

Tempers flare over reconciliation

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Categories: 2Bangkok News



From Komchadluek, August 26, 2011

The headline reads: Pheu Thai hurriedly shuts down the debate – Tempers flare over reconciliation – parliament crashes to a halt – protests disrupt proceedings – resumption scheduled for the afternoon of August 25

Myanmar jails man for 10 years for web article

September 1, 2011

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Myanmar jails man for 10 years for web article](#) – AFP, August 30, 2011

...He was accused of sending the article by email to pro-democracy activists and media-in-exile, such as the Norway-based Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB). The article is believed to have been published on the Internet...

New Building at Railway Park

September 1, 2011
Categories: Buildings



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Wisarut notes: This is BMA Bangsue Environmental Studies and Conservation center and Water Treatment System Phase 1 under jurisdiction of BMA Water Treatment Bureau with Ch. Karnchan PCL as contractor...
BMA is going to set up a water treatment system along with environmental study center within Suan Rot Fai.



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Media to red-shirts: Stop harassment

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Categories: Censorship

[Media to red-shirts: Stop harassment](#) – Bangkok Post, August 31, 2011

...The call follows a rally by red-shirt supporters outside Channel 7 on Tuesday demanding the dismissal of one of its female reporters.

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Thai Journalist Association Calls On Red Shirts To Stop Harassing Media Members

Report by Online Reporters: "Media to Red-Shirts: Stop Harassment"

The Thai Broadcast Journalists Association and the News Broadcasting Council of Thailand has called on the red-shirts to stop trying to intimidate the media.

The call follows a rally by red-shirt supporters outside Channel 7 on Tuesday demanding the dismissal of one of its female reporters.

In a statement issued on Wednesday, the two media associations said the red-shirts were interfering with the freedom of the media and trying to intimidate members of the media. They must stop their intimidation immediately.

If any reporters failed to do their job properly or their reporting was not correct, people could respond by following proper procedures or legal channels to file a complaint.

The media associations also called on the government to restrain its red-shirt supporters from harassing reporters who were performing their job and monitoring the government. This was in line with the government's efforts to foster national reconciliation.

The statement gave support to Somjit Nawakruasunthorn, the Channel 7 political reporter under pressure from the red-shirts to resign. About 20 red shirt supporters rallied outside the head office of Channel 7 on Tuesday and demanded that management look into the conduct of one of its female reporters.

Group leader Nopporn Namchiangtai handed a letter of complaint to the television station, alleging that Ms Somjit made inappropriate remarks to Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra during an interview.

Prem Cannot Protect

September 1, 2011

Categories: Chalerm Yubamrung, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, September 1, 2011

The amulet specialist inspects Wichean's amulet and says: Luang Pho Prem of Wat See Sao used to be so powerful to protect you. Now, he is no longer so that powerful so he cannot protect you from the wrath of Chaloe along with the wrath of UDD men.

The cartoon caption reads: Pol. Gen. Wichean just learning the hard way that the amulet he is carrying has become outdated.

Who is Chalerm Yoobamrung?

September 1, 2011

Categories: Analysis, Chalerm Yubamrung



Mind your ears! – by Arun, *Krungtepturakit*, March 19, 2009

Next to the plunger, it says: Censure debate

Chalerm, who is leading the censure motion, says: I'm going to push the button. Mind your ears.

When we implement a policy that may bring 3,000 to 4,000 bodies, we will do it...
Chalerm Yoobamrung, February 2008, praising the Thaksin policy of extra-judicial killings of drug dealers

In the Thai-language world there was dismay and resignation at the elevation of Chalerm to key positions in the new government. It verifies that the government is playing hardball by posting controversial political figures to top posts.

He is at once the Thai J. Edgar Hoover—one who uses secrets to his benefit—and a skilled orator who breaks Thai conventions of politeness to make his point. In a system where suppressed men are often cowed under these conventions of politeness in the name of unity, Chalrem's braggadocio gains a certain amount of admiration (as did the late Samak's).

His sons' antics at one point seemed to doom Chalerm's political future, but the continuing political chaos in the wake of the 2006 allowed him to once again build his brand and dream of a premiership in service of Thaksin.

Below are a selection of news items over the year relating to Chalerm and his family:



"Chalerm's Angles" – *Krungtepturakit*, February 13, 2008

Chalerm's Angles: Special Edition "The birth of Ongkuleemarn"

Left: We are back.

Middle: Returning bigger than the past.

Right: Do you know who my father is?

[Putting pub brawls behind to become a ministerial aide](#) – *The Nation*, February 9, 2008

Public Health Minister Chaiya Sasomsap Chaovaratt Chanweerakul on Monday defended a decision to appoint a bully son of the Interior Minister as an aide in his ministry.

... "In the past, society saw this boy in a scary way but I see him as a well-mannered and polite boy," Chaiya said...

[Cabinet puts on hold controversial candidates for ministerial job](#) – *The Nation*, February 11, 2008

... "About half of candidates nominated by the People Power Party are deemed inappropriate for the job," he said, though evading to comment on the qualifications of Wan Yoobamrung, son of Interior Minister Chalerm...

Don't always use a majority viewpoint to judge things! – translated and summarized from *Thai Rath*, February 23, 2008

Several Members of Parliament from the Democrat Party have expressed disapproval after Chalerm Yoobamrung – the Minister of the Interior – recently answered media questions about his policy to eliminate drug abuse. Chalerm announced that he would reapply the strict measures that were formerly used during the Thaksin administration, even if it leads to the deaths of 4,000 people.

These strict measures that Chalerm is proposing to employ again, were not carried out with regard to normal legal procedures during the Thaksin era. Statistics released by the Royal Thai Police show that in the case of 2,596 people who died during the previous implementation of these measures, only 1,164 were known to have been involved in the illegal drugs trade – while another 1,432 had no known connection to the trade.

A policy to eliminate illegal drug use is a good thing, and deserves admiration. The measures must be strictly implemented according to the letter of the law, however.



From *Manager*, April 25, 2008

It reads: I was lucky that Ai Pueed only had a small gun.

‘Secretary Tu’ – translated and summarized from *Matichon*, June 28, 2008

Interior Minister Pol. Captain Chalerm Yoobamrung has recently been criticized over his alleged intervention in the acquisition of a 48-rai plot of land by one of his supporters on Racha Yai Island (City District, Phuket Province). These allegations were made by Suthep Theugsuban, the self-styled Shadow Interior Minister, during a recent ‘Vote of No Confidence’ debate against the Samak government in Parliament.

An investigatory committee, into incursions on government land, recently ordered the Ministry of Interior to revoke the Nor Sor 3 Kor document of the disputed land plot because of insufficient evidence that it was eligible for private ownership. It was then proposed that the current Interior Minister should make a judgment over the issue.

Chalerm has tried to explain the matter to both Parliament and the media, saying that he knows the man involved in the disputed ownership – Khun Suthichart (AKA Tu) – but disputing any notion that the person named was ever his ‘personal secretary’.

It is a fact that ‘Tu’ is a key supporter of Minister Chalerm, and that they are quite close to each other. ‘Tu’ is known to most officials in the MOI as ‘Secretary Tu’ – even though it is thought he has never been officially employed in that capacity.

‘Secretary Tu’ is not a servant in any normal sense of that word. He is actually a successful businessman who owns many hotels. He is the Managing Director of the Racha Yai Island Company and the Racha Yai Estate. His family runs many real estate businesses in Phuket Province.

‘Tu’ is said to regularly hang around the MOI’s main administrative building in Bangkok, always at the ready to involve that ministry in his plans. It is also said that he has his own room in the building, and that he frequently attends meetings there.



From *Nation Weekend*, October, 2009

The headline reads: Por-Yai-So-Tai and the blunt man of Dubai

The blue ribbon on Chawalit’s shoulder reads “Pheu Thai Party”



(Source: *Truth Today*, February 5-8, 2010)

[Chalerm threatens not to join censure](#) – *Bangkok Post*, February 17, 2010



(Source: *Manager*, August 23, 2010)

Dreams – from *Manager*, August 23, 2010

At the top of the chair: Prime Minister

The caption at the bottom reads: The dream of Lerm begins to face an obstacle



From *Manager*, March 20, 2011

Chalerm's sons say: Noum... what's happening to Dad... he keeps watching the telephone for 3 days and 3 nights?

Noum says: He's waiting for Thaksin to call to console him.

The Rendition of Hambali and Riduan Isamuddin

September 1, 2011

Categories: Thai Secret Prison

[N.Y. billing dispute reveals details of secret CIA rendition flights](#) – Washington Post, August 31, 2011

...As these unusual flights happened, U.S. officials took custody of an Indonesian terrorist, Riduan Isamuddin, who had been captured in Thailand and would spend the next three years being shuttled among secret prisons operated by the CIA...

[How US firms profited from torture flights](#) – www.guardian.co.uk, August 31, 2011

...Another invoice, for \$301,113 relating to a series of flights over eight days that took the Gulfstream jet on an odyssey through Alaska, Japan, Thailand, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka, tallies with the rendition of Encep Nuraman, the leader of the Indonesian terrorist organisation Jemaah Islamiyah, better known as Hambali...

