

Extortion, Bribery or Both? A Thought Experiment

November 1, 2010

Categories: Business, Crime, Law

[Extortion, Bribery or Both? A Thought Experiment](#) – Thai Law & Policy, November, 2010

Santika Fire Commemorated With Increase In Fire Inspection Bribes

November 1, 2010

Categories: Humor

[Santika Fire Commemorated With Increase In Fire Inspection Bribes](#) – Not the Nation, November, 2010

Cambodia Deals a Blow to Thaksin

November 2, 2010

Categories: Cambodia, Red Shirt Protest 2010

[Cambodia Deals a Blow to Thaksin](#) – *Asia Sentinel*, November 2, 2010

...It is unlikely that the Cambodian government would sacrifice itself or be exposed to such risks without any coherent or winnable strategy on the part of the red-shirt movement. After all, Hun Sen is known to be a calculating political leader and therefore would not play the game if there was no sure bet available. The red-shirt UDD is not the only casualty in this perplexing diplomatic game between Cambodia and Thailand. Thaksin, too, has become Hun Sen's estranged partner. At the peak of Thai-Cambodian conflict last year, Hun Sen said out loud that Thaksin was his protege. Hun Sen even made an emotional plea, "Though I am not Thai, I am hurt by what has happened to him. My wife even cried on learning about it and has an idea to build a home for Thaksin to come and stay honourably." As a consequence, Hun Sen appointed Thaksin as a special economic advisor to his cabinet, apparently to irritate the Abhisit government and further complicate Thai politics. However, the political situation in Thailand has changed drastically within the past six months, precisely after the violent crackdown on street protesters in Bangkok in May 2010. Some red-shirt members were accused of engaging in terrorist acts. Thaksin, increasingly politically marginalized, has been labelled by his opponents as the chief operator of a terrorist network...

Not in my backyard anymore

November 2, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News, Floods

[Not in my backyard anymore](#) – *Bangkok Post*, November 2, 2010

Ayutthaya's extensive farmland has, for years, been a dumping ground for excess water from the Chao Phraya and Pasak rivers in order to spare Bangkok from flooding. Now, the local people say enough is enough and are fighting back...

ABC cuts infuriate overseas reporters

November 2, 2010

Categories: Thailand in the International Media

[ABC cuts infuriate overseas reporters](#) – *news.com.au*, November 2, 2010

...Several of the ABC's independent bureaus, including London, the Middle East, Bangkok, Tokyo and Moscow, will be shut down and the correspondents made to work out of rented space in Associated Press Television News offices and share the agency's support staff...

Infrastructure Developments Prepares for Major Military Exercise in Thailand

November 2, 2010

Categories: Thai Military

[Infrastructure Developments Prepares for Major Military Exercise in Thailand](#) – *marketwatch.com*,

November 2, 2010

Infrastructure Developments Corp. announced today that its Thailand based subsidiary, Intelspec, LLC (Thailand), is pursuing several logistics related Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPA) to service the large scale “Cobra Gold” joint US-Thai military exercises scheduled for the first quarter of 2011 in Thailand...

Thai company commits to large infrastructure project in Myanmar

November 2, 2010

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Thai company commits to large infrastructure project in Myanmar](#) – *Thailandnews.net*, November 2, 2010

...The chairman of Italian-Thai Development Public Company Ltd, Premchai Karasuta, signed the agreement with the Myanmar Port Authority managing director Thein Htay Myanmar late Tuesday in the capital Naypyitaw, the state-run Myanmar News Agency reported.

The project is to be implemented in three phases within 10 years, according to the framework agreement. The port's 22 wharfs are designed to to handle up to 25 vessels ranging from 20,000 to 50,000 tons.

The project also includes the construction of an 170-kilometre eight-lane highway and the rail link between Dawei and the Thai-Myanmar border...

Thai troops leave for Sudan Nov 20

November 2, 2010

Categories: Thai Military

[Thai troops leave for Sudan Nov 20](#) – *Bangkok Post*, November 2, 2010

Is Thaksin Shinawatra abusing the International Criminal Court?

November 2, 2010

Categories: Robert Amsterdam

[Is Thaksin Shinawatra abusing the International Criminal Court?](#) – *Macau Daily Times*, November 2, 2010

...In inflaming speeches that Thaksin delivered to his supporters via video links from constantly changing localities around the world, he encouraged them unmistakably to oppose – if necessary, violently – the government of current prime minister Abhisit Vejjajiva. He repeatedly declared that he would immediately return to Thailand to “stand side by side” with his Red Shirt supporters if the situation intensified...

[Debasing a world court](#) – *Bangkok Post*, November 1, 2010

Ban Ki-moon in Thai newspaper editorials

November 3, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in Thai editorial cartoons – November 3, 2010

Above: From *Thai Rath*, Cartoon by Sia, October 26, 2010

The cartoon title reads: Urging with the lives and blood of the red heroes with blood and tears

The word on the sign in front of the house: Ratchaprasong

The words on the hooded figure: Order crackdown on the people

The words on the petition: Justice – May 18-19 in Thailand

The word on the man's headband: UDD



From *Thai Rath*, Cartoon by Sia, October 28, 2010

The cartoon title reads: Will he be able to feel the cruel touch?

The words on the hooded figure: Order crackdown on the people

The pile of skulls are saying: We are killed at Ratchaprasong intersection, We are killed at Pan Fah, It kills us at the Kokwua intersection, Killed at Bonkai, It kills us on Ratchaprarob Road, It kills us inside Lumpini Park, We are shot on head at Soi Rangnam

The word on the sign at bottom right: Massacre of 91 around Bangkok



From *Thai Rath*, Cartoon by Sia, October 29, 2010

The cartoon title reads: Is this the UN standard?

The word on the jail wall reads Hunting, seizing, putting in jail, filing charges of terrorism – Thai political prisoners

Ban Ki-moon is saying: Massacre of UDD – Thais should solve by themselves – I am not involved – Calling to release political prisoners in Burma

The words on the signs at bottom right: Release the UDD prisoners – Closing eyes without looking at the truth



From *Manager*, October 28, 2010

Ban Ki-moon is saying to Red Shirt leader Jatuporn: As Maew is not my son, therefore, you are not my nephew.

PAD's strange 'sellout' claims

November 3, 2010

Categories: Thai Politics

[PAD's strange 'sellout' claims](#) – Bangkok Post, November 3, 2010

...The nub of the Assembly's claims makes no sense. Adm Banawit and supporters believe that three times, during negotiations with Cambodia under the auspices of the Joint Boundary Commission, Thai military and government officials agreed to give away 1.8 million rai of territory currently governed by Thailand. The conspiracy rests in the main on the maps used by the negotiators.

The vast majority of the country, thankfully, does not believe this invention of the Assembly. Governments under Chuan Leekpai, Thaksin Shinawatra, Gen Surayud Chulanont and the military junta, and current Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva have also dismissed the allegations. The Cambodian authorities involved in the negotiations have made no claim on any vast swathes of Thai territory...

WBO Accuses Thai Fighter of Impersonating Opponent

November 3, 2010

Categories: Sports

[WBO Accuses Thai Fighter of Impersonating Opponent](#) – *BoxingScene*, November 3, 2010

The head of the WBO Asia Pacific region, Leon Panoncillo, has accused Thai fighter Sanatanong Paiwan of impersonating the approved opponent of undefeated WBO Asia Pacific welterweight champion Steve Wills identified as Denkamol Kiatchanachai.

Panoncillo also accused Paiwan's Thai matchmaker/Agent Tassanu Assawaphop of fabricating documents which claimed that Paiwan and Kiatchanachai were one and the same person...

Thailand thrives in currency squalls

November 3, 2010

Categories: Economy

[Thailand thrives in currency squalls](#) – FT, November 3, 2010

Win Viriyaprapaikit has a smile on his face. Since he signed an agreement in late August to buy a steelworks in northern England from Corus, the price has fallen by over \$22m in baht terms...

Customs inspectors at LAX find opium in shipment from Thailand

November 4, 2010

Categories: Crime, Drugs

[Customs inspectors at LAX find opium in shipment from Thailand](#) – *Los Angeles Times*, November 4, 2010
...Customs inspectors use a risk-based approach when choosing which loads to examine more closely at airports and shipping ports, Ruiz said. The originating country, the final destination and the type of merchandise can tip off inspectors to a potentially illegal load.
Some countries, like Thailand, require a complete screening of every load that comes in, which is how agents at LAX were able to find the opium, Ruiz said.

How Corruption Is Holding Asia Back

November 4, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[How Corruption Is Holding Asia Back](#) – Time, November 4, 2010

Officials scoring million-dollar kickbacks. Politicians flaunting obscene wealth. Cops so crooked they can lick their own shoulder blades. The people of Thailand are confronted daily with so many examples of corruption that they might understandably greet this news with skepticism or sniggers: from Nov. 10 to 13, Bangkok will host the world's biggest anticorruption meeting. What next? An antinukes conference in Pyongyang?...

Flooding in Hat Yai

November 4, 2010
Categories: Floods



From *Komchadluek*, November 4, 2010

The headlines read: Government to alleviate Hat Yai – Allocating budget of 20 billion – Great damage reported nearing the year 2000 – Debut in Korat of 5,000 baht distributed to each family – Car insurance companies face financial loss – Cries for help from all over

THAILAND: Struggling to sell safe sex

November 4, 2010

Categories: HIV-AIDS

[THAILAND: Struggling to sell safe sex](#) – IRIN, November 4, 2010

...The only Southeast Asian country with an HIV prevalence of more than 1 percent, Thailand's earlier success at containing its epidemic has stagnated. With 481,770 HIV infected people already living in the kingdom, there are more than 10,000 new HIV infections every year...

Elephants forced to walk across metal tightropes

November 4, 2010

Categories: Wildlife and Nature

[Elephants forced to walk across metal tightropes in Thailand tourist attraction](#) – *Daily Mail*, November 4, 2010

Best for drug trials? Thailand

November 4, 2010

Categories: Drugs

[Best for drug trials? Thailand](#) – *Financial Times*, November 4, 2010

...The country ranked as the most attractive venue to test experimental medicines on patients, with particularly high scores for both patient recruitment and quality...

The return of Bunga Emas

November 4, 2010

Categories: Malaysia

[Gerakan chides Kedah for wanting back gifts from Thailand](#) – The Star, December 4, 2010

It is not ethical for the Kedah government to ask for the return of the Bunga Emas and Bunga Perak gifts that were once given to Thailand, said Kedah Gerakan Youth chief Tan Keng Liang...

[History authorities support return of Bunga Emas](#) – Free Malaysia Today, December 7, 2010

...The 28 flowers were sent to the Thai King in Bangkok as a sign of friendship and friendly relations between Kedah and Thailand. The flowers are now located in the Grand Palace in Bangkok where it is under close surveillance.

Kedah Museum Board chairman Dr Hamdan Mohamed Khalib recently said that they would be seeking the cooperation of Wisma Putra for the return of the flowers...

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn graciously Pilots Buddhist Pilgrimage Flight

November 5, 2010

Categories: The Monarchy

[His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn graciously Pilots Buddhist Pilgrimage Flight to Bodhgaya, India](#) – *Thaipr.net*, November 5, 2010

Thai Airways International Public Company Limited (THAI) has been bestowed a great honor from His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn who will graciously pilot the Buddhist Pilgrimage Flight to Bodhgaya, India, the place of enlightenment...

Chickens have better lives in Thailand and Brazil than Britain

November 5, 2010

Categories: Food and Drink

[Chickens have better lives in Thailand and Brazil than Britain, says RSPCA](#) – *Daily News*, November 5, 2010

...He said Thai poultry had more space—around 13.5 chickens per square metre, compared with 20 in basic UK production...

The past chosen to remember – or regretting to remember

November 6, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From *Manager*, November 6, 2010

Thaksin is thinking: 46 billion was seized – Cheating the nation of a hundred billion – Facing a coup – Tax avoidance – Lese majeste

The caption reads: The past chosen to remember – or regretting to remember

Bodybuilders charged with importing drugs

November 7, 2010

Categories: Crime, Sports

[Bodybuilders charged with importing drugs](#) – *Brisbane Times*, November 7, 2010

Two Gold Coast amateur bodybuilding champions are granted bail after allegedly trying to import drugs from Thailand...

Thai mask maker keeps disappearing tradition alive

November 7, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai mask maker keeps disappearing tradition alive](#) – AP, November 7, 2010

... "I am the last one to still be doing this here," said Prateep, noting that the food vendor whose stall is a few yards away had been a cutter of glass ornaments—a crucial element that gives Khon masks their sparkle—when he was a boy...

Thailand starts preparing celebration of king's 84th birthday

November 7, 2010

Categories: HM The King's Birthday, The Monarchy

[Thailand starts preparing celebration of king's 84th birthday](#) – *Thailandnews.net*, November 7, 2010

...He said 2011 will mark the seventh circle of the king's birthday and the nation will celebrate the occasion throughout the year.

The first major activity will be the ordaining of 999 monks across the country in January, Abhisit said in his weekly national televised address...

Brit Drugs Counsellor Caught Smoking Crystal Meth With Hooker

November 7, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Brit Drugs Counsellor Caught Smoking Crystal Meth With Hooker](#) – People, November 7, 2010

...In 2005 he set up Channah in Thailand, charging clients –including a big-name film director and an Asian royal up to–22,000 a month.

But all is not quite as it seems. The website carries a testimonial from Lord Nicholas Burnett, OBE. There is no such peer.

And one former staff member said: “There are well meaning and professional staff but the place is run by sex-pats. They go out drinking and chasing prostitutes. This video footage is the last straw.”

Tattooed Gunn’s drugs sessions with a prostitute were videoed at Bangkok’s I Style Trend and the Citadines hotels...

Tiger Woods gets VIP treatment in Thailand

November 8, 2010

Categories: Sports

[Tiger Woods gets VIP treatment in Thailand](#) – *News Chief*, November 8, 2010

...Thais adore Woods because of his Thai family connection. But the golf star displayed his American side by shaking hands with Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva and ignoring the leader's "wai," the traditional Thai greeting of palms pressed together with a head bow that is a sign of humility and respect...

Thai army chief rejects opposition coup claim

November 8, 2010

Categories: Thai Military, Thai Politics

[Thai army chief rejects opposition coup claim](#) – *People's Daily*, November 8, 2010

...The opposition Pheu Thai party-list lawmaker and core leader of anti-government "red-shirts" movement Jatuporn Prompan alleged early that the military will conspire with pro-establishment "yellow-shirts" group to orchestrate a coup d'état...

I suspect that our amulet begins to lose sacred power!!!

November 8, 2010

Categories: Analysis, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, November 8, 2010

Left: I suspect that our amulet begins to lose sacred power!!!

The other man says: Yes... This cannot protect from the 9 iron-fisted rules of Mark like before.

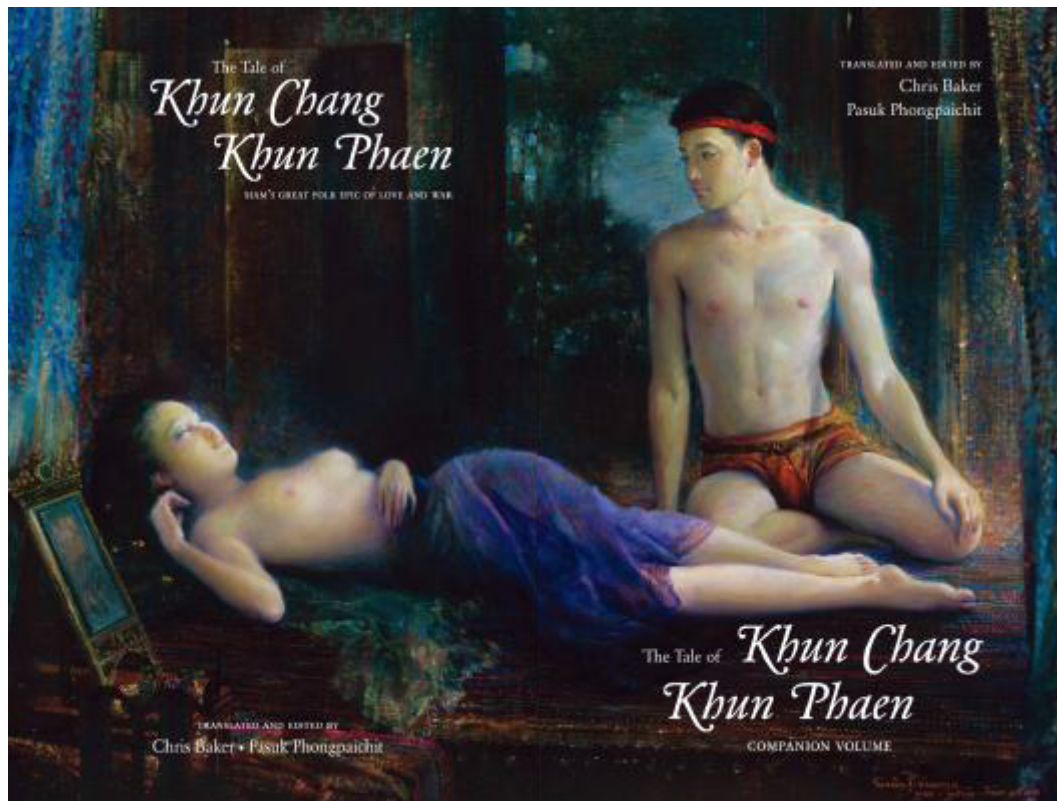
The words on the building in the background reads: Bhumjaithai Party

The caption reads: The fellows of Luang Por Hoy begin to lose faith

The Tale of Khun Chang Khun Phaen

November 9, 2010

Categories: Books



(Source: *The Tale of Khun Chang Khun Phaen*)

The Tale of Khun Chang Khun Phaen – November 9, 2010

From a press release: [The Tale of Khun Chang Khun Phaen](#) with Chris Baker and Pasuk Phongpaichit
The first-ever translation of the most outstanding classic in the Thai language will be launched at the Siam Society. The folk epic combines the social panorama of a nineteenth-century novel with the grand storytelling of an ancient saga. The plot is a love triangle, ending with the tragic and enigmatic death of the heroine.

Possibly dating to 1600 and originally developed in an oral tradition of storytelling, the tale has a fast-paced blend of romance, tragedy, and farce spiced with sex, warring, and the supernatural. It was written down in the nineteenth century with two kings among the authors. The great Thai linguist, William Gedney, believed that “if all other information on traditional Thai culture were to be lost, the whole complex could be reconstructed from this marvelous text.”

Football legend Roberto Baggio wins Nobel Peace Prize

November 9, 2010

Categories: Errors

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Football legend Roberto Baggio wins Nobel Peace Prize

[Football legend Roberto Baggio wins Nobel Peace Prize](#) – *The Nation*, November 9, 2010

Sanan: I met Thaksin by chance

November 9, 2010

Categories: Thai Politics

[Sanan: I met Thaksin by chance](#) – *The Nation*, November 9, 2010

... "We giggled and he didn't look ill," Sanan told a press conference Tuesday...

Australia steps up security at 'high-risk' Bangkok airport

November 9, 2010

Categories: Airports and Airlines, Security

[Australia steps up security at 'high-risk' Bangkok airport](#) – *The Australian*, November 9, 2010

...Emirates airline, now on a watch list since the discovery of parcel-bombs late last month on two cargo planes in Dubai and Britain, also flies from Dubai via Bangkok to Sydney three times a week.

Investigations by Australian experts identified Bangkok as a weak link in the Asia-Pacific anti-terrorism security chain. Particular risks were raised about the possibility of "shoe bombers" boarding flights to Australia via Bangkok, a senior Australian government official said...

Udon the Red Heartland

November 9, 2010

Categories: Red Shirt Protest 2010

[Udon the Red Heartland](#) – *salem-news.com*, November 9, 2010

Where is Thaksin? (2009-2010)

November 10, 2010

Categories: Thai Politics

[Authorities Fail to Keep Track of Thaksin's Whereabouts](#) – TAN, November 10, 2010

...However, according to latest reports from unconfirmed sources, Thaksin is said to have returned to his residence in Lebanon...

[Thaksin on 'courtesy call' to Mandela](#) – Mail & Guardian, September 10, 2010

The Nelson Mandela Foundation has distanced itself from Mandela's meeting last month with controversial former Thai prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra, a fugitive from justice, saying that the encounter was "a private courtesy call".

The controversy over the meeting comes hard on the heels of the furore over Mandela's encounter with former Liberian leader Charles Taylor, now facing genocide charges in The Hague...

[Fugitive ex-Thai PM: I visited Mandela](#) – news24.com, September 2, 2010

...A photo of his meeting with the former South African president was released in Thailand by Thaksin's lawyer in an apparent move to quash rumours that the divisive ex-prime minister is ill – and to advertise that he's rubbing shoulders with VIPs abroad...

[Montenegro offers citizenship for big investors](#) – Business Week, August 10, 2010

...Montenegro already has granted citizenship to former Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who fled corruption charges at home and who has promised to invest in Montenegrin tourism. The government has argued that there has been no international arrest warrant for Thaksin...

