 2015

Title: How to make Thai people agree with the constitution

Left: The hand refers as NRC (National Reform Council) is trying to put the NCPO (National Council for Peace and Order) constitution into man's mouth.

On the leg chains: NPCO

On handcuffs: Section 44

Mouse man: Doing it, even though they know it is a poison.

Mouse: Living a suffering life.

‘Rebel’ female Buddhist monks challenge Thailand status quo

September 14, 2015

Categories: Buddhism

[‘Rebel’ female Buddhist monks challenge Thailand status quo](#) – AP, September 12, 2015

...Thailand’s top Buddhist authority bars women from becoming monks. They can only become white-cloaked nuns, who are routinely treated as domestic servants. Many here believe women are inferior beings who had better perform plenty of good deeds to ensure they will be reborn as men in their future lives.

Yet with the religion beset by lurid scandals, female monastics or “bhikkhunis” are emerging as a force for reform, not unlike activists in the Christian world seeking gender equality including ordination of women as priests in the Catholic Church. They are growing in numbers and appear to be making headway...

Return to Thaksinomics? Thailand's populist economic program a double-edged sword

September 14, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Return to Thaksinomics? Thailand's populist economic program a double-edged sword](#) – Nikkei Asian Review, September 13, 2015

...The new stimulus packages, clearly aimed at rural areas, bear a striking resemblance to the economic programs of the past. Many suspect that the military government led by Prayuth Chan-ocha tapped the populist former finance minister because of his expertise in corralling the rural vote.

But Somkid's appointment has also antagonized opponents of the former prime minister. Programs implemented by Thaksin sister and similarly deposed Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra, such as her scheme to buy rice from farmers at inflated prices, ultimately backfired. Critics denounce the new stimulus as similar pork-barrel politics. When announcing the first package, Somkid argued that the policies were not an effort to curry favor with the public...

The Nation responds to junta for detaining its journalist

September 14, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[The Nation's letter to NCPO chief](#)

...We also call on Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha, in his capacity as NCPO chief, to consider Pravit's release as soon as possible, as well as to disclose the location where he is being held. We believe he should be allowed visits from members of his family and his supervisors, so they can be assured of his well-being, and that he be granted access to a lawyer...

[Sansern claims Pravit summoned as individual, not journalist](#)

...Sansern said Pravit had violated an agreement he had made with the NCPO after he was summoned last year.

He was called in this time because of what he posted on Facebook, the spokesman said without elaborating. Although it was Pravit's personal account, he seemed to "think loudly in order to spread his message". The message was "provocative and divisive", Sansern said.

[NCPO claims Pravit's detention justified](#)

The National Council for Peace and Order Monday defended the detention of The Nation's reporter Pravit Rojanaphruk, saying he had disseminated information in a way that was not in accordance with the guideline for keeping peace and order.

But NCPO spokesman Col Winthai Suvari did not provide details of specific incidents that Pravit had disseminated such information...

From MICT: Thai students learn about democracy

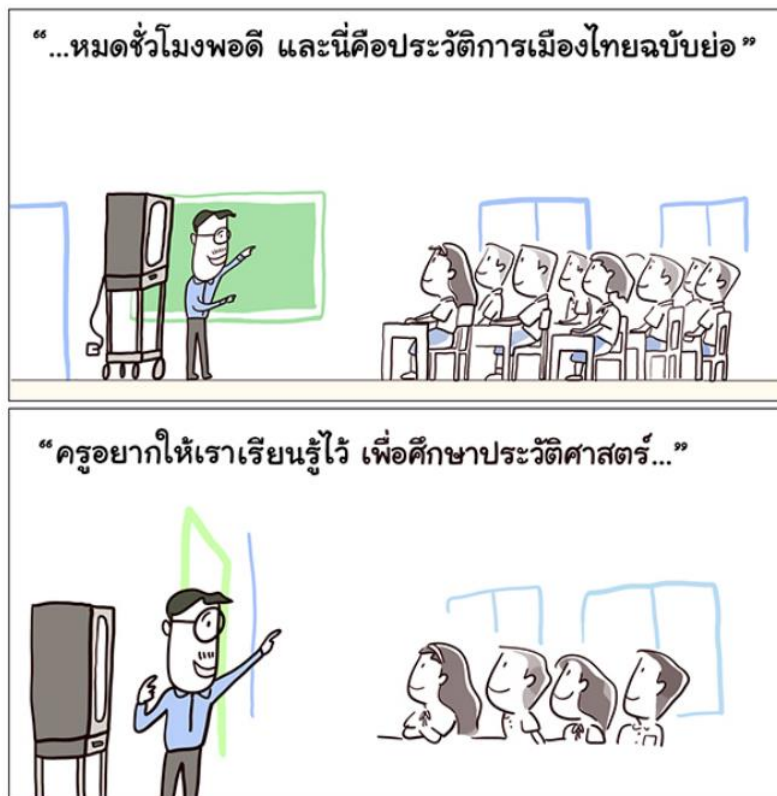
September 15, 2015

Categories: Local Beliefs

เรื่องของ “สติ๊กเกอร์”

a comics by GREN.

The story of “Sticker”



Top: Before the end of the class today, here is a short Thai political history.

Bottom: I want you to learn this for a further study of history.

วันนี้วิชาสร้างเสริมประสบการณ์ชีวิต คุณครูสันติเล่าและฉายหนัง
สารคดีเกี่ยวกับประวัติการเมืองไทยให้เราฟังอย่างสนุกสนาน



สติกเกอร์ชอบเรียนกับคุณครูสันติมาก เพราะครูจะคอยเน้น
ให้พวกเราถามคำถาม ครูบอกว่าการฝึกตั้งคำถามเป็นการฝึก
คิดที่ดีที่สุด



Top: Today, in “Extension of life’ experiences” , Teacher Santi showed us a documentary about Thai political history. We enjoyed it.

Bottom: Sticker likes to study with Teacher Santi because he encourages us to ask various questions. He said learning to question is a good way to practice thinking.

Teacher Santi: Please learn to question.

ครูสอนเราเสมอว่าแม้ในสังคมไทยที่บางครั้งยังติดกับการถือรุ่น
ถือเด็กถือผู้ใหญ่ แต่สำหรับครูแล้ว คนที่มีความคิดดีๆ
ไม่ได้แบ่งตามอายุ ครูเคารพความคิด มากกว่าอายุ



ครูสอนพวกเราว่าในชั้นของครู ครูขอให้พวกเราแสดงความคิด
ความเห็นให้เต็มที่ ฝึกเป็นคนช่างคิด กล้าแสดงออกในชั้นของครู
ครูขอให้ทุกคนถกกันด้วยเหตุผลและผล



Top: He always tells us that although Thai society sometimes adheres to seniority, in his view, people who have a good idea don't need to be judged according to their ages. He respects their ideas rather than their ages.

Teacher Santi: Don't allow your ideas be limited by something.

Bottom: In his class, he asks us to express our ideas freely and practice thinking. He asks all students to have a critical discussion.

Teacher Santi: To live together, we must learn to listen to other ideas.



Top: I want you to learn how to think. Even it's out of the box, it still helps to develop our country to compete with others.

Soon, we'll be in the ASEAN community. I want you to join them—not only being a follower.

Bottom: So, at least we should start to practice thinking and discussing based on reason.



Top: Teacher Santi: So, I'll give you homework.

Students: Oh... teacher. Please give us a little homework. Don't give us a lot of homework.

Bottom: Not many. It's only one homework assignment that all of you in the class have to work together on.



Top: Since today we learned about democracy... As we study about democracy in class, so I want all of you, 25 persons, to do only do one assignment together.

Bottom: Submit me only one work related to democracy.

“Democracy”

Can we do whatever?



Top: Teacher Santi: Whatever you agree to you... please discuss about this.

Students: It seems to be fun.

Bottom: A boy: What about if there is a thing we want to do, but our friends don't.

A girl: Then we'll vote.



Top: That's right. If there is a disagreement, we must vote.

Use the democratic way.

Bottom: Teacher Santi: It's the end of class. See you next week. I'll wait to see your work.

Students: Sawaddee ka, teacher. Sawaddee krub, teacher.



We meet during the weekend to discuss what we will do.



Top: We really want to make it good.

Students: What should we do? What should we do? What should we do?

Bottom: We suggest many things.

Should we write an essay about governance that we learned?

It's not fun. It's like writing what teacher taught.



Top: Sticker used to see a website that collected famous writers or thinkers' quotes. We shall see the website and maybe can use it.

Bottom: But this is the democracy in term of the foreigner's meaning—not Thais.



Top: left: But the teacher didn't set a scope only in Thailand.

Right: That's right. The teacher didn't mention only in Thailand.

Bottom: Student on the left: It's interesting. I want to know what the foreigners think.
Student on the right: I disagree because it's not suitable for Thais.



Top: But, do you remember what the teacher taught? He said we shouldn't judge immediately.

Bottom: That's right. We like to study with teacher Santi due to this. No matter what you say, it's ok as long as you use it based on reason.



Top: You're right. I judged it too early because I heard my dad said that we shouldn't follow Western democracy.
I agree with your idea.

Bottom: Wanida, you're good in English. So, you and Sticker as well as Pichit shall select the quotes.
Boy: I will draw a picture.



Top: Then, the meeting divided each person's responsibility. There are the academic team, the food supply team and the team to help borrow things to support the group.

Bottom: Banya and Niran are in an artwork team.



Top: Then, we start our democratic work.

Bottom: This is the first time that Sticker worked in a group with classmates.

ได้เห็นเลยว่ามีปัญหาว่าทำคนเดียวมาก



อะไรที่เห็นไม่ตรงกันก็ต้องรอโหวต รอการตัดสินใจของกลุ่ม

แต่สิ่งที่ได้กลับมา เป็นอะไรที่น่าทึ่งมากจริงๆ
เราทำงานได้มากกว่าที่เราทำคนเดียว การทำงานเป็นทีม
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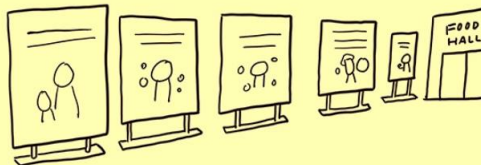
แต่สิ่งที่ได้กลับมาก็คุ้มค่าจริงๆ

Top: We find out that there are more problems than working alone.
If there is a disagreement, we have to vote.

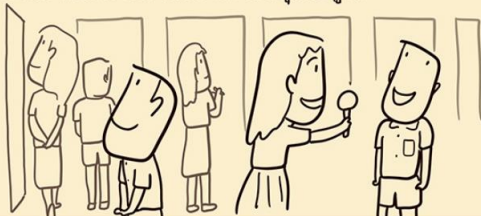
Middle: But what we learned is really important. We can do more things than working alone. In teamwork,
we must respect our team.

Bottom: Respect each other ideas.
But what we gained is really worthy.

พวกเราวางแผนจัดแสดงงานกันที่หน้าห้องอาหารของโรงเรียน



มีทั้งส่วนแสดงงาน และส่วนร่วมสนุกกับผู้ชม



งานของพวกเขาได้รับความสนใจเป็นอย่างมาก ทั้งจาก
รุ่นน้องและรุ่นพี่ในโรงเรียน รวมทั้งคุณครูหลายคนก็
เอ่ยปากชมพวกเขา



Top: We decided to set an exhibition in front of a school's canteen.

Middle: There are an exhibition zone and activities allowing the audience to participate.

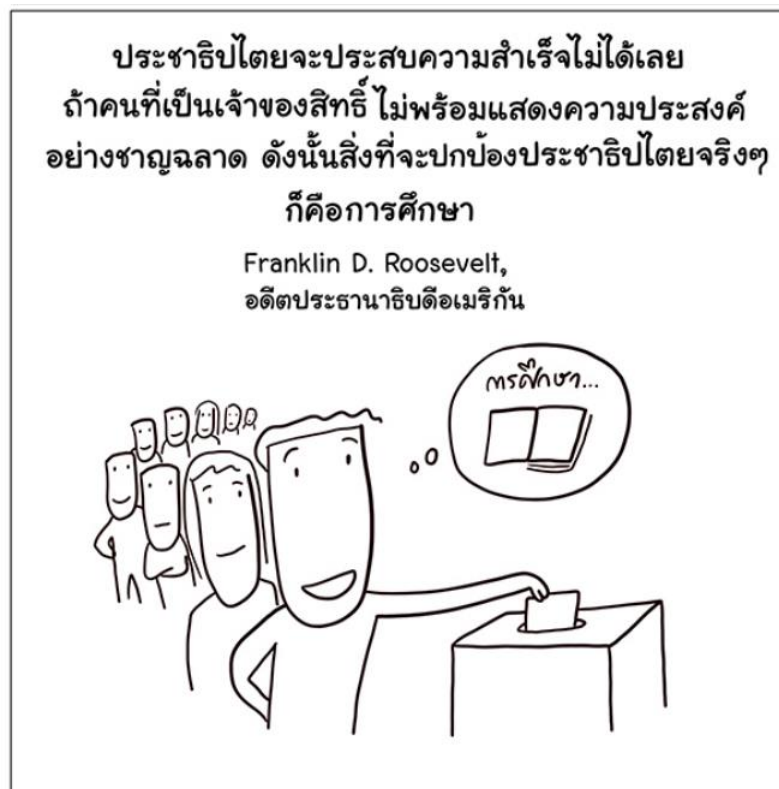
Bottom: Our work has gained a lot of attention from our seniors and juniors as well as the teachers. They praised us.