September 1, 2011
Categories: Thai Police

From Komchadluek, September 1, 2011
The headline: Claimed made a story to shake the position – Wichean suffered – Fight to the last chance to bring back his dignity – If finding proper place, ready to make sacrifice – Dubai order to National Police Division

Yingluck's CEO style keeps ministers on their toes

September 1, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics

[Yingluck's CEO style keeps ministers on their toes](#) – The Nation, September 1, 2011

Now that she has chaired four Cabinet meetings, Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's colleagues have obviously found her management style impressive. Of course, this could be because she has already gained extensive experience as the chairperson of SC Asset Corporation...

Fitch: Thailand Resilient but Risks Remain

September 1, 2011

Categories: Economy

[Fitch: Thailand Resilient but Risks Remain](#) – Reuters, September 1, 2011

...Mark Young, Fitch's Managing Director and Head of Asia-Pacific Bank group said that Thailand is one of the Asia-Pacific countries, outside China and Vietnam, whose banking system is reasonably well positioned to face these more challenging times...

‘Thailand police is not like India’s’

September 2, 2011

Categories: Film and TV

[‘Thailand police is not like India’s’](#) – www.hindustantimes.com, August 31, 2011

...But director Chandrakant Singh was in for a rude shock when his shoot at the Ragdagri Police Station was stalled prematurely. He recalls, “In Bangkok, the judiciary is the main authority and everything is managed by the magistrate. He is the one who has the final say in all matters. So in the evening, when we were about to take the first shot of the day, a magistrate from the area landed up on the set and demanded to see the script. After reading the English version, he claimed that since Thailand’s police were not like India’s, he couldn’t allow us to go ahead with the shoot...”

Thailand's 40 Richest

September 2, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand's 40 Richest](#) – Forbes, August 30, 2011

The state of the cases against Thaksin

September 3, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics

[The state of the cases against Thaksin](#) – The Nation, September 2, 2011

...While Thaksin is considered a fugitive from a two-year jail sentence in 2008 – relating to Pojaman's Ratchadaphisek land purchase, it remains to be seen how the remaining cases can proceed while Yingluck is head of the government.

Priewpan's bumpy journey to the top

September 3, 2011

Categories: Thai Police

[Priewpan's bumpy journey to the top](#) – The Nation, September 9, 2011

...Under the Democrat-led coalition, he was passed over twice for the nation's top police job. Police generals who were less senior took the post instead. Under the Thaksin government, however, he leapfrogged 17 commissioners to take the post of assistant police chief in 2002...

Sister Act

September 3, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics

[Sister Act](#) – Time, September 12, 2011

...Asians have elected many female leaders, but every one, from Indira Gandhi to Corazon Aquino, has been related to a famous man. There's no question that Yingluck, who spent her career helming her family's telecoms and real estate businesses, is now Prime Minister because of her big brother. Some of her Pheu Thai party's campaign posters spelled it out: "Thaksin thinks, Pheu Thai does." Thaksin has said that his kid sister, the youngest of nine siblings, is his "clone." Says Ukrist Pathmanand, a political-science professor at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok: "She is a pure puppet for Thaksin."
Yingluck retorts that Thaksin will not be making government decisions, even though she admits that she regularly speaks to her "beloved brother." She bristles when asked about her lack of political experience, saying that with a family like hers — her father, brother, sister and brother-in-law were all involved in politics — she practically grew up on the campaign trail...

WikiLeaks puts all its US cables online, unredacted

September 3, 2011

Categories: Wikileaks

[WikiLeaks puts all its US cables online, unredacted](#) – www.independent.co.uk, September 3, 2011

[Leak at WikiLeaks – A Dispatch Disaster in Six Acts](#) – www.spiegel.de, September 1, 2011

[WikiLeaks reveals all, media groups criticize move](#) – AP, September 2, 2011

Thai rhino accused a flight risk

September 4, 2011

Categories: Wildlife and Nature

[Thai rhino accused a flight risk](#) – www.iol.co.za, September 2, 2011

...He told the court that "the State fears that there is the possibility the accused might flee the country, as there is nothing binding the accused to the country. Thus it is my inevitable conclusion that bail is refused."

Earlier, State prosecutor Allen Simpson had a protesters' banner brought before the magistrate. He told the court that the case had generated a lot of public interest and this had to be taken into account during the bail application...

In Libya, Former Enemy Is Recast in Role of Ally

September 4, 2011

Categories: Thai Secret Prison

[In Libya, Former Enemy Is Recast in Role of Ally](#) -NYT, September 2, 2011

...In Bangkok, Mr. Belhaj said, he was tortured for a few days by two people he said were C.I.A. agents, and then, worse, they repatriated him to Libya, where he was thrown into solitary confinement for six years, three of them without a shower, one without a glimpse of the sun...

PM Growing Younger นายกยิ่งโตยิ่งเด็ก

September 4, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, September 4, 2011

The title reads: Who says being a PM makes you grow old quickly?

Left: Poo before becoming PM

Middle: At the start of her premiership

Right: After being PM for a month

Five Years Ago Today: “Sena Hoi is Too Dark”

September 4, 2011

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Five Years Ago Today: [“Sena Hoi is Too Dark”](#)

Ousted Thai PM pushed terror law used against him

September 4, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics

[Ousted Thai PM pushed terror law used against him](#) – AP, September 3, 2011

...Former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, under pressure from the Bush administration after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, adopted the Southeast Asian nation's first counterterrorism legislation by executive decree in 2003...

When Big Men Sue Foreign Reporters

September 4, 2011

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines

[Escape From Thailand](#) – CJR, September 2, 2011

...I met with at least ten lawyers, and even a couple of Thai judges, including one who wore a Hawaiian-print shirt. They understood I couldn't afford them, but were good enough to give me their opinions—all were puzzled that the Post had put me in this situation—which tended to be, reach a settlement or leave ("You can always hop onto a truck at the Cambodia border," one said helpfully). They reminded me I could also confess; I'd be charged and fined and probably have to apologize, but it would all be over...

Priorities for the police chief

September 5, 2011

Categories: Thai Police

[Priorities for the police chief](#) – Bangkok Post, September 3, 2011

...Nightspots will suddenly close on time, illegally parked vehicles will be wheel-clamped and there will be new crime control checkpoints that do not scatter at the first sign of rain. Wanted criminals will be rounded up and traffic flows improved. This is easy to predict because it has happened every single time a new police chief has been appointed, regardless of his name or political connections.

The downside to this ritual is that it rarely lasts. If normal practice is followed, everything will gradually drift back to the way it was before the reshuffle, with self-interest replacing effectiveness. This is supremely frustrating because Thai citizens get a glimpse of just how good their police could be, given the proper motivation, direction and discipline...

Bogus Drugs and Counterfeit Viagra in Thailand

September 5, 2011

Categories: Health

[Bogus Drugs and Counterfeit Viagra in Thailand](#) – thailand-business-news.com, September 1, 2011

...Viagra is the most counterfeited drug in Thailand. In Pattaya it is sold in every street corner and in the sex districts in Bangkok you can find one it very easy. Many have been arrested for smuggling Viagra into the country but some are also probably made locally...

Regular Fierce Critic

บทวิจารณ์ที่รุนแรงปกติ

September 6, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, September 6, 2011

Cartoon reads: Grandpa Angel has arrived on a dark towering cloud.

Grandpa says: Only good at bragging. .

The cloud reads: Destroy the reliability . The sign reads: Regular fierce critic .

The boat reads "Poo 1" . Yingluck is handing over a bag that reads "Flood danger" to a flood victim, while the other three bags read "Implementing measures," "Economy" and "Mouths and stomachs."

Condom Controversy

September 6, 2011

Categories: Health



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Above: "Sweet Teen" condoms in lime, cola or mixed fruit, June 30, 2003.

[Condom Controversy](http://thainews.prd.go.th) – thainews.prd.go.th, September 3, 2011

A piece of gossip news has recently spread that a parent of a famous 15-year-old actor encouraged her handsome son to carry condoms for use in case of emergency. This news sparked a criticism in the Thai society on whether the mother is doing the right thing or not...

Thai-language Headlines of September 5, 2011

September 6, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines

Matichon, September 5, 2011

- “Poo” assigned “Kowit” to clear up about the “Tawin” rotation issue. She confirmed he didn’t make any mistake. He has to rotate because that department needs more help.
- Mr. Tawin (Secretary-General of the NSC) gives an interview about his rotation. He’s rather upset because the power is as not much as before even with a higher position.
- DTRI rejected the rice buying project. It has a bad effect on the system. There would be people who speculate about this project. “Teerachai” revealed the Bank of Thailand has a debt of more than 4.3 trillion baht.
- Supreme Court appeal – Thaksin is in violation of government law. Yingluck has to postpone the pardon for her brother. Mark says there are 3 people involved in this case of Thaksin.
- 50,000 teachers in Thailand are happy to get the advantage. Teachers who get a salary of less than 15,000 will benefit from the policy to increase the minimum salary for Bachelor degree graduate students to 15,000.
- Hurry to recruit 11 members of NBTC. It will be completed by 5 September. There won’t be a lobby in this recruitment.
- The government renews the flood project. Flood in Pichit province is 3 meters high. 15 people died.
- Mr. Suapong gave an interview that he would like to build up the relationship with Saudi Arabia as good as before.