[Terror case proceeds, new warrant for Thaksin](#) – Bangkok Post, July 29, 2010

[Thai FM asks foreign govts to shun Thaksin](#) – Gulf Times, July , 2010

... "I think he was in Dubai but he has been told by the UAE government to leave, and we appreciate that," he added.

"This is a hopeless exercise, a sad exercise and I think it is a cruel exercise to instigate people to kill one another for political changes," he argued, suggesting "I think we have problems, but everyone should come to the negotiating table and work together in a cooperative spirit and non-violent manner."

[Uganda provided fake passport for ousted Thai PM: reports](#) – The Nation, July 21, 2010

MPs query how Thai leader got passport

Yaslin Mugerwa
Parliament

A parliamentary watchdog committee is investigating circumstances under which Uganda allegedly issued a diplomatic passport to fugitive former Thailand Prime Minister, Thaksin Shinawatra, who is wanted over corruption charges in his country.

To conceal his identity, the lawmakers on the Public Account Committee heard from a whistleblower that Mr Thaksin Shinawatra changed his name to Takki Shinegra.

The revelation came as PAC grilled the Internal Affairs

Permanent Secretary, Dr Steven Kagoda on the continued misuse of diplomatic passports.

Mr Nandala Mafabi, the PAC chairman, told reporters that a whistleblower, whom he refused to name because of the sensitivity of the matter, told the committee: "The government issued a diplomatic passport to Mr Shinawatra as a way of enticing him to invest here."

Mr Shinawatra owns Gollotto, a lottery firm.

"The former Thai premier is not even a citizen of this country," Mr Mafabi said, adding, "This is a confirmation on how officials in the Ministry

of Internal Affairs are abusing these passports."

In what appears to be a simmering diplomatic row, the committee heard that the Thai vice foreign Minister, Panich Vikitsreth in November protested the move by the government to issue a diplomatic passport to Mr Shinawatra who is wanted on corruption charges.

In his response, Dr Kagoda denied knowledge of Mr Shinawatra but said his ministry would investigate the matter.

"We don't want any diplomatic row with Thailand; this is a matter I am going to investigate..."

(Source: *Daily Monitor*, July 8, 2010)

MPs query how Thai leader got passport – *Daily Monitor*, July 8, 2010

[MPs query how Thai leader got passport](#) – *Daily Monitor*, July 8, 2010

[Uganda denies issuing passport to fugitive Thai prime minister](#) – *Daily Monitor*, December 3, 2009

[Thaksin has not applied for citizenship](#) – *Fiji Times Online*, April 22, 2010

The Immigration Department has received no application for citizenship from former Thai prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra...

[State clears air on Thaksin](#) – *Fiji Times Online*, April 22, 2010

Any visits by former Thailand Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra to the county will be done as a "private individual" now...

[Montenegro economy shrinks, government now selling passports to survive](#) – *Live Trading News*, April 15, 2010

[‘I’m in Russia,’ taunts Thaksin](#) – *Bangkok Post*, March 31, 2010

... "I tell you, I'm in Russia now," he said, speaking via video link. "I came from Sweden. But I wasn't kicked out of Sweden, contrary to what the Foreign Ministry said..."

[Thaksin stayed in Sweden several days](#) – *ScandAsia.com*, March 30, 2010

...The ministry's spokesperson Ander Jörle declined, however, to comment on information from Thailand, that he left Sweden on Monday night after Thailand had requested Sweden to ask him to leave.

"We cannot comment on the information from Thailand," Ander Jörle of the foreign ministry said to the Swedish daily Aftonbladet...

[Thaksin flies out of Sweden](#) – *The Nation*, March 30, 2010

[Montenegro declines Thaksin's repatriation](#) – *TAN*, March 25, 2010

...Dejan Djurovic, the head of the Interpol office in Montenegro, pointed out that former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra cannot be extradited to Thailand since he is now a Montenegrin citizen.

...Montenegro is ranked among the most corrupt countries in Europe as even Prime Minister Milo Djukanovic has been charged by the Italian government for mafia-type crimes, like smuggling and money laundering. Djukanovic is currently protected by international laws.

[MFA Asks "Thaksin, Where are you?"](#) – TAN, March 20, 2010

[Govt at a loss now Thaksin 'back in Dubai'](#) – The Nation, March 20, 2010

[Montenegro says has given Thaksin citizenship](#) – Zee News, March 17, 2010

... "Mr. Shinawatra is a Montenegrin citizen and is now located in Montenegro," police spokeswoman Tamara Ralevic said in the statement. "Police authorities have no basis to take any action against Mr. Shinawatra..."

[Deposed Thai premier spotted in Montenegro](#) – Vancouver Sun, March 15, 2010

[Thaksin, where are you? – Thaksin still banned from entering Germany: German envoy](#) – The Nation, March 14, 2010

[Thaksin insists he's in Europe, not Cambodia](#) – The Nation, March 14, 2010

[FM: Thaksin asked to leave UAE](#) – Bangkok Post, March 13, 2010

... "High ranking government official of the UAE had confirmed that the fugitive ex-premier has been asked to leave UAE for having violated an agreement that he will not use the country as base for his political activities", assistant to the foreign affairs minister Phanich Wikitseth said on Saturday afternoon...



From Red News, October 10, 2009

The pro-Thaksin publications have gone to great lengths to show Thaksin is healthy and has not lost his hair. The title above reads: Police Lieutenant Thaksin Shinawatra and his new hair style

Thaksin's health – October 16, 2009

In recent weeks a rumor has been circulating that Thaksin is being treated for prostate cancer and has grown thin and lost his hair. Long discussions on Thai web forums compare Thaksin video addresses since the coup and debate his perceived state of health.



(Photo: Frame grab from October 11, 2009 address)

Above is a still from his most recent [October 11, 2009](#) address. Below is one from about a year earlier on [November 1, 2008](#). Adding to the uncertainty of his condition is that recent Thaksin addresses from overseas have been from grainy webcam video links that perhaps indicate his lessening ability to communicate openly from satellite uplinks from known locations in Dubai.

Thaksin's face has never been very animated and the lighting during his addresses is improvised at best, so it is hard to tell, but he does appear thinner in the cheeks.

These two videos also demonstrate the two Thaksin voice tones—a low, moderated tone that is evident when he feels in control. The other is a rapid, high-pitched voice that occurs when he is excited or agitated. Another good example of the high-pitched voice is Thaksin's [attempted address on the night of the coup](#).

A few details from Thai forums on this subject are [in this forum post](#)



(Photo: Frame grab from November 1, 2008 address)

[Deposed Thai PM eyeing Fiji, Tonga](#) – *Pina.com*, July 8, 2009

[Thai ex-premier Thaksin uses Rhine refuge](#)

– *Earth Times*, June 5, 2009

Thaksin Shinawatra, former Thai prime minister, must have known: For a washed-up leader with practically unlimited money in the kitty, there is no refuge quite like Bonn on the Rhine. Palatial riverside homes behind high walls offer privacy. One can flit away across open borders to nine other nations by car. Bonn people are used to spies and diplomats who resent nosy questions...

[Stay by Thai ex-premier Thaksin in Germany triggers fury](#) – *M and C*, June 5, 2009

...It said the billionaire, who stated he was living in Bonn's elegant suburb of Bad Godesberg, had been accompanied to the immigration office by a respected lawyer, a retired German police commander and a freelance troubleshooter, Werner Mauss. It said the clerk was given to understand that Mauss, 69, represented the BND. German diplomats, furious that German relations with Thailand had been endangered, initially accused the BND of engineering the visa. But Mauss had apparently acted independently.

In German: [here](#) and [here](#)

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URL: /politik/504/471048/text/
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04.06.2009 20:13 Uhr

Thailands Ex-Premier Thaksin

Ein Milliardär auf dem Ausländeramt

In der Not braucht auch ein Milliardär Freunde: Geheimnisvolle Gefolgsmänner suchen thailändischen Ex-Premier Thaksin Shinawatra zu einer Aufenthaltsgeheimnis.
Von Hans Leyendecker und Oliver Meiler



Der wohl berühmteste und vermutlich reichste Justizflüchtling Asiens: Thaksin Shinawatra (Archivbild) (Foto: dpa)

Am 29. Dezember 2008 wollte der neugewählte thailändische Premierminister Abhisit Vejjajiva seine Regierung einführen. Die Anhänger des gestürzten Ministerpräsidenten Thaksin Shinawatra, blockierten die Straßen, und die Zeitungen rätselten, wo der mit Haftbefehl gesuchte und in Abwesenheit zu einer zweijährigen Haft verurteilte Thaksin untergetaucht sein könnte.

[Nicaragua, UAE asked to detain former PM](#) – *The Nicaraguan Post*, May 7, 2009

Thailand has lodged official requests with Nicaragua and the United Arab Emirates asking them to arrest Thaksin Shinawatra so he can be returned to serve his two-year prison sentence...

[Thaksin extradition requests sent to UAE, Nicaragua](#) – *The Nicaraguan Post*, May 4, 2009

Thailand has submitted extradition requests through diplomatic channels to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Nicaragua to facilitate the forced repatriation of ousted former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, a senior official at the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs said today...

[Political Satire: Thaksin to buy Nicaraguan Post](#) – *The Nicaraguan Post*, April 27, 2009

[Political Satire: Shinawatra to join ALBA](#) – *The Nicaraguan Post*, April 23, 2009

[On the trail of Thaksin in Cambodia](#) – *Asia Times*, May 5, 2009

... "It's confusing," said Koh Kong province deputy governor Eng Kimleang. "Thaksin isn't developing Koh Kong – it's just a Chinese company ... It's just rumors and nothing formal," she said. Like others, she dismisses reports that Thaksin may have recently visited the area as inaccurate...

[Tea Banh: Thaksin is not in Cambodia](#) – *Bangkok Post*, April 29, 2009

Cambodian Defence Minister Tea Banh talked to defence reporter Wassana Nanuam at the 6th meeting of the General Border Committee, denying rumours that former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra had sneaked into Cambodia after fleeing into self-imposed exile overseas...

[Convicted Thaksin holds Montenegro passport](#) – *The Nation*, April 28, 2009

[Govt using all means to corner Thaksin](#) – *The Nation*, April 28, 2009

...Reports have confirmed that Thaksin is holding a Nicaraguan passport and has been made special ambassador by President Daniel Ortega.

He was also said to have landed in Liberia last week with Montenegro passport and unconfirmed reports say he might also have a Cambodian passport...

[Anonymous lady versus Thaksin](#) – *The Nation*, April 28, 2009

[Former Thai PM in Liberia](#) – *Star Radio*, April 21, 2009

From *Not the Nation*: [Thaksin “Probably” Still On Earth, Police Say](#)

[Thaksin claims Thailand’s...](#) – *FT*, April 20, 2009

[Interview with exiled former Thai leader Thaksin: ‘I’m Like a Rat’](#) – *Spiegel Online*, April 20, 2009

...Thaksin Shinawatra: It was the government that declared a state of emergency. Even though there was an election, the government used its power in an even worse way than a putsch government. It controls every place, it can seize and search without any warrants, and they don’t care about human rights. It’s a government that has been given the license to kill. And I have the impression that the phase of “cut-off killings” has begun — in other words, they are eliminating anyone who knows too much about the conspiracy of those in power against me.

SPIEGEL: Officially, two people died in the latest riots and 123 were injured. Do you dispute these figures?

Thaksin: It is an absolute lie...

[Former Thai PM reveals Dubai telecoms plan](#) – *ITP*, April 19, 2009

[Thaksin leaves for Nicaragua](#) – *Bangkok Post*, April 18, 2009

[Thai Foreign Ministry confirms Thaksin holds Nicaraguan passport](#) – *TNA*, April 17, 2009

[Did Thaksin not actually receive a Nicaraguan passport?](#) – *The Nation*, April 17, 2009

[I’m out of here](#) – *7Days*, April 16, 2009

... “The government can talk all they want but it’s not going to stop us. Every Thai person is entitled to a passport and it cannot simply be revoked,” a spokesman travelling with Thaksin said last night.

...The revocation of Thaksin’s passport stepped up the Thai government’s campaign against the billionaire former prime minister, who now lives in Dubai’s [Emirates Hills](#)....

[Nicaragua gave former Thai PM diplomatic passport](#) – *AFP*, April 16, 2009

[Former Thai PM Thaksin appeals to king](#) – *Reuters*, April 16, 2009

[Scathing media cartoon burns sensitive nerve of Cambodia about ties with Thailand](#) – *People’s Daily*, April 14, 2009

A scathing political cartoon has angered the Cambodian government at this sensitive time of the Cambodian-Thai ties, and pushed the publisher into an awkward situation. The government is demanding a written explanation for the recently-printed newspaper cartoon depicting Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen and former Thai premier Thaksin Shinawatra playing golf together...

[Thai protests: ex-PM Thaksin Shinawatra warns of fresh violence](#) – *Telegraph*, April 14, 2009



Capturing Thaksin – April 15, 2009

[Matthew](#) writes: *On 2Bangkok today, you wondered about Thaksin's location for his CNN interview. Well, he gave another CNN interview and while the ticker at the bottom of the screen said "undisclosed location" (as presumably pre-arranged with Thaksin), the caption at the top of the screen said "Dubai"! So the secret is out. I put a photo on twitter yesterday...*

Another readers points out:



Former Thai PM sees political crisis from Dubai – *YouTube*, April 14, 2009



(Source: CNN)

Is the "revolution" is being conducted from Dubai? – April 14, 2009

Is there enough information in this CNN screen grab to determine what country Thaksin is in? We have been trying to link the background above to the offices of Thaksin's PR firm in Hong Kong, [Upstream Asia](#), without success.

Below is a screen grab from a March 6, 2009 *FEER* interview in Dubai. The unusual red band seems somewhat similar to the red band in the photo above.

Update: A reader notes: *He cannot have been in HKG – it was a live interview and it would have been dark in HKG. There is daylight coming through the window. Looks like a newsroom given the people in the background. CNN in [Media City](#) in Dubai is a good bet... Thaksin and family are regulars in the malls in Dubai – there is little else to do there – and his kids fly EK. Thaksin is now rumored to be using an executive jet from NetJets rather than flying commercial.*



(Source: FEER)

Censors ban release of *Insects in the Backyard*

November 11, 2010

Categories: Film and TV

[Censors ban release of *Insects in the Backyard*](#) – [thaifilmjournal.blogspot.com](#), November 11, 2010

...Despite the explicit nature of the film, Tanwarin told The Nation that she did not expect the film to be banned. She had applied for the 20- rating, Thailand's most restrictive motion-picture rating, which limits films to audiences aged 20 and older...

Thailand Top Country for Expat's Best Quality of Life

November 11, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand Top Country for Expat's Best Quality of Life](#) – *Thailand Business News*, November 11, 2010

Amazing Thailand, really! Barely six months after the bloodshed, curfew, gunshots and arsonists going wild in Bangkok, the kingdom is parading on top of HSBC's latest report Expat Experience 2010. Apparently civil war and dead bodies rolling in the gutter is part of the fun...

The Best Expat Place to Live? Thailand

November 11, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[The Best Expat Place to Live? Thailand](#) – *Wall Street Journal*, November 11, 2010

...The best place to live as an expat? Apparently Thailand, which ranked high in all the categories considered, including ease of setting up finances, work-life balance, entertainment and ease of integration with the local culture...

Abortion Storage

November 12, 2010

Categories: Crime



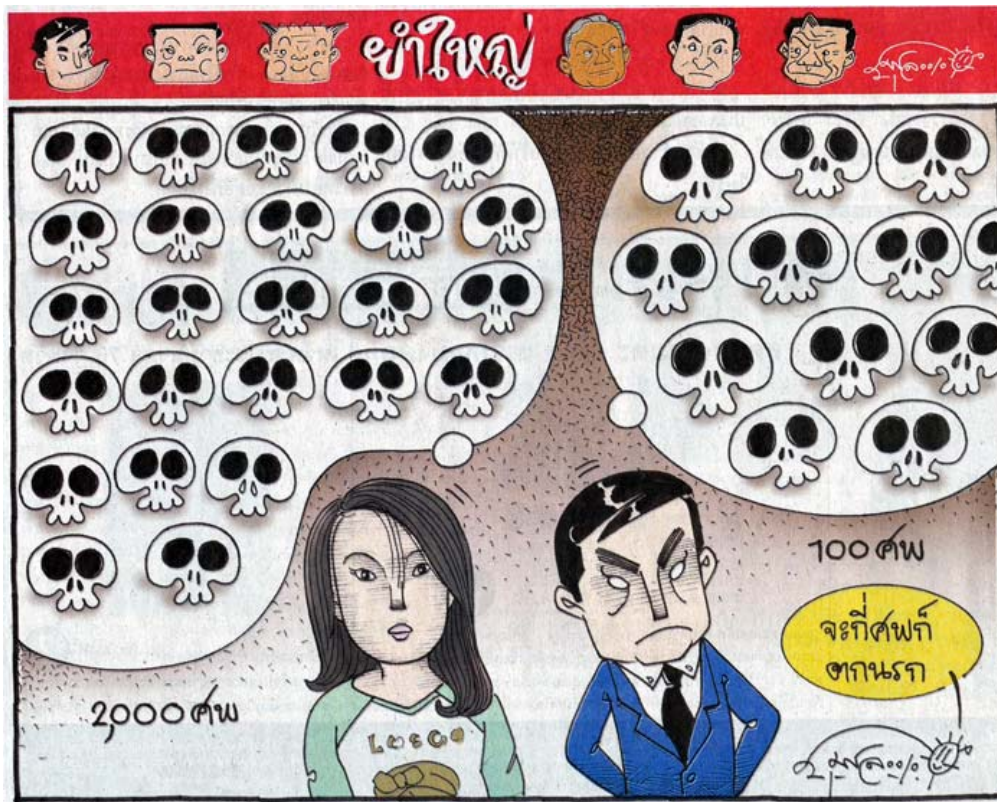
From *KhaoSod*, November 12, 2010

The caption reads: Thousands – Almost 1,654 dead bodies of babies laid out at the dead body storage at Painguen Temple. Two caretakers confess that the dead bodies were kept for many years with the total number of dead bodies of the babies who died from abortion to 2,002.

Going to hell regardless of the number

November 12, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From *Khaosod*, Cartoon Yamyai, November 12, 2010

Left: 2,000 dead

Right: 100 dead

The words in the yellow bubble: Going to hell regardless of the number

Truck on the expressway

November 12, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Truck on the expressway – November 12, 2010

Freed red-shirts in surprise meeting with PM

November 12, 2010

Categories: Red Shirt Protest 2010

[Freed red-shirts in surprise meeting with PM](#) – *The Nation*, November 12, 2010

...The PM also enquired about conditions in prison. Panitan said there are 48 red shirts still in detention who do not have anyone to apply for bail on their behalf. The PM asked the Justice Minister to look into the matter too.

...Prison staff told the red shirts that Vishnu left only in a prison uniform of short pants and yellow T-shirt, and had nobody to meet him...

Here is Thailand

November 14, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, by Chai Ratchawat, November 14, 2010

The cartoon headline reads “Here is Thailand”

Top left: A monk uses Facebook to chat with girls already!

Top middle: A (lady is a) master’s degree graduate, but is selling drugs!

Top right: (A person) Has 20 credit cards that belong to others and shops in the department store!

Bottom left: The flood crisis even causes the SET index to jump to escaping the deluge!

Bottom middle: Political powers threatens even the court!

Bottom right: Thailand is ranked the 7th of countries that has largest number of robbers in the world.
The words on the two bags read: “budget” and “national treasures”

Here people have died

November 16, 2010

Categories: Analysis, Editorial Cartoons



From Daily News, Cartoon Khaprajam By Khuad, November 19, 2010

Left: The famous speech from Prime Minister Samak states “fear leads to decline”

Middle: What he mentioned is correct as many samples are visible”

Right: Someone “fears” death and needs men to protect his residential site causing the business in the community to be totally dead and causing those supporters to “drop” their likeness.



From Thairath, cartoon by Sia, November 16, 2010

The text on the cartoon reads:

At left, the street sign reads: Rajaprasong

The skulls under the sign are saying: Here people have died.

The sign in the middle reads: Sukhumvit 31

The people in the street hold a signs that read: “Business in the community is dead” and “Business is dead”

The people are saying: Here people are dying.

The word on the barbed wire reads: The force on guard duty for the safety of the Prime Minister
The cartoon caption at the bottom reads: Together on the street, people in the same soi

Tu's Poop

November 16, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, November 16, 2010

Left, the caption under Jatuporn Prompan reads: Tu

Right: Tu's poop

The "kee" is saying: There will be MOM CHAO joining our party.

Ejaculating on the Prime Minister

November 17, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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Ejaculating on the Prime Minister – Manager, November 17, 2010

The word on PM Abhisit's face: Resolution of the party

The caption at right reads: The challenge of Terng and Newin

Chawalit Yongjaiyuth and the royal cousin

November 18, 2010

Categories: Analysis, Chawalit Yongchaiyudh, Editorial Cartoons



From Komchadluek, November 18, 2010

Left: The big father talks about the royal cousin to distract social criticism that the party does not respect royalty, is that right?