A teacher: All of you did a great job.

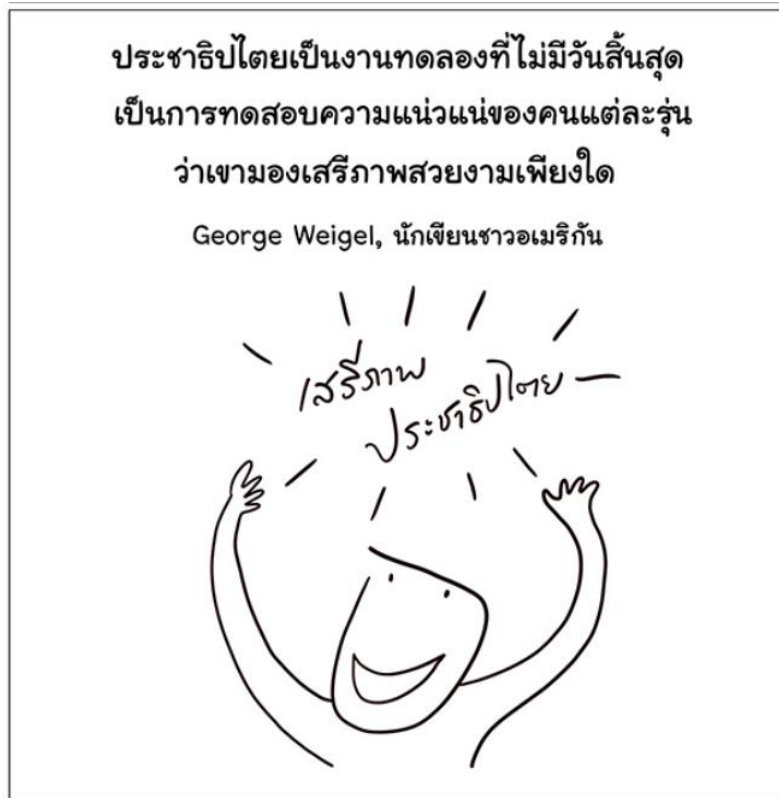


Top: And these are some parts of our work.

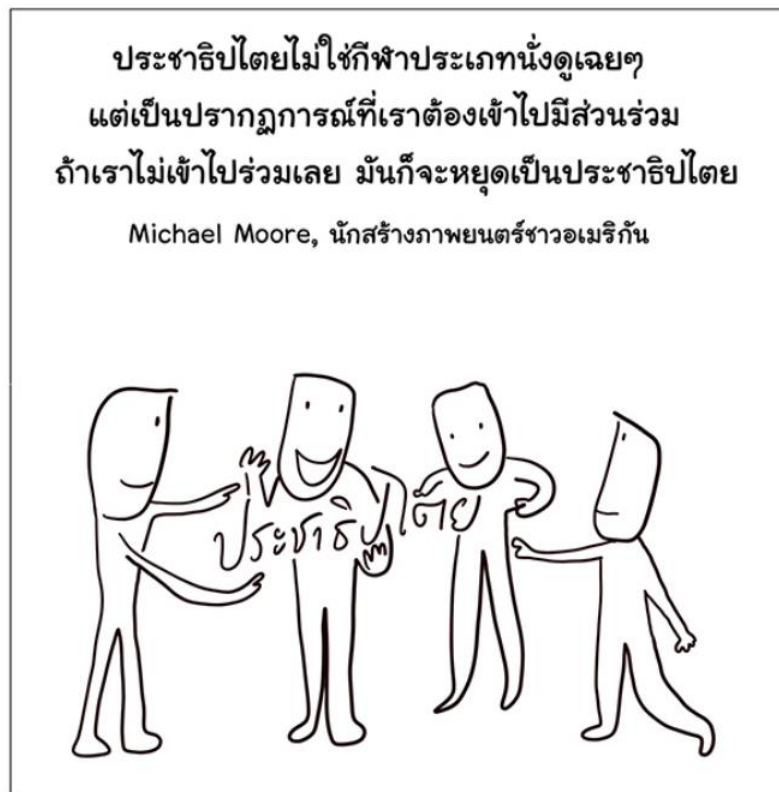
Bottom: As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy. Abraham Lincoln, former US President



Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education. Franklin D. Roosevelt, former US President



Democracy is always an unfinished experiment, testing the capacity of each generation to live freedom nobly. George Weigel, American writer
Above the man: Freedom Democracy



Democracy is not a spectator sport, it's a participatory event. If we don't participate in it, it ceases to be a democracy. Michael Moore, American director
Between the men: Democracy

ในระบบประชาธิปไตย อำนาจมิใช่สิ่งยั่งยืน

Lalu Prasad Yadav, นักการเมืองชาวอินเดีย



In a democracy, power is not permanent.
Lalu Prasad Yadav, Indian politician

ที่ผมเข้าใจคือ
ประชาธิปไตยให้อำนาจกับผู้อ่อนแอ

เท่ากับผู้ที่แข็งแกร่งกว่า

Mahatma Gandhi, อดีตผู้นำอินเดีย



I understand democracy as something that gives the weak the same chance as the strong.
Mahatma Gandhi, former Indian leader

ประชาธิปไตยคือศิลปะของ
การคิดอิสระแตกต่างหลากหลาย ด้วยกัน
Alexander Meiklejohn, นักปรัชญาชาวอังกฤษ



Democracy is the art of thinking independently together.
Alexander Meiklejohn, British philosopher

Mman: Living together help thinking and working together



Top: Sticker and friends are glad that we've learn how to think like teacher Santi taught.

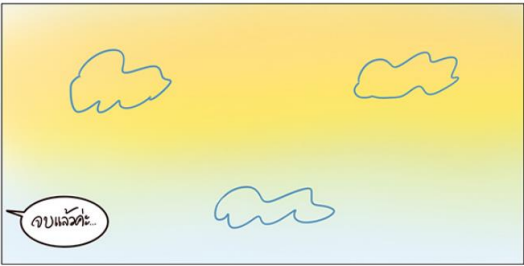
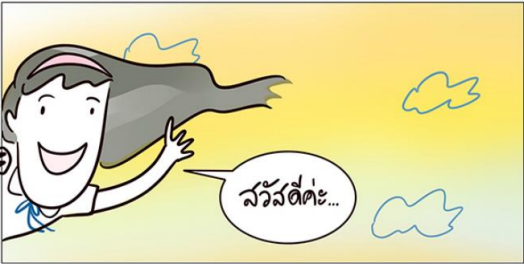
Middle: We learned about democracy through our small works.

Bottom: This work taught us to listen to each others' ideas and discuss based on reason.



Top: This work taught us that if we join hands together, we can do things....

Middle: Which we've never thought we could do!!



Middle: Sawaddee ka.

Bottom: The end.

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The end of Sticker's story. Chapter 7 "Things that we didn't know we could do."

The last time... it began like this too

September 16, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, August 30, 2015

Somkid Jatusripitak: Where is the Managing Director? I have an appointment with him to talk about a loan to spur the economy.

On newspaper: Arrested the Managing Director of Krung Thai Bank for 15 years due to an illegal loan.

Caption: The last time... it began like this too.

Red Shirt Leaders Jailed for Protest at Privy Council President's Residence in 2007

September 16, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News



Above: From Daily News, February 12, 2012

Prime Minister attempts a detente with Privy Councilor Prem as the Pheu Thai-led government pushes forward and amnesty for Thaksin.

[Court Jails Redshirt Leaders for 2007 Protest](#) – Khaosod, September 16, 2015

...On 22 July, 2007, UDD demonstrators gathered at the residence of Gen. Prem Tinsulanonda, a former Prime Minister and chairman of His Majesty the King's Privy Council, whom the UDD accused of plotting a coup d'etat the previous year which removed an elected government.

Police moved to disperse the protest after UDD leaders announced that would rally in front of Prem's residence indefinitely, sparking clashes between protesters and riot police...

This protest was a surprise breaching of police barricades by marching Thaksin supporters (who then wore yellow instead of red). They assembled before Prem's residence to confront the Privy Council President with demands for his resignation. These were the same demands later made during the Red Shirt siege of Bangkok in 2009.

This was the first mass action of what were later known as the "Red Shirts." It underlined the enduring political narrative as claimed by Thaksin—that Thai political turmoil is a battle between himself and the Privy Council.

More from 2007: [UDD Surprise Raid on Privy Council President's House](#)

Red Shirt publications have long focused on Prem as their enemy. From 2009: [Prem, Prem, Prem](#)

From 2009: [The First Siege of Bangkok: Thaksin Tells Protesters Not to Leave Bangkok Empty-Handed](#)

...Decrees from the Red Shirt protest stage in Bangkok set a deadline for Prem to resign from the Privy Council while members of the Taxi Community Radio Club threatened that they would use 20,000 taxis to block all intersections in Bangkok if the government did not step down...

Even this year, as criticism was stinging the junta over the slow return to democratic rule, Thaksin could not resist once again emphasizing it was all really a battle between himself and Prem: [Thaksin says Privy Council ordered Suthep to protest & the military to stage a coup](#)

Nation reporter Pravit resigns ‘to end pressure’

September 16, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Nation reporter resigns ‘to end pressure’](#) – Bangkok Post, September 15, 2015

... “I have decided to resign from The Nation newspaper after a meeting with the management and being requested to quit in order to save the paper from enormous pressure from all sides in the aftermath of me being detained by the military junta,” Pravit wrote on his Facebook page.

The 48-year-old reporter earlier told BBC Thai that he decided to resign to end the pressure the company and his colleagues were facing. He would work at The Nation until the end of this month, ending his 23 years there...

Earlier: [The Nation responds to junta for detaining its journalist](#)

Quick Reward

September 17, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek, Thai Police



From Komchadluek, September 3, 2015

Woman: The police worked very fast on the Ratchaprasong bombing case.

Man: You mean they caught the bomber quickly?

Woman: Nope!! I mean the reward was considered and was given out too quickly!

The Red Shirts can help Najib

September 17, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



01-09-58

From Manager, August 31, 2015

Secretary: Sir, there are people who want to apply for a job. They said they are experts on conducting a Red shirt rally to fight with the Yellow Shirts.

A sign on the door: Najib Razak, Prime Minister

On the sofa are Red Shirt leaders Weng, Thida, Nattawut, and Jatuporn

Caption: Losing your job?... hurry to apply.

Karma is slow

September 18, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



03-09-58

From Manager, September 2, 2015

Man, representing one of the Manager's cartoonists: Oh... Mr. Karma, why do you give a punishment to Oak very slowly? It's been 7-8 years already?

Krama: My leg was cut by Julasingh!

The man running away is "Oak"—Panthongtae Shinawatra, Thaksin's son.

Caption: The reason why karma came too late.

The unexpected blow

September 18, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, I knew it... by Buncha/Karmin (18-09-2558), September 18, 2015

Red side : What the heck is happening... the previous round, your kids kept punching me harder... we already agreed to keep it until the end of game—not to finish the game with the knockout result.

From the back, left to right: Kill him. Prayuth su... su... . Uncle Tu ju...ju... . Su...su...

Caption: Coach has started to be speechless.

10 Years Ago: Thailand's "Iron Lady" pressured to leave key post after exposing government corruption

September 18, 2015

Categories: Today in History

[Thailand's "Iron Lady" pressured to leave key post after exposing government corruption](#)

...In her new job, Jaruvan dug into unscrupulous deals and exposed corrupt tactics that boggle the mind by their subtle deviousness and scale. She estimates that corruption in state-related projects costs the country more than \$9.7 billion every year.