Thairath, September 5, 2011

- Teenagers brawled at Reggae on the Rock at Cha-am. 200 people injured. Not only fighting, but also throwing acid.
- Prime Minister Poo is not in a hurry to pardon Thaksin.
- Hurry to solve the flood problem, assigned the governors of 9 provinces to look after it.
- The police used the Ministry of Culture’s van to carry illegal wood.
- A woman was raped and killed by more than 2 men. They used something heavy to hit her head and face, and put her body in the forest.
- Animal cruelty campaign rally in front of Lumpini Park. They want the law of animal cruelty can be activated.

Komchadluek, September 5, 2011

- Typhoon in Japan, 19 people died, 30 people missing on 4 September.
- Yingluck confirmed that Tawin didn’t make a mistake. She assigned Kowit to clear everything. Tawin said this transfer is not fair. If it is not clear by 6 September, he will sue to administrative tribunal.
- Poo is not in a hurry to pardon Thaksin. Mark suggested her to use power in the right way.
- Teenagers quarreled at Reggae on the rock in Cha-am. 200 people injured, the police found guns, knives, and acid.
- Prime Minister called an urgent meeting with 9 governors about flood in the Thailand’s old town (Patumthani, Ayuthaya)
- Animal cruelty campaign rally in front of Lumpini park. They want the law of animal cruelty can be activated.

Daily News, September 5, 2011

- Hunting the list to appeal to supreme court about Thaksin is against the tradition. Someone doesn’t satisfy that Poo helps UDD about the list of soldier’s rotation.
- Flooding in Thailand need to be solved.
- Drugs dealers were arrested. 30 cars and 100 cows were confiscated.
- Wichan went to a temple at the south. He’s bored of politics. Mark incited Tawin to sue Poo if this rotation is not fair.
- Got drunk and drove, died in car.
- Worried patients commit suicide.
- People color blindness want the Ministry of Transportation to revise rules and regulations about driving.

India orders James Bond train stunt rewrite

September 7, 2011

Categories: Film and TV, India

[India orders James Bond train stunt rewrite](#) – news.asiaone.com, September 3, 2011

India has asked the makers of the latest James Bond movie to change a stunt showing people travelling on train rooftops, saying it would depict the state-run railway in a poor light...

100,000 homeless dogs on Bangkok's streets

September 7, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[100,000 homeless dogs on Bangkok's streets](#) – news.asiaone.com, September 3, 2011

...A stray's life span is three to five years (house dogs live longer, usually seven to 10 years) and it costs about Bt200,000 to keep and feed a dog in a very modest way. Right now, the BMA is shelling out about Bt10 million per year for dog food at the Prawet shelter in Bangkok and considerably more in Uthai Thani. Between January and June last year, six people died from rabies, all of them bitten by dogs who had owners. This, says Montira, reflects a dire lack of responsibility on the part of owners in vaccinating their animals, never mind sterilising them...

Giant crocodile captured alive in Philippines

September 7, 2011

Categories: Wildlife and Nature

[Giant crocodile captured alive in Philippines](#) – AP, September 6, 2011

‘Rascals’ hold up Bangkok airport

September 7, 2011

Categories: Film and TV

[‘Rascals’ hold up Bangkok airport](#) – mid-day.com, September 6, 2011

Planes landing in the Thailand capital were asked to circle in the air while Sanjay and Ajay filmed the climax of their comic caper on the runway...

Weekly News Magazines, September 2, 2011

September 7, 2011

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Matichon Weekly, September 2, 2011
Chuwit Effect vs Pa Effect



From Nation Weekend, September 4, 2011
Do you want Gasohol?

Thai-language Headlines of September 6, 2011

September 7, 2011

Categories: Thai-language Newspaper Headlines

Komchadluek, September 6, 2011

- Building 155 meter dam in Patumtani Province to prevent the flood coming to Bangkok
- Bone cancer killed “Koongnang” Thai country song singer
- Thai labors asking for 300 baht They intend to sue if the prime minister doesn’t keep her word.
- Tawin was moved to be Poo’s consultant. Kowit welcomes Wichian to open wine to celebrate. Poo will call a meeting by 12-16 September to vote “Priewpan” to be the Commissioner-General and support “Pranai” to be the permanent of ministry of the interior. She confirmed “Pracha” didn’t move from director-general of DDSI.
- Inviting “Pohkoon” priest to have an abdomen operation at Sirirath Hospital on September 8.
- Arrest year-four university student who deceived girls by chatting through Facebook. He deceived her to go a hotel and robbed her. He did 6 times already.
- “Pracha” ordered to hurry to solve overpopulation in prisons in Pattanee province. Prisoners fight with each others. 1 died and 2 were injured. The reason is a misunderstanding between Thais and Muslims.
- “Chalerm” refers to the Thai law, confirmed “Thaksin” doesn’t need to be punished now. They will request forgiveness. “Pracha” said he didn’t get any report from Department of Corrections. He confirmed he will follow the law.

Matichon, September 6, 2011

- 11 members of the National Broadcasting and Telecom Commission are selected by secret ballot
- D-Day – 13th September 2011 to appoint Mr. Pranai to replace Mr. Wichian
- The Democratic party will be re-organized.
- The King advised “Sufficiency Economy” can help Thailand survive
- In this coming 4 years of the government, Ms. Yingluck will invest 11 million million baht.
- Worawat goes on to solve teachers’ debt problems. The police are doing research to adjust salaries.
- 2 departments requested 1.2 hundred billion baht to support 4 projects to solve floods in Thailand.

Thairath, September 6, 2011

- “Chalerm” requested to have forgiveness for “Thaksin”
- 11 members of NBCT came from the list of soldiers
- Kowit talked to Tawin already, Pheu Thai is in a hurry to rotate the permanent of ministry of interior
- 11 members of NBCT were selected.

Daily News, September 6, 2011

- “Sufficiency Economy” is not a toy – the king reminded all Thai people
- 11 members of NBCT were selected. Mainly comes from the Army.
- Cancer killed “Koongnang”
- Transportation costs will increase while five product prices will be decreased. Transportation business owners will sue the police who take levies and make the cost of products higher.

Arrow and McDonalds

September 8, 2011

Categories: Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: Today buy an Arrow , enjoy a delicious meal at McDonald's or buy McDonald's and cool up your look with Arrow

In South Korea, the Only Thing Worse Than Online Censorship is Secret Online Censorship

September 8, 2011

Categories: Nothing to do with Thailand, but Interesting

[In South Korea, the Only Thing Worse Than Online Censorship is Secret Online Censorship](#) – [www.eff.org](#), September 6, 2011

...In July, Prof. Park decided to begin exploring the nuances of these censorship choices in his blog. Believing that a censorship regime is terrible but a secret censorship regime is even worse, he used his blog to educate people about the types of content that were being removed from the Internet in South Korea. He would publish a sample of the type of content that had been removed and include a legal discussion of the removal choice. For example, Prof. Park posted non-sexual pictures of human male anatomy, such as those found in sex education books, along with the argument that such images are not obscene and that even by the conservative Korean standards it's enough to just place age-restrictions on access. Six of his fellow commissioners rejected the argument...

Bangkok at risk of sinking into the sea

September 8, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Bangkok at risk of sinking into the sea](#) – Guardian, September 6, 2011

...The gloomiest forecasts suggest parts of the Thai capital may be underwater by 2030, but experts are also critical of the lack of any clear policy to prevent impending disaster...

Putting Yingluck's Populist Foreign Policy in Perspective

September 8, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics

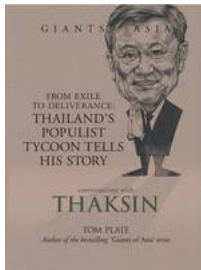
[Putting Yingluck's Populist Foreign Policy in Perspective](#) – The Irrawaddy, September 7, 2011

...Populism is nothing new to Thai politics, differing between governments only in terms of scale and consistency. In response to the new regional political landscape in 1975, the 1975-76 government led by former prime minister Kukrit Pramoj's Social Action Party was the first to infuse a populist agenda into domestic and foreign-policy realms. With the anti-US sentiment inflamed by the 1973 bloodbath still high, Kukrit's first move was to ask US forces to leave Thailand and to shut down their air bases. He also set forth the country's foreign policy towards Asean, whose potential to counter major powers and improve the bargaining power of its small-nation members he greatly valued. He often urged the Thai people to understand themselves and neighboring countries, both near and far...

Conversations with Thaksin: From Exile to Deliverance: Thailand's Populist Tycoon Tells His Story

September 8, 2011

Categories: Books, Thai Politics



[Conversations with Thaksin: From Exile to Deliverance: Thailand's Populist Tycoon Tells His Story](#) – September 13, 2011

Going home is an iconic theme of literature and music that touches everyone's heart. But rarely has that journey looked more like an impossible dream than for Thaksin Shinawatra, the much loved and much hated former prime minister of Thailand. Expelled from the former Siam by a military coup in 2006, the cell-phone billionaire retreated to a dacha in Dubai to bide his time and plot his triumphant return...