Middle: Oh! It's not true, we always respect royalty...

Right: Chao Moon Muang Maew!!



From Manager, November 15, 2010

Chawalit is saying: This is the new liquid chemical, brand name of MOM CHAO . Try it first and it will help the disease of ringworm on my head.

The words around the men's heads: Krang krang

The caption reads: After the liquid chemical brand named HUNDRED GENERALS does not work.

Sudan, Albaraka, IDB, Pakistan, Thailand Plan Issuance: Islamic Bond Alert

November 19, 2010

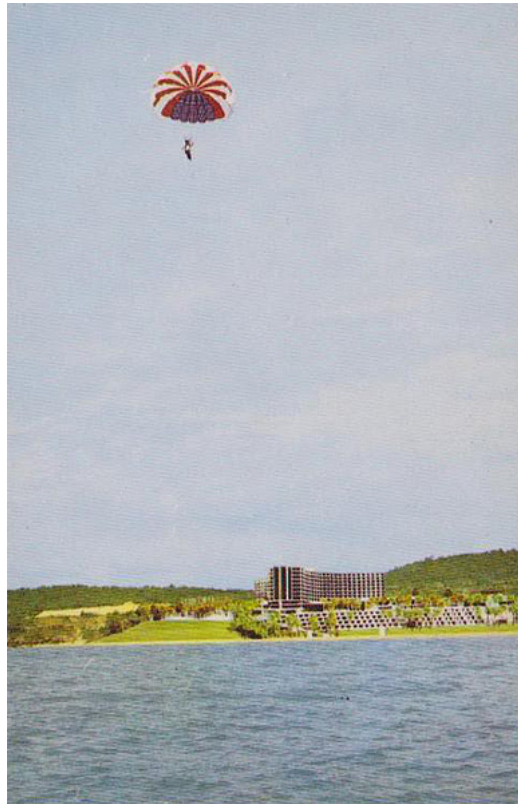
Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Sudan, Albaraka, IDB, Pakistan, Thailand Plan Issuance: Islamic Bond Alert](#) – Bloomberg, November, 2010
...*THAILAND: The Islamic Bank of Thailand, the nation's only bank to comply with Shariah law's ban on interest, will delay its first sale of sukuk until early next year as it awaits new guidelines from the securities commission, President Dheerasak Suwannayos said. The government is also considering selling 40 billion baht (\$1.3 billion) to 50 billion baht of Islamic bonds to fund infrastructure projects, said Dheerasak, who is a member of the government's steering committee for Islamic finance...*

1960s and 1970s: Thailand by the Sea

November 20, 2010

Categories: Old photos and films



(Source: undated postcard)

Above: Royal Cliff Beach Hotel in Pattaya, 1974

Thailand by the sea



(Source: undated postcard)

Above: “Prachuab Sea Resort,” circa 1960s



(Source: undated postcard)

Above: “Cholburi,” undated

Cooking up soul food in Bangkok

November 20, 2010

Categories: Food and Drink

[Cooking up soul food in Bangkok](#) – *Telegraph*, August, 2010

...The inspiration behind the restaurant is Thailand's street food. "What I want to do is take Thailand's typical street food into a more formal setting," explains Jarrett. I've called the restaurant Soul Food Mahanakhon, because the street food you get here reminds me a lot of American soul food – all fried chicken, smoky ribs, and papaya salads that are a bit like American slaw...

Loy Kom Fai (large floating paper lanterns) in the skies above Chiang Mai

November 20, 2010

Categories: Loy Krathong



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Above: *Loy Kom Fai* (large floating paper lanterns) in the skies above Chiang Mai.
Loy Kratong photos from [2003](#) and [2004](#)

Thai-themed scam email

November 20, 2010

Categories: Scams

New Thai-themed scam email – November, 2010

Received in a scam email:

*Mrs, Suchart Chaovisith wife of the former Thailand Finance minister,
<http://www.bangkokpost.com/news/politics/26113/suchart-69-dies-of-cancer>*

Dear

I got your basic contact through your country's Web Business Directory which prompted me to contact you directly through your email address to seek your help and assistance

My name is Mrs, Suchart Chaovisith wife of the former Thailand Finance minister, during the (PM Thaksin) regime who was forced out from power by the military.

In view of the recent death of my husband as you can read from the bangkokpost news website confirming his death to the public. and Thailand Government. I am very very worry over the political crises, and i have decided to contact you, to help me to move some funds to your country. as my family hope to relocate to your country and go into investment with you in your country.

My daughter or my son will call you , to know when you will fly to meet us in bangkok, for us to conclude on the further arrangement to transfer the funds to your account in your country for safety investment reasons

My warm regards to you and your family.,as i wait to read from you. Please remember to send me a text message .. AND PLEASE REPLY WITH THIS EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW IS THE ONLY PLACE I CAN

READ YOUR MAIL

Email : chaovit.suchart@rediffmail.com

Sincerely,

Mrs ,Suchart Chaovisith

Thailand Bangkok

Obstetrician vs. abortionist

November 20, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia, Thaksin Amnesty



From ThaiRath, cartoon by Sia, November 20, 2010

The cartoon headline reads: Obstetrician vs. abortionist

The man at left, Democrat MP Banyat Banthathan, holds a sign that reads: Abortion

The hooded figure at right holds a sign that reads: Delivering the baby

The words on the pregnant woman: Constitution revision

The mouse at bottom right holds a sign that reads: Reconciliation requires the release of UDD prisoners

Vocational students on the bus

November 21, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From ThaiRath, Cartoon by Chai Ratchawat, November 21, 2010

Left: Uncle... at which bus stop will you get off?

Middle: I don't know yet. – Awww, how can you get onto the bus without an idea of which bus stop you will get off?

Right: At the bus stop when vocational students get on, I will get off.

The daily word of the criminal is chimi chimi

November 21, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From ThaiRath, Cartoon by Chai Ratchawat, November 21, 2010

The cartoon headline reads: The daily word of the criminal is chimi chimi

Top left: If one loves an institute, one must not disgrace the fame of the institute, chimi chimi?

Top middle: If one claims that it is a fight for democracy, one must not leave by parachute until the parliamentary meeting ends, chimi chimi?"

Top right: Right now, to buy drugs, one needs to buy through a jailed person in detention, chimi chimi?

Bottom left: One zone, one vote number is easier for vote-buying, chimi chimi?

Bottom middle: Boonjong and Kuakul resign to run for the by-election, but nobody should take the seats, chimi chimi?

The words on the two chairs read "reserved" and "Do not take seat"

Bottom right: Loyalty needs to be towards support of His or Her Serene Highness Prince or Princess, chimi chimi?

Thailand's pornography trade..going..going..bong

November 22, 2010

Categories: Crime, People

[Thailand's pornography trade..going..going..bong](#) – andrew-drummond.com, November 22, 2010

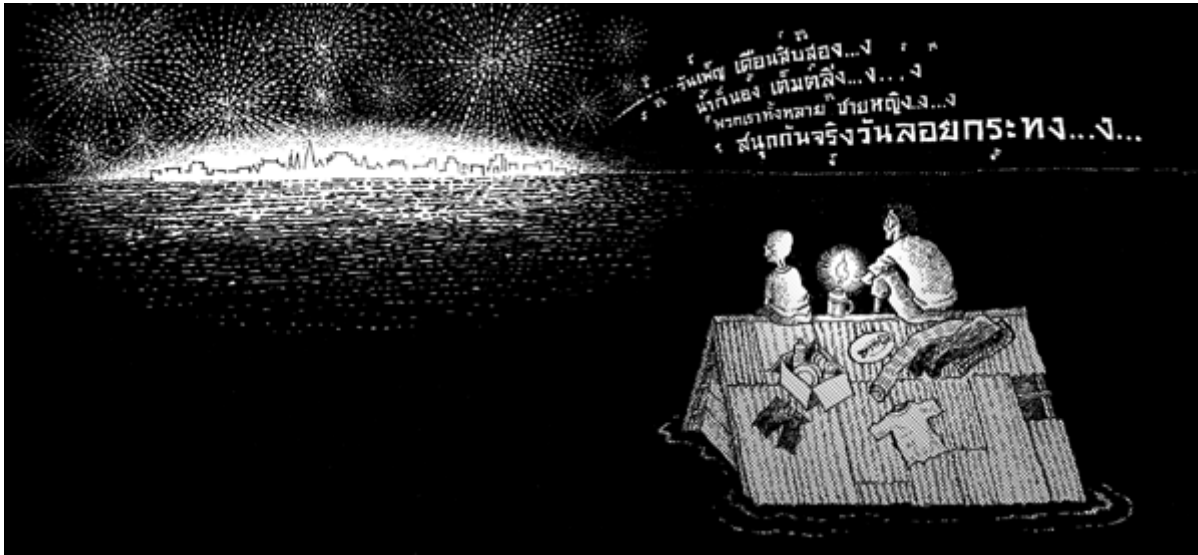
...But just days later reports of Poer's arrest vanished from the Pattaya Times, Pattaya Daily News, Pattaya Today, Pattaya One news and all other newspapers in Pattaya which carried the story online.

At Pattaya Times a spokesman said that 'all newspapers' were asked to remove all online references to Poer...

Loy Kratong song

November 22, 2010

Categories: Analysis, Editorial Cartoons - Manager, Loy Krathong



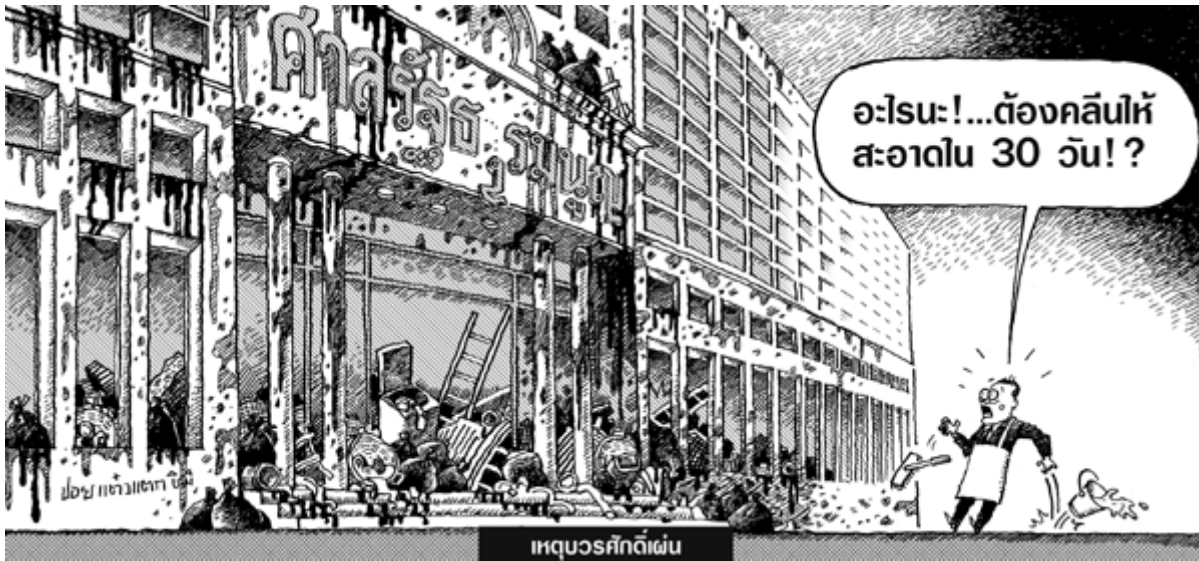
From Manager, November 22, 2010

The words are from a Loy Kratong song: The full moon night of the 12th month, the river bank is full with water, we male and female are together having fun with releasing the Kratong float

Cleaning the Constitutional Court

November 23, 2010

Categories: Analysis, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, November 23, 2010

The sign on the building reads: The Constitutional Court

The man is saying: What!... must clean within 30 days!?

The graffiti on the building at left reads: Poy Taew Tak Chimi

The caption at the bottom reads: The cause that Bowornsak escaped

Dead baby bodies

November 24, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From ThaiRath, by Sia, November 24, 2010

The cartoon title reads: The red shirt ghosts cry for six month, they pretend not to hear.

The cabinets at left have words that read: Dead baby bodies, victims of illegal clinics, illegal abortion clinics

The words coming out of the cabinets at top: Hue Hue HueU-wae U-wae

At right is the Ratchaprasong street sign.

The words above sign reads: We are killed at Ratchaprasong, We are killed at Kokwua intersection, We are shot at the Pan Fah, Soi Rangnam, Bonkai, Suan Lumpini

Cousin conflict, the fuse that leads to the end of the world

November 24, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From ThaiRath, by Sia, November 24, 2010

The cartoon headline reads: Cousin conflict, the fuse that leads to the end of the world.

The words under each of the cannons reads: "North Korea" and "South Korea"

The one who causes the biggest headache

November 24, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, November 24, 2010

The military commander-in-chief is saying: Eh... Who will instigate me to start a coup? I cannot think of...
The words on the newspaper reads: Mark reveals someone who tries to persuade the military to stage a coup to topple the government

The caption reads: The one who causes the biggest headache.

Updated info on the Foreign Business Act

November 25, 2010

Categories: Business, Law

A new blog, [Thai Law & Policy](#), has some excellent info on business issues of interest to foreigners:

[2007: Proposed Amendments to the FBA](#) – What Happened?

[Criminal Defamation as a Business Tool](#)

[Thai warning labels on alcohol](#)

Alcohol companies world-wide are lining up to fight a Thai plan to require graphic warning labels about alcohol on the country's domestic and imported beer, wine and liquor bottles...

Signs at a Chiang Mai intersection

November 26, 2010

Categories: Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The billboard reads: Love Live their Majesties – Tambon Municipal Office

Signs at a Chiang Mai intersection – November 26, 2010



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The poster reads: New choice of fellows in Tambon Tonpao – the Pheu Thai Pattana Tambon Tonpao – Please vote Supakin Wongsasri to be mayor



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The poster reads: Mr. Supakin Wongsasri, leader of the Pheu Thai for Tambon Tonpao development, greets the Borsang village and Tambon Tonpao villagers on the occasion of the umbrella fair of Borsang and handicrafts the Sankamphaeng district. The district is one of the five national awarded “one of the international places that tourists should not miss” selected from worldwide activities of 20,000 events – Information from Tourism

Authority of Thailand (TAT) by Cornerprint, November 2010 –

PP – the Pheu Thai for Tambon Tonpao development—Pheu Thai develops for the future of Tambon Tonpao



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The poster reads: PP – the Pheu Thai for Tambon Tonpao development – Pheu Thai develops for the future of Tambon Tonpao – We will look ahead the future together – Support Supakin Wongsas to be mayor

The poster at right reads: New choice of Tambon Tonpao villagers – PP – the Pheu Thai for Tambon Tonpao development – please vote Supakin Wongsas to be mayor



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The poster reads: 20th Chiangmai Motorshow – Thunder! with 100 motor car engines – entertained with sexy coyotes – 20th Motor Show – 12-21 November 2010 at BigC Arena Hall 10.00-21.00 o'clock



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The poster reads: Srithoon Chaisaowong – pleased to serve Tambon Tonpao fellows



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The poster reads: Please vote – Jamnong Prempracha to be Tonpao Mayor – good electricity system and water system – public route – no jobless – vote Jamnong Prempracha

The poster at right reads: Please vote – Jamnong Prempracha to be Tonpao Mayor – Vote honest man – Vote upright man – Vote Jamnong Prempracha

Raping the constitution

November 26, 2010

Categories: Analysis, Editorial Cartoons



Raping the constitution – from Manager, November 26, 2010

Banharn is saying to Newin: He says he is a British graduate and is not a lustful man... why is he the one at the front of the line?

Bangkok-Nong Khai High-Speed Train Project To Be Completed Late 2015

November 27, 2010

Categories: Mass Transit

[Bangkok-Nong Khai High-Speed Train Project To Be Completed Late 2015](#) – Bernama, November 27, 2010

A high-speed train project, a planned joint investment project between Thailand and China, which will link between the Thai capital and Nong Khai province bordering Laos is expected to be completed in late 2015...

Miyabi clip

November 27, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, November 27, 2010

The man is saying: We release them all already master. There is only the Miyabi clip left, would that be okay?

The caption reads: I have released many video clips and nothing happens, we should try this.

Nowadays 500,000 Thai men contract HIV by lacking awareness

November 28, 2010

Categories: HIV-AIDS



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The billboard reads: Nowadays 500,000 Thai men contract HIV by lacking awareness. You can cut down the risk – Think of a way out and prevention – Think

‘I am helping tourism’, says US porn man

November 28, 2010

Categories: Crime

[‘I am helping tourism’, says US porn man](#) – andrew-drummond.com, November 28, 2010

American Tony Poer the pornographer whose arrest reports were wiped clean from all the newspapers in Pattaya claimed yesterday that women flocked to be filmed and his arrest ‘never happened’.

“The matter has been dealt with. As far as everyone is concerned it never happened and that was the agreement reached by everyone.

“Please remove my name from your article. It is all over the web...”

The missile destroys national security and the parliament

November 29, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, Cartoon by Sia, November 29, 2010

The cartoon headline reads: The missile destroys national security and the parliament

The words on the flying sandal reads: Here people have died.

The words on the devil robes reads: Orders crackdown on the people

The word on the tag is reads: Pheu Thai snake MPs

Let the people decide

November 29, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, Cartoon by Chai Ratchawat, November 29, 2010

Left: The MPs didn't perform as proper as they are representatives of the people in a parliamentary meeting.

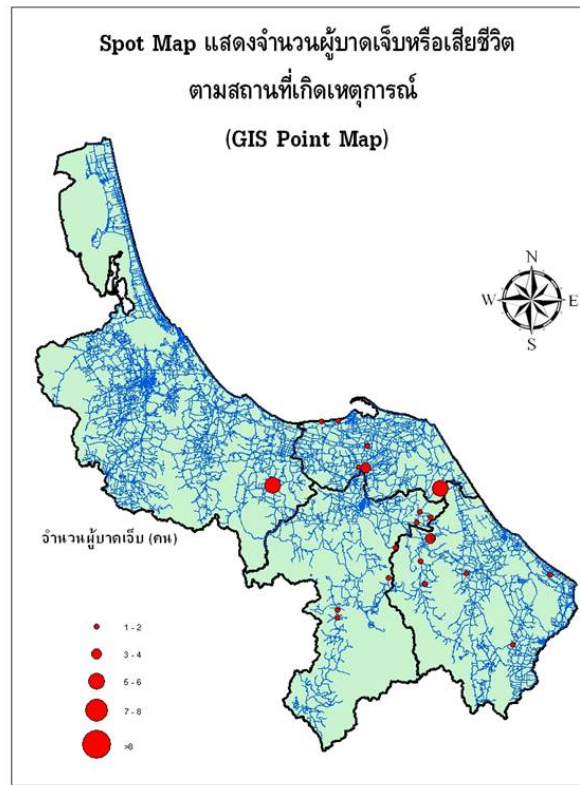
Middle: First man: They are different from House Speaker Chai Chidchob. Second man: What makes you think this?

Right: No matter how meanly MPs act, he merely says to let the people to decide .