Her probes, which resulted in the removal of top ministry officials, uncovered corruption or irregularities in highway construction projects, Bangkok's new international airport, procurement of medicines at government hospitals, long-distance telephone service in rural areas and a government plan to compensate farmers whose chickens were infected with avian flu...

Thailand is not a suitable long term investment environment

September 18, 2015

Categories: Economy

[Thailand: A Less Attractive Emerging Market Pick In Asia](#) – seekingalpha.com, September 16, 2015

...A large portion of the companies do not even trade daily, and the ones that do have an average trading volume of less than 100 shares per day.

Kasikornbank Public Company Limited (OTCPK:KPCPF): Average 3 month trading volume is 11.

Siam Public Cement Company (OTC:SCVPF): Average 3 month trading volume is 75.

Bumrungrad Hospital Public Company Limited (OTCPK:BUGDF): Average 3 month trading volume is 92...

Inside New York's First Transgender Modeling Agency

September 18, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Inside New York's First Transgender Modeling Agency](#) – The Atlantic, September 17, 2015

...Although Thailand's transgender people by no means enjoy equal status, Di didn't experience the level of discrimination growing up that many Western transgender people describe. It is hard to say exactly how many people born biologically male in Thailand end up living as women—estimates range from 1 in 180 to 1 in 3,000—but it is generally agreed that the country has an unusually high number who do. (Data is firmer but still shaky in the U.S., where it's estimated that 700,000 are transgender, or 1 in every 450 citizens.) Different cultural norms, inexpensive hormone therapies, and an abundance of cheap cosmetic surgery make physically transitioning easier in Thailand than in other countries. Di has her own theory: "Thailand is a Buddhist country. With meditation we connect with who we are, and we realize our gender faster than other people," she explains...

Yingluck to be asked to pay for rice scheme

September 18, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Yingluck to be asked to pay for rice scheme](#) – Bangkok Post, September 17, 2015

The Finance Ministry will by Sept 30 demand damages up to 510 billion baht incurred by the rice-pledging programme from ex-PM Yingluck Shinawatra and some of her cabinet ministers, as well as officials involved in the scheme...

“At this stage, the accused may file counter lawsuits with the Administrative Court within 30 days to revoke the order.

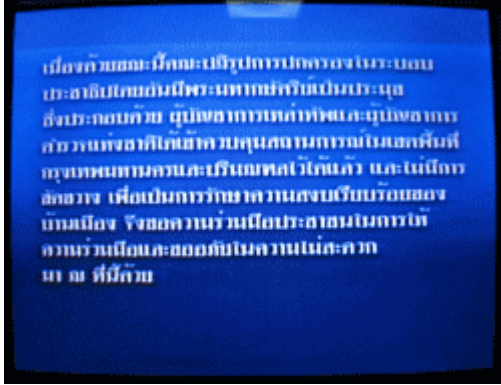
“But if they don’t, we’ll seize their assets,” he said...

Nine Years Ago: The Night of the Coup

วันนี้เมื่อ 9 ปีที่แล้ว : คืนวันรัฐประหาร

September 19, 2015

Categories: Today in History



Above:The coup unfolds: Notice on TV – 23:13, September 19, 2006

[The Night of the Coup – September 19, 2006](#)

Nine Years Ago: Thaksin Attempts to Declare a State of Emergency

September 19, 2015

Categories: Today in History



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=ph5GBkB-lyA>



This is former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra's declaration of a state of emergency made on September 19, 2006. The announcement was made from New York and only appeared on one TV station in Thailand—the other stations already had been seized by the military (or were under orders not to change their broadcast schedule for the PM's announcement). Thaksin's announcement starts in mid-sentence and is eventually cut off when troops seized the station.

More on the [night of the coup](#)

More on the [2006 coup](#)

One Year After the First Anti-Thaksin Coup

September 19, 2015

Categories: Today in History

Interesting to note the exact same themes and analysis of the coup then as compared to today.

[Thaksin defends his record in the Wall Street Journal: “The coup came as a shock to me and to most Thais”](#)

...We will not have stability, democracy and development in Thailand until we have genuine national reconciliation. Needless to say, national reconciliation will not be achieved at gunpoint or through rigged elections, but rather when our generals and politicians finally put the national interest above their own narrow interests.

[Year on, Thailand’s “good coup” gets failing grade](#) – AP

...”Thaksin’s contempt for human rights and democracy was evident, but Thailand is worse off because of the coup,” Brad Adams of Human Rights Watch said.

The new constitution, dubbed the “Anti-Thaksin” charter by supporters who say it will boost checks and balances weakened by Thaksin, appears designed to usher in an era of weak coalition governments that typified the 1980s.

“The new constitution is actually a step backwards for Thailand,” Adams said. It “allows key powers to be controlled and manipulated by appointees from the military and bureaucracy at the expense of elected leaders”...

Hundreds of Thais defy protest ban in anti-junta march

September 19, 2015

Categories: 2006 Coup, 2014 Coup

[Hundreds of Thais defy protest ban in anti-junta march](#) – Channel News Asia, September 19, 2015

...There was no uniformed military presence at the rally and police, who estimated 400 attended, made no obvious attempt to stop it.

“We are observing, to keep things in order,” the commanding officer, Major General Pongpan Wannapak, told Reuters.

“If things get out of hand, we’ll report it to our superiors.”

More on the 2006 coup:

[Nine Years Ago: The Night of the Coup](#)

[Nine Years Ago: Thaksin Attempts to Declare a State of Emergency](#)

[One Year After the First Anti-Thaksin Coup](#)

Nine Years Ago: The Coup – Front Pages

วันนี้เมือง 9 ปีก่อน : รัฐประหาร – หน้าแรก

September 20, 2015

Categories: Today in History



[The Coup – Front Pages](#)

9 Years Ago: First Anti-Thaksin Coup — Tanks on the Streets

September 20, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

[Tanks Downtown](#)

Thaksin tells Thailand's red shirt opposition – ‘play dead’... for now

September 20, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thaksin tells Thailand's red shirt opposition – ‘play dead’... for now](#) – Reuters, September 20, 2015

From self-imposed exile, the influential leader of Thailand's rural “red shirt” opposition movement has delivered a simple message to followers chafing at the military junta's iron rule: lay low for now, don't panic, “play dead” ...

“At first we thought the drafting of the constitution, had it been passed, would have been the time to protest,” said Sabina Shah, a red shirt leader and radio DJ in the northeastern city of Khon Kaen. The radio station was shut down after the coup and remains off air.

“People want to protest. But they are afraid, despite facing difficulties and hardship...The economy's been going backwards...”

12 Years Ago: Plans to transform Rajdamnoen Avenue into a commercial and cultural street

September 21, 2015

Categories: Today in History

[Plans to transform Rajdamnoen Avenue into a commercial and cultural street](#)

With love and RIP

September 21, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From September 21, 2015

With love and RIP

Prabhassorn Sevikul

National artist of
Literature

In a year of 2011

Mouse: My favorite writer

On the wreath: RIP

The man is Prabhassorn Sevikul, famous national artist, who passed away from heart failure.]

Countdown to Purple Line launch begins

September 21, 2015

Categories: Skytrain

[Countdown to Purple Line launch begins](#) – Bangkok Post, September 22, 2016

...That day will end a long wait for the new 23-kilometre elevated rail track linking Bangkok's Bang Sue and Nonthaburi's Bang Ya, aiming to provide faster and more convenient travel between the capital and the neighbouring province.

...Members of the public will be able to travel for free on the line from May to July, ahead of the August launch date, as part of test runs for the route, said Mass Rapid Transit Authority of Thailand (MRTA) governor Peerayudh Singpatanakul. Following its Aug 12 launch, travellers will be required to pay a fare...

Nine Years Ago: The Coup – Front Pages

September 22, 2015

Categories: Today in History



Above: Krungthep Turakit, September 22, 2006 – Give Thailand back

[The Coup – Front Pages, September 22, 2006](#)

12 Years Ago: al Qaeda's terrorist plans for Bangkok

September 22, 2015

Categories: Today in History

[al Qaeda's terrorist plans for Bangkok](#)

Legal slip saves Nuling from two-year term

September 22, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Legal slip saved Nuling from two-year term](#) – Bangkok Post, September 21, 2015

...Pavinee, who serves as a lawyer at Thai Lawyers for Human Rights (TLHR), explained that the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO)'s order No. 3/2014 requesting Nuling to report himself did not stipulate any penalty would be imposed if those whose names were on the list violated the order...

Earlier: [All about Sombat Boonngamanong, a rebel Red Shirt](#)

Leonard Osborne Day

September 23, 2015

Categories: Old photos and films



Kreme writes: *Fascinating page on an Australian who served in the Siamese police during the 6th and 7th reigns.* [Links](#) [PDF](#)

Weekly News Magazines, September 11-19, 2015

September 23, 2015

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Lokwannee, September 14, 2015

Main cover reads: Use and then throw it...

Tissue on the box: Political counsel

On used tissues (from left-right): Auy, NGO, Borwornsak, NRC



From Manager Weekly, September 12-18, 2015

Main cover reads: Pol Lt Col Thaksin Shinawatra

Full rank of the exile prisoner

Under Thaksin's ID photo at top left: Mr. Thaksin... Shinawatra family... Becoming like this because of "Judge Bao"

Top-right: The end of the drama. Angel Mafia

People in the picture from left to right are Manfa, Sek and Nampetch

Bottom left: 'Food intolerance'
Very dangerous and need to be aware
Orange circle: Special
Red bubble: Free

Bottom right: Reject the draft constitution and will stay until the year 60
Just do whatever you want.



From Matichon Weekly, September 11-17, 2015
Main cover reads: After Pridiyathorn- Borwornsak will be whom?
Baby Darth Vader at lower right: Oh... why do you look at 'Somkid'

Top right: Sign from the star. Unfortunate meteorite.



From Nation Weekend, September 11, 2015
Main cover reads: Reject it for 'Somkid'

Top right: Disclose a hot clip
'Pootai news' from Laos
Fun with the pain ass.

1st headline on the left: Watch closely the Ratchprosong bombing
Beyond 'Isan' is whom?

2nd headline on the left: Thepchai Yong
Warns that the new draft constitution
Should not try to favor the politicians

Pravit: How my attitude was ‘adjusted’ by the NCPO

September 23, 2015

Categories: 2014 Coup

[How my attitude was ‘adjusted’ by the NCPO](#) – The Nation, September 23, 2015

...Before I was blindfolded on the first day at an Army camp in Bangkok, some six Army officers – ranging from mid- to senior ranking, wanted to know my nickname, details about my parents, their profession, my siblings, my political network, my address, etc.

They also asked why I was against the coup and critical of the lese majeste law. The interrogation lasted about six hours.

When I told them that I was not a supporter of former PM Thaksin Shinawatra, they wanted to know what group I belonged to. All I could say was things can't be just black and white...

Wet nurse changes the kid

September 23, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, September 4, 2015

Title: I knew it... By Bancha/Karmin 04-09-2015

Suthep: Feeding you is totally a waste. You are a kid with no future!!

Caption: Wet nurse changes the kid.

Bloomberg: Thailand's future doesn't lie in past marked by Thaksin

September 23, 2015

Categories: 2014 Coup

[Thailand's future doesn't lie in past marked by Thaksin](#) – Bloomberg, September 25, 2015

...Amid such uncertainty, a detour toward Thaksin-like short-termism is troubling to say the least. Thailand needs bold structural reforms to strengthen government institutions — like the judiciary — reduce the role of exports, curb corruption, increase transparency and cut red tape to encourage both domestic start-ups and foreign investment.

Confidence could be restored by offering a coherent and proactive revival programme with specific goals and deadlines — including a timeline for when the generals will restore civilian rule. The last thing the country needs is a return to the past those same generals claimed to be fighting against.

Nine Years Ago: The Coup – Sep. 24-Oct. 9, 2006

September 24, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News



Above: Clockwise from top left: Kom Chad Leuk, September 30, Khao Sod, September 29, Daily News, September 29 – Police arrested men dressed as Japanese superheroes for defying a decree from Thailand's military rulers banning commercial promotions in front of tanks...

Coup news of [September 24-October 9, 2006](#)

Denial, Thai style: Police spokesman confirms bombings are not act of terrorism

September 24, 2015

Categories: Terrorism

[Police spokesman confirms bombings are not act of terrorism](#) – ThaiPBS, September 24, 2016

...He said that the two bombing incidents were not acts of terrorism but was just a vengeful attack. He didn't elaborate.

And: [Deities find will 'solve nation's problems'](#)

... "Many believe that the appearance of the two guardian deity sculptures bodes well for the country," AVM Surin said.