Thai-language Headlines of September 7, 2011

September 8, 2011

Categories: Thai-language Newspaper Headlines

Matichon, September 7, 2011

- Re-organize aide-de-camp, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture. A big lot rotation.
- Poo ordered a retreat on the Sovereign Wealth Fund project, she confirmed that it's not an urgent issue.
- 3 Cambodian provocateurs will be in jail for 2 years. "Surakiat" revealed that "Suthep" had secret conversation with Sok-an.
- The government will pay 5000 Baht per household to prevent the flood in 60 days.

Daily News, September 7, 2011

- Green light for cabinet go beyond the Office of the National Security Council , Move "Tawin" to be the consultant as mentioned. Yingluck confirmed she conducted the rotation properly.
- The list of 9 members of the Shadow Government.
- Office of National Anti-Corruption and Commission revealed Ms. Jaruwan organized the false seminar in 2004.
- Unstable situation in the south of Thailand. Thief shot a teacher and burned people in tea cafe.

Komchadluek, September 7, 2011

- Secretary of NSC said it's unfair rotation. Tawin will sue, Yingluck is not afraid of transferring 6 big positions in Ministry of Finance.
- Poo is hurry to solve the flood problem in the old town, Ayuthaya. The dam can hold water up until 10 September. She is worried about the big rain coming on 9-12 Sep.
- Padermchai doesn't want to negotiate about the 300 baht wage issue. He confirmed to go on with 7 provinces first. He doesn't care if labours sue him and says the government did their best already.
- Office of National Anti-Corruption and Commission revealed Ms. Jaruwan reimbursed the budget of the false seminar.

Thairath, September 7, 2011

- Tawin complained to OCSC: Office of The Civil Service Commission. He would like to sue to administrative tribunal. He claims it's not a fair transfer.
- Prime Minister Poo chooses to visit Cambodia for the first country .
- Killed and burned teacher on the road.
- The cabinet gives 866 million baht to solve flood problem.
- Two men arrested at Nakhon Phanom Province as they were trying to smuggle dogs across the Mekhong River to Vietnam.

Why Thailand has become a popular path to freedom for North Korean defectors

September 9, 2011

Categories: North Korea

[Why Thailand has become a popular path to freedom for North Korean defectors](#) – csmonitor.com, September 7, 2011

...“The RTG (Royal Thai Government) permits North Koreans entering Thailand illegally to resettle in the republic of Korea (ROK) ... The special policy is publicly presented by the RTG as ‘Koreans being deported to Korea’, with geographical distinctions conveniently blurred,” reads a December 2009 cable, which notes that the defectors are processed within a month of being detained...

Serve the People Again

September 9, 2011

Categories: Signs and Billboards, Thai Police



(Photo: Sam)

The sign reads: Central Investigation Bureau – Stop..! turning your back and start serving again.

Ten Phuket Tailors Lift Lid on Billions of Baht in Phuket Graft

September 9, 2011

Categories: Crime

[Ten Phuket Tailors Lift Lid on Billions of Baht in Phuket Graft](#) – phuketwan.com, September 3, 2011

...Honorary consuls once labelled Phuket "the most corrupt province and Thailand," with as many as 14 government agencies said by locals to be involved in graft in the west coast holiday capital of Patong alone.

...One Nepalese tailor told Phuketwan later: "There are about 100 tailor shops in Kata Karon and all of us pay bribes every month.

"I have five staff, so I pay 10,000 baht a month – 2000 baht for each of them. How many millions of baht do the tailors of Kata-Karon pay?

"We reckon they pay at least 1.5 million baht a month. Add to that the amount paid by hundreds of copy shops selling pirate goods of all kinds, and you have an idea of the scale of the corruption..."

Thai-language Headlines of September 8, 2011

September 9, 2011

Categories: Thai-language Newspaper Headlines



Komchadluek, September 8, 2011

- To harmonize between Thailand and Cambodia, Thaksin-Hunsen compete in a football match with Reds vs Cambodia
- Tawin is sad, he's coerced to move his position
- DSI is willing to investigate the new members of the NBTC. If they find anything wrong, they have to recruit all new members.
- The ministry of finance is finding the way to increase salaries to 15,000 baht, not including the cost of living.

Matichon, September 8, 2011

- Matichon withdraws from The National Press Council of Thailand.
- 9 governors went to the flood area (Chainart, Angtong, Ayuthaya) to prevent Bangkok's inundation. The government is hurrying to solve by this 28 September.

Daily News, September 9, 2011

- Tawin isn't satisfied with his new position. He will claim to the MSPC to investigate, and he will talk to clear this up with Chalerm.
- The great con artist was arrested. He cheated the owner of a computer shop of around 300k baht.
- Holy water from 9 temples can remove red shirt curse and protect prime minister Poo.

Moseying in Thailand as a Sad, Distant Slacker

September 9, 2011

Categories: Film and TV

[Moseying in Thailand as a Sad, Distant Slacker](#) – NYT, September 7, 2011

...“Hi-So,” directed by Aditya Assarat, prizes atmosphere and metaphor over incident and character. Melancholy and loss prevail. In the opening section the film crew stays at a nearly empty hotel (it’s low season), and the coastline’s beauty takes on a sad cast under gray skies. In the movie within the movie Ananda plays an amnesiac who wanders a hotel ruined by a typhoon. And in the Bangkok section the modern apartment building where he lives is also something of a ruin. It looks great from the front, but the backside was torn away by the typhoon...

บรรดานายทุนร่ำรวยขึ้นจากการซื้อขายข้าวในขณะที่ชาวนาเดือดร้อน

September 9, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From ThaiRath, September 9, 2011

Cartoon reads: One person has a lot of money ... another is hungry.

The rice sacks together form the sentence: Capitalists get rich by trading rice while the farmers suffer.

Capitalist: The rice-mortgage scheme cannot be implemented!

Yingluck's sign: For a better life for farmers.

Farmer: I have to rent my rice fields and buy rice, but now floods have damaged the fields!

Thai Government Backs Royal Pardon to Get Thaksin Home

September 9, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics

[Thai Government Backs Royal Pardon to Get Thaksin Home](#) – Bloomberg, September 8, 2011

Thailand's government will submit a petition to King Bhumibol Adulyadej asking him to grant a royal pardon to exiled former leader Thaksin Shinawatra, risking renewed conflict a month after his sister became prime minister...

The Rise of Burma's Most Undiplomatic Diplomat

September 10, 2011

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[The Rise of Burma's Most Undiplomatic Diplomat](#) – The Irrawaddy, September 9, 2011

...he described the Rohingya, a Muslim minority living mainly in Arakan State, as “ugly as ogres,” with “dark brown” skin. By way of contrast, he offered himself as an example of a typical Burmese: “handsome,” with a “fair and soft” complexion...

Thai-language Headlines of September 9, 2011

September 10, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines

Thairath, September 9, 2011

- Pheu Thai plays a new game to resurrect the Thaksin case to judge it again.
- Drug dealer was arrested. Ecstasy, ice, and heroin valued at a billion baht. This gang operated from neighborhoods in Chiangrai.
- Democrat Party informs prime minister that she has to send the 11 name list of NBTC to the King, otherwise she will commit an offense.
- Soldier and people in Angtong hurry to create a temporary dike.
- One of the gang who murdered Ms. Petcharat, the property business woman in Hua Hin, was arrested.

Maticchon, September 9, 2011

- Chalerm-Apiwan are the leaders to request the Supreme Court to judge Thaksin's case again.
- Jatuporn talked about rapprochement football between Hun Sen and Thaksin
- They will change the Ministry of Interior permanent in the middle of September.
- Poo said she didn't see the name list, she will let a secretary study this law. Mark referred to the law, they found 3 points of suspicion.
- The pickup that delivered 2.4 million drugs valued at a billion baht was arrested.

Daily News, September 9, 2011

- Tawin is taking leave before he will sue the prime minister. He denied her dinner invitation.
- The casinos found in Ratchada and Rama IX had been moved from Wangtonglang Police Station area.
- Chalerm said that Tawin's case came from his karma. He's not afraid about suing .
- Ecstasy and ice dealer was arrested. The total value 1 billion baht. Chalerm will call a meeting in 11 Sep before investigate more in the north area of Thailand.
- Flood – Bad for the economy, not confident about the policy from this government. The prime minister has to solve this problem as soon as possible.

Komchadluek, September 9, 2011

- The Pheu Thai Party will keep pressing ahead with its campaign pledge to absolve ousted the former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra for the guilt of helping his wife purchase Ratchadaphisek land at a discount price.
- Plan to build a sand embankment at Singburi to prevent 300,000 rai of agriculture area from flooding.
- “Intracerebral hemorrhage” Arunya admitted in ICU. Her left arm has weakened.
- 19 big police are free from the penalty in the casino case. Just punished by a reduction of salary. NSC is be demoralized that Tawin will be moved.