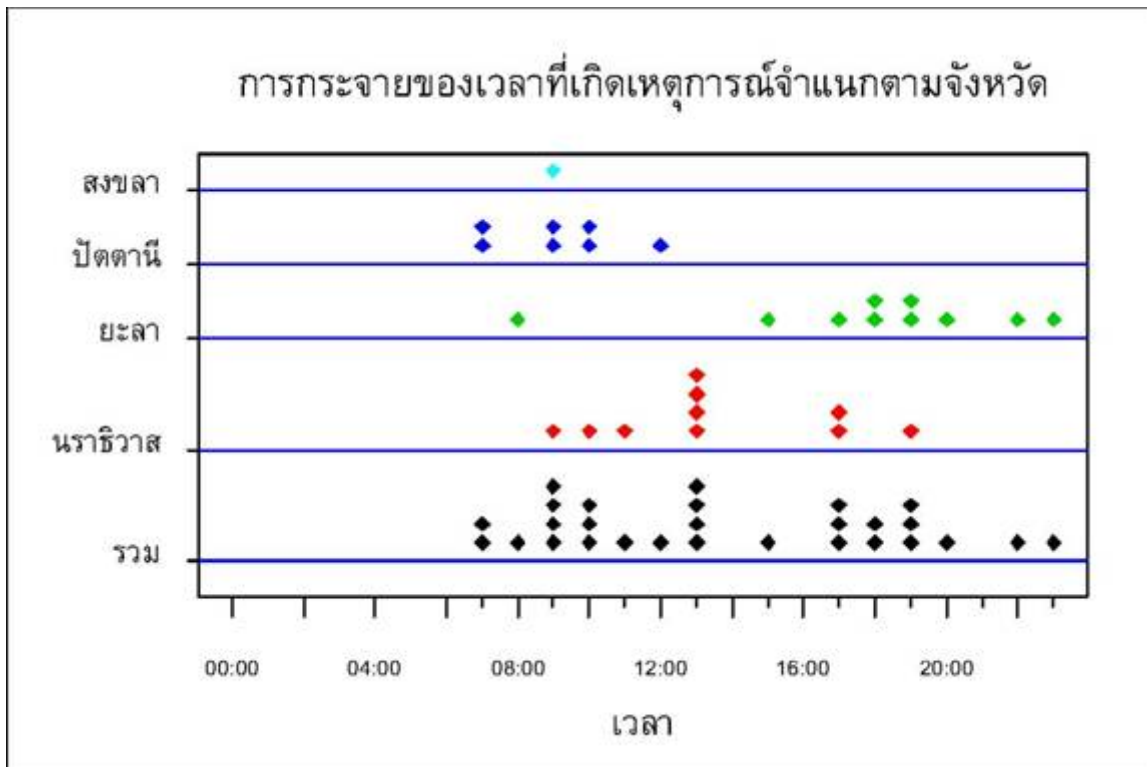
Southern Violence Statistics – November 2010

November 30, 2010

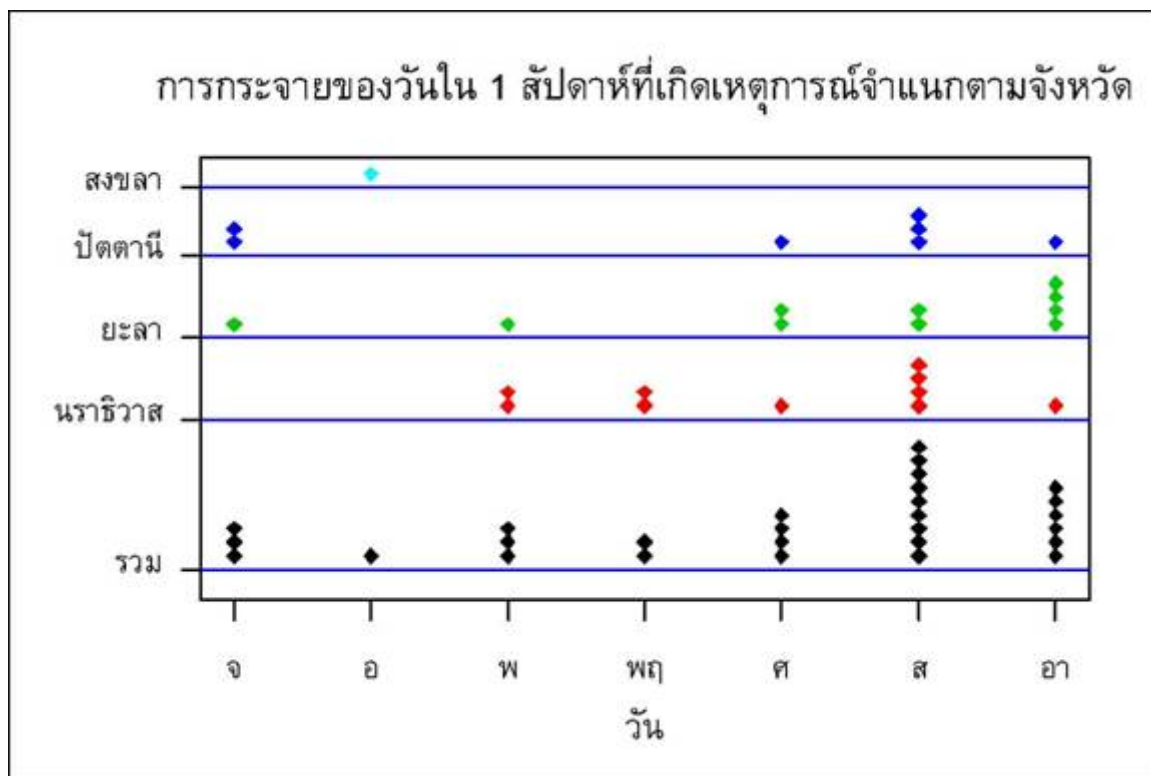
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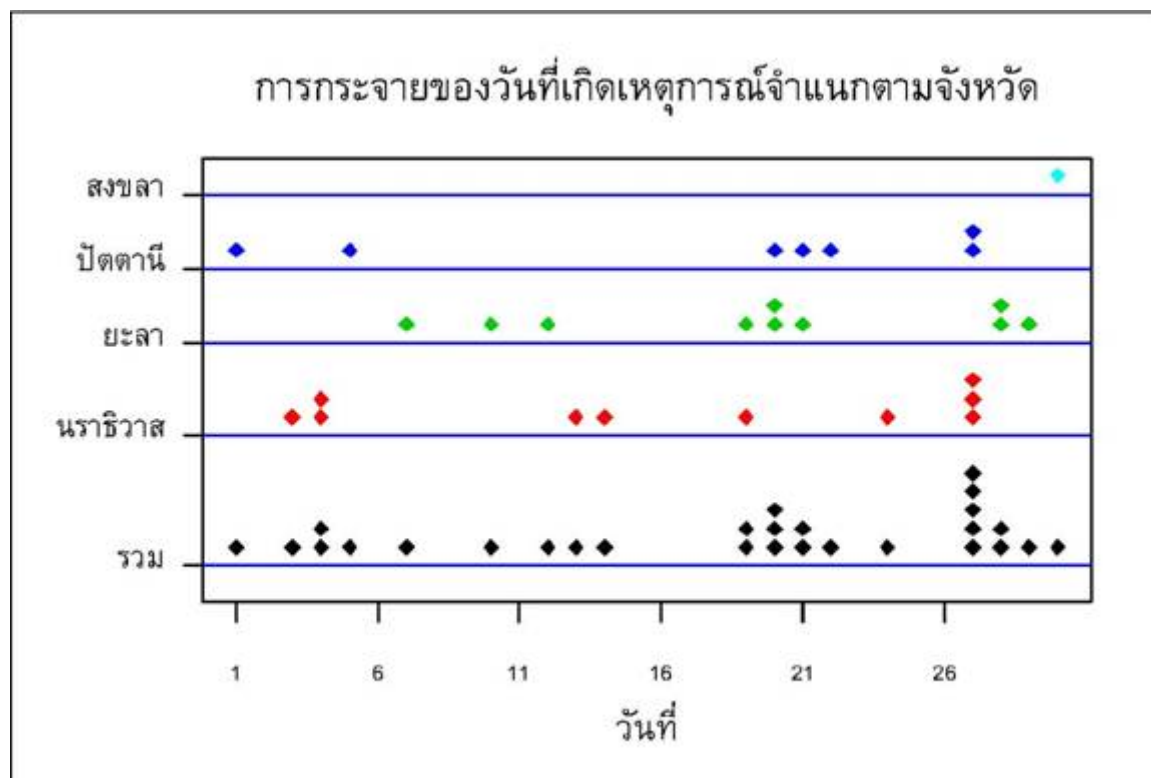
Map of four provinces in the deep south (Songkhla, Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat) showing numbers of the dead & injured by location. The red spot shows number of injury (person) from 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 and more than 6



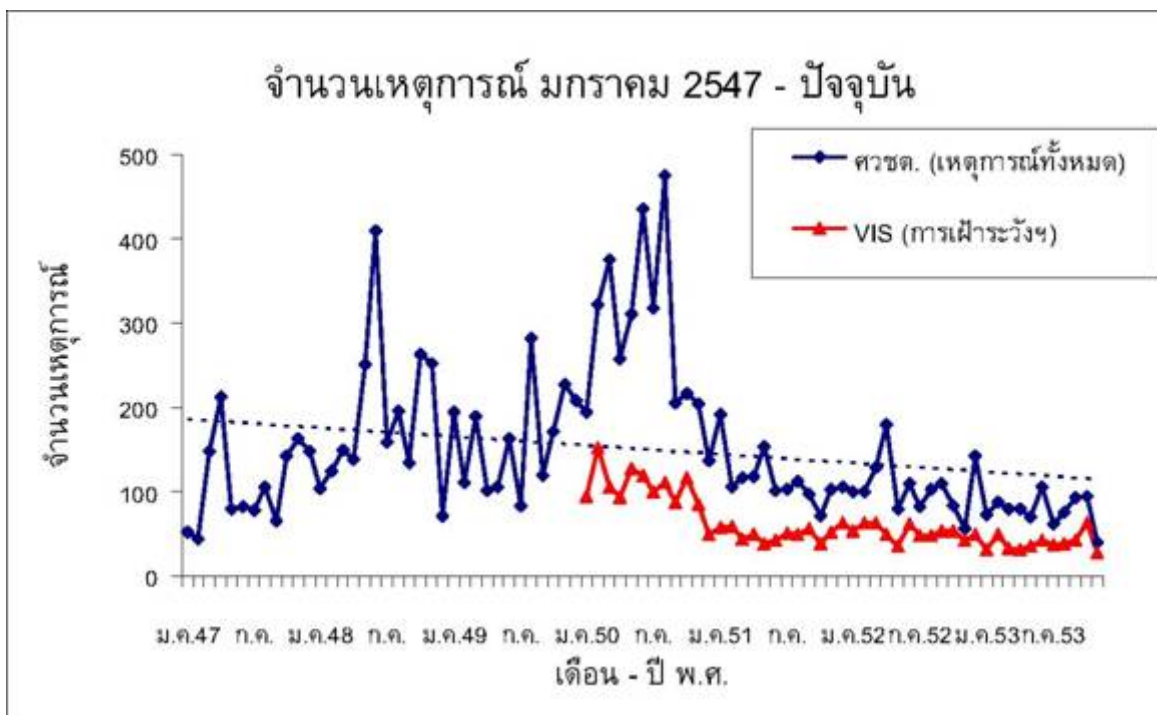
This chart shows violent incidents classified by the hour of the day (x-axis) and the province (y-axis). Songkhla=light blue, Pattani=blue, Yala=green, Narathiwat=red, total events=black



This chart shows violent incidents classified by day of the week (x-axis) and the province (y-axis). The days of the week start with Monday on the left. Songkhla=light blue, Pattani=blue, Yala=green, Narathiwat=red, total events=black



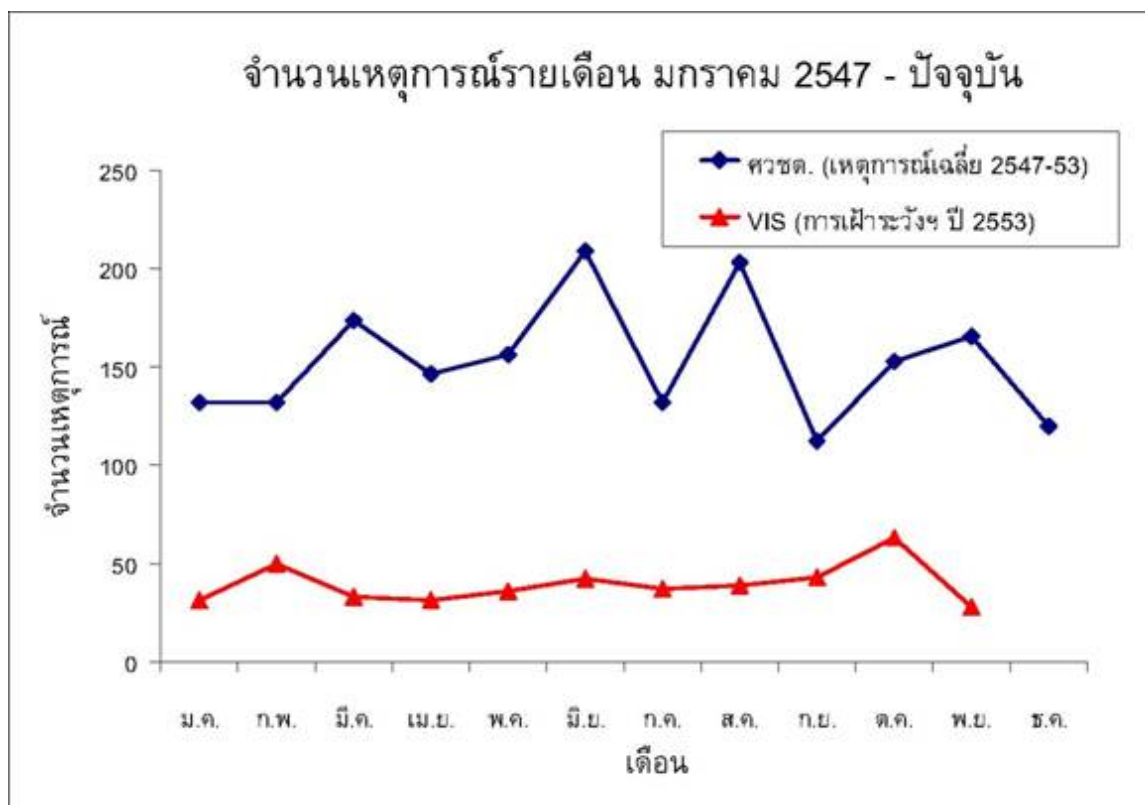
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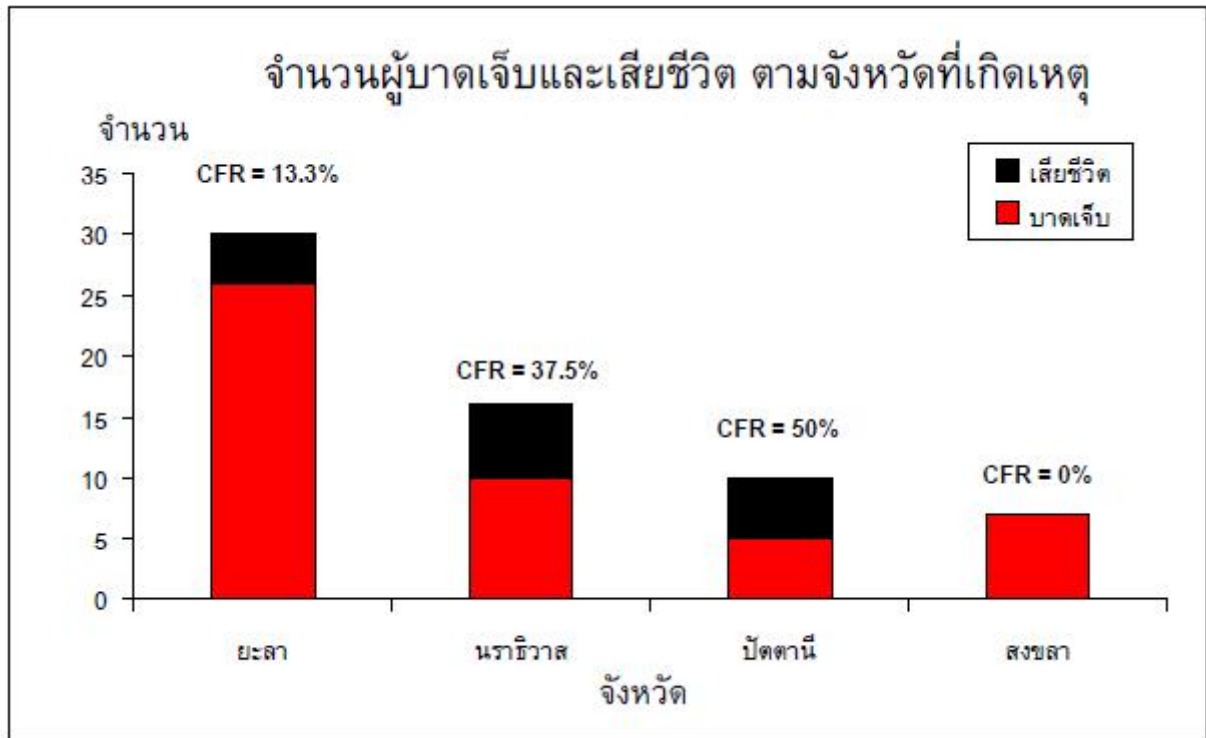
Numbers of violent incidents since January 2004. Across the bottom are the years (2547 is 2004, 2548 is 2005, 2549 is 2006, 2550 is 2007, 2551 is 2008, 2552 is 2009, 2553 is 2010).

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

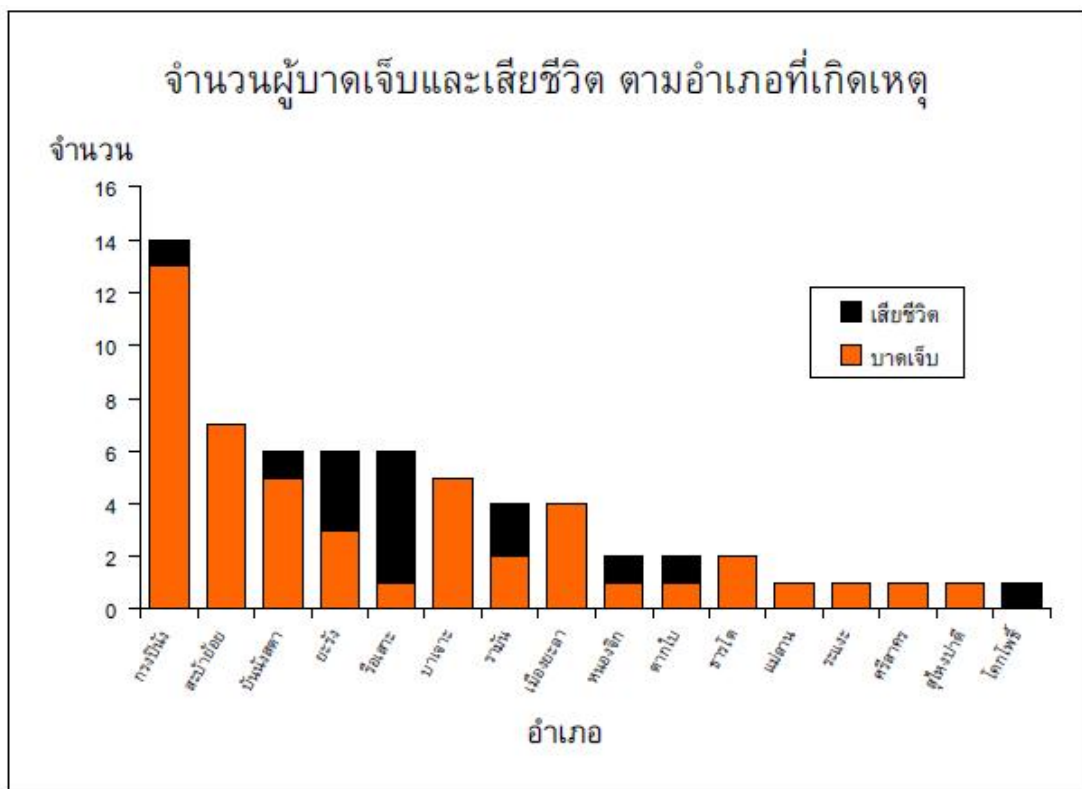
The y-axis shows the numbers of events from 0-500. The x-axis shows the months and year (January 2004 and July to January 2010 and July 2010 from left to right).



The blue line shows the average monthly level of violent incidents from 2004 up to the year 2010. The red line shows the information provided to the Violence-related Injury Surveillance in the year 2010. The y-axis shows the numbers of events from 0-250. The x-axis shows the months of the year from January to December (left to right).

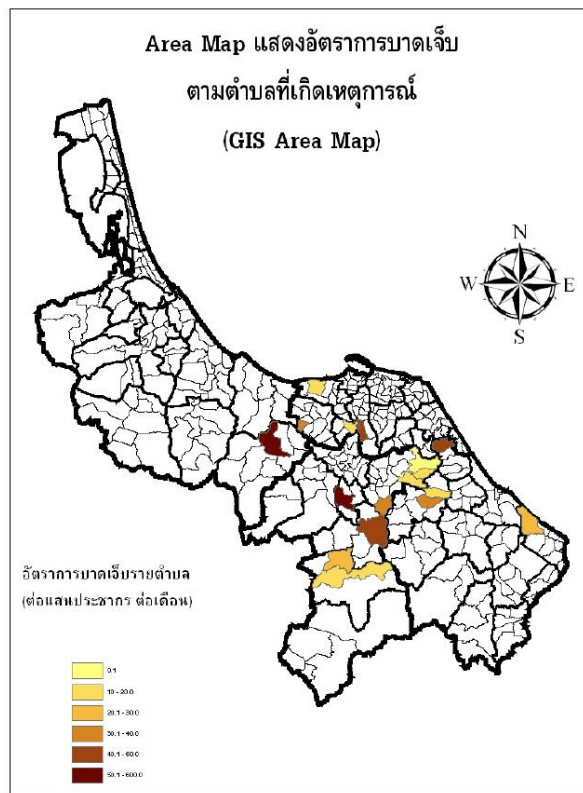


The numbers of injured and dead reported from each province where the events occurred (Yala, Narathiwat, Pattani and Songkhla). Black= dead, red=injured. The CFR (Case Fatality Rate) of each province is above each bar.