"The Phra Sayamthevathirat sculpture is meant to protect the country while the other guardian deity is believed to bring prosperity and wealth," he said...

It Doesn't Matter

September 24, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, September 8, 2015

Caption: Do it... if it makes you feel happy... satisfaction

On the bucket: Section 44

PM Prayuth is thinking: The country will move forward; The Thai economy will get better

The lizard: There will be no boycott from foreign countries.

Mouse man: Unable to detach love, erase admiration from people's hearts.

Mouse: A big power.

Thaksin's son to be questioned over 26 million baht cheque in money laundering case

September 24, 2015

Categories: The Thaksin Years

[Thaksin's son to be quizzed over KTB](#) – Bangkok Post, September 23, 2015

...The money trail allegedly indicates that Wichai Krisdathanon, owner of real estate developer Krisdamahanakorn, signed a cashier's cheque worth 26 million to Mr Panthongtae, but it was cancelled immediately afterwards, the source said.

The money trail also suggests that part of the loan was used to buy shares in Airports Of Thailand Plc. DSI investigators are suspicious about the cancelled cheque, suspecting money-laundering was involved, the source added...

No one to draft the charter?

September 25, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, September 8, 2015

Deputy PM Wisanu: Brother, you killed him... then, who will draft the new constitution? Mr. Meechi is too old to do it!

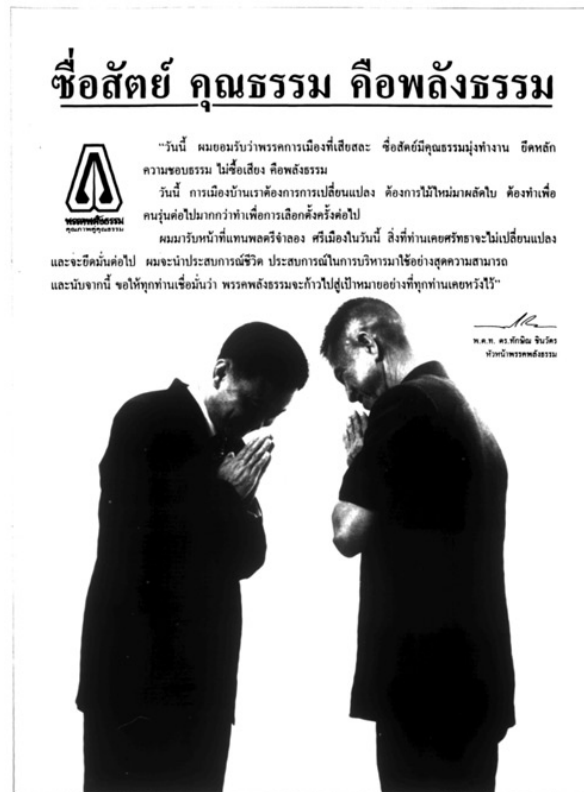
PM Prayuth: Right... I didn't think about it before...

Caption: The coming problem

11 years ago: Thaksin and Chamlong become enemies

September 25, 2015

Categories: Today in History



(Source: Full page ad in *Bangkok Post*, June 1, 1995)

[Thaksin and Chamlong become enemies](#)

Also: [When Thaksin took over from Chamlong](#)

The Great Firewall of Thailand

September 25, 2015

Categories: Censorship

[Thailand's Plan For Chinese-Style 'Great Firewall' Could Drive US Internet Giants Like Facebook, Google From Southeast Asia's 'Land Of Smiles'](#) – ibtimes.com, September 25, 2015

[Don't fear Internet single gateway: ICT minister](#) – The Nation, September 25, 2015

The objective of the international-Internet single gateway initiative is not to enhance national security, but to help Internet businesses reduce costs by sharing a single gateway, Information and Communication Technology Minister Uttama Savanayana said yesterday...

[General Happiness orders Great Firewall of Thailand](#) – telecomasia.net, September 23, 2015

...CAT has always acted more as a rent collector rather than a telco. It's 2G era CDMA network was an unmitigated disaster and in the 3G era things are not that much better despite all the free spectrum and public money.

From an internet connectivity point of view, one sees Thailand at the center of the region, yet it seems like all the major cable systems skirt around Thailand, coming up through Malaysia then jumping into the sea before surfacing again in Vietnam.

Some say it was CAT's fault as it tried to charge exorbitant fees, so much so that everyone decided to go submarine instead of overland.

The continued existence of the single gateway project makes a total mockery of everything new ICT Minister Uttama Savanayana said about turning Thailand into a data center hub for the region and building better connectivity. Would anyone in their right mind host a regional operation in Thailand under these circumstances? ...

Weekly News Magazines: September 25-October 2, 2015

September 25, 2015

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, September 25, 2015

Main cover reads: Police's lighting rod

Left: Comedians fight

Wake 'Sangtong' up and express his concern over a handsome man.

2nd headline: Disclose 'Chuchart'

Adem

3rd headline: Thepchai Yong

'Donald Trump'

US President



From Manager Weekly, September 26-October 2, 2015

Main cover reads: Police's populist

A woman in the picture is Chitpas Kridakorn
Inside a box: Disclose
“Celebrity police”
Handsome-rich-Driving Ferrari-close ties with the stars

Top left: Cool and handsome man
Famous causes to the copyright conflict
A man in the picture is Jack Chuanchuen

Bottom left: The big problem is not ‘people’s states’ The story which ‘Brother Kuang’ can not tell.
A man in the picture is Somkid Jatusripitak

Bottom right: Watch out ‘Thaksin’ pretending to be dead or almost died. Asking the ‘international community’ to destroy the NCPO.



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หน้าเดิมพวกเดียว รูปหล่อจริงๆนะเนี่ย!

From Lokwannee, September 21, 2015
Main cover reads: Cool and handsome man
The same persons, same group, really handsome!!
On the shoe wax cover: Service assembly
Political counsel



From Matichon Weekly, September 25-October 1, 2015
Main cover reads: Old liquor ‘populist’

New bottle 'people's state'

Headline at the top right: 'Tant Chitpas'

Stumbles

Black loved ribbon

Reach (can't) to the star

A democratic government controlled from abroad

September 25, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, September 11, 2015

Left: We must reject the draft constitution because it's written to allow an elected government to be controlled by the NSCRR...

Middle, Red Shirt Jatuporn: ...which is not a democracy

Man: Then, what shall the democratic government be like?

Right: The elected government shall be controlled by a person from abroad like it used to be.

The architect of Thaksinomics takes the reins of the Thai economy

September 25, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Czar wars: The sequel](#) – Nikkei Asian Review, September 24, 2015

... "I want to cross this difficult period and revitalize confidence," the 62-year-old told the Nikkei. He said a primary concern is boosting purchasing power, particularly for some 30 million people who depend on agriculture and have been seriously set back by falling commodity prices. "It's like our body looks OK but the pulse is not strong enough..."

Also: [Semantics and Thailand's political divide](#)

...To be sure, Thaksin's populist success was really a one-hit wonder. Subsequent populist schemes, particularly the rice-pledging, first-car, and first-home subsidies and rebates under his sister Yingluck Shinawatra and the Pheu Thai Party, were fiscally and conceptually unsustainable and unsound, designed expediently for the July 2011 due to a lack of time and a lack of ingenuity and innovation that bred the first-generation populism from 12 years earlier...

Yingluck at Chiang Mai temple to dispel bad luck

September 25, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News



(Photo: Bangkok Post)

[Yingluck at Chiang Mai temple to dispel bad luck](#) – Bangkok Post, September 25, 2015

...The former prime minister attached the head to the headless Phra Singh Buddha statue in what Phra Khru Suthep Sitthikhun, the temple abbot, said was a step to dispel all misfortunes.

The process completed when she took the whole statute and placed it in the main pavillion hall at the famous Wat Phra That Doi Suthep overlooking the northern city.

The abbot and eight other monks at Wat Sri Boonruang also performed a chanting ceremony and sprinkled holy water on her and other attendants, including red-shirt members and former MPs of the Pheu Thai Party...

While Westerners cast scorn on this sort of “superstitious” behavior, it is not at all unusual in Thai culture.

Earlier: [Is Gen. Prayuth really growing “eccentric” or “superstitious” as Time Magazine claims?](#)

53 Years Ago: Mao Views Thais As Neutral

September 26, 2015

Categories: Today in History

[Mao Views Thais As Neutral](#) – NYT, September 26, 1962

...Cambodia's head of state, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, has revealed that China's Chairman Mao Tse-tung had advised him to keep on good terms with Thailand because there was a possibility that the government would break its alliance with the United States and adopt a neutral policy. At the same time, according to Prince Sihanouk, Mr. Mao told him that Cambodia could "punish" South Vietnam at any time, and that if Cambodia did so it could count on China's support. Prince Sihanouk made this disclosure in the weekly "Réalités Cambodgiennes." His theme was that Cambodia owes its survival to the balance of great-power rivalries in Southeast Asia. Because of this rivalry, Prince Sihanouk has been able to invoke the aid of Red countries against Thailand and South Vietnam...

No, you cannot buy property in Thailand

September 26, 2015

Categories: Property and Development

[The Phuket property nightmare](#) – BBC, September 25, 2015

... "Don't. Don't come here. The system of law is nowhere near as strong as you think it is going to be, there is no protection for you, and there are gangs of people victimising you. The lawyers have very little in the way of ethics or professionalism."

Thousands of foreigners have settled in Phuket without serious difficulties. But if things do go wrong, they may find it hard to get help from the police or the judicial system.

5 Years Ago: Checking for Snipers on the BTS

September 26, 2015

Categories: Today in History



[Checking for Snipers on the BTS](#)

Confident that his party can make a comeback, Thaksin's latest advice is more worrying than promising

September 27, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[‘Playing dead’ isn’t playing it right](#) – The Nation, September 26, 2015

Thaksin advising his lieutenants to “play dead” means that Thailand’s vicious cycle is sure to continue, plots followed by counterplots. He is convinced – perhaps rightly – that his party can again take the reins of state power; but, if so, that will by no means be the end of it. If he believes his return to power would resolve the political strife once and for all, he’s almost certainly wrong...

How to invite people to dinner

September 28, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, September 12, 2015

Caption: How to invite people to dinner

On the the soldier's helmet: Adjust the attitude

Above PM Prayuth's hand: Do not allow criticizing the government

On the man's suit: Pheu Thai Party

On the tape over the man's mouth: Disqualify from speech

Mouse man: Big Tu Chuenchim

Mouse: Call only this party

Weekly News Magazines, September 18-25, 2015

September 28, 2015

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, September 18, 2015

Main cover reads: 20-month promise

Left: Disclose Sia Kai



From Lokwannee, September 21, 2015

Main cover reads: Use it often... be careful, maybe it's dried out!

Sign above "ON": Section 44

Signs below red bottom (L-R): Legislative, executive and judiciary



From Manager Weekly, September 19-25, 2015

Main cover reads: Father-Son-Relationship

Red box at the bottom right: Destroying “Chansongla” – Keep eyes on a rising of ‘Sudarat’

Yellow box at the bottom right: Case of “Chowong Sae Tang”

Today “the murder”

The real murder is still free.



From Matichon Weekly, September 18-24, 2015

Main cover reads: I don’t want to ‘success’ the power. Even only one day, I still don’t want to say.

Headline at the top-right: Rejects the ‘draft constitution’

Feeling uncomfortable

Like drinking water and you see a leech inside the glass

A lonely flute song

From MICT: One day, Thailand will have discipline like Japanese people

September 29, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News

Earlier: [From MICT: Thai students learn about democracy](#)

Earlier: [From MICT: Why do we have to love Thai culture?](#)

Earlier: [From 2011: MICT booklet explaining Thai internet laws](#)



Title: The story of "Sticker"



Mum: Sticker, why do you draw a picture of people queuing up?



Top: I've just wanted to draw it.

Below: The teacher gave me homework to draw whatever makes us impressed.



Top: Sticker's impressed...

Middle: ...when I saw Japanese people affected by tsunami queuing up to receive aid in March 54

Bottom: I saw it years ago, but still can't forget it.



1st: Umm... that picture, I remember it.

2nd: People in that country have discipline. It's good.

3rd: Yes, Japanese people have a strong discipline which should be praised.

4th: This comes from their hearts which been taught for a long time.



1st: Sticker, do you want to know why Japanese people have to queue up like this?

2nd: Why, mum? I really want to know. Maybe we can learn from it.

3rd: I read an article written by one professor yesterday. I cut and kept it because I really like this article. Where is it?...



1st: Here it is!