Eight Years Ago Today: Thaksin's First Enemy

September 10, 2011

Categories: The Thaksin Years

Before Sondhi and the Manager Group, before the Nation, disgraced tycoon Ekkayuth began his campaign against Thaksin's power and found himself shut out of the media: [Questions over TV coverage: Ekkayuth](#)

Wikileaks: US scoffed at ‘Myanmar Times’ pleas after SPDC purge

วิกิลีกส์:อเมริกาเยาะเย้ยคำร้องขอพม่าหลังจากสภาสันติภาพและพัฒนาแห่งรัฐกวาดล้าง

September 10, 2011

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Wikileaks: US scoffed at ‘Myanmar Times’ pleas after SPDC purge](#) – mizzima.com, September 9, 2011

...The general tone of the cable indicated that the American diplomats were somewhat enthused by Dunkley’s predicament. The cable noted: “We would not view any U.S. interests at stake should The Myanmar Times and its editor, a regular apologist for the SPDC, go down in flames.” The cable said that Dunkley, “Like many others who enjoyed the protection of the Khin Nyunt empire, his company is paying the price for having relied exclusively on connections to the ousted Prime Minister...”

Giant deluge-relieving pipe

อุทกภัยอย่างหนัก-ท่อน้ำมาช่วยทำให้ดีขึ้น

September 11, 2011

Categories: Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: The giant deluge-relieving pipe for Don Muang, Laksi and Jatuchak residents – Ready for Bangkok residents – “Preventing and solving the flood problems sustainably”

One Year Ago: Editorial Cartoons

1 ปีที่แล้ว: การ์ตูนบทบรรณาธิการ

September 11, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News



[Siamese Twins](#) from ThaiRath

[The personal pet cannot adjust](#) from Manager

How to transfer Thawin Pliensri?

เรื่องโยกย้าย ทวีล เปลี่ยนศรีจะอย่างไรดี

September 11, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From ThaiRath, September 11, 2011

Left panel: Yingluck: What shall we do about Thawin Pliensri's transfer?

Chalerm: We should use the Bang Rakam Model, ma'am.

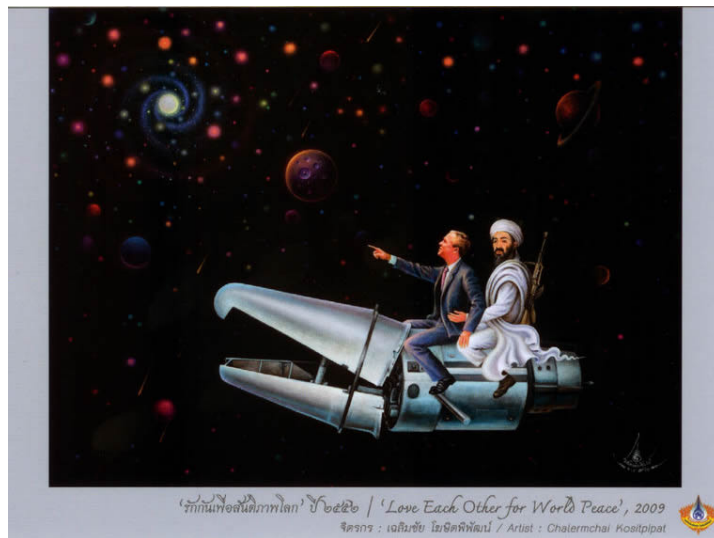
Middle panel: Yingluck: Why does everything always follow that model? Explain it to me.

Right panel: Chalerm: So Thawin can get the disaster relief package at the deputy PM's office.

Bush and Osama บุช และ โอซามะ

September 11, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News



“Love Each Other for World Peace,” 2009 by Chalermchai Kositpipat

Cambodia: Country's first human rights portal wins innovation award

กัมพูชา-ประเทศแรกที่ได้รับรางวัลนวัตกรรมของสิทธิมนุษยชน

September 12, 2011

Categories: Cambodia

[Country's first human rights portal wins innovation award](#) – www.ifex.org, September 7, 2011

The Cambodian Center for Human Rights is proud to announce that Cambodia's first online human rights portal, <http://www.sithi.org>, has won an Information Society Innovation Fund (ISIF) 2011 Award under the category of "Rights and Freedoms..."

Chalerm Adopts Yingluck

เฉลิม รับ ยิงลักษณ์เป็นลูกบุญธรรม

September 12, 2011

Categories: Chalerm Yubamrung, Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, September 9, 2011

One of [Chalerm's sons](#) says to Yingluck: Yingluck, you are so lucky to become the adopted daughter of Papa Chalerm. He has come to protect you whenever you have trouble.

The caption reads: Who said that Ai Chalerm has only 3 sons?

Brunei: His Majesty meets Thai PM Yingluck at Istana

สมเด็จพระราชาธิบดี ต้อนรับนายกรัฐมนตรียิ่งลักษณ์ ที่พระราชวังอิสตานา

September 12, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics

[His Majesty meets Thai PM Yingluck at Istana](#) – brunei-online.com, September 11, 2011

...After the national anthems of both nations were played, the Thai Prime Minister was introduced to Brunei's Cabinet Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, Commissioner of Police, Asean envoys in Brunei, as well as Permanent Secretaries at the Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade...

Thaksin to arrive in Cambodia Friday

ทักษิณเดินทางไปถึงกัมพูชาเมื่อวันศุกร์

September 12, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics

[Thaksin to arrive in Cambodia Friday](#) – Bangkok Post, September 12, 2011

...Hun Sen said Thaksin would stay from Sept 16 until 24 and attend the Asian Economic Future Conference, organised by the Royal Academy of Cambodia, not to talk with Cambodia on oil and gas issues...

Eight Year Ago Today: A scramble in Bangkok for a \$10 million reward วันนี้เมื่อ 8 ปี ก่อน: การตามล่าค่าหัว 10 ล้านดอลลาร์ ที่กรุงเทพ

September 13, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

Eight Year Ago Today: [A scramble in Bangkok for a \\$10 million reward](#)

Thai-language Headlines of September 12, 2011

September 13, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Thairath, September 12, 2011

- The national agenda will in place in 1 year. The government is engrossed in drug suppression.
- Mafia in black smashed stalls beside Central
- Raining cats and dogs, floods all over Thailand
- Democrat Party warns there will be a political crisis again because this government uses their power over the limit to help Thaksin
- Today is 1 decade anniversary of World Trade Center sabotage in US

Daily News, September 12, 2011

- Applying a plan for Thaksin – This government kicks off a new crackdown on illicit drugs – Target is to decrease 80%
- The Meteorological Department warns the situation must be handled – Simultaneous deluge in 34 provinces
- Chumlong keeps an eye on Thaksin’s absolution. If it’s unfair, there will be big problems in Thailand.
- Conflict among partners and the owner of Ayuthaya Water market – Wife confirms that this murder was set up.
- Phuket sea sank a yacht valued at 30 million baht that broke down – Lucky that the German family could be rescued.

Matichon, September 12, 2011

- Democrat party incited 31 chiefs to follow “Tawin’s model” and sue because of their transfer
- The Ministry of Finance supported the government to implement the “Tax refund for the first car” policy this 13 September
- The government has kicked off its anti-drugs push with a pledge to get tough on dealers and traffickers, but to help rehabilitate, rather than punish, addicts so they may later re-enter society.

Komchadluek, September 12, 2011

- The government launched an aggressive anti-drugs campaign against dealers and traffickers. The government will take tough measures against the drug problem and target an 80% reduction within 1 year.
- With the increasing water level, there are 2 dams under critical condition and expect to have the capacity to hold water for only 20 days.
- Deputy Prime Minister Chalerm Yubamrung challenged the opposition Democrats to file a motion to formally ask the government about the procedure for seeking a Royal Pardon for ousted former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

Arctic speed record for tanker to Thailand

บันทึกความเร็วอาร์กติกสำหรับเรือบรรทุกน้ำมันในประเทศไทย

September 13, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

Arctic speed record for tanker to Thailand – September 13, 2011

Danny notes: Reading [this Guardian story](#) on the Arctic sea ice decline mentions an interesting speed record for a tanker [travelling from Houston to Thailand](#).

Greenista Party

พรรค Greenista

September 13, 2011

Categories: Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: Do you want Bangkok to sink underwater? Stop this crisis before it's too late. www.greenistasociety.com

Weekly News Magazines, September 9, 2011

September 13, 2011

Categories: Thai-language Newspaper Headlines



From Matichon Weekly, September 9, 2011

If you want so much love, Chelerm will give it to you.



From Nation Weekly, September 9, 2011

Return to be “Damapong”

Get Complete, Affordable Dental Services in Bangkok, Thailand **เที่ยวเมืองไทย ไปทำฟันแบบครบวงจร ในราคาสบายกระเป๋าที่กรุงเทพ**

September 14, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Get Complete, Affordable Dental Services in Bangkok, Thailand](#) – Prweb.com, September 08, 2011

Only PM Mark knows...

นายกมาร์ครู้คนเดียว

September 14, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, September 14, 2011

The cartoon reads: One night during the waning moon night, a year ago in Cambodia

Left panel: Only PM Mark knows he sent me here to spy.

Right panel: Only PM Mark knows he sent me here to negotiate secretly.