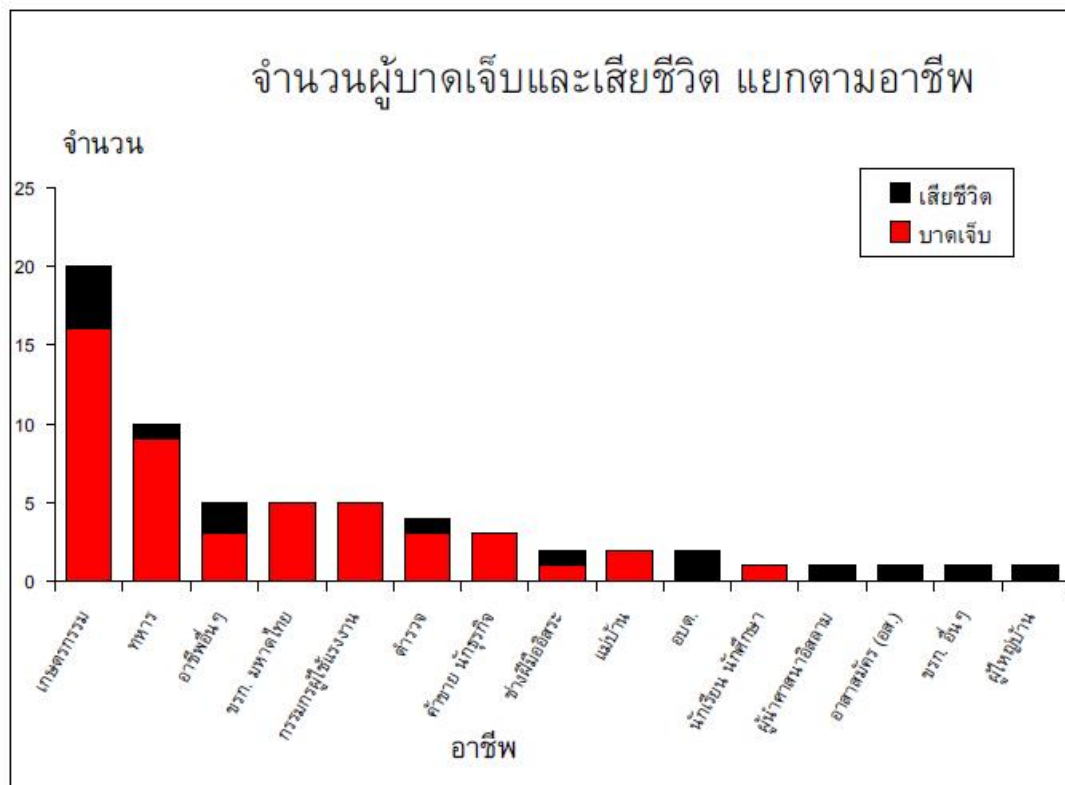


The toll of dead and injured (y-axis), classified by the districts where the incidents took place (x-axis). Black= dead, red=injured.

From left to right on the x-axis is read “Krongpinung, Sabayoy, Bannungsata, Yarang, Ruesoh, Bacho, Raman, City of Yala, Nongchick, Takbai, Tarnto, Maelan, Rangae, Sisakorn, Sungaipadee, Kokpho



Map of four provinces in the deep south (Songkhla, Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat) showing the number of injury rate classified by tambon (per 100,000 population per month). Starting at light yellow, the levels are 0.1, 10-20.0, 20.1-30.0, 30.1-40.0, 40.1-60.0, 50.1-600.0.



The numbers of dead and injured, classified by the victims' profession. Black= dead, red=injured. From left to right: Agriculture, soldiers, other careers, Interior Official, laborers, police, businessmen, independent craftsmen, housewives, Tambon administration, students and college students, Islamic religious leaders, defense guard volunteers, other officials, village chiefs.

Source: Deep South Violence-related Injury Surveillance statistics

Rights group slams Thai-Myanmar refugee ‘ping pong’

December 1, 2010

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Rights group slams Thai-Myanmar refugee ‘ping pong’](#) – Philippine Daily Inquirer Sun, Dec ember, 2010
Thailand must stop treating refugees fleeing conflict in eastern Myanmar as “human ping pong balls” who are returned to their home country prematurely, a top rights group warned Sunday...

The Strange Case of Benny Moafi

December 1, 2010

Categories: Crime

[The Strange Case of Benny Moafi](#) – arnodubus.blogspot.com, December, 2010

...To this day, he has filed 206 cases against the police, the Department of Corrections and various government agencies. And he won several cases : his jailers were forced to take off the heavy chains he had permanently tied to his legs. In another case won, the Department of Corrections was forced to take off these chains from all prisoners on death row...

Thaksin's invitation letter from the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

December 1, 2010

Categories: Thai Politics

[Thaksin's invitation letter from the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe](#) – December, 2010

Thailand's "Mussolini" headed for US?

December 1, 2010

Categories: Thai Politics

[Thailand's "Mussolini" headed for US?](#) – GlobalPost, December, 2010

...Sen. Benjamin Cardin (D-Md.), the commission's chairman, requests Thaksin's perspective on improving Thailand's "human rights situation..."

In Thailand, Buddhists love Christmas too

December 1, 2010

Categories: Christmas

[In Thailand, Buddhists love Christmas too](#) – CSM, December, 2010

Doing Business in Thailand

December 1, 2010

Categories: Business

[Doing Business in Thailand](#) – December, 2010

The Red Shirts on Unreported World: Thailand's Red Fever

December 1, 2010

Categories: Red Shirt Protest 2010, Thailand in the International Media

[The Red Shirts on Unreported World: Thailand's Red Fever](#) – December, 2010

Samui for sale – A critical view on Thai property law

December 1, 2010

Categories: Property and Development

[Samui for sale – A critical view on Thai property law](#) – samuiforsale.com, December, 2010

The “reborn” 5-star resort in Khao Lak

December 1, 2010

Categories: 2004 Tsunami

[The “reborn” 5-star resort in Khao Lak](#) – Flickr, December, 2010

The Windup Girl: Book review

December 1, 2010

Categories: Books

[The Windup Girl: Book review](#) – tvnz.co.nz, December, 2010

...Anderson is investigating the origin of “nightshades”, or extinct produce, that have been mysteriously surfacing in Thailand. He is surrounded by characters that all have their own agendas, like Hock Seng, a refugee with a keen survival instinct, and Emiko, the windup girl after whom the novel is named...

Conergy AG builds a 2.37 megawatt solar photovoltaic (PV) park for Indorama Ventures in Lop Buri

December 1, 2010

Categories: Business

[Conergy AG \(Hamburg, Germany\) builds a 2.37 megawatt solar photovoltaic \(PV\) park for Indorama Ventures in Lop Buri](#) – solarserver.com, December, 2010

Thai food top impression attracting tourists to Bangkok: Survey

December 1, 2010

Categories: Food and Drink

[Thai food top impression attracting tourists to Bangkok: Survey](#) – MCOT, December, 2010

Thai literary epic in new English translation

December 1, 2010

Categories: Books

[Thai literary epic in new English translation](#) – BBC, December, 2010

Life on the Margins-Stunning photographs of urban refugees in Thailand

December 1, 2010

Categories: Books

[Life on the Margins-Stunning photographs of urban refugees in Thailand](#) – Slate, December, 2010

Inside the Boiler Room

December 1, 2010

Categories: Scams

[Inside the Boiler Room](#) – thailandstories.com, December, 2010

Condo project overlooking the Sanctuary of Truth

December 1, 2010

Categories: Buildings

Condo project overlooking the Sanctuary of Truth – December, 2010

[Condo project](#) overlooking the [Sanctuary of Truth](#)

Concrete jungle: Department store's zoo sparks controversy

December 1, 2010

Categories: Wildlife and Nature

[Concrete jungle: Department store's zoo sparks controversy](#) – MSNBC, December, 2010

..."No animals can stay healthy psychologically and physically in a building or in an air-conditioned room," said Edwin Wiek, director of Wildlife Friends Foundation Thailand. "A zoo in a building like Pata is hazardous to animals and humans. It should be a thing of the past..."

Handing out “We Love The King” stickers

December 1, 2010

Categories: HM The King's Birthday



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Handing out “We Love The King” stickers – December 1, 2010

A large contingent of police and media are on hand at the freeway entrance to hand out “We Love The King” stickers. Above, a bubbly lady hands stickers to a taxi driver.



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Brits flee Bangkok boiler room

December 1, 2010

Categories: Scams

[Brits flee Bangkok boiler room](#) – andrew-drummond.com, December 1, 2010

...According to a statement given to the Metropolitan Police in London the boiler room is run working under the name Dominion Provident Marketing Services by Britons David Richards, Zach Carlton, and Robert Wallace. Carlton, a shaven haired man claiming to be ex-army, was described as the General Manager. Wallace and Richards were described as directors.

...Then in one bound he turned to attack the photographer, shouting 'If I see a picture of myself anywhere I will be coming for you'. He grabbed the camera, then threw a punch, which was parried, before sprinting for a motorcycle taxi.

Security guards went to the photographer's assistance by which time he was away in a cloud of exhaust smoke.

Terror-Linked Arrests in Spain and Thailand

December 1, 2010

Categories: Terrorism

[Terror-Linked Arrests in Spain and Thailand](#) – NYT, December 1, 2010

The police in Spain and Thailand arrested 10 people suspected of operating a counterfeiting network that provided fake European passports to terrorist groups linked to Al Qaeda in order to smooth their entry into Western countries, the Spanish Interior Ministry said Wednesday...

Is the Thai Military Torturing Muslim Detainees?

December 1, 2010

Categories: The Thai Deep South

[Is the Thai Military Torturing Muslim Detainees?](#) – Time, December 1, 2010

...The army has not called these allegations isolated incidents or blamed rotten apples; it has flat-out denied them. “We have never committed torture,” Lieut. General Udomchai Thamsarorat, the regional commander, told me. “We’re here to help people, not hurt them.” Blanket denials don’t impress the experts... Our next stop was Ingkhayutthabariharn, home to the military’s main detention and interrogation facility. It is called the Reconciliation Promotion Centre — an Orwellian touch, considering the camp’s notoriety..”

Bhumjaithai Party billboard

December 1, 2010

Categories: Thai Politics



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Bhumjaithai Party billboard – December 1, 2010

The billboard reads: Altogether protecting the institutes – Amnesty to innocents – Stop breakups – Popular policy – Peaceful society – Bhumjaithai Party

Why Americans Don't Travel Overseas

December 2, 2010

Categories: Culture and Society

[Why Americans Don't Travel Overseas](#) – huffingtonpost.com, December 2, 2010

...This attitude is best summed up by a response I got from a friend in Iowa, who said, "Why would you want to go to Thailand? It's far away and scary. If you want beaches, just go to Florida." Americans simply don't see the need to go anywhere else when they can do it all in their own backyard...

Bishop Mansap, promoter of justice in Thailand, dies at 81

December 2, 2010

Categories: People

[Bishop Mansap, promoter of justice in Thailand, dies at 81](#) – Catholic Sentinel, December 2, 2010

...The bishop “pushed the Thai church to declare its position on solving political problems by peaceful means and with respect for people’s human rights. Before this, the Thai church had always been quiet on these matters,” Leechanavanichpan said.

In April, Bishop Mansap called on the government and the so-called “red-shirt” demonstrators taking part in a weeks-long protest against Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva to renew talks after a string of violent clashes...

The political juggling tool

December 2, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, Cartoon by Sia, December 2, 2010

The cartoon headline reads: The political juggling tool, unable to catch or chase

The word on the hooded man's robe reads: Breaking the election bill

The word on the man being held up by a judge: EC

The words close to cobra reads: Wrongness becomes rightness due to the case is expired

Thailand's Withering Democracy Leading to Political Impasse

December 3, 2010

Categories: Red Shirt Protest 2010

[Thailand's Withering Democracy Leading to Political Impasse](#) – worldpoliticsreview.com, December 3, 2010

The withering of Thailand's democracy is closing potential avenues for political resolution of the country's ongoing crisis and may lead toward widespread violence, and possibly even an armed revolt...

Hard-core red Arisman vows to fight on

December 3, 2010

Categories: Red Shirt Protest 2010

[Hard-core red Arisman vows to fight on](#) – Bangkok Post, December 3, 2010

...There is also another faction tasked to fight covertly with every means against those that serve the elite, including biased media, ministers, soldiers, police, civil servants, independent organisations and judges. If necessary, these people must be eliminated. Any red shirt that has a chance and is near an intended target will be tasked to do the job.

Mr Arisman believes that by getting rid of these people, the red shirts will create full democracy with freedom, justice and equality, and that every institution must be under the constitution with no exception. Those who kill the people must be severely punished...

World Cup 2018: England to pull out of Thailand friendly in protest, after humiliating bid defeat

December 3, 2010

Categories: Sports

[World Cup 2018: England to pull out of Thailand friendly in protest, after humiliating bid defeat](#) – Daily Telegraph, December 3, 2010

...However, for two months it had been clear that Makudi had no intention of supporting England in the vote.

In September, Telegraph Sport revealed that Makudi was part of a vote-trading alliance between Spain-Portugal and Qatar that he was highly unlikely to abandon.

Last month he telephoned Premier League chairman Sir Dave Richards, who is also chair of the Club England board, to ask if the game would be honoured even if he did not vote for England...

Manila unable to realise tourist potential

December 3, 2010

Categories: The Philippines, Tourism

[Manila unable to realise tourist potential](#) – Asia News Network, December 3, 2010

...For starters, there was the slogan 'Pilipinas Kay Ganda'. Meaning 'Philippines So Beautiful' in Tagalog, it was hoped that the phrase would come to rival the now-iconic 'Incredible India' and 'Malaysia, Truly Asia' slogans.

But it later dawned on many that the phrase would have been incomprehensible to foreigners.

Then there was the campaign's unfortunate website address, which was similar to that of a porn site already on the Internet, leading embarrassed officials to take it down quickly.

Finally, the design of the campaign website became embroiled in a plagiarism row, for using the same lettering and features of Poland's official tourism logo...

Hiding behind her skirt

December 3, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, December 3, 2010

The cartoon shows Thaksin hiding behind Anug San Suu Kyi on the left and new Red Shirt leader Thida Thavornsed on the right.

The caption reads: He is blamed for hiding behind the skirt of this lady and, therefore, he establishes this other lady instead.

Reds and Yellows attack Suthep

December 3, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons

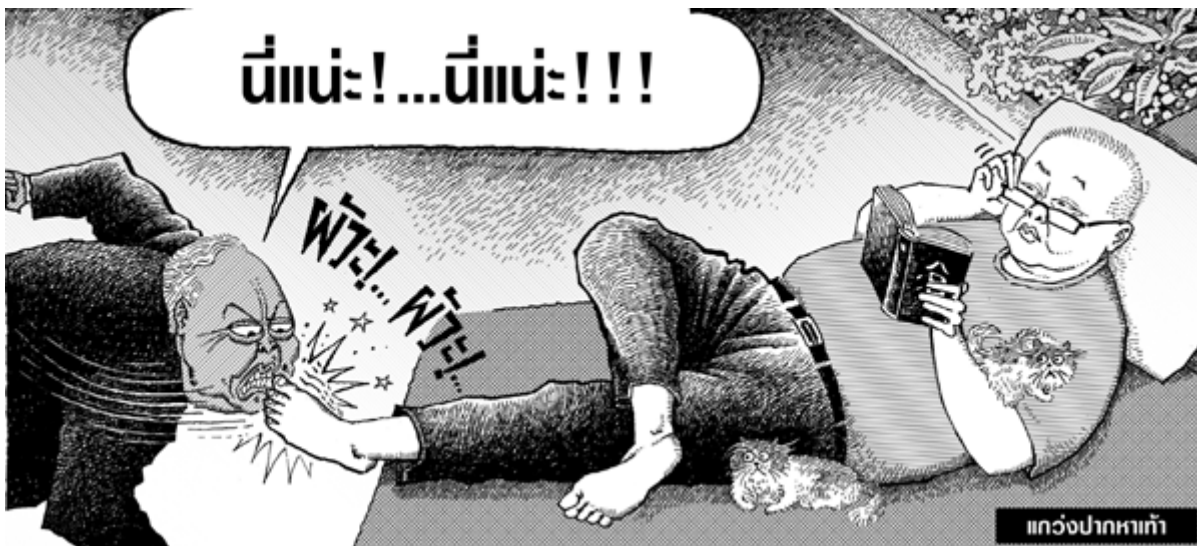


From Thai Rath, Cartoon by Sia, December 3, 2010

The cartoon headline reads: The Nangkwak of the party

The word on building at the right reads: The Democrat Party

The words on the shirts of the mean read: "PAD" and "UDD"



From Manager, December 1, 2010

Deputy PM Suthep is biting the toes of the PAD's Sondhi. He is saying: Take this! Take this!

The words near the feet: Hwah! Hwah!

The caption reads: Bringing one's mouth to meet someone's foot



From Thairath, Cartoon by Sia, November 30, 2010

The cartoon headline reads: Favors require the asking of something in return.

Deputy PM Suthep stands at the podium.

Left: The PAD has asked for the return of their favor for making Abhisit Prime Minister, but the Democrat Party is the one who should ask the return of favors from the PAD.

Middle: What favor does the PAD owe the Democrat Party, sir?

Right: Ah... who is the one who brought food and beverage as well as MPs to cheer up the PAD and help it grow fast?

The mouse holds a sign that reads: Reconciliation requires the release of UDD political prisoners

Thai money offer slammed

December 3, 2010

Categories: Red Shirt Protest 2010

[Thai money offer slammed](#) – Straits Times, December 3, 2010

The sister of an Italian photographer killed in Bangkok during this year's anti-government protests accused Thai authorities of offering money to 'close our mouths', in a letter released on Friday...

Thai court ends case against Mikhail Pletnev

December 4, 2010

Categories: Crime

[Thai court ends case against Mikhail Pletnev](#) – The Voice of Russia, December 4, 2010

...Thai authorities failed to send Pletnev's case to court in the required 84-day period, which expired on September 27, thus ending the investigation.

Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej's 83rd birthday celebration in Xiamen

December 4, 2010

Categories: HM The King's Birthday

[Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej's 83rd birthday celebration in Xiamen](#) – What's on Xiamen, December 4, 2010

...There are currently nearly 800 Thai nationals in Xiamen, 500 of them are overseas students. The largest Thai businesses in Xiamen are Thai Airways, Bangkok Bank and the global conglomerate, Charoen Pokphand Group (250,000 employees worldwide)...

Thai is top foreign visitors to Hue

December 4, 2010

Categories: Tourism, Vietnam

[Thai is top foreign visitors to Hue](#) – english.vovnews.vn, December 4, 2010

...The number of Thai visitors to Hue increased from 4.7 percent in 2005 to 24 percent in 2010, putting them at the top of the list of foreign arrivals in Hue. As many as 6,000 Thai visitors arrived in Hue in a single day this year...

Southeast Asia's colonial heritage victim of modernisation

December 4, 2010

Categories: Cambodia

[Southeast Asia's colonial heritage victim of modernisation](#) – The Malaysian Insider, December 4, 2010

When Cambodia tore down a century-old school in the capital this year, conservationists bemoaned the loss of yet another piece of history in former French Indochina in the rush to modernise...

Where is Bangkok?

December 4, 2010
Categories: Graffiti



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Where is Bangkok? – December 4, 2010
The graffiti reads: Where is BANGKOK?

Thai Facebook Scam Suspect Arrested

December 5, 2010

Categories: Crime

[Thai Facebook Scam Suspect Arrested](#) – Pattaya Daily News, December 5, 2010

Police link Fadli to Malay, Thai terrorists

December 5, 2010

Categories: Terrorism

[Police link Fadli to Malay, Thai terrorists](#) – Jakarta Post, December 5, 2010

The police say recently captured Indonesian terror suspect Fadli Sadama is connected to terrorist networks in Malaysia and south Thailand....

We love HM King billboard

December 5, 2010

Categories: Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The billboard reads: We love HM King – The National Police Department – The Cable Television Foundation celebrating HM King

Mobile users ‘are second-class citizens’

December 6, 2010

Categories: Business

[Mobile users ‘are second-class citizens’](#) – Bangkok Post, December 6, 2010

...Mr Anuparb hit out at a recent move by the TCI for urging the NTC to apply two proposed measures on prepaid subscription as a “fake action movie”, with no real intention of assisting consumers...

Boredom, availability lead to 2nd wives: survey

December 7, 2010

Categories: Culture and Society

[Boredom, availability lead to 2nd wives: survey](#) – Bangkok Post, December 7, 2010

...Most husbands took on minor wives because other women were readily available and they got tired of their first wife “going to pot and nagging them all the time,” according to researchers from Ramathibodi Hospital.

...The main reason for philandering cited by the male respondents was opportunities and close proximity to other women at 58.2 per cent. Other reasons were getting bored with their wife due to overfamiliarity from living together for a long time (48.2 per cent), the wife’s behaviour such as drinking, gambling, nagging or being aggressive (42.7 per cent) and the wife not taking care of her looks and getting fat (42 per cent).

The women said they thought men found minor wives because they were insatiable (77.8 per cent) and they were in a tempting environment surrounded by other women (73.4 per cent)...