2nd: It shows that there are a lot of people praising Japanese people for queuing. So, it inspires the professor to write about it. Then, what does he say, mum?

A man: The article is written by Prof. Hara Shintaro and his view towards why Japanese people are queuing up and do not cut in line.



Mum: In his view, there are four reasons. I read and really like it because when I read it, I can see the picture.

I'll summarize as follows...

It's the culture of Japanese society.

Japanese people have been taught since they were kids that they can't cut into the line.

This is not related to being good or bad, but it's a thing that you can't do!!

No adult cuts into the line.

This makes kids see that they can't do it.

A man: I've never seen people cutting into the line since I was born.



Top: Sticker: So... if Thai society wants to have discipline like this, it must have no one using their powers to cut into line. So, the children don't see it. Isn't it right, mum?

Mum: I think so... it has to start from the adults!

Bottom: What's about number two, what did he say?



He said people who cut into the line will be seen as a valueless person, selfish, don't think about others, and don't respect people as well as their time.

When someone doesn't respect others' time, he will be seen as valueless.



Top: Sticker: I want people in our country thinking like this both in general issues and on the road.

Mum: That's right... Dad will stop complaining while he's driving.

Bottom: For number three, he talked about equality. I really like his views...



Whoever is standing in front of the line, we will think that he has more rights than us.

Even we have more power, more money, higher education or higher position, in the line, a person who has more rights is the one who goes faster. Who he is may not be important.



Top: In his conclusion, he made the very interesting point that...

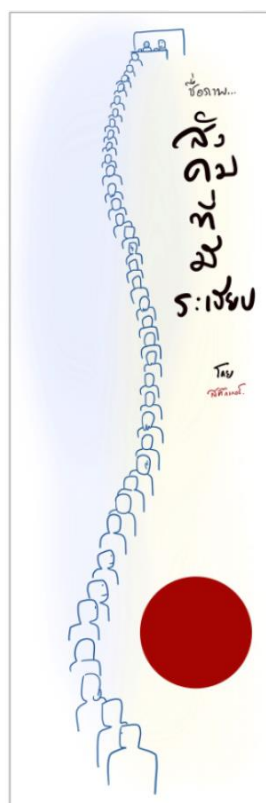
Japanese society believes that queuing is the best for everyone.

If there is no queuing, a person will be get the most benefit if he doesn't feel shame to cut into the line.

On the man's shirt: No shame

: If we don't want our society to be like a society where people don't feel shame and take advantage, everyone must queue up even though the line will be long for many kilometres.

Bottom: I really like his explanation....



Discipline society

By

Sticker



Top: This article makes me want to draw this picture.

Bottom: Mum: Do you know Sticker?

Sticker: What is it, mum?



2nd: I want to tell you something which your grandma told me.

3rd: Although it may not been seen in my generation...

I want you do follow it.

4th: What is it, mum?



Top: I want you to believe that one day, Thailand will have discipline like Japanese people.

Bottom: I want you to believe that everyone is equal. One day, Thailand won't have a person using his power to cut into the line.



Top: We cannot force others to behave this way because this sort of habit has to be learned since childhood. But I want to teach you to not be selfish after you have grown up. It's very simple. We do it on our own and hope that, in society, there will be someone thinking like us more and more... then we'll have the discipline like Japanese people. I want you to believe that it'll come true...

Bottom: I believe you, mum.



1st: Come... here... Can you give me a hug, my little artist?

4th: I believe you that it will come true someday...



*อาจารย์ฮารา ชินทาโร (Hara Shintaro) เป็นอาจารย์สอนวิชาภาษาบาลี
ที่คณะมนุษยศาสตร์และสังคมศาสตร์ มหาวิทยาลัยสงขลานครินทร์ (มอ.)
วิทยาเขตปัตตานี (ขอขอบคุณอาจารย์มากสำหรับบทความ
"ทำไมคนญี่ปุ่นเจ้าแก้ว (ไม่แรงคิว)")

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Sticker: I love you, mum.

Mum: I also love you, Sticker.

Professor Hara Shintaro is a professor teaching Malay language at the faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prince Songkla University, Pattani campus (Thank you for his article “Why do Japanese people queue up (not cut into the line)”)

End of the Story of “Sticker” Episode 9, Things that needed to be learned since childhood.”

Remembering the Thaksin Years: Crucify the Police Officer

September 30, 2015

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



From Thairath, September 30, 2003

Cartoon title: Today the law enforcer... publicly exposed

On the crucified officer, from top left: Bribes, illegal lottery, casino, brothels, gold shop case, Sherry Ann case, and many other scandalous cases

On book's cover in hand of the man behind Thaksin Shinawatra: 2 and 3 character lotto

Thailand has greater agricultural exports than all of Sub-Saharan Africa

September 30, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Wake up and sell more coffee](#) – Economist, September 19, 2015

...Sub-Saharan Africa's share of agricultural exports has slipped to a quarter of its previous level; indeed, the entire region has been overtaken by a single country: Thailand (see chart). This is largely because Africa's crop yields have improved at only half the pace of those elsewhere and are now, on average, a third to a half of those in the rich world. Farmers in Malawi harvest just 1.3 tonnes of maize per hectare compared with 10 tonnes in Iowa...

Angry Thai Internet users ‘bring down ICT website’

October 1, 2015

Categories: Censorship



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Before 2am, Bangkok time: Under maintenance

[Angry Thai Internet users ‘bring down ICT website’](#) – The Nation, September 30, 2015

Government Spokesman Maj General Sansern Kaewkamnerd told Nation TV that the collapse of Information and Communications Technology Ministry website was possibly caused by those who wanted to express their opposition against the single gateway initiative idea.

“I have no information about that but I guess that the problem could happen when many people entered the site simultaneously. It’s like a symbol,” he said...

[ICT website down ahead of planned attack](#) – Bangkok Post, September 30, 2015

...The website, www.mict.go.th, was shut down hours before netizens vowed to attack the site at 10pm in retaliation for the government’s plan to launch a single gateway to control access to all websites in an attempt to monitor the flow of information about Thailand from abroad.

...A source at the ministry did not rule out the possibility that the shut-down was because of an attack, saying it was also likely that the website could not be opened because it was overloaded with visitors monitoring the movement of the planned attackers...



2 am, Bangkok time: The site is back

More:

[From MICT: One day, Thailand will have discipline like Japanese people](#)

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Brits name Thailand as a country they are “now most afraid of visiting”

October 1, 2015

Categories: Tourism

[Brits name Thailand as a country they are “now most afraid of visiting”](#) – thaitravelblogs.com, September 30, 2015

...it is no surprise that Brits have identified Thailand as being among the traditionally popular tourist spots that they are now “most afraid of visiting”. The other countries in this shortlist are Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt and Greece...

[Arrivals in Pattaya go limp – Rouble devaluation hits tourist mecca hard](#) – Bangkok Post, September 30, 2015

Pattaya may miss its tourist arrival projection by 1 million this year largely because of cash-strapped Russians retreating, the Erawan Shrine bombing and the mid-September flooding on the eastern coast...

Rising anger in Thailand's boom-to-bust northeast

October 1, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Rising anger in Thailand's boom-to-bust northeast](#) – Reuters, October 1, 2015

...The removal of generous agricultural subsidies has left rice farmers in northeast Thailand struggling with mounting debts, and they will get little relief when they sell their crop in coming months with rice prices near an 8-year low.

Petty crime is on the rise and retailers are struggling. The vast Platinum 168 shopping mall on the outskirts of the provincial capital of Udon Thani was built during the boom, but it is now less than a third occupied and no longer charging tenants rent.

“People are complaining about the rising costs of living, of having no money for spending,” said Teerasak Teecayuphan, the mayor of the neighboring provincial capital of Khon Kaen. “Their patience will gradually run out. Sooner or later this pot will boil over...”

Linking a Red Shirt to the Rajaprasong bombing

October 2, 2015

Categories: Terrorism

[Police 'will soon arrest' suspect Odd](#) – Bangkok Post, October 2, 2015

...Mr Odd is also wanted under an arrest warrant in connection with an explosion in Min Buri district last year which killed two people, Pol Lt Gen Srivara said. The suspect was part of the group led by Kasi Ditthanarat, wanted under an arrest warrant linked to deadly blasts at the Samarn Metta Mansion in Nonthaburi's Bang Bua Thong district in 2010...

Also: [Police link 'PT lawyer' to suspect](#)

...Mr Odd was sentenced to one year in prison on May 21, 2010, for violating the emergency decree during the 2010 red shirt protests.

Mr Odd, who appealed the sentence, was granted bail five days later with a 40,000-baht surety placed by Boonchaliew Dusadee, who is the lawyer of several Pheu Thai Party executives, a police investigator said. The party yesterday denied he was ever engaged as a lawyer...



From *Komchadluek*, October 7, 2010

October, 2010: [Blast in Bangnuathong](#)

April, 2014: [Arrest in 2010's "Red Nonthaburi" bomb blast](#)

9 Years Ago: Editorial Cartoons on the Death of Thai Rak Thai

9 ปีที่แล้ว : การ์ตูน ความตายแห่งไทยรักไทย

October 4, 2015

Categories: Today in History



[Editorial Cartoons on the Death of Thai Rak Thai](#)

It ended up being a premature declaration of death for parties controlled by Thaksin...

Thai editorial cartoonist Sia taken by military for “attitude adjustment”

October 4, 2015

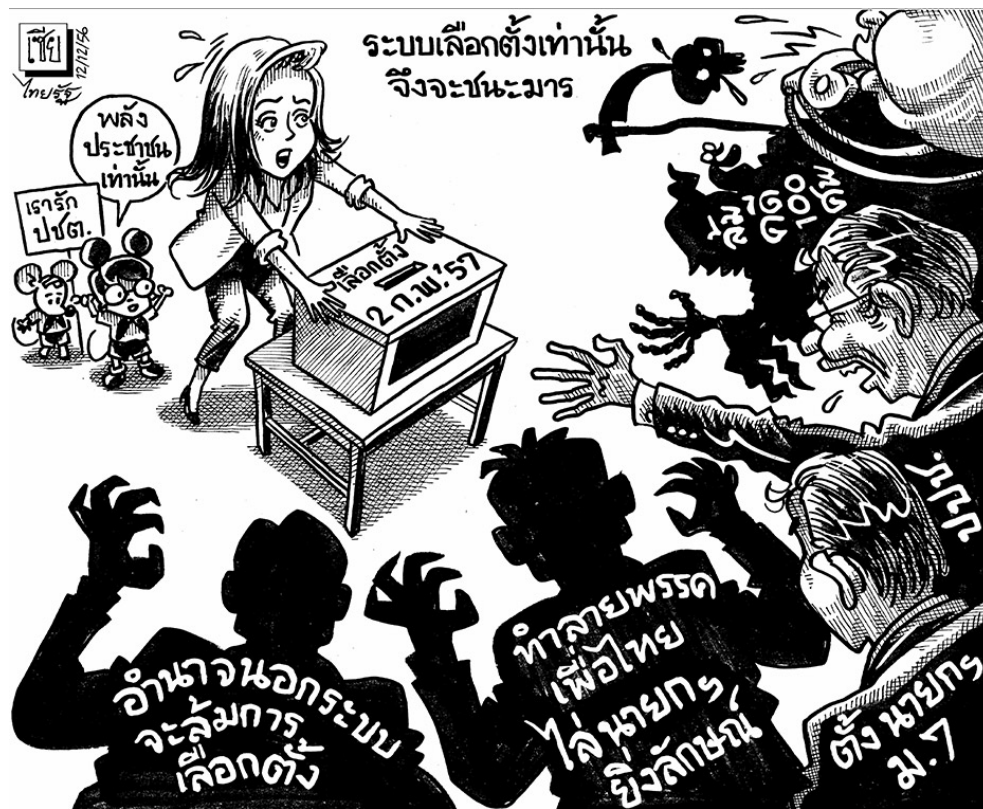
Categories: Analysis, Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, September 12, 2015

Caption: [How to invite people to dinner](#)

[Thai editorial cartoonist Sia taken by military for “attitude adjustment”](#) – Manager, October 4, 2015



Notable Sia Cartoons

[How to make Thai people agree with the constitution](#)

[Getting Strangled](#)

[It should be about what can be given to the poor](#)

[Rubber bullets? But why did people die?](#)

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[Bad luck for Thai people, just like the Uighurs](#)