Court acquits group of Moonies

ศาลตัดสินว่ากลุ่มมูนีสซึมไม่มีความผิด

September 14, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Court acquits group of Moonies](#) – The Nation, September 2, 2011

Dr Lek Thaveetermsakul, secretary-general of the local arm of the Unification Church's Universal Peace Federation, was overjoyed when the Supreme Court acquitted him and seven others yesterday of charges related to racketeering, public deception and posing a threat to national security. The charges were filed by the National Peace-Keeping Council (NPKC) in 1991...

Man accused of threatening to kill Biden is arrested when flight from Thailand lands in Hawaii **คนที่ถูกกล่าวหาว่าการขู่ว่าจะฆ่าไบเดนถูกจับกุมตอนเดินทางจากไทยไปฮาวาย**

September 14, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Man accused of threatening to kill Biden is arrested when flight from Thailand lands in Hawaii](#) – washingtonpost.com, September 13, 2011

...The Royal Thai Police traced the email's IP address to a public Wi-Fi access point in Chiang Mai, Thailand...

Carry a Farang With You พกพาฝรั่งไปกับคุณ

September 14, 2011

Categories: Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: Boston Bright Language School can teach you to speak English as if you had a farang with you everywhere you go.

Thai-language Headlines of September 13, 2011

September 14, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, September 13, 2011

- The King would like Military Judicial Commission to be honest and have fairness.
- Raining cats and dogs destroyed 300 houses.
- Found 6 bodies after the sudden deluge in Rayong.
- Building collapse, 4 killed, because it was washed-out and impacted by landslide in Saraburi.
- Thaksin is coming for sure. Hunsen accepted Thaksin to visit Cambodia on 16-24 Sep. He said they won't discuss energy issues.
- Big shake-up in the Ministry of Justice.

Daily News, September 13, 2011

- The King spoke to the Military Judicial Commission to have fairness and all Thailand will be happy.
- Apartment collapse because of the use of substandard iron. 4 killed and 1 hurt.
- Big flood in Patumthani
- Plan to recruit and develop 128 doctor's degree police men to suppress all drugs dealers using websites.
- Drunk man shot an employee at petrol station while he was filling up gas, because the boy made him angry.



Thairath, September 13, 2011

- Hunsen confirmed Thaksin will visit Cambodia. Pheu Thai is worried as they don't allow Poo to meet her brother.
- 3 story apartment collapsed, 4 killed and 1 injured, because of the heavy rain and landslide.
- Arrested a drug producer in the city. They produced 11 kg. of drugs or 1.5 hundred thousand pieces of drugs.
- Almost over limit of the dam, Bangkok might be inundated.
- Indonesia is willing to solve the bad situation in south of Thailand.
- 3 women reported to the police about a charlatan. He claimed that he was a millionaire, and cheated them of almost 100k baht.

Matichon, September 13, 2011

- Heavy rains and storm made the building collapse. There were 4 killed.
- Hunsen prepares to welcome Thaksin to visit Cambodia. He was invited to be a lecturer for "World Economic" topic.
- Ministry of Finance proposed the government to get an approval for 30 billion budget for first car tax refund project. The condition is amount must not over 100k baht and that car can't be resold for 5 years.
- Big Oob discussed with DEA to gather all evidence about many police men involved with drug dealers.

On Year Ago: A Thai Director Earns Acclaim Abroad and Ambivalence at Home

1 ปีที่แล้ว ผู้กำกับหนังไทย ได้รับ เสียงโห่ร้องต้อนรับในต่างประเทศ และ ได้รับความคลางแคลงใจในไทย

September 14, 2011

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On Year Ago: [A Thai Director Earns Acclaim Abroad and Ambivalence at Home](#)

Ex-Marine Steve Thomas in Thailand coma insurance row

Marine Steve Thomas คนก่อนในประเทศไทยที่เป็นขั้นโคมายังดกลงกับประกันไม่ได้

September 14, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

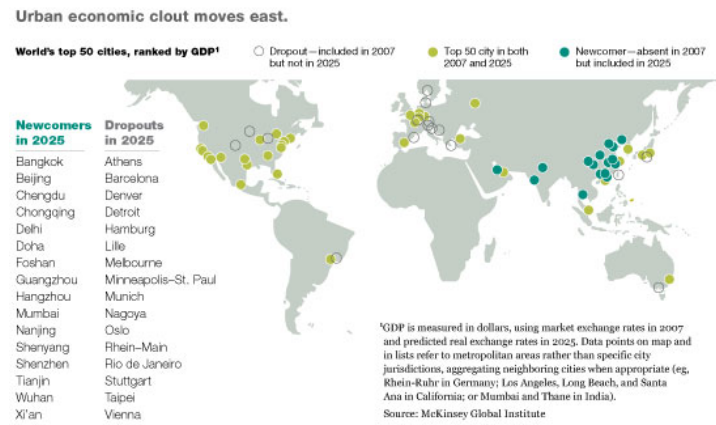
[Ex-Marine Steve Thomas in Thailand coma insurance row](#) – BBC, September 14, 2011

The family of a former Royal Marine who is in a coma following a scooter crash in Thailand say his insurers are refusing to bring him home...

When Beijing overtakes London

เมื่อปักกิ่งไล่ตามลอนดอนทัน

September 15, 2011
Categories: 2Bangkok News



(Source: McKinsey Quarterly)

[When Beijing overtakes London](http://mckinseyquarterly.com) – mckinseyquarterly.com, September 2011

Two Clues Revealed About How Thai Vaccine Worked

ร่องรอย 2 อย่างที่เปิดเผยเกี่ยวกับการทำงานของวัคซีนของไทย

September 15, 2011
Categories: HIV-AIDS

[Two Clues Revealed About How Thai Vaccine Worked](#) – allafrica.com, September 14, 2011

...From outside this tight scientific community, these findings seem small. But to those who have been trying to find a vaccine for the past 25 years, they are the cause of great excitement and optimism.

Dr Bart Haynes, scientific head of the Thai trial known as RV144, described the findings as “intriguing clues” that provide direction for future research...

Thai-language Headlines of September 14, 2011

September 15, 2011

Categories: Thai-language Newspaper Headlines



Komchadluek, September 14, 2011

- Cambodia is seeking a royal pardon for Veera Somkwamkid and Ratri Pipattanaopaiboon which should be released on the 15th of September 2011 during Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's visit to Cambodia.
- The Cabinet has already approved government rebates for up to 100,000 baht in excise tax on the first purchase of a car or pickup truck (the vehicle must cost less than 1 million baht and it cannot be sold within the first five years) from 16th September 2011 to the end of next year.
- Leila Lopes of Angola was crowned as Miss Universe 2011.
- At the Million Stone Park and Crocodile Farm in Pattaya, many crocodiles have escaped after the heavy rain which caused a flood.
- Wichian is waiting to his new position. The government is waiting for Chalerm to finalize the transfers in the Ministry of Justice.

Thairath, September 14, 2011

- Still having transferred in the Ministry of Justice. The Democrat Party isn't satisfied and claims this is for helping Thaksin. They chase Yingluck to solve many problem for Thai people instead of doing self-serving things.
- Flooding from the Chao Phraya River cascades across the main highway in central Ang Thong province, as rain pelts down, the death toll rises and floods move towards Bangkok.
- German girls was killed nude. Her hands and feet tied up and then put in to the Chao Phraya River.
- Lottery hunting from the prime minister's van license plate number, the age of a Pohkoon priest, and "9/11" from the World Trade Center collapse.
- Father shot his step daughter in the fresh produce market in Hua Hin. The reason is that her father quarreled with her mother.
- Miss Universe is Miss Angola aged 25 years old. Miss Chinese and Miss Philippines are the 4th and 5th.

Daily News, September 14, 2011

- Green light to transfers, Suchart is the head of the Ministry of Justice, discharging Chartchai to be deputy permanent and Ukrit to be director of the rule of law committee.
- Hunting the rampant crocodile in the canals in Pattaya. It came because of a big deluge.
- Cruel murder of a German girl in the Chao Phraya River.
- Picking four populist measures to please Thai people. Tax refund for the 1st car, to rice pawn plan, extension of diesel tax decrease for more 3 months, and extension of the income tax decrease for 3 more years enterprise.
- The administrative court judge the cancels that homosexual people are psychosis. Now it's a human right .

Matichon, September 14, 2011

- Hun Sen unveiled that Suthep had unofficially entered Cambodia three times with the attempt to have a private talk relating to oil and gas.
 - Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra has encouraged each minister to visit the flood-hit provinces with the approved budget to help flood victims.
 - Thai government threat to report each official in each province if they are reluctant or fail to give full co-operation to crack down on the drug problem.
- Government also announced that "party pills" are widespread in society again.

- The Cabinet has already approved government rebates for up to 100,000 baht in excise tax on the first purchase of a car or pickup truck will start this Friday.

Last stand in Asia for shy, defenseless anteater

โอกาสสุดท้ายของสองสัตว์สงวนในเอเชีย

September 15, 2011

Categories: Wildlife and Nature

[Last stand in Asia for shy, defenseless anteater](#) – seattlepi.com, September 13, 2011

...By the early 2000s, supplies in Thailand were drying up, as evidenced by the development of an unusual barter trade: Thai smugglers would give insurgents in Indonesia's Aceh province up to five AK-47 rifles in exchange for one pangolin, according to the International Crisis Group, which monitors conflicts globally...