Panel claims red shirt inmates tortured

December 7, 2010

Categories: Red Shirt Protest 2010

[Panel claims red shirt inmates tortured](#) – Bangkok Post, December 7, 2010

...The detainees had little access to relatives or lawyers. At least five uneducated and poor protesters were arrested in Chiang Mai and sentenced to 20 years in prison without access to a proper defence, the NHRC subcommittee said...

Thaksin unfit to speak in US

December 7, 2010

Categories: Thai Politics

[Thaksin unfit to speak in US](#) – Bangkok Post, December 7, 2010

...While still in power in Thailand before the overthrow of his government by a military coup in September 2006, Thaksin was widely accused of abuse of human rights, of free expression and of good governance. Under his order to cleanse Thailand of illegal drugs in 2003, an estimated 2,600 drug suspects, including many innocent people, fell victim to extra-judicial death squads.

The Krue Se mosque attack in April 2004, in which 31 suspected Muslim gunmen were killed, and the Tak Bai tragedy in October of the same year, in which 85 Muslims died during a protest, including 78 who suffocated while being trucked to an army barracks in Narathiwat, also took place during Thaksin's premiership.

Press freedom during the Thaksin regime was under severe threat with all government-owned media gagged and commercial media critical of his government being given the choice: bow to the government line or face a crippling advertising boycott from the government and major companies associated with prominent government figures...

Thai Hollywood hopes fade

December 7, 2010

Categories: Film and TV

[Thai Hollywood hopes fade](#) – Asia Times, December 7, 2010

...Those restrictions have impacted on certain foreign film-makers. Bill Yip, an independent film producer from Hong Kong, recently received approval to film in Thailand and even received help in scouting locations from the film authorities. But two days before filming was due to start, the authorities revoked his permission and threatened Yip with prosecution if the film he planned to make about child prostitution centered on Thailand.

It's all in marked contrast to what is happening in nearby Singapore, where the film and TV production industry is booming despite a similarly restrictive censorship regime.

Singapore's interventionist approach of co-investment via the Media Development Authority (MDA) in its own private film sector has created a growing cast of supporting companies capable of working effectively with foreign film-makers...

Wikileaks Cables Spotlight US Surveillance of Burmese Junta

December 7, 2010

Categories: Myanmar/Burma, Wikileaks

[Wikileaks Cables Spotlight US Surveillance of Burmese Junta](#) – The Irrawaddy, December 7, 2010

Burmese dictator Snr-Gen Than Shwe pondered buying Manchester United football team for US \$1 billion at the urge of his favorite grandson in January last year, according to the latest US diplomatic cables revealed by whistle-blowing website Wikileaks.

The proposed move reportedly did not come about because the junta chief thought “that sort of expenditure could look bad” in the aftermath of the 2008 Cyclone Nargis in which more than 130,000 people died...

Risk the Trampling

December 7, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Komchadluek, December 7, 2010

Left: The reason of postponing the talk show from December 5th is that don't want to change the name .

Middle: Changing from the name "Won non kook" to what?

Right: "Won Done Tueb"



Thaksin may deliver Hong Kong speech via video-link

December 8, 2010

Categories: Thai Politics

[Thaksin may deliver Hong Kong speech via video-link](#) – *The Nation*, February 29, 2009

Man finds extreme healing eating parasitic worms

December 9, 2010

Categories: Culture and Society

[Man finds extreme healing eating parasitic worms](#) – CNN, December 9, 2010

...His doctor back home had told him his idea was crazy, that infesting himself with parasitic worms wouldn't do anything to help his ulcerative colitis, and in fact could make him very sick. The gastroenterologist had told the man if he pursued this course of treatment, he would refuse to be his doctor anymore.

"You'll be on your own," the man remembers the doctor telling him.

Indeed, he was on his own, standing in the office of a Thai doctor, asking her to pick the worm eggs out of an 11-year-old girl's stool...

Leak implicates Thai military in civilian deaths

December 9, 2010

Categories: Red Shirt Protest 2010

[Leak implicates Thai military in civilian deaths](#) – ABC, December 10, 2010

[Thaksin Goes to America](#) – asiasentinel.com, December 9, 2010

...When I gave a talk to the Singaporean public in the aftermath of the May incident and tried to point out such lack of responsibility on the part of the Abhisit government, a top diplomat from the Royal Thai Embassy in Singapore condemned me for making “disturbing statements” and argued that the Thai security forces did not kill the protestors...

Suvarnabhumi International Airport: An architectural masterpiece?

December 9, 2010

Categories: Airports and Airlines

[Suvarnabhumi International Airport: An architectural masterpiece?](#) – CNNGo, December 9, 2010

Email about analysis of Wikileaks documents alarms government employees

December 10, 2010

Categories: Wikileaks

Email about analysis of Wikileaks documents alarms government employees – December 10, 2010

ISIS sent out an email to its mailing list directing readers to [a page covering the ISIS analysis of the leaks](#).

As U.S. government employees have apparently been ordered not to read about the leaks in an format, receiving such email with a link to a page discussing the leaked document alarmed some. Later ISIS sent another email to apologize:

ISIS would like to apologize for any consternation that a mass e-mail sent out this morning about recently released State Department cables may have caused for federal government employees, contractors, or other readers who subscribe to our mailing list. We did not carefully think through the implications of sending out this e-mail to our mass reader list. We do hope that since the subject line of our e-mail clearly indicated that “State Dept. cables” would be discussed, anyone concerned was able to delete it or avoid reading it. We also did not link to any actual cables in the mass e-mail. Nevertheless, we understand that simply having an e-mail with this content in a government e-mail inbox is potentially problematic. We will not be sending out further mass e-mails containing cable related information. ISIS recognizes that there is an ongoing debate about the administration’s policy regarding employee reading of these documents. We hope the administration works out fairly and pragmatically how it will deal with this issue so that employees are not in conflict. We believe the government should recognize that inadvertent leaks do happen, and now that the material is public, its employees may need to be informed about content. An irony of this policy is that one assumes government employees are now restricted in their reading of the New York Times, El Pais, Le Monde, Der Spiegel, the Guardian, and any other news publication which happens to cover and quote the cable content. This seems an overly broad restriction which we hope the administration will address...

“Robert Amsterdam – Thaksin Shinawatra Top Lawyer – Defends Democracy”

December 10, 2010

Categories: Robert Amsterdam

[“Robert Amsterdam – Thaksin Shinawatra Top Lawyer – Defends Democracy”](#) – bignews.biz, December 10, 2010

...”We are delighted to be retained by Prime Minister Shinawatra to be effective on this urgent matter, and we accept and acknowledge the difficult intricacy and level of sensitivity of the political turmoil unraveling Thai society,” said Robert Amsterdam, founding partner of the distinguished law firm Amsterdam & Peroff. “It is our objective to examine every legal avenue to aid and support this pro-democracy activity, and urge the international community and general public not to put up with the current government’s chaotic attack on peaceful protestors...”

US plays up Russian gangs in Thailand

December 10, 2010

Categories: Wikileaks

[US plays up Russian gangs in Thailand](#) – Asia Times Online, December 10, 2010

America's Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Homeland Security and other agencies were investigating "Russian organized crime networks" who were murdering and stealing in Thailand's most popular tourist beach resorts, according to a US Embassy cable released by WikiLeaks...

‘Pink Man’ not in anyone’s footsteps

December 10, 2010

Categories: Art

[‘Pink Man’ not in anyone’s footsteps](#) – Bangkok Post, December 10, 2010

...Thank you so much for mentioning my name and work in your review of the book Contemporary Asian Art (by Melissa Chiu and Benjamin Genocchoi). But your statement that "...Manit Sriwanichpoom has followed in the footsteps of Michael Shaowanasai by creating another figure called Pink Man..." is erroneous and insulting to me...

Thaksin going to the U.S.

December 10, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, December 10, 2010

Thaksin holds a sign that reads: I will go to the U.S.A.

The words in the background reads: Long Live the King

The caption reads: Being afraid that people will not remember



From Thairath, Cartoon by Sia, December 10, 2010

The cartoon headline reads: The real killing that must be told across the world

The skull is saying: Cannot cover

The words on the hooded figure reads: Order crackdown on the people

The words on the two signs: "Ratchaprasong" and "Kok Wua"

Thaksin is at the upper right pointing out to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe the killings of the Red Shirts.



From Thairath, Cartoon by Sia, December 8, 2010

The cartoon caption reads: Obedient to one's orders, follows the orders easily

The words on the hooded figure reads: Order crackdown on the people

The word on the sign reads: Ratchaprasong

The word on the hand reads: Soi Dao Mountain

The words on the sign held by the mouse reads: Reconciliation requires the release of UDD political prisoners



From Manager, December 10, 2010

At left, Abhisit says: I used the iPad to send pictures and the schedule of Thaksin's U.S. visit to you. Have you received it?

At left, Obama says: I have received the iPad... and I will forward to the FBI's iPad for you.

The caption reads: Mark and Obama really did talk about the iPad.

Election posters: Stop Corruptions

December 11, 2010

Categories: Elections



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The poster reads: Pheu Thai Party – Stop corruption, Stop taking loan to create debt – Please vote Pongpisuth Jintasophon Number 1, 12 December 2010 at 8.00-15.00 o'clock



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The poster reads: Pheu Thai Party for Thailand future – No matter what pain, how poor, for how long we have to wait... when will it change? – Please vote Pongpisuth Jintasopon number 1, 12 December 2010 at 8.00-15.00 o' clock



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The poster reads: The Democrat Party, Yannawa, Sathorn, Bangkorlaem, Klongtoey, Wattana, please vote Apirak Kosayothin number 2, Bangkok MP zone 2 – Holding tight to the ideology, working for the people, Sunday, 12 December 2010



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The poster reads: Thai Porpieng Party is for “self-sufficiency economy”

The grassroots people and the middle class are the peaceful survival way out for Thailand – It is time to change, please vote number 3 – I have fought to call for the poor and suffering people continuously during the past 20 years – Ajarn Jamrat Intumarn, Party leader, number 3

Thailand politics must rely on the 5 things as follows;

1. Must rely on the principle of “self-sufficiency economy” on the middle path in administration.
2. Must vote in new MPs who are grassroots and middle class from new parties only.
3. Must allow those who don't have valuable assets or good credit to take loans for conducting their profession continuously.
4. Must equally allow the grassroots and middle class to have the fundamental things the need.
5. Must use the 11 urgent policies of the Thai Porpieng Party as principles to solve the country's problem.

Our Auspicious 1/4 Cycle Birthday

December 11, 2010

Categories: Humor

[Our Auspicious 1/4 Cycle Birthday](#) – Not the Nation, December 11, 2010

Thailand: Stage Set for Another Color Revolution

December 11, 2010

Categories: High Tension in Thailand 2011

[Thailand: Stage Set for Another Color Revolution](#) – activistpost.com, December 11, 2010

War front line in the cyber world

December 11, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, Cartoon by Sia, December 11, 2010

The cartoon title reads: War front line in the cyber world

The street sign in the background reads: Ratchaprasong

The skulls are saying: Were killed at Ratchaprasong, Were killed at Pathumwanaram, Were killed at Bonkai, Were killed at Rangnam, Were shot at Kokwua intersection

Figures representing the Department of Special Investigations (DSI), Center for the Resolution of the Emergency Situation (CRES), and the Privy Council and other high institutions (the hooded figure) attempt to stop news of the killings from coming out of a computer screen.

Top Singapore officials trash the neighbours

December 12, 2010

Categories: Wikileaks

[Top Singapore officials trash the neighbours](#) – www.smh.com.au, December 12, 2010

Operation Alpha

December 12, 2010

Categories: Crime, Terrorism

[Operation Alpha](#) – Bangkok Post, December 12, 2010

The inside story of how DSI investigators helped shut down an international forgery ring that supplied fake documents to terrorists and other criminal elements for a decade...

Phuket not surveyed, but Bangkok now world's 2nd cheapest city

December 12, 2010

Categories: Economy

[Phuket not surveyed, but Bangkok now world's 2nd cheapest city](#) – Phuket Gazette, December 12, 2010

The Danger of Elected Provincial Governors

December 12, 2010

Categories: Thai Politics

[Provincial governor polls 'could ease political rifts'](#) – Bangkok Post, December 12, 2010

...Thanet Charoenmuang, a political science lecturer at Chiang Mai University, told a seminar organised by King Prajadhipok's Institute yesterday that making governors electable will ease social and political rifts...

[Danger of Elected Provincial Governors](#) – TAN, October 13, 2010

...Many of the pro-red shirt scholars from Chulalongkorn University have proposed that the governors of all provinces in the country be elected, similar to the gubernatorial electoral system practiced in Bangkok Metropolitan and Pattaya...

Songkhla mermaid statue

December 12, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News



From KhaoSod, December 12, 2010 – The caption reads: Back to normalcy – The officers from the Songkhla Municipal Office removed cloth and flower wreaths from the mermaid statue and cleaned the statue at Samila Beach in Songkhla Province to return the statue's appearance to normal. A sign banning homage ceremonies for luck and wishes is set up.

Unreported World: 2003 – State sponsored executions

December 13, 2010

Categories: Thailand in the International Media, Thaksin's War on Drugs, The Thaksin Years

[Unreported World: 2003 – State sponsored executions](#) – YouTube, July, 2010

Zaiba Malik investigates claims that the government's attempts to eradicate the world's worst methamphetamine addiction problem have led to state-sanctioned executions in the street...

Qantas jumbo's water leak knocked out systems: report

December 13, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Qantas jumbo's water leak knocked out systems: report](#) – The Age, December 13, 2010

A water leak in the galley of a Qantas 747 jumbo jet knocked out electricity to a series of systems during a flight to Bangkok, leaving pilots just minutes to land on battery power...

Not to cancel the emergency decree

December 13, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, December 13, 2010

Left: Premier called to order us not to cancel the emergency decree for fear of mobs!

The other man says: Aww! Mr. Abhisit has just ordered me to cancel it?

The sign on the man's desk reads: Interior Minister

Right: I am talking about the Chief of the Soccer Association

How to Access Wikileaks

December 14, 2010

Categories: Wikileaks

[The Thai-related cables released so far](#)

[More Wikileaks mirror sites](#) – BoingBoing, December 3, 2010

<http://46.59.1.2/>

<http://88.80.13.160/>

<http://213.251.145.96/>
<http://wikileaks.ch/>

[Wikileaks on Twitter](#) – [Wikileaks on Facebook](#)

[WL Central – An unofficial WikiLeaks information resource](#)

[US embassy cables: XXXX XXXX opposed to 2008 coup](#) – *The Guardian*, December 14, 2010

[Samak's spirit returning from the grave?](#) – *The Nation*, December 15, 2010

[The Wikileaks sex files: How two one-night stands sparked a worldwide hunt for Julian Assange](#) – *Daily Mail*, December 7, 2010
...Swedes are calling the whole squalid affair a honeytrap, a plot to bring down the Wikileaks supremo...

[Twitter is censoring the discussion of #Wikileaks](#) – *bubbly.wordpress.com*, December 5, 2010

[Wikileaks: Burma Passes Asean News to Beijing](#) – *The Temasek Review*, December 4, 2010

[WikiLeaks US embassy cables: live updates](#)

[U.S. Military in Iraq Tries to Intimidate Soldiers Into Not Reading Wikileaks](#) – *Gawker*, December 3, 2010

U.S. soldiers in Iraq who try to read about the Wikileaks disclosures—or read coverage of them in mainstream news sites—on unclassified networks get a page warning them that they're about to break the law...

[WikiLeaks: How the U.S. Helped Bring in a 'Merchant of Death'](#) – *Time*, December 3, 2010
...It was suggested that a senior DEA official join Attorney General Holder in that meeting to emphasize "the extensive U.S. commitment of law enforcement resources to Thailand" and "massive DEA commitment to Thailand." The ambassador also recommended that the governments of Colombia, Sierra Leone and Liberia weigh in on Bout's case to the Thai government...

[No job if you link to WikiLeaks, warns Columbia](#) – *richardbrenneman.wordpress.com*, December 2, 2010

...He recommends that you DO NOT post links to these documents nor make comments on social media sites such as Facebook or through Twitter. Engaging in these activities would call into question your ability to deal with confidential information, which is part of most positions with the federal government...

[Library of Congress Is Latest Government Institution to Block Wikileaks](#) – *Gawker*, December 3, 2010

[WikiLeaks' War on Secrecy: Truth's Consequences](#) – *Time*, December 2, 2010

[Wikileaks.org domain 'killed'](#) – *BoingBoing*, December 2, 2010

[Foreign Ministry to clarify about Wikileaks](#) – *Bangkok Post*, December 3, 2010

[Wikileaks alleged Russia bribed Bout witnesses](#) –

The Nation, December 2, 2010

...He warned that the extraditions proceedings had become “tainted as a result of the efforts by Bout’s associates to bribe Thai officials”.

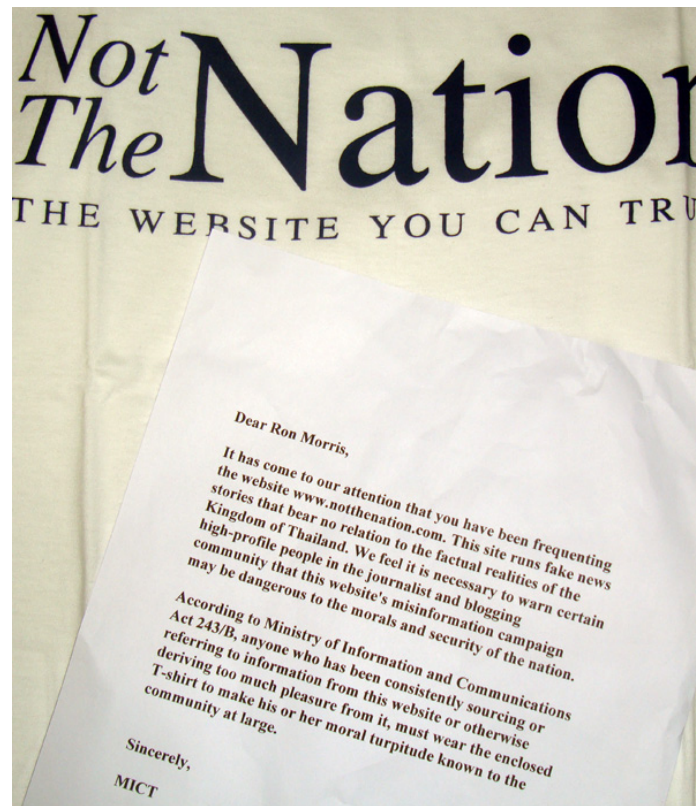
John said the Americans had uncovered several examples of influence and corruption. These included the false testimony by a witness, an attempt to procure the personal secretary of the crown prince of Thailand to testify on Bout’s behalf, and “evidence of bribery schemes gathered throughout the world”...

[US embassy cables: Russian mafia active in Thailand](#) – *Guardian*, December 1, 2010

T-shirt from Not the Nation

December 14, 2010

Categories: Humor



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

T-shirt from Not the Nation – December 14, 2010

Amusing promotional mailing from the newly updated [Not the Nation](http://www.notthenation.com).

Regional Impact of Thailand's Withering Democracy

December 14, 2010

Categories: Thai Politics

[Regional Impact of Thailand's Withering Democracy](#) – worldpoliticsreview.com, December 14, 2010

The top idea from Oxford graduate student

December 15, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, December 15, 2010

Abhisit says: How can I make someone love me... I can figure it out... I must pay them!!!

The word on the paper on his desk reads: Electioneering policy

The caption at bottom right reads: The top idea from Oxford graduate student

Cambodian airport project includes new city

December 16, 2010

Categories: Cambodia

[Cambodian airport project includes new city](#)

Asian Correspondent, December 16, 2010

A South Korean company contracted to build a new airport serving visitors to Cambodia's famed Angkor temples says its \$1 billion project will also encompass a new city and industrial estate...

Shinawatra University

December 16, 2010

Categories: Thai Politics



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Shinawatra University – December 16, 2010

We note that Thaksin’s “Voice TV” (located strategically across from government television channel 11) has has a “Shinawatra University” added to the building.

Killing of suspect filmed – PM wants explanation of video on YouTube

December 16, 2010

Categories: Thai Police

[Killing of suspect filmed – PM wants explanation of video on YouTube](#) – Bangkok Post, December 16, 2010

Cambodian airport project includes new city

December 16, 2010

Categories: Cambodia

[Cambodian airport project includes new city](#) – Asian Correspondent, December 16, 2010

A South Korean company contracted to build a new airport serving visitors to Cambodia's famed Angkor temples says its \$1 billion project will also encompass a new city and industrial estate...

Thai Santa Claus

December 17, 2010

Categories: Christmas, Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, December 17, 2010

Abhisit is saying: Sorry Santa Jin, there is only one Santa Claus as the receivers will be impressed.