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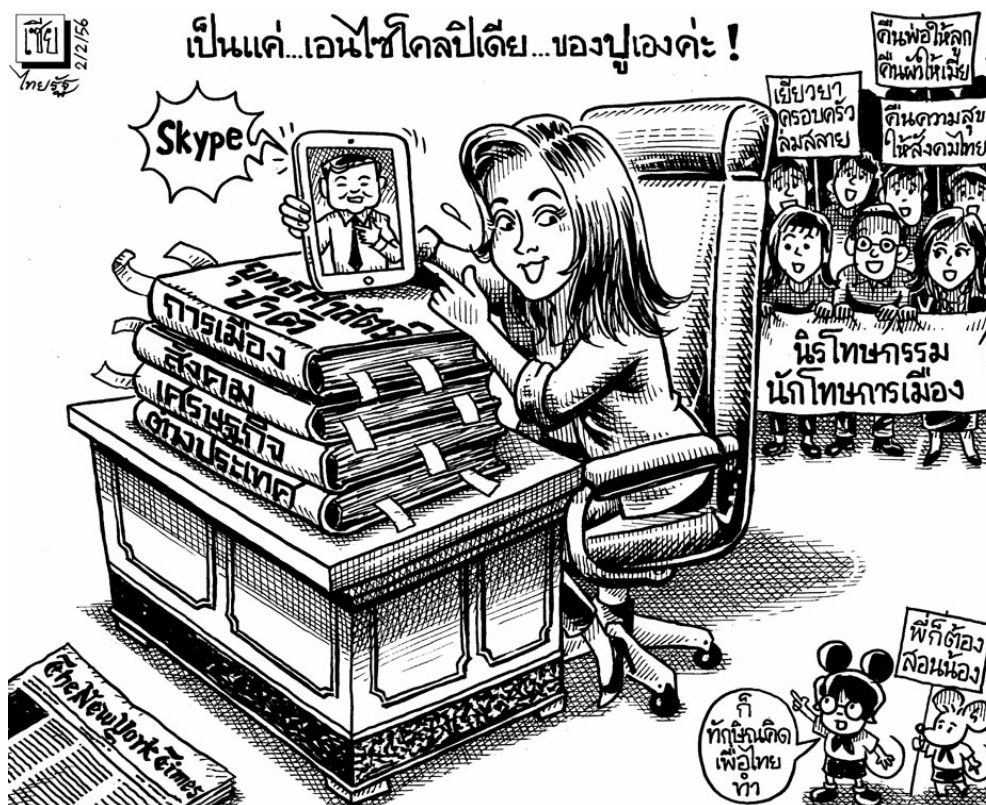
[Thaksin Convicted Because He Refused to Give a Bribe?](#)

[Freeing the Political Prisoners: “Amnesty... amnesty... amnesty... amnesty... amnesty...”](#)

[Red Shirts and Yingluck release the prisoners!](#)

[Amend the constitution immediately!](#)

[Amend the constitutional fast while we can!](#)



[Thaksin is the nation's encyclopedia](#)

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

12 Years Ago: Thaksin grooming himself for south-east Asia leadership

วันนี้เมื่อ 12 ปีที่แล้ว: ชินวัตรเตรียมตัวที่จะเป็นผู้นำแห่งเอเชียตะวันออกเฉียงใต้

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[Shinawatra grooming himself for south-east Asia leadership](#)

‘Break down their ego, humiliate them’: Discipline is dished out to bad college students in military-ruled Thailand

October 5, 2015

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[‘Break down their ego, humiliate them’: How discipline is dished out to bad college students in military-ruled Thailand](#) – AP, October 4, 2015

...In military-ruled Thailand, this is how university hazing is handled. The offence: a video posted online that showed a half-dozen fully clothed freshman doing an erotic couples dance as upperclassmen cheered. Social media dubbed it a “love-making dance.” The punishment: three days of boot camp for a new type of disciplinary punishment known as “attitude adjustment...”

11 years ago: Aura of fear pervades Thai media

October 5, 2015

Categories: Today in History

[Today or 10 years ago? Aura of fear pervades Thai media](#)

...Thailand once boasted of having one of the liveliest and freest media in Asia. A Constitution introduced in 1997 set out to protect the public's right to know from attempts to interfere with the press by power-hungry generals.

But the election of Thaksin, a billionaire tycoon, in 2001 has presented the Thai media with challenge. In addition to a mass electoral base and a dominance of Parliament that leaves opposition parties little leeway to shape legislation, Thaksin has powerful allies in business...

Thai man implicated in August bombings and in blasts in 2010 and 2014

October 5, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai man wanted for Bangkok blasts still in Thailand: police](#) – The Nation, October 5, 2015

...Prawut said police were trying to track Yongyut down, adding that though police don't know exactly where this suspect might be hiding, he can say for sure that Yongyut is not being protected by any influential figure in the border province of Kanchanaburi as suggested by some news reports.

"These claims are groundless," he said...

Earlier: [Linking a Red Shirt to the Rajaprasong bombing](#)

Thailand on a leash

October 6, 2015

Categories: Analysis, Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, September 28, 2015

Here, Thailand, represented by Bangkok's Democracy Monument, is leashed, or perhaps shackled, to the U.N.

Thais' general inability to explain their own very different ways of doing things and unusual values in comparison to international norms often makes them prey to broad uninformed characterizations and criticisms from international bodies.

For instance, there is confusion over international calls for a quick return to elections. Some Thais chafe at such suggestions as they would result in a return to power for Thaksin—who proved to be a most undemocratic leader during his time as prime minister.

The cartoon represents this Thai viewpoint towards the U.N. and international opinion. Thais are eager to elicit good opinions from other nations and will go to great lengths in papering over difficulties in the service creating a good image for the world.

The rhetorical skills of top Thai officials—be they junta chief Prayuth or fugitive PM Thaksin, are attuned to the necessities of the Thai world and they have little ability to convincingly make their case on a world stage.

Thaksin himself became frustrated with the U.N. during his time as premiere when he made his famous declaration “the U.N. is not my father.” This horrified traditionalists who followed a line of continual deference towards international bodies.

These organizations have repeatedly proved that they have no understanding of Thailand. When matched with the Thai's inability to understand how his ways might be seen through another's eyes, it is no wonder most Thais wish to cover up problems of concern to the international community and simply assure the world that everything is ok in Thailand.

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

Opposing the junta means you are pro-democracy?

October 8, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, September 20, 2015

Signs from left to right: Quickly have an election!, New democracy, Oust a dictator!

Constitution: I'm so bored with you guys... Even until now, you still don't get how much the former government elected by you destroyed me and our country.

Caption: It may really want to kick them.

The American people now understand the junta

October 8, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, September 22, 2015

Left: The PM is going to the UN at end of this month. You don't need to be concerned that people there will protest the junta...

Middle: ...because American people have started to understand the junta.

PM: Why do you think this?

Right: The current poll shows that one third of Americans want a military coup.

Not yet happy!

October 8, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, September 23, 2015

Caption: Let make our Prime minister smile...!

On the card in the background: "Governmentism not populism."

Signs on the left from top to below:

Was forced to leave the workplace.

Injustice.

Prices of agricultural products are low.

Rubber prices are too low.

The man beside PM Prayut holds a sign that says: Cheap rice price.

Signs on the right from left to right:

Export...

Economic problems.

Boycotts from foreign countries.

Mouse: Happiness has not yet arrived.

Mouse man: People are in sorrow.

The 1976 massacre: A cautionary tale

October 10, 2015

Categories: Today in History



From 2011: [Memories of a massacre, cautionary tale for today](#)

More: [1976: A Nightmare of Lynching and Burning](#)

Weekly News Magazines, October 2-9, 2015

October 10, 2015

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, October 2, 2015

Main cover reads: ‘Uncle Tu’ stands to fight the world

Left: Hunting ‘Aod’

Hard-core gang in the year of 53

Links to the Ratchaprasong bombing

2nd headline: UN must be reformed.

3rd headline: Tomorn Sookprecha

From a single gateway to the goodness



From Lokwannee, September 3-9, 2015

Main cover reads: Uncle Tu at U.N.



From Manager Weekly, October 3-9, 2015

Main cover reads: Aod Red Shirt Ratchaprasong bombing

Top right: Sandy clears up news on being a prostitute in Iran

Bottom left: “Poo” attempts to extend the rice case.

moving to forward to fight with ‘AG’

Try a last breath before game over

Bottom right: Behind ‘Uncle Tu’ feeling happy at UN. It’s helped by Ambassador Sab-Ambassador Don



From Matichon Weekly, October 2-8, 2015

Main cover reads: ‘New York’ Declaration for an election in 2560

Men in the picture from left right: PM Prayuth and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

Small cover: ‘Japan’ Declaration for an election in 2559

Men in the picture from left-right: PM Prayuth and Japanese PM Shinzo Abe

Headline at the top right: Wonderful land of Aod Vs. Aod. Bombing Brahma relates with politics.

Don't touch Thaksin's relatives

October 11, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, September 23, 2015

Thaksin's son, Oak Panthongtae: Don't forget, Dad... If I'm not happy, you don't even think about being happy!

On the newspaper: DSI considers investigating Oak Krungthai case.

Water rising: The Great Flood of 1942

October 12, 2015

Categories: Old photos and films



(Source: Postcard)

Water rising
[The Great Flood of 1942](#)

They may not be playing dead

October 12, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Naewna, September 23, 2015

PM Prayuth: Put them in the jail. They are pretending to be dead.

Sign: Prison

Caption: Please put them in a kiln, sir. They have already died.

10 Years Ago: Thaksin company's libel suits seek to silence critics

October 13, 2015

Categories: Today in History

[Supinya Klangnarong Vs SHIN Corporation](#)

The cartoon that upset the junta

October 13, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, October 3, 2015

Title (for left side): Previous day at the U.N.

PM Prayuth on TV: The Thai government protects human rights. We're working for a better future for the country.

Caption (for right side): Today in Thailand

Papers held by PM Prayuth at right: Appointing the NRSA and CDC, Drafting a constitution to extend power and delay elections, taking people who criticize the government to adjust their attitudes, economic problems, Reform?, boycotted by the international community

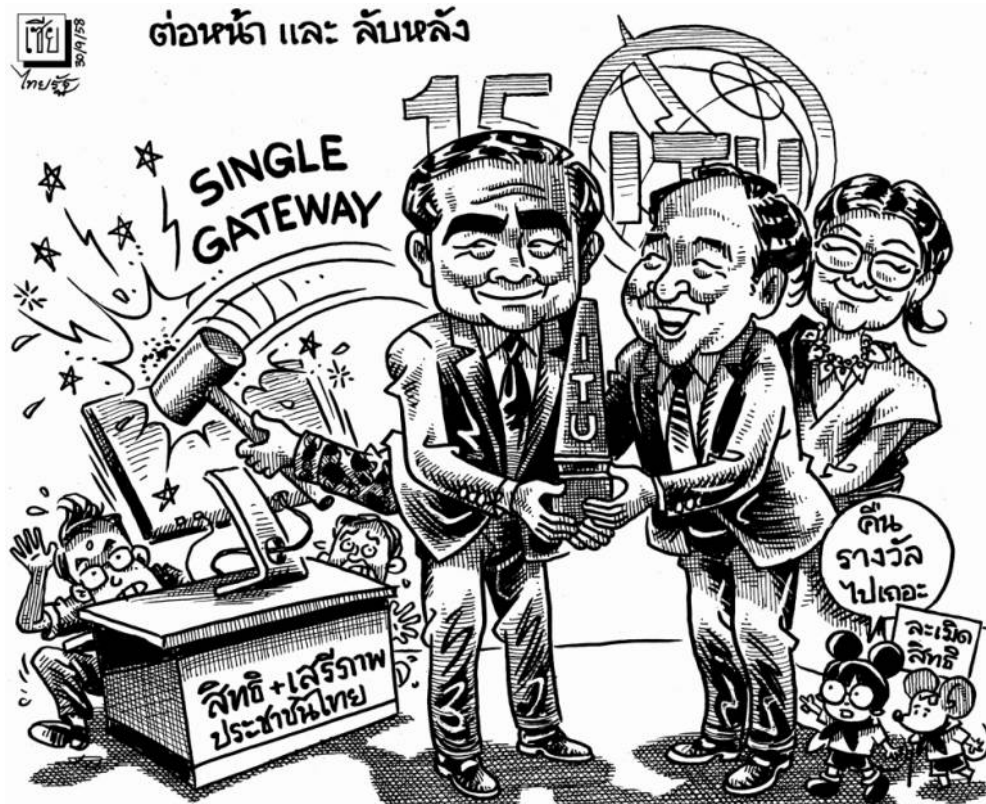
Phi Nooring: Already committed with the global community

Mouse: Spoke well and now must do it.