Thai Populist Policies

นโยบายประชานิยมของไทย ที่ได้รับการกล่าวขาน

September 15, 2011

Categories: Economy

[Business sector feels pinch of govt's minimum wage hike](#) – pattayamail.com, September 14, 2011

The Pheu Thai-led coalition government's planned 300 baht daily minimum wage hike has forced some businesses to shift their production bases to areas bordering Cambodia and Myanmar, the Employers' Confederation of Thailand (ECOT) told a seminar on Monday...

[Asian Development Bank sees "logic" in Thai populist policies](#) – DPA, September 14, 2011

..."We have some concerns about the fiscal sustainability of these initiatives, but if you look at the overall effort to boost consumption and spur growth, there is a logic to what they are doing, that we support," ADB Thailand director Craig Steffensen said...

Myanmar: VJ Handed 10 More Years

พม่า : ศาลพม่าเพิ่มจำคุกพวก VJ อีก 10 ปี

September 16, 2011

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[VJ Handed 10 More Years](#) – The Irrawaddy, September 14, 2011

...The 21-year-old photographer was arrested on April 15 last year and detained in Rangoon's notorious Insein Prison after photographing the aftermath of the bomb blasts that shook the traditional New Year's water festival in Rangoon, killing 10 people and injuring 170...

The Police State

ความมีอำนาจของตำรวจ

September 16, 2011

Categories: Thai Police, Thai Politics

[The Police State](#) – TAN, September 15, 2011

...Police dominance was especially rampant between 1951 and 1967 when Police General Phao Sriyanont was Director-General of the Police Department. Phao made his name and coined the well-known phrase ‘Under this sun, there is nothing Thai police cannot do’...

[Govt aims to curb checks on its power, says Thai opposition](#) – The Nation, September 15, 2011

...He also reminded the government that the downfall of the Thaksin Shinawatra administration happened because it tried to dominate the independent organisations...

Thai-language Headlines of September 15, 2011

September 16, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, September 15, 2011

- Red Shirts are preparing to visit Cambodia, Hunsen holds off releasing Veera and Ratree. He is afraid people can see two standards.
- Koh Kred is sunk . Nonthaburi can't hold back the deluge. The dyke at Singburi is broken, so water is coming to Lopburi.
- Pohkon priest is doing physical therapy in Siriraj Hospital on 14 September 2011.
- A university student lost with her Mercedes for a month. Her mother suspects her boyfriend, who is a rich guy, of doing business with it as covered with dirt.
- The Ministry of Justice said the transfers do not involve helping with Thaksin issues. Next week they will finalize all positions.
- All car leasing companies are afraid that consumers will abandon their cars after people get the 1st year tax refund .

Matichon, September 15, 2011

- The positions of Ministry of Defense's permanent positions do not seem appropriate. Poo returns the list of soldiers, Ukrit appoints the committee on the juristic act.
- Yingluck visits Cambodia to discuss about petrol and gas.
- Mr. Sombat Boonngamanong, the leader of the 19 September Against the Coup group, is penalized for 2 years.
- The Prime Minister is the recipient of deluge donations directly. She raised more than 100 million baht in 5 minutes.

Thairath, September 15, 2011

- Chalerm confirmed that the government will work to pardon Thaksin.
- A bridge broke down because the Chao Phaya river washed it out. All water is going to Lobburi now.
- Utaithani-koh Taepo will be under water. More than 7000 people evacuated.
- A soldier killed his superior officers because he quarreled with his friends and made him go crazy.

Daily News, September 15, 2011

- 6 districts of Nonthaburi were underwater from the deluge. Many crocodiles are around.
- Poo slighted Yuthasak, she supported Satien to be permanent of Ministry of Defense.
- All car leasing companies will increase the down payment to prevent consumers from abandoning their cars after they get the tax refund.
- To cut the amphetamine business cycle, will no longer allow sales of some cold medicines which have pseudoephedrine.
- A girl university student was missing for a month with her car. Her mother suspects her boyfriend.
- The constabulary would like to raid a casino in Taopoon but couldn't get inside.

Cambodia: Armed police, officials disrupt human rights training event

กัมพูชา : ตำรวจและพวกข้าราชการพร้อมอาวุธเข้าขัดขวางการรวมตัวงานอบรมเรื่องสิทธิมนุษยชน

September 16, 2011

Categories: Cambodia

[Armed police, officials disrupt human rights training event](#) – IFEX, September 7, 2011

...For the second time in less than a month, a human rights training event organised by CCHR and NRPG has been disrupted by men carrying AK-47s. Again, the authorities have claimed that CCHR and NRPG have failed to satisfy notification requirements that simply do not exist. To see the authorities resort to these kinds of tactics against ordinary citizens who simply want to inform themselves of their rights under Cambodian and international law is nothing short of shocking...

Thai Clampdown on Internet Traffic Worries Companies

การจำกัด Internet traffic ในเมืองไทยเป็นที่กังวลของบริษัทยักษ์ใหญ่

September 16, 2011
Categories: Censorship

[Thai Clampdown on Internet Traffic Worries Companies](#) – WSJ, September 15, 2011

...”By holding an intermediary liable for the actions of its users, this case could set a dangerous precedent and have a significant long-term impact on Thailand’s economy,” the Asia Internet Coalition said in a statement released this month. The Hong Kong-based group was founded last year by eBay, Google, Nokia Corp., Microsoft Corp. unit Skype, and Yahoo to lobby on Internet policy issues around Asia, such as Thailand’s computer crimes law.

“Changing the way the Internet works in Thailand by denying intermediaries the protections they are granted in most countries around the world could have a significant detrimental impact,” the group said, without quantifying the economic toll of the stringent laws...

China's Baidu Launches Sites for Egypt, Thailand

“ไปตุ”เสิร์ชเอนจินใหญ่สุดของจีน เปิดหน้าเว็บภาษาไทยและอียิปต์แล้ว

September 16, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News



[China's Baidu Launches Sites for Egypt, Thailand](#) – peworld.com, September, 2011

...Baidu modeled the websites after two of its own popular Chinese products. [The site for Thailand](#) is a version of Baidu's hao123.com, which works as a Web directory.

...Last December a U.S. Embassy cable released from WikiLeaks, claimed Li Changchun believed Baidu rival Google was illegal after he discovered the international version of the search engine provided uncensored search results...

Acid attack on foreigners at train station ชาวต่างชาติโดนน้ำกรดสดที่สถานีรถไฟ

September 16, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Acid attack on foreigners at train station](#) – Bangkok Post, September 16, 2011

A female foreign artist, Elizabeth Briel, [reported on twitter](#) on Friday that she and her husband had acid sprayed at their faces at the Asoke skytrain station last night...

Semi-naked, drunk AFL players terrorize Thai police **นักฟุตบอลชาวออสเตรเลียก่เป่ลือย เมาโดนตำรวจจับที่พงัน**

September 16, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Semi-naked, drunk AFL players terrorize Thai police](#) – thescore.thejournal.ie, September 16, 2011

One Year Ago Today: Jailed protester Conor Purcell wants to return to Thailand to ‘fight for democracy’

วันนี้เมื่อ 1 ปีก่อน ผู้ประท้วงกลุ่มเสื้อแดงที่เคยติดคุก Conor Purcell ต้องการกลับเมืองไทยเพื่อประชาธิปไตย

September 16, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

One Year Ago Today: [Jailed protester Conor Purcell wants to return to Thailand to ‘fight for democracy’](#)

Myanmar gets first look at banned news websites

September 16, 2011

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Myanmar gets first look at banned news websites](#) – AFP, September 16, 2011

...Exiled media organisations like the Irrawaddy and Democratic Voice of Burma, whose reporters face long prison sentences for working in the country, were also unblocked, as well as regional publications the Bangkok Post and Singapore's Straits Times...

More on the Asoke Acid Attack

เรื่องเพิ่มเติมเกี่ยวกับที่โดนน้ำกรดสดที่อโศก

September 16, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Dear Thailand](#) – elizabethbriel.com, September 16, 2011

...Do you know how it feels to watch a loved one's eyes melt? Not metaphorically. But to watch them disintegrate. As our taxi driver kept up a bilingual patter about the fastest route to the hospital, Roy's eyes began to shed their outer membrane like jelly. It hung there like frozen tears...

British man arrested in Thai porn website bust

September 16, 2011

Categories: Crime

[British man arrested in Thai porn website bust](#) – AP, September 16, 2011

Rogues gallery recalled as old prison comes out of mothballs

September 17, 2011

Categories: Crime, History

[Rogues gallery recalled as old prison comes out of mothballs](#) – Bangkok Post, September 16, 2011

The Lak Si temporary detention centre located on Vibhavadi Rangsit Road in Lak Si district will be revived as a special venue to detain those charged in security and political cases, and foreign inmates...