The words on the bag read: The money for the local administrative organization

The caption reads: Santa War

Dancing Light UFO Video in Thailand Update: Expert Analysis of Video, UFO ‘Skywriting’

December 17, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Dancing Light UFO Video in Thailand Update: Expert Analysis of Video, UFO ‘Skywriting’](#) – deathby1000papercuts.com, December 17, 2010

Sanan and Reconciliation

December 18, 2010

Categories: Thai Politics



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The billboard reads: Reconciliation... the reconciliatory road will succeed if every side coordinates for the happiness of everyone in the nation

Thai Michael Jackson impersonator

December 18, 2010

Categories: Culture and Society



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Thai Michael Jackson impersonator – December 18, 2010

The sign reads: Banmaidaeng Sardsaengduan – Free Concert – Michael Thang – Friday 3rd December 2010
– Tel: 02-691-5346-7

Top cop shop sets sights on UN award

December 18, 2010

Categories: Thai Police

[Top cop shop sets sights on UN award](#) – Bangkok Post, December 18, 2010

We will fight to bring Weng home

December 18, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, December 18, 2010

The words signs read: We will fight to bring Thaksin home.

Red Shirt leader Thida, standing in the center, holds a sign that reads: We will fight to bring Weng home

Thida says: What!!!?...Am I doing the wrong thing?

Thailand takes delivery of Erieye systems

December 20, 2010

Categories: Thai Military

[Thailand takes delivery of Erieye systems](#)

UPI, December 20, 2010

...FMV last month signed an agreement with Thailand for six Gripen fighters of the latest C version, along with an additional Saab 340 with Erieye radar and the Swedish missile RB 15F.

Red-shirt resurgence looks nightmarish for Abhisit

December 21, 2010

Categories: High Tension in Thailand 2011

[Red-shirt resurgence looks nightmarish for Abhisit](#) – The Nation, December 21, 2010

...The disgraced politician in self-imposed exile is no longer vague or ambiguous about his role. He is the main sponsor of the red-shirt movement. During his phone-in to Pheu Thai Party MPs, Thaksin sternly instructed them to take care of the red-shirts financially, and they can expect further payments from him...

Film board bans ‘Insects in the Backyard’

December 23, 2010

Categories: Film and TV

[Film board bans ‘Insects in the Backyard’](#) – The Nation, December 23, 2010

Cambodia: New Penal Code Undercuts Free Speech

December 24, 2010

Categories: Cambodia

[Cambodia: New Penal Code Undercuts Free Speech](#) – Index on Censorship, December 24, 2010

The new penal code of the Cambodian government was against a man who shared the web articles with his co workers and the human rights watch said that it is a huge step backward for the free expression in Cambodia. The man was then convicted on incitement charges and he was sentenced to prison...

Tsunami prophecy dampens Phuket's tourism sector

December 25, 2010

Categories: 2004 Tsunami

[Tsunami prophecy dampens Phuket's tourism sector](#) – EARTHtimes, December 9, 2010

...Most experts say the chances of another tsunami are small, but Thai astrologer Warin Buawiratlert and several other soothsayers have predicted a repeat disaster this December, causing ripples of concern, especially among Thai tourists, and irking hoteliers...

Suspected Somali pirates seize Thai-flagged ship

December 25, 2010

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Suspected Somali pirates seize Thai-flagged ship](#) – Reuters, December 25, 2010

Backing Mingkwan

December 25, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons, Thai Politics



Baby – Arun, Krungratepurakit, February 26, 2008

Left top (the very small letters): Get better soon

Right top: Grow up, grow up

The words on the blanket: Goods prices

[MPs seek Thaksin's backing for Mingkwan](#) – Bangkok Post, December 25, 2010

We must not forget Thaksin

December 25, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, December 25, 2010

Left: We must not forget Thaksin. The other man says: Love him?

Right: No... if we forget him, Mark will give us the money.

Can I put down my hands?

December 25, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Khaosod, December 25, 2010

The man is saying: Can I put down my hands?

The words by the soldier's mouth reads: Crooked wages

The minister that the world forgets

December 25, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Komchadluek, December 25, 20110

Left: I think that the “minister that the world forgets” is not as bad as...

Middle: As what, Pue?

Right: The former Prime Minister that the world will never forget.

Asia: guinea pigs aplenty for drug giants

December 26, 2010

Categories: Drugs

[Asia: guinea pigs aplenty for drug giants](#) – Global Post, December 26, 2010

Looser laws, cheaper payouts lure more pharmaceutical tests to Thailand...

Thai police foil Norwegian millionaire's attempted kidnapping

December 27, 2010

Categories: Crime, Thai Police

[Thai police foil Norwegian millionaire's attempted kidnapping](#) – The Foreigner, December 27, 2010

Come on, I will give you massage. You are great.

December 27, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, Cartoon by Sia, December 27, 2010

The cartoon title reads: Come on, I will give you massage. You are great.

The words on the bag read: The wages for hunting and suppressing the Red Shirts

The hooded figure sits on a sign that reads: Ratchaprasong

The words on his robe read: Order crackdown on the people

Rare Cambodian Elephant Captured on Video

December 28, 2010

Categories: Cambodia, Rare Animals

[Rare Cambodian Elephant Captured on Video](#) – Wired News, December 28, 2010

A rare Cambodian elephant has finally been caught on video. The tape was shot in August by photographer Allan Michaud for the Wildlife Conservation Society, who say it's the first high-quality video footage of an Asian elephant in Cambodia...

When King Kong goes mad

December 28, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, December 28, 2010

The foreigner says: In my country, when King Kong goes mad, we use the airplane to go shoot it and make it fall down.

The Thai man says: Cannot. In my county we must rely on an order to revoke the bail request.

Big stage or small one for kickboxing?

December 28, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, December 28, 2010

Left: The foreigner says: I want to do the kick boxing, what will you suggest?

The Thai man says: Would you like a big stage or small one?

Middle: The foreigner says: What is the difference?

The Thai man says: If you watch the small stage at Ratchadamneon, it is a one-to-one fight.

Right: At the big stage at the soccer yard, they punch in team.

Van Accident

December 29, 2010

Categories: Crime

Van accident – December 29, 2010

Wisarat was caught up in the van accident this week.

[What went wrong?](#) – The Nation, December 30, 2010

... Wisarat Bholsithi, research assistant at the National Electronics and Computer Technology Centre, was one of the injured and is being treated at Vibhavadi Hospital. He suffered injuries on his head, forehead and legs and bad bruises and has trouble breathing.

The victim recounted that he was on his way home to Chaeng Wattana from his office in Pathum Thani's Rangsit district.

"I was asleep and then I heard a loud bang, before the van started spinning. I saw many of the seats empty as I struggled to get out of the wreckage. Then I saw some injured passengers on the road and realised why the seats were empty."

He said he borrowed a rescue worker's mobile phone to inform his mother of his whereabouts. "I will never be able to forget what happened."

Wisarat said he was feeling better and expected to spend New Year's Day at home. "After this near-death experience, I will make merit on January 1 and pray that the next year is a good one."

[On the forum: van accident on Donmuang Tollway](#)

[Teen under fire over crash](#) – Bangkok Post, December 30, 2010

Beware the watermelons – Politics remain dangerously polarised at the start of an election year

December 29, 2010

Categories: High Tension in Thailand 2011

[Beware the watermelons – Politics remain dangerously polarised at the start of an election year](#) – The Economist, December 29, 2010

Internet for education

December 29, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, Cartoon by Chai Ratchawat, December 29, 2010

Left: Technology is moving so fast that television for education becomes outdated...

Middle: since there is the Internet for education.

The man says: How is it better?

Right: Merely log onto the internet and pay the money in full and then you are graduated.

A cave in Vietnam so tall, a skyscraper could fit inside

December 30, 2010

Categories: Vietnam

[A cave in Vietnam so tall, a skyscraper could fit inside](#) – Boing Boing, December 30, 2010

Wild town/wild home

December 30, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, December 30, 2010

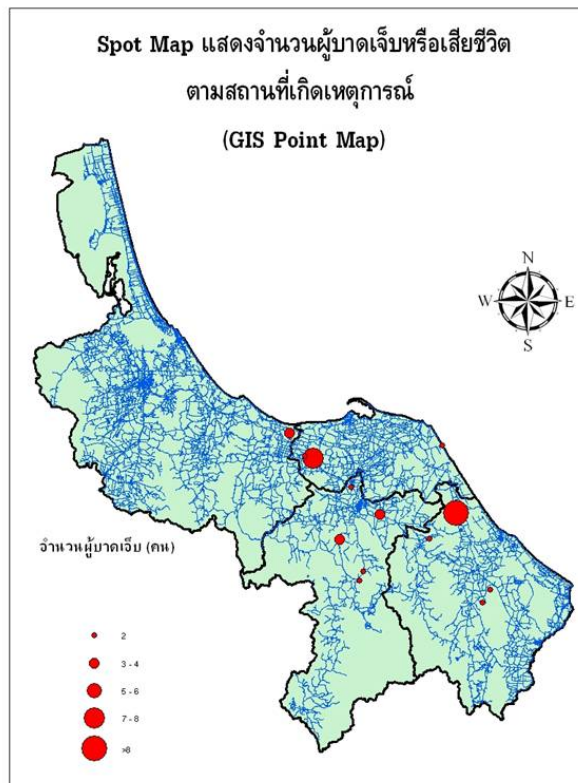
The cartoon headline reads: Wild town/wild home

Left to right: Illegal taxes , illegal clinic , illegal parliament , illegal university , illegal soccer fans

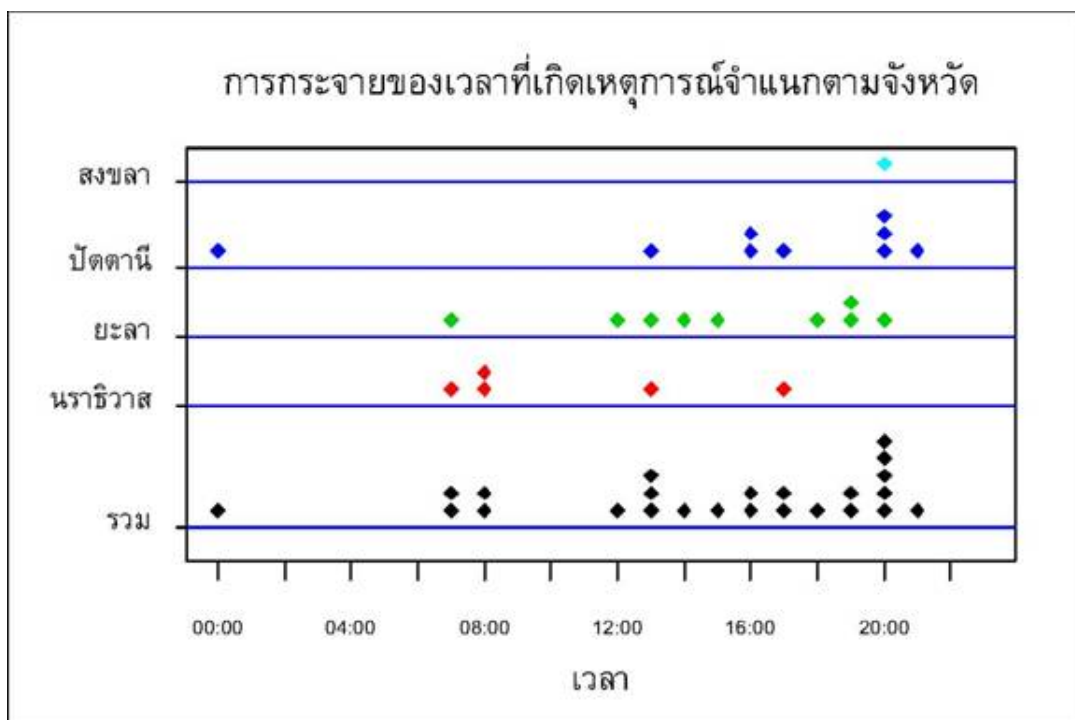
Southern Violence Statistics – December 2010

December 31, 2010

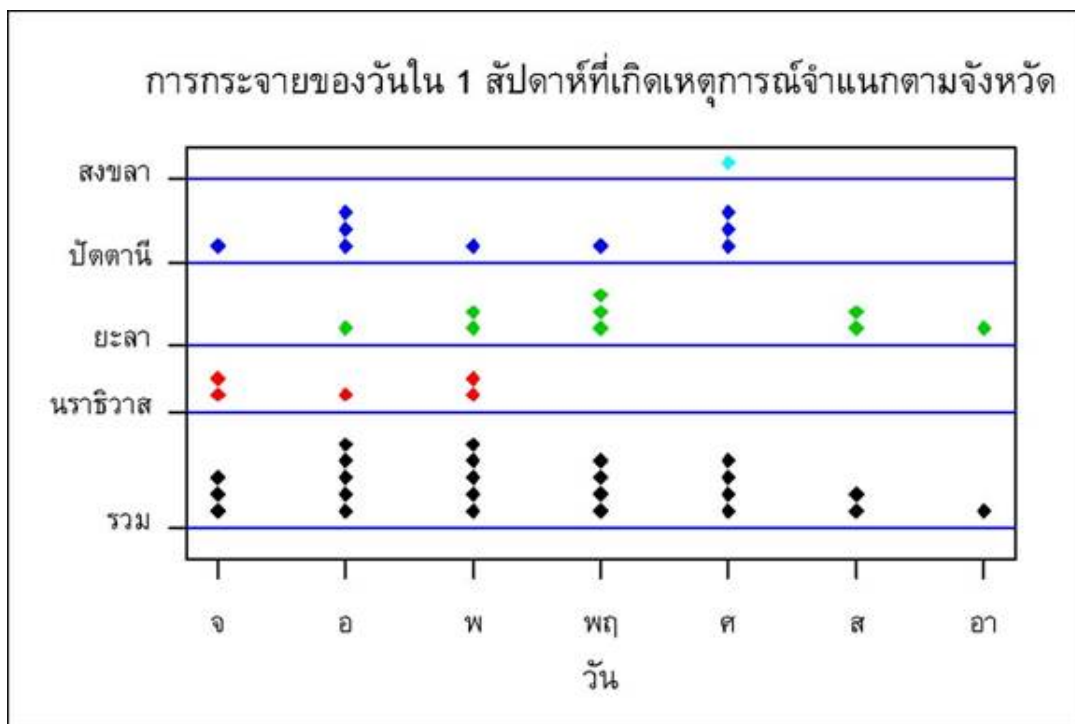
Categories: Deep South Violence Statistics



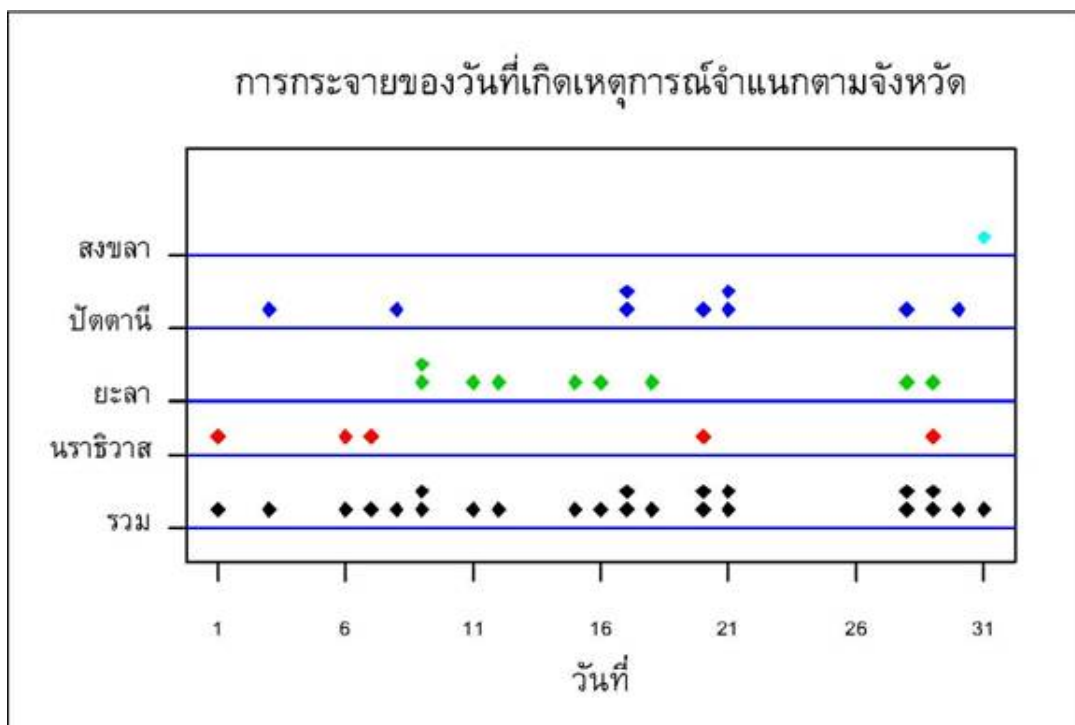
Map of four provinces in the deep south (Songkhla, Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat) showing numbers of the dead and injured by location. The red spot shows the number of injury (person) from 2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 and more than 8



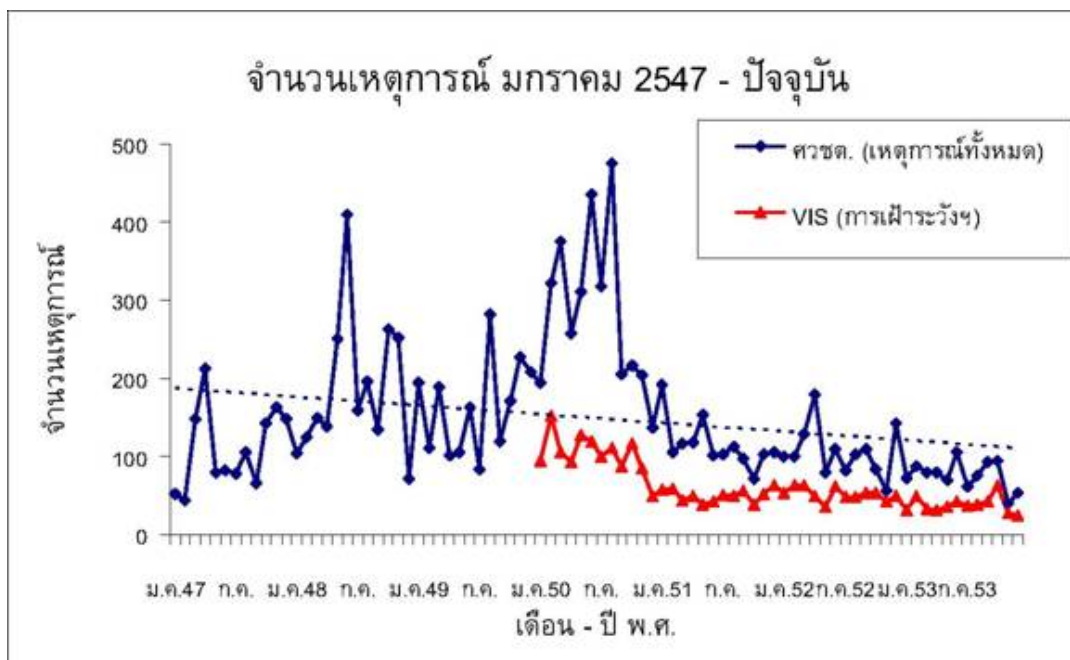
This chart shows violent incidents classified by the hour of the day (x-axis) and the province (y-axis). Songkhla=light blue, Pattani=blue, Yala=green, Narathiwat=red, total events=black



This chart shows violent incidents classified by day of the week (x-axis) and the province (y-axis). The days of the week start with Monday on the left. Songkhla=light blue, Pattani=blue, Yala=green, Narathiwat=red, total events=black



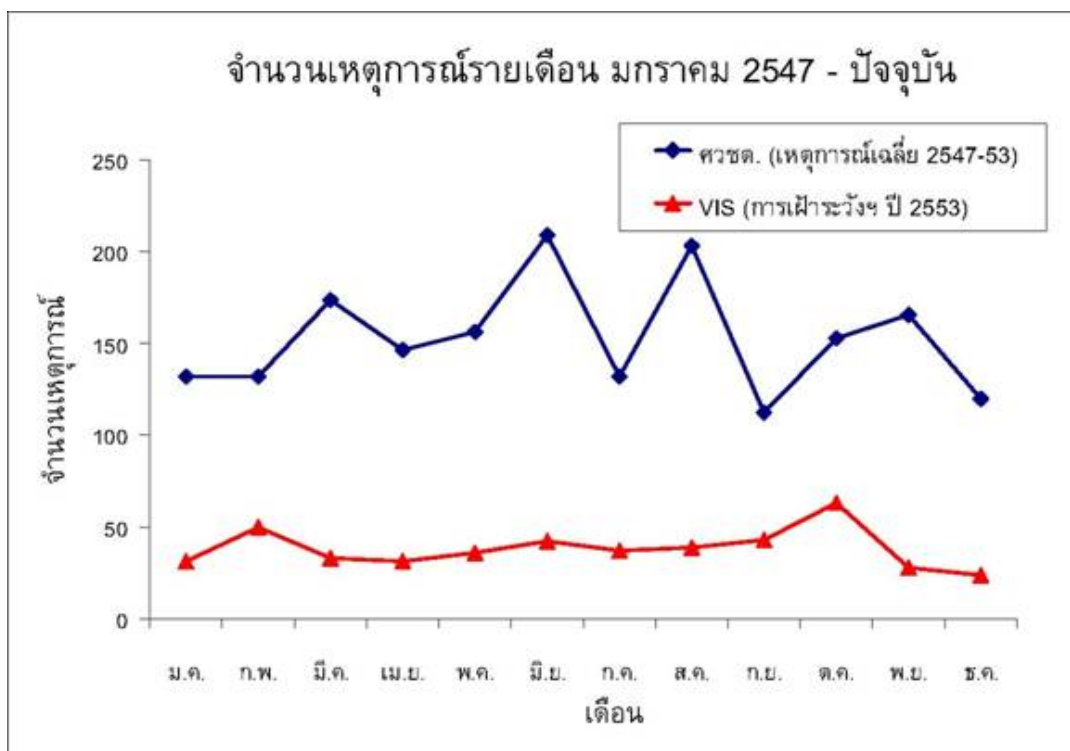
This chart shows violent incidents classified by day of the month (x-axis) and the province (y-axis). Songkhla=light blue, Pattani=blue, Yala=green, Narathiwat=red, total events=black