Freedom for Thais?

October 14, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, September 30, 2015

Caption: Front and back

On the table: Rights + freedom of Thai citizens.

Mouse man: Please return the award.

Mouse: Violate the rights.

The Thai junta looks good at the U.N.

October 14, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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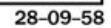
From Manager, September 29, 2015

Title: I knew it... by Buncha/Karmin, 30 September 2015

Headline: Tu looks smart at the U.N., has been appointed as a G77 chairman.

Caption: Hot eye!

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager, Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



Forth picture: After filing the case.



From Thairath, October 2, 2015

Caption: Names him “Ai Ood” this time.

On the goat’s backpack: Rachaprasong bombings case

On the goat’s shirt: Ood

Mouse man: Throwing out before leaving.

Mouse: This is a red color goat.

Why is the U.S. tough with Thailand, but not China?

October 16, 2015

Categories: Anti-Americanism, Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, September 30, 2105

Chai Rachawat, 28 September 2015

Left, Thai man: Why is America pressuring us to arrange a proper election, unlike how you do with China. China never has a proper election. Why you stay silent with the China?

Middle, Uncle Sam: That's because China knows how to close our mouths.

Thai man: What did China do?

Right, Uncle Sam: They ordered 300 of our Boeing planes to shut our mouths!

Report reveals details of CIA's secret torture site in Thailand

October 16, 2015

Categories: Thai Secret Prison

[Report reveals censored passages about CIA's secret torture sites](#) – TR.com, October 15, 2015

...The CIA began its rendition and torture program by using the black site nicknamed "Green" in Thailand where officials agreed to host the site and provide security for it, but then "problems with the hosts soon emerged."

"Reshuffles of Thai government personnel meant that the CIA Station Chief had to engage in 'continued lobbying' to keep the prison open. Less than a month after the site was set up, the agency estimated that the numbers of Thai officials who knew about it was already in double figures. It did not take long for media organizations to pick up on the fact that the CIA's most important catch was being held in Thailand," according to the report.

The Thailand site was where the CIA interrogators pioneered their torture techniques by repeatedly waterboarding Abu Zubaydah, depriving him of sleep, forcing him into stress positions and holding him in boxes. He once spent 11 days in a coffin-shaped box, and another box was less than three square feet, in which he spent 29 hours...

[Earlier articles on the Thai Secret Prison](#)

Weekly News Magazines, October 9-16, 2015

October 16, 2015

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Lokwanee, September 9, 2015

Main cover reads: Draft Constitution, version “Single Gateway”

Above a hole: This country has only one hole.



From Manager Weekly, October 10-16, 2015

Main cover reads: Tiger vs. Tiger

Top right: One care... makes ‘Mitchai’ band brake out.

Bottom left: Disclose a secret... eating veggie as a professional

Bottom right: ‘Putin’ flights with the U.S. Starts bombing in Syria. Helping ‘Assad.’



From Matichon Weekly, October 9-15, 2015

Main cover reads: Calm down, calm down, 'Moo' (solid fang)

Top right: 'F5' mission. Starting the cyber war to target government websites to fight the 'single gateway'



From Nation Weekend, October 9, 2015

Main cover reads: New tiger, very active

Left: 39 years of Oct 6 from 'Thongchai' to 'Major Ting'

Did we slash his face???

October 19, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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From Manager, September 28, 2015

On the line: How's it going, Da?.. Are we able to slash Prayuth's face?

Caption: Really being slashed...

We Hope Prayuth Shames the Nation

October 20, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, October 1, 2015

Left: Piang!... Wishing her not to do anything to bring shame to the country.

Caption: When Yingluck went to meetings abroad.

Good persons don't cheat

October 21, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, October 1, 2015

Title: It's about the more expensive one... can't be serious!

On a left bag: 62.5 million baht each

On a right bag: 157 million baht each

The man with sunglasses is Transport Minister Prajin Juntong

Phi Nooring: The price difference is... too small.

Mouse: Good persons don't cheat.

2 years ago: All is finally revealed – Govt bill will give Thaksin amnesty

October 21, 2015

Categories: Today in History

[All is revealed – Govt bill will give Thaksin amnesty](#)

Myanmar's 1990 Election: Sorting Fact from Fiction

October 21, 2015

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[The 1990 Election: Sorting Fact from Fiction](#) – The Irrawaddy, October, 2015

As election day approaches, it is worth remembering what happened the last time Burma had a free and fair poll...

Thailand's roads second-deadliest in world, UN agency finds

October 21, 2015

Categories: Highways and Roads

[Thailand's roads second-deadliest in world, UN agency finds](#) – Bangkok Post, October 20, 2015

...Furthermore, the Who concluded, road fatalities in Thailand were far higher than reported. Based on its models, the agency estimates 24,237 actually were killed in 2012, 42% more than stated by the Public Health Ministry...

How to criticize Thaksin

October 21, 2015

Categories: Thai Politics

It is not ok to accuse Thaksin of creating the Finland Plot ([Promote jail sentence for defaming Thaksin upheld](#)), but it is ok to call him superstitious ([Supreme Court says Thaksin has superstitious behaviors](#)).

Earlier:

[The Finland Plot](#)

[A tale of two newspapers: Did Sophon leak the Finland Plot?](#)

[TRT and PM file libel suit against Manager Group](#)

[Editorial Cartoons about Thaksin and the Burmese fortuneteller “ET”](#)

[Thais and superstitions](#)

Who drains the nation's treasury?

October 22, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News



From an image circulated on social media.

Title: Vicious cycle of Thai economy

1st row: left: Chavalit caused the Tom Yum Kung Crisis and borrowed money from IMF. Thaksin was a Deputy PM.

Middle: Chon solved the problem and exports were revived. The Finance Ministry had a treasury balance.

Right: Thaksin took money from Chon's government together with more loans to pay IMF's debt and launched a massive populist policy.

2nd row: Samak + Somchai, there was the US financial crisis and the treasury balance had only 50 billion baht.

Middle: Mark solved the problem. The economy was revived. GDP growth was second place in Asia and had a treasury balance of 300 billion baht!!

3rd picture from the left: Poo spent a massive amount from the treasury balance. The rice pledging scheme lost more than 500 billion baht.

Right: Uncle Tu tried to solve all the problems left by Poo.

10 Years Ago: Lung under threat, Today: Lung being eaten away

October 23, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News



(Photo: Don)

Above: Bangkok's green lung in 2005

10 Years Ago: [‘LUNG’ UNDER THREAT – Bang Krachao eyed by greedy speculators](#) – Bangkok Post, October 23, 2005

Today: [Bangkok's green lung slowly being eaten away](#) – The Nation, October 19, 2015

The agricultural image of Samut Prakan's Bang Krachao area is set for a radical change as more lands are being sold to property developers, forcing activist groups to encourage development of the area as an eco-tourism spot so as to protect the green lung of Bangkok...

One Year Ago: Predicting Thaksin's “Play Dead” Orders

October 23, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News



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One Year Ago: [Editorial cartoon jokes that Thaksin has told the Red Shirts to play dead](#)

September 20, 2015: [Thaksin tells Thailand's red shirt opposition – ‘play dead’... for now](#)

September 27, 2015: [‘Playing dead’ isn’t playing it right](#)

Does anyone know about this ceremony?

October 23, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News



(Photo: "International Newsreel Photo: Why people of Siam are never too rich")

["Why people of Siam are never too rich"](#)

10 Years Ago: Aura of fear pervades Thai media

October 23, 2015

Categories: Today in History

10 Years Ago: [Aura of fear pervades Thai media](#)

If Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra had hoped, as critics suggested, to scare Thailand's journalists by filing libel lawsuits that seek more than \$12 million in damages from a media group owner and his partner, he has at least partially succeeded.

Senior newspaper editors and publishers plan to gather in a Bangkok hotel Thursday for an emergency meeting called by Thailand's Press Council to discuss the plight of the media under a government they fear is determined to crush their independence and, in the process, change the country's political landscape...

...Thailand once boasted of having one of the liveliest and freest media in Asia. A Constitution introduced in 1997 set out to protect the public's right to know from attempts to interfere with the press by power-hungry generals.

But the election of Thaksin, a billionaire tycoon, in 2001 has presented the Thai media with challenge. In addition to a mass electoral base and a dominance of Parliament that leaves opposition parties little leeway to shape legislation, Thaksin has powerful allies in business. Some say he appears all too willing to deploy his political, financial and legal weapons against the more independent-minded of the Thai press...

11 Years Ago: The Tak Bai Incident

October 24, 2015

Categories: The Thaksin Years, Today in History



Above: Thaksin addressing the nation on October 30, 2004 following the Tak Bai Incident.

[The Tak Bai VCDs](#) – October 30, 2004

[PM says Post report 'awful'](#) – Bangkok Post, October 31, 2004

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra yesterday slammed the Bangkok Post for damaging international confidence in Thailand's democratic system with its report that southern Muslim religious and community leaders will ask for a royally-appointed government from His Majesty the King to replace his administration...

[Nationalism & Right-wing Politics – 2004](#)

[A tale of two newspapers: Krue Se and Tak Bai reports 'censored?'](#) – April 25, 2005

[Editorial cartoon from the southern separatists](#) – November 20, 2006

[The outrage of Tak Bai](#) – Bangkok Post, October 25, 2010

...The members of the Thaksin government and the army have strongly defended the actions against the demonstrators, and have rejected all claims of malfeasance or even errors during the violence or in transporting the prisoners. Under the military junta which ousted Thaksin, then-prime minister Surayud Chulanont travelled to Pattani and issued an apology. "What happened in the past was mostly the fault of the state," he said. He announced several procedural changes in administration. Reparations were made to some families of the dead, and the government dropped the laughable charges of instigating the riot against 92 people who survived the violence...

Illegal Entry or Overstay?

October 25, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News, Refugees and Migrants

[Thousands for foreigners charged for illegally entering country](#) – The Nation, October 25, 2015

More than 9,000 foreigners were busted for illegally entering the country – four of them wanted by Interpol – during a weeklong police crackdown that finished Sunday...

[Tough new overstay rules go before PM](#) – Bangkok Post, October 25, 2015

...The nationwide operation, which was launched on Monday and ended Sunday, rounded up 9,265 foreigners. Of the total, 9,038 people were charged with violating the Immigration Act by overstaying their visas, 18 were charged with committing criminal offences and 209 others had committed petty offences...

Red Shirts eat each other

October 26, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Naewna, October 26, 2105

Jatuporn (left): Whoever called for wearing red on November 1 is a fake Red Shirt. I'm the leader so I must be the one who orders.

Worachai (right): I don't care. If you want to stop it, you must use Article 44.

In the front: Real Red Shirt

In the back: Fake Red Shirt.'

Caption: Don't fight each other... Not so long, you will die the whole gang.

Weekly News Magazine, October 16-23, 2015

October 26, 2015

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Lokwannee, October 16, 2015

Main cover reads: Revise only this... It's enough.

The draft permanent constitution

Special section

Do not allow Shinawatra's family

To join the election

Other articles are the same



From Manager Weekly, October 17-23, 2015

Main cover reads: Sao Khruea Fah 58

The woman is former PM Yingluck and the man is PM Prayuth

Top right: “Nak” defaming novice. Challenging role to Thai society!

Bottom left: ‘Sososo’ Which ‘So’.. gives a lot of funds.

Bottom left: 'Yi' tries to adhere to his seat. Telling the world he dies hard.



From Matichon Weekly, October 16-22, 2015

Main cover reads: 'Drinking' everywhere. Return the happiness to 'So' family

Top right: Message from 'Boo' Miss Yingluck Shinawatra 'Thank you'



From Nation Weekend, October 16, 2015

The main cover reads: Ball 'rises' Bang 'downs'

A man in the picture is former Thailand Football Association, Worawi Makudi

Top right: 42 years 14 October

The way of the 'influential left'

Name Thinapan Nakata

Middle headline: Thepchai Yong

Another challenge of ThaiPBS

Bottom headline: Tomorn Sookprecha Defaming society

Obama almost caught Prayuth

October 26, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, October, 2015

The toad, representing Red Shirt leader Jatuporn says: See... Obama was jumping to grab Tu's hand, intending to bring him to jail for the charge of destroying democracy... but Tu was so fast he shook his hand off... and then ran away.

Red buffalo on the left: Oh...no

On the right: He almost caught him.

Also: [We Hope Prayuth Shames the Nation](#)

[Did we slash his face???](#)

[The Thai junta looks good at the U.N.](#)

And the Red Shirt take on the meeting: [The cartoon that upset the junta](#)

Why are Thai people unable to get over Thaksin?