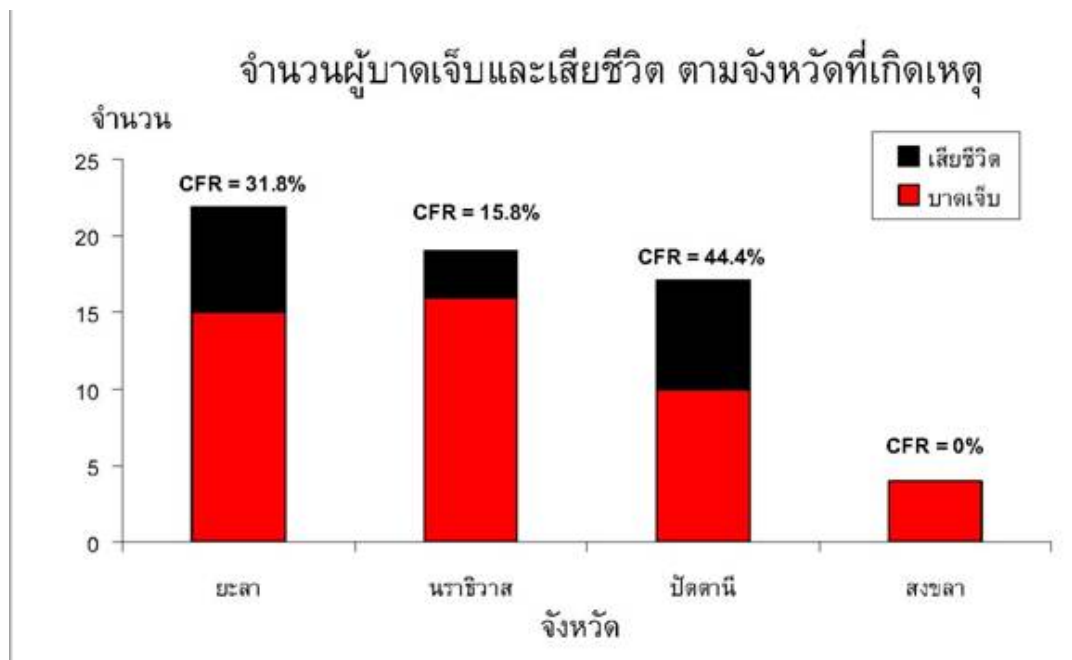
Numbers of violent incidents since January 2004. Across the bottom are the years (2547 is 2004, 2548 is 2005, 2549 is 2006, 2550 is 2007, 2551 is 2008, 2552 is 2009, 2553 is 2010).

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

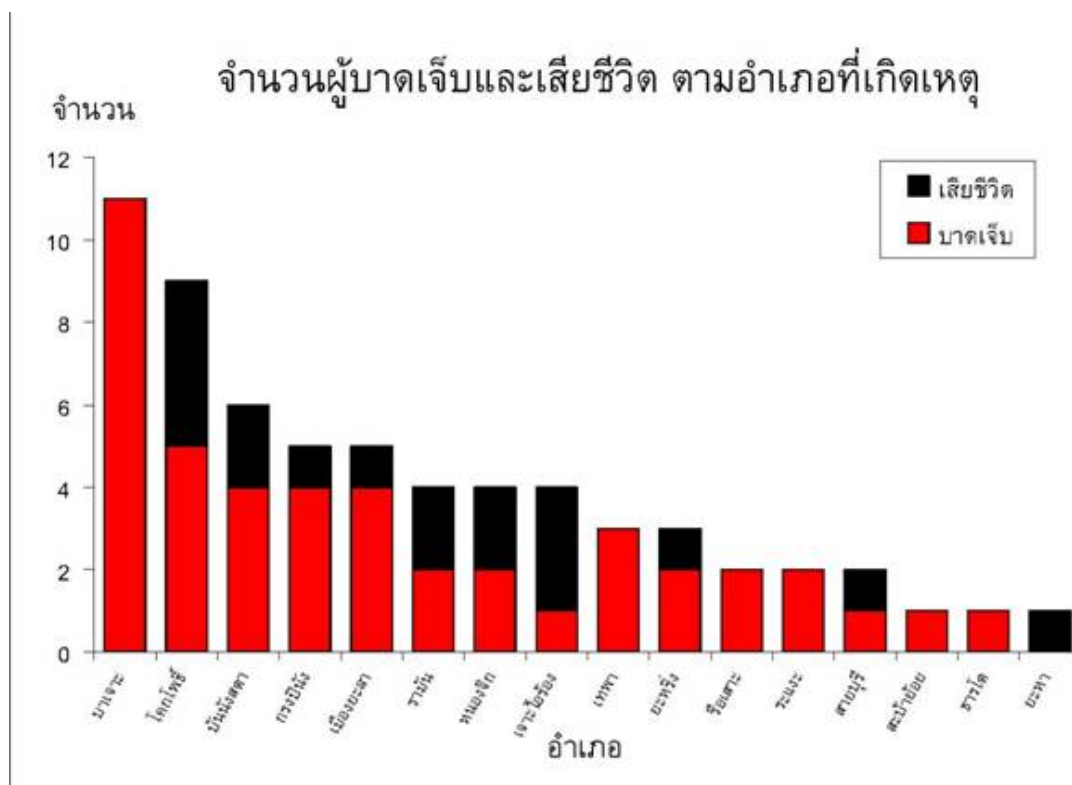
The y-axis shows the numbers of events from 0-500. The x-axis shows the months of the year from January2004 and July to January 2010 to July2010 (left to right).



The blue line shows the average monthly level of violent incidents from 2004 up to the year 2010. The red line shows the information provided to the Violence-related Injury Surveillance in the year 2010. The y-axis shows the numbers of events from 0-250. The x-axis shows the months of the year from January to December (left to right).

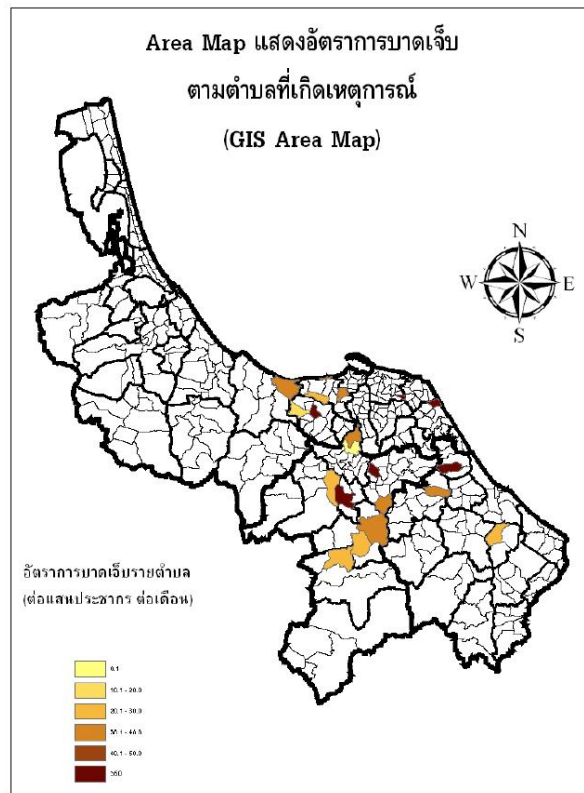


The numbers of injured and dead reported from each province where the events occurred (Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat and Songkhla). Black= dead, red=injured. The CFR (Case Fatality Rate) of each province is above each bar.

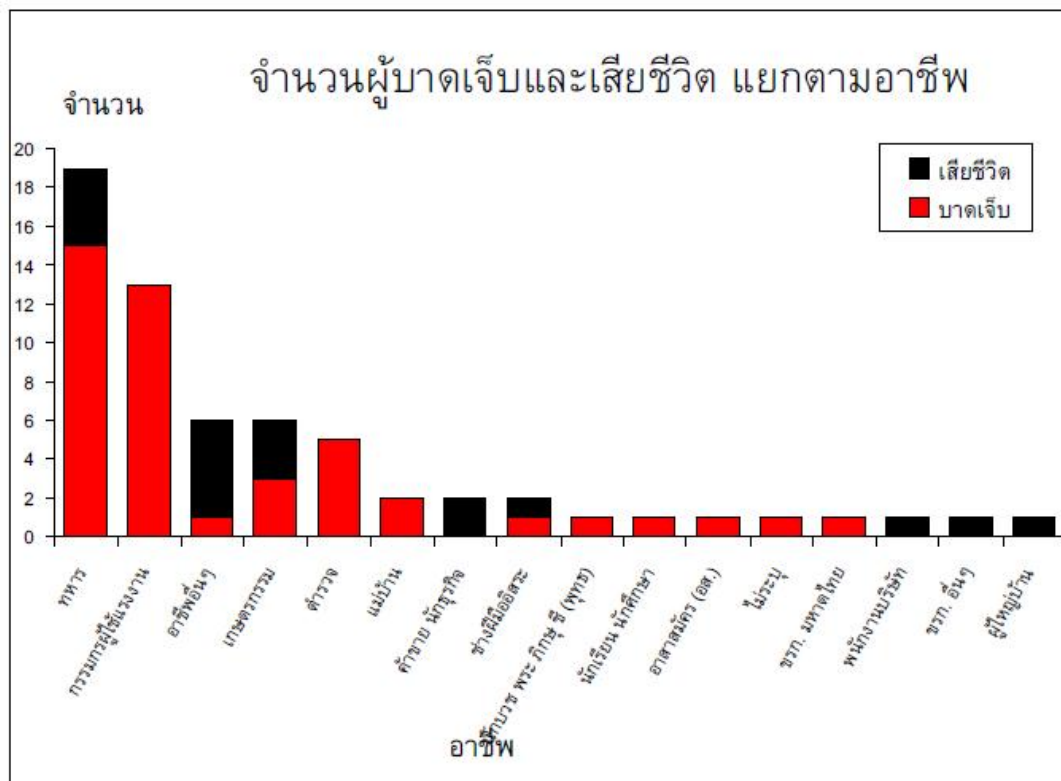


The toll of dead and injured (y-axis), classified by the districts where the incidents took place (x-axis). Black= dead, red=injured.

The district (x-axis) is read “Bacho, Kokpho, Bannungsata, Krongpinung, the city of Yala. Raman, Nongckick, Cho-airong, Thepa, Yaring, Ruesoh, Rangae, Saiburi, Sabayoi, Tarnto and Yaha”



Map of four provinces in the deep south (Songkhla, Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat) showing the number of injury by tambon (100,000 population per month). Starting at light yellow, the levels are 0.1, 10.1-20.0, 20.1-30.0, 30.1-40.0, 40.1-50.0 and greater than 60.



The numbers of dead and injured, classified by the victims' profession. Black= dead, red=injured. From left to right: soldiers, laborers, other careers, agriculture, police, housewives, businessmen and merchants, independent craftsmen, ordained-monks-nun (Buddhism), students and college students, defense guard volunteer, unknown, Interior officials, employees, other officials, village chiefs.

Source: Deep South Violence-related Injury Surveillance statistics

Crush

December 31, 2010

Categories: Analysis, New Year's Eve



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Above: Holiday festivities at Central World Plaza

Crush – December 31, 2010

Crowds in Thailand have a tightness that is unusual to foreigners used to more personal space. In normal circumstances, even as crowds become tighter and tighter, Thais move along patiently.

In recent years there have been several public events, such as the Songkran celebrations in April and, in particular, the New Year's Eve celebrations at Rajaprasong, that have grown enormously. Unfortunately, police crowd control is still rudimentary and largely confined to confining people into move along pen-like alleyways rather than facilitating movement and flow.

As crowd numbers grow, the risk of stampedes and crushes is growing at public holiday events. Visitors should avoid such areas and realize present crowd control measures consist of corralling people into lengthy one-way avenues without easy exits.

Not the Nation Year in Review 2010

December 31, 2010

Categories: Humor

[Not the Nation Year in Review 2010](#)

Pai Canadian murder – the dilatory truth

December 31, 2010

Categories: Crime

[Pai Canadian murder – the dilatory truth](#) – Andrew-Drummond.com, December 31, 2010

Three years after he gunned down Canadian Leo Del Pinto in the northern Thai village of Pai the trial of Police Sergeant Uthai Dechachiwat has still not started and papers have now been referred to the Office of Special Litigation in Bangkok.

But on January 17th Sergeant Uthai will however go for trial in the provincial capital Mae Hong Son for the murder of his 18-yr-old wife Manta by clubbing her to death with a piece of wood – an offence committed while on bail on the first murder charge...

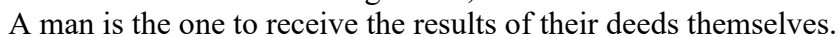
Thailand Breast Slap: Government sponsors bust enlargement program

December 31, 2010

Categories: Health

[Thailand Breast Slap: Government sponsors bust enlargement program](#) – thsnews.com, December 31, 2010
...The Thailand breast slap was first introduced by Khemmikka Na Sonkhla, a beautician who claims this to be a method successfully used by her grandmother to increase her breast size. She is currently looking for a patent for the procedure since a lot of other companies are also claiming to provide the Thailand breast slap technique as well...

Categories: Editorial Cartoons, New Year's Cartoons



Car bomb

December 31, 2010

Categories: The Thai Deep South



(Source: Matichon)

From Matichon, December 31, 2010

The caption reads: Car bomb – The teams of police and soldiers collect evidence from a pickup car bomb on the road in front of the Bacho Highway Office in the municipality of Tambon Bacho, in the Bacho district in Narathiwat province causing five highway officers to suffer injury. The event occurred on December 29, 2010.

It is true that seven Thais intrude on Cambodian land

December 31, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, December 31, 2011

In a Cambodian court Deputy PM Suthep points at the defendants and says: It is true that seven Thais intrude on Cambodian land

One of the defendants in the foreground think: Tuak!!?

The caption reads: The number one witness of Cambodian side

Seizure of guns, weapons and explosive objects in eight provinces

December 31, 2010

Categories: High Tension in Thailand 2011



From Daily News, December 31, 2010

The caption reads: Clearing – Lieutenant General Chaiya Siriampankul, Region 5 Police Chief announces at a press conference the seizure of guns, weapons and explosive objects in eight provinces in the upper North. 378 alleged were arrested with much evidence seized.

Farewell to the old year

December 31, 2010

Categories: New Year's Cartoons



From Daily News, December 31, 2010

The cartoon reads: Farewell to the old year

The various signs and papers held by the political figures read:

Increase money for officials, district representatives and Bangkok MPs

The Democrats miss

Release the political prisoners

Increase budget

Flood victims help allocation

Debt

Collection

Who should stay outside the prison?

December 31, 2010

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, December 31, 2010

Red Shirt head Thida is saying: Between that King Kong who menaces others and Mr. Weng who might talk in circles, but does not threaten others... who should stay outside the prison?

The caption reads: I want to reconsider.

December 31, 2010
Categories: Best of 2Bangkok



Red Protest Update: March

A photograph of three people sitting on a red couch. On the left, a man with glasses and a brown shirt is smiling and waving. In the center, a person wearing a blue beanie and a red jacket is holding up two socks with anime-style character prints. On the right, a woman with long dark hair is also holding up a sock with a similar character print. They are all smiling and appear to be showcasing their custom socks.

2Bangkok Analysis: Present and Future – April 20

(Source: undated postcard)

[2Bangkok Analysis: Grenades on Silom and an offer of compromise](#) – April 24

Left: "Bangkok girl." from an undated postcard

[2Bangkok Analysis: PM/C-in-C address and the government's challenge](#) – April 25

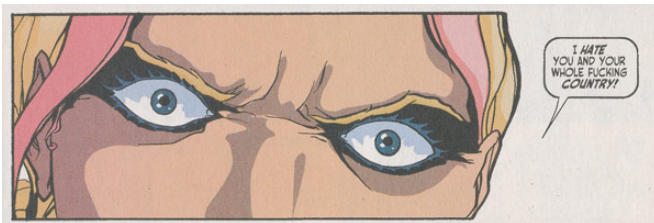
[2Bangkok Analysis: About Thai protests](#) – April 30

[Friday afternoon on Silom Road](#) – April 30

[Thaksin alive](#)



(Source: *Manager*)



(Source: *Vertigo Pop: Bangkok*)

[2Bangkok Analysis: Thaksin's odd-sounding interview](#) – May 4

[2Bangkok Analysis: About the dissolution offer](#) – May 5

[2Bangkok Analysis: What to expect from Thaksin's lobbyist Robert Amsterdam](#) – May 13

[2Bangkok Analysis: Colonel Romklao's revenge](#) – May 14

[2Bangkok Analysis: Pantip.com Rajadamneorn forum closed](#) – May 15

[2Bangkok Analysis: Claims of civil war](#) – May 16

[Red Protest Update: May 1-15](#)

[Red Protest Update: May 16-18](#)

[Pheu Thai Party exhibition lauding the Red Shirts for resisting the military: "7 Days, 7 Pains of the People"](#)

[Sunday afternoon on Silom Road](#) – May 16

[Sunday afternoon on Sathorn Road](#) – May 16

[2Bangkok Analysis: Divining the plan](#) – May 17



From *Voice of Taksin*, February
The headline reads: Clue of M79 – From Prem to Pok

(Source: *Voice of Taksin*)

[Red Protest Update: May 19](#)

[Red Protest Update: May 20](#)

[Red Protest Update: May 20 – Rama IV Road area](#)

["Bangkok ablaze" – YouTube, May 21, 2010](#)

[Nuttawut threatens to burn the city \(with English subtitles\) – YouTube, May 20, 2010](#)

[Arisman urges protesters to be ready to burn the city \(with English subtitles\) – YouTube, May 20, 2010](#)

[Jeff Savage threatens to burn down Central World – YouTube, May 20, 2010](#)



(Source: [YouTube](#))



[Red Protest Update: May 21](#)

[Red Protest Update: May 22-23](#)

[Red Protest Update: May 24](#)

[2Bangkok Analysis: Is everything in Thailand "unprecedented?" – May 24](#)

[Red Protest Update: May 25-26](#)

[Red Protest Update: May 27-31](#)

(Source: *Khao Sod*) From *Khaosod*, May 27

The caption reads: Bitter suppression – Pro-democratic activists in Indonesia stage a protest in front of the Thai Embassy in Jakarta to simulate the events when soldiers used weapon against protestors . A similar protest also occurred in the Philippines.

[Pheu Thai Party exhibition lauding the Red Shirts for resisting the military: "7 Days, 7 Pains of the People"](#) – July 24

[Rajaprasong bombing](#) – July 26

[August 29 elections for Bangkok city and district council members](#)

[Grenade attack on Channel 11](#) – August 31

[At the October 14 Monument](#) – October 14

[2Bangkok Analysis: Some perspective on community radio](#) – October 23

[U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in Thai editorial cartoons](#) – November 3

[Black Magic in 2010 – Baby corpses on sale](#)

[Disclosure of the Thai Wikileaks](#)



(Source: *Komchadluek*)

Above: From *Komchadluek*, May 27

The headline reads: 'Maew' facing terrorist charges in tumult – Protests for being charged falsely – Attorney – MFA seeks for – Curfew shortened to end this coming Friday

Security tightened around government house – Mark worries about security – Revealing sniper involved with Aussie, crazy for war

Red Shirt Publications, 2010

[January, 2010](#)

[February 1-14, 2010](#)

[February 15-28, 2010](#)

[March, 2010](#)

[March, 2010 – Voice of Taksin garuda cover](#)

[April 1-15, 2010](#)



[April 16-30, 2010](#)

[April, 2010 – Communist Thailand](#)

[May, 2010](#)

[Return of the Red publications – August, 2010](#)

[September, 2010](#)

[October, 2010](#)

[November, 2010](#)

Also:

[Siam, Volume 2, 1938](#)

"Issued by the Government Publicity Bureau, Bangkok, Siam"

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