October 26, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, October 4, 2015

Thaksin Shinawatra: Why are you, Thai people, unable to get over me?

Caption: You... bastard!!

Trying Again to Draft the Constitution

October 26, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, October 9, 2015

Cartoon title: Follow me

On Meechai's jacket: Head of CDC

On the people's jackets: CDC

Phi Nooring: They need to put in a lot of effort.

Mouse: Don't become next dead bodies

On dead bodies: NRC

On a paper flowing in the water: Constitution version. Bowornsak.

Others have done wrong too

October 26, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, October 17, 2015

Title: This country... good people have never done the wrong thing!!

On paper at the top right: It's wrong, must be stripped and sued for repayment.

On the bag held by Yingluck: Rice pledging-scheme helps improving farmer's lives.

On the paper held by a man close to Yingluck: Violate the preserved land, but claiming that he's not. So, it's not wrong.

On paper held by a man behind Gen. Surayud: 396 Police stations have only piles

On paper held by a man with glasses, former PM Chuan Leekpai: SFRA helped businessmen losing 800 billion and the case expired.

On paper held by a man behind Chuan: A loss for Klong Dan

On paper held by a man in front of Chuan, ACM Prajin Juntong: A massive price gap. It's not wrong.

Phi Nooring: Punishing only one person

Mouse: Revenge

The cost for a mission to return mercy to the country

October 27, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, October 10, 2015

Title: The cost for a mission to return mercy to the country

On the bag: Salary, benefits and Per Diem

On Meechai Ruchupan's hand: Order

On paper: Constitution which is never democratic

On the table: CDC

Phi Nooring: People need to eat and live.

Mouse: Should be worthy for the national budget.

From 2012: Pheu Thai Party (and Thaksin) becoming all-powerful

October 27, 2015

Categories: Today in History



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In 2012 the Pheu Thai Party was ascendant. It was piling up legal cases against the opposition Democrat Party while avoiding blaming the military for violence against the Red Shirts. There was no force that could match the might and boldness of the Red Shirts who were openly threatening judges who might rule against the government. The public seemed little concerned about government pledges to rewrite the constitution to prevent non-elected bodies from being able to oversee government actions. Pheu Thai continued to spend on its populist pledges and Yingluck was popular across the political spectrum.

From 2012:

[Thaksin's Police Chief assigns 13 cops to investigate top Democrats](#)

[Fruit of the Poisonous Tree](#)

[Democrats Encircled](#)

[Democrat says govt blocks party meeting tape from going on air](#)

[Obama and Clinton in Thailand](#)

Beware the U.S.A.

October 27, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, October 9, 2015

On the USA Trojan horse: Democracy.

The soldier says: We come here to make you democratic.



From Komchadluek, October 11, 2015

The Statue of Liberty say: Don't cry!! Tell me who bullied you...



From Komchadluek, October 13, 2015
Democracy.

Can Thailand Regain Its Economic ‘Mojo’?

October 27, 2015

Categories: Economy



Above: Wharton uses an image from Bagan, Myanmar for an article on Thailand.

[Can Thailand Regain Its Economic ‘Mojo’?](#) – Wharton, October 26, 2015

...Thailand has not seen “policies focused on the supply side — on enhancing our productivity, on longer-term issues of competitiveness, on developing new sectors along the lines that was done back in the 1980s....”

[Thailand and the TPP: Exports at Risk](#) – globalriskinsights.com, October 26, 2015

...Thailand’s top five exports to the world – amounting to a 50% of its total sales – included Electronic Equipment, Machinery, Vehicles, Rubber, and Plastics. With a consumer base that is still in the process of developing, any realized trade diversion is unlikely to find natural mitigation in supplementary domestic consumption. Instead, exporters are expected to be forced to find international alternatives...

2 years ago: Editorial cartoon: No one can stop Yingluck!

October 27, 2015

Categories: Today in History



[Editorial cartoon: No one can stop Yingluck as she develops the country!](#)

CP Group requires sacrifice from the country

October 28, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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From Manager, October 12, 2015

In the bubble in the middle: We're glad to be part of supporting the Asia's 4th richest person from Thailand.

Top left: They sacrifice their customers.

Top right: They sacrifice their freedom to do small farming.

Bottom left: They sacrifice their salary.

Bottom right: They sacrifice their family businesses.

On the sign: Local grocery

On paper on the door: Permanently closed

Caption: Those people... sacrifice their lives for him.

Ghost of the Constitution

October 28, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons – Arun



From Arun, October 15, 2015

Mae Nak's son, Version 20 in 2558

2 Years Ago: Battle lines drawn over Thaksin amnesty

October 28, 2015

Categories: Today in History



[Battle lines drawn over Thaksin amnesty](#)

The North's water pipe support

October 28, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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From Manager, October 28, 2015

Left: The north's water pipe support.

Right: The central's water pipe support.

Man: P'Tu... the water pipe there flowing out so hard!!

Yingluck's letter

October 29, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, October 15, 2015

From the city at left: Ha ha ha.... a stupid letter...how could she write this....really stupid. She was probably fooled by her lawyer.

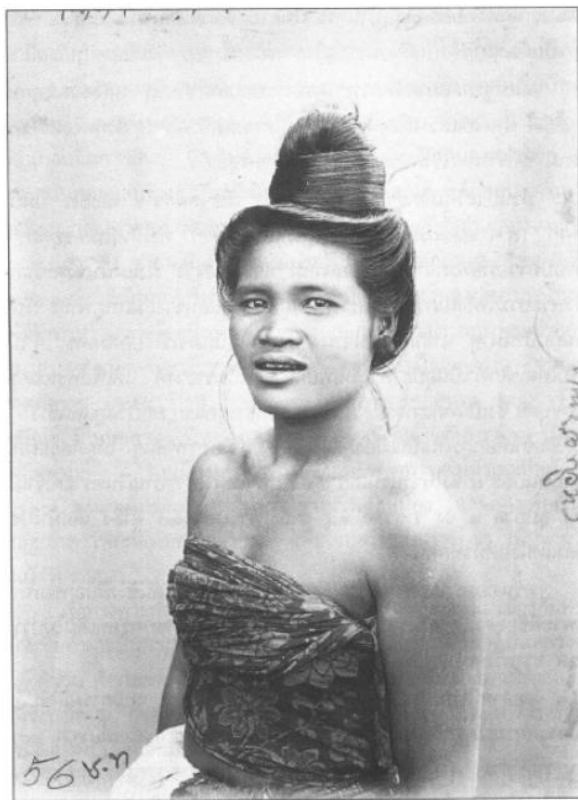
Yingluck: You can laugh as much as you want... I did not write if for you!

Caption: A letter of Poo... communicate with who!

Thai Girl, 1890

October 29, 2015

Categories: Old photos and films

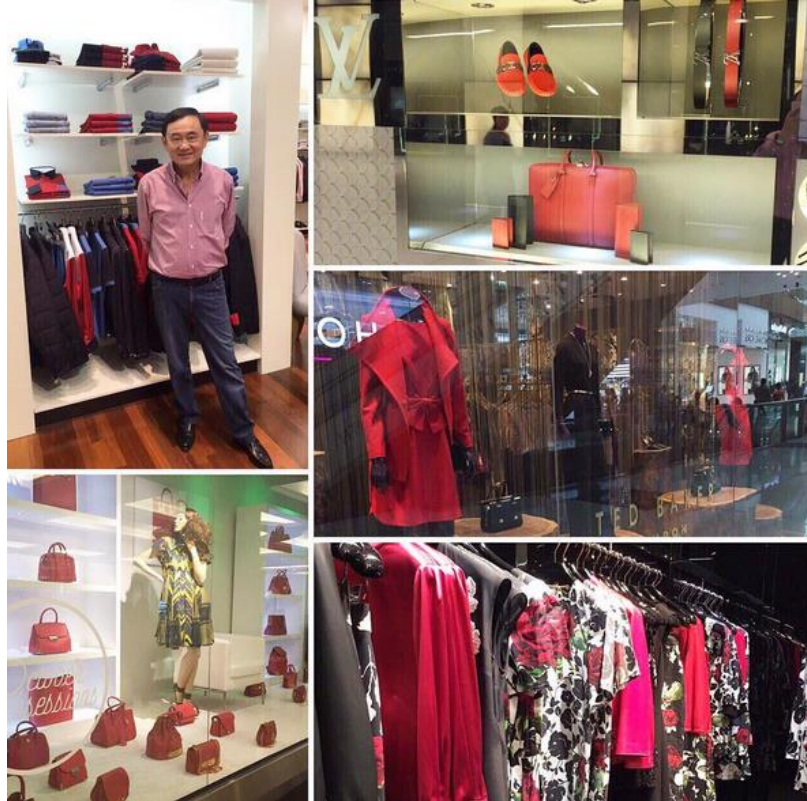


Words on the photo: Thai girl, the year 1890, Chor Tor

Thaksin says reconciliation must stem from justice, predicts red will be this year's color

October 29, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News



Above: From [Thaksin's Instagram](#): Thaksin buys extra red shirts so he will be in fashion

[Thaksin says reconciliation must stem from justice](#) – The Nation, October 29, 2015

...He posted the message at 11:55 pm Bangkok time on his "thaksinlive" Instagram wall.

He added that fashion trend this year has red as the main colour.

He said he feared to be out of the trend so he has bought red shirts from Franconnable and Billionaire...

Yingluck asks for justice

October 30, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



Above: From Thairath, by Sia, October 16, 2015

Cartoon title: Forcing... waiting to kill.

Yingluck holds a sign that reads: Asking for justice.

On the snake: Destroying politics. Two standards of justice. Rice pledge scheme corruption – Sue for damages.

Mouse man: There is no kindness.

Mouse: resentment of losers.

Two years ago: Thaksin amnesty and the beginning of the end of the Yingluck government

October 31, 2015

Categories: Today in History

[Red Shirt Weng: Pheu Thai's decision to push through the amnesty bill was a mistake](#) – The Nation, October 31, 2014

...Thaksin and Yingluck's supporters still discount the significance of the controversial bill, saying that Yingluck's enemies were going to remove her anyway, and that it was just a matter of time before they found an "excuse" to take to the streets and call for a military coup.

At the same time, there are those who believe in a conspiracy story suggesting that Thaksin and Yingluck had been fooled by the so-called "old-elite" clique that allegedly promised to support the bill only to betray them later.

Either way, dozens of what can be deemed as political prisoners are still languishing in prison, while Thaksin and his sister Yingluck still remain forces to be reckoned with and subjects of deep hatred for some...

[Revolt after controversial amnesty bill aimed at favouring fugitive ex-premier Thaksin passed by lower House just before dawn](#) – The Nation, October 31, 2014

...The night of October 31 last year saw Thailand's most effective "whistle blowers" unfurl their banner of revolt after a controversial amnesty bill aimed at favouring fugitive ex-premier Thaksin Shinawatra was passed by the lower House just before dawn...

More:

Two years ago: [Battle lines drawn over Thaksin amnesty](#)

Two years ago: [Yingluck coalition says that no provision in the amnesty bill will benefit Thaksin](#)

Two years ago: [Battle lines drawn: Pheu Thai Party formally rejects Constitution Court authority](#)

Two years ago: [Thaksin's Amnesty in the Wall Street Journal](#)

Three years ago: [Yingluck Backs Party Efforts That May Absolve Thaksin](#)

Three years ago: [Amnesty for Thaksin Crumbles After Protesters Surround Parliament](#)

Three years ago: [Thai Democracy Tested as Judges Battle Thaksin](#)

Three years ago: [The problem of Thaksin's return may finally be resolved](#)

Weekly News Magazines, October 23-30, 2015

October 31, 2015

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Lokwanee, October 23, 2015

Main cover reads: Do you really hate corruption?



From Manager Weekly, October 24-30, 2015

Main cover reads: “Yong” unfortunate

Top right: “Tod” drama on a beer. When the business is more than friendship

Bottom: Disclose the record of inappropriateness. Re-investigation of 12 corruption cases. Set the target: cut off politicians’ heads.

Photos, left to right: Yingluck, Abhisit, Thaksin



From Matichon Weekly, October 23-29, 2015

Main cover reads: Making a small garland. Paying respect to King Rama V Statue with a tear.



From Nation Weekend, October 23, 2015

Main cover reads: Making a false claim on the monarchy

Top right: A battlefield Phu Thap Boek. The war has not ended. Opium- bullet-cauliflower-resort

Bottom headline: Tomorn Sookprecha Society with a massive good.