Conrad Murray Trial Key Witness Has Vanished

พยานหลัก คอนราด เมอเรีย ได้หายตัวไป

September 17, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Conrad Murray Trial Key Witness Has vanished](#) – TMZ, September 15, 2011

...According to prosecutors, Tim Lopez — a former pharmacist at Applied Pharmacy Services in Las Vegas — has mysteriously moved to Thailand and cannot be found...

Illegal Drug Use Among Thai Youth

วัยรุ่นไทยที่เสพติด

September 18, 2011

Categories: Polls

ABAC Poll Research Center. ABAC Assumption University (ABAC).

Subject; The report estimates the number of children and youth drug use nationwide. Case studies, age 12-24 both in and out of education.

Methodology;

- 1) 17 provinces are included in the survey.
- 2) 12,253,191 people are being surveyed including both children and youth who are in school and out of school.
- 3) 15th August 2011 – September 2011.

The sample showed that 51.1 percent is males and 48.9 percent is female. 32.2 percent aged between 12-15 years, 39.5 percent aged between 16-20 years and 28.3 percent aged between 21-24 years. 1.7 percent did not attend school at all, 78.5 percent is still studying and 19.8 percent are college graduated now.

Table 1 shows the percentage of smoking, drinking alcohol and cocktail in the last 3 months.

Rank.Cigarettes, drinking alcoholic and cocktail.Percentage.Average age started smoking/drinking.Earliest time starting smoking/drinking.

1.	Smoking.	20.7.	15 years.	5 years.
2.	Alcohol.	35.0.	16 years.	4 years.
3.	Beer	35.8.	16 years.	4 years.
4.	Juice mixed with alcohol.	24.2.	16 years.	4 years.

Table 2 The estimated number of children and young people using drugs throughout the country by the category of drug in the last 3 months.

Rank.Category Total (Persons).Average age (years).Age at first use (years).

1	Drugs (excluding alcohol and tobacco).	1,715,447.		
2.	Marijuana	894 483.	17 years.	
3	Amphetamine	649 419.	17 years.	7 years.
4	Drug ice.	563 647.	16 years.	
5	Sleep / relaxation therapy.	453 368.	17 years.	
6	Hut	428 862.	17 years.	
7	Volatile.	343 089.	15 years.	
8	E drugs/ecstasy/pills love.	171 545.	16 years.	
9	Cocaine	110 279.		
10	Heroin	98,026.		
11	Opium	85,772.		

Table 3 shows the results of statistical analysis and research on the causes of behavior problems. That lead to drug abuse.

Rank.Behavior/problems in children and young people.Increase in chance of smoking/drinking alcohol.Increase in chance of using drugs.

1	Smoking.		5 times.
2.	Drinking.		7 times.
3	The problem of learning / education.	2 times.	1 times.
4	Financial problems.	2 times.	2 times.
5	Family problems.	2 times.	2 times.
6	Problems with girlfriend / lover.	3 times.	3 times.
7	Personal health issues.	2 times.	2 times.
8	Problems with friends.	2 times.	2 times.
9	Problem with work.	2 times.	2 times.

Table 4 shows the percentage of opinions on what the government and adults in society should do.

Rank.Issues. Percent

1	Should increase the area of promoting good quality of life of Thai youth.	90.5.
2.	The economic reform.	83.6.
3	The social reform.	83.3.
4	Eliminate the risk of damaging the quality of life, for example entertainment and gambling.	82.6.
5	The political reform.	73.0.
6	Freedom of opinion.	71.4.
7	Want to see all political parties are working in harmony.	68.4.
8	Want to see all Politicians as a good example in term of working for the best benefit for all.	68.1.
9	Looking for a strong democracy.	66.9.
10	Do not want to see the use of violence to solve problems.	64.5.

Chalerm Transfers a Monk

เฉลิมส่งเต้งหลวงพ่อ

September 18, 2011

Categories: Chalerm Yubamrung, Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, September 18, 2011

Left: Luang Phor Jaran told Abhisit to take care of himself ...

Middle: ... So he can return and become a second-term PM.

Right: Transfer Luang Phor Jaran to the Government House cemetery!

Thailand deaths: Three mothers work to honour the memory of their sons

การเสียชีวิตในประเทศไทย : แม่ทั้งสามทำเพื่อให้เกียรติความทรงจำที่มีต่อลูกของเขาทั้งสามคน

September 18, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand deaths: Three mothers work to honour the memory of their sons](#) – Guardian, September 16, 2011

‘Every parent should know that you don’t go on Thailand’s buses at night’ says mother whose son died on the road to Chiang Mai...

Eight Years Ago This Month: News Leading Up to the Coup

เดือนนี้เมื่อ 8 ปีที่แล้ว : ข่าวที่นำไปสู่การรัฐประหาร

September 18, 2011

Categories: Today in History



(Photo: Asiper)

Above: A sign near Silapakorn University – It reads, “Moral support to PM Thaksin Shinawatra to work for the nation.”

[Eight Years Ago This Month: News Leading Up to the Coup](#)

Car Bombs in Sungai Kolok

ระเบิดรถที่สุไหงโกลอก

September 18, 2011

Categories: The Thai Deep South



From Komchadluek, September 18, 2011

The headlines read: Three locations, three deaths, more than 50 injured

Car bombs in Narathiwat's Sungai Kolok district

Soldiers point to vengeance by drug gangs. Pol. Gen. Sompien Eksomya's subordinates shot dead.

Small text: Three bombs in Sungai Kolok killed three people and wounded more than 50. In Yala province, gunmen walked up to a mosque and shot a policeman and a defence volunteer, both of whom used to work under Pol. Gen. Sompien. Deputy PM Kowit Wattana confirms no cancellation of emergency decree.

Schoolies On Thai Drug Tour Heading To Full Moon Beach Parties On Koh Phangan

ทัวร์เด็กนักเรียน มุ่งหน้าไปฟูลมูนปาร์ตี้ ชายทะเล ที่ เกาะพะงัน

September 18, 2011

Categories: Thailand in the International Media

[Schoolies On Thai Drug Tour Heading To Full Moon Beach Parties On Koh Phangan](#) -officialwire.com, September 17, 2011

...”The illicit drug stuff is just so terrifying,” said Mr Dillon, who has been giving talks to Year 12 students. “I am so surprised that anyone would think that would be an appropriate place for school leavers. They have no idea about what they are getting in to...

Aung San Suu Kyi ‘too busy to tweet and use Facebook’ นางอองซานซูจี ยุ่งมาก ที่ จะเล่น ทวิตเตอร์ และ เฟสบุค

September 18, 2011

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Aung San Suu Kyi ‘too busy to tweet and use Facebook’](#) – straitstimes.com, September 18, 2011

Red Carpet Unrolling for the Return of Thaksin

September 19, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics

[Red carpet unrolling for return of Thaksin](#) – Bangkok Post, September 18, 2011

...However, the main obstacle standing in his return to politics might be the army.

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When Parry asked if he could name these generals, Thaksin laughed and replied: "Please, no. They will be in trouble."

Is the picture crystal clear? ...

Bangkok Post : Red carpet unrolling for return of Thaksin

"Well, you know it's something that we cannot expect. It's a kindness. It's not expected."

That was the response fugitive former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra gave to Richard Lloyd Parry of The Times in an interview on Aug 24 when asked about the possibility of Thaksin receiving a royal pardon.

But before any "unexpected kindness" there must be an appeal process. Some background.

Pending royal approval, Pol Col Suchart Wonganantachai is in line to become the new director-general of the Corrections Department. Pol Col Suchart is said to be a close friend of Deputy Prime Minister Chalerm Yubamrung.

He's also a former subordinate of Pol Gen Sombat Amornwiwat, who is said to be a close friend of Thaksin. Pol Gen Sombat's daughter is Anuttama Amornwiwat, deputy government spokeswoman.

While at the Department of Special Investigation (DSI), Pol Col Suchart was responsible for building the case around a procurement of fire trucks in 2004, which erupted into quite a scandal. The main defendant in the case is Democrat heavyweight and former Bangkok governor Apirak Kosayodhin.

The colonel was also tasked with building the 2009 case for the dissolution of the then ruling Democrat Party over alleged irregularities in campaign donations.

On Feb 12, 2010, Democrat and then deputy prime minister Suthep Thaugsuban transferred Pol Col Suchart from the DSI to the Information and Communication Technology Ministry. But Pol Col Suchart still volunteered to be a witness for the prosecution in the case against the Democrats.

The case was dismissed on Nov 29, 2010 as the Election Commission was unable to file the charges within the mandated time period.

Last week Justice Minister Pracha Promnok proposed that Pol Col Suchart be named director-general of the Corrections Department, which is responsible for the appeal process for a royal pardon.

The previous director-general, Chartchai Suthiklom, had been accused of stalling the appeal process, letting the 3.5 million petition signatures _ 35 boxes in all _ gather dust in a room. The United Front for Democracy against Dictatorship (UDD) submitted the petition seeking a royal pardon for Thaksin in August, 2009.

Mr Suthep has said Pol Col Suchart's transfer can be viewed as paving the way for the return of Thaksin without his having to do any jail time. He said the transfer may stir a public panic and that for the past month the efforts to help Thaksin have intensified.

However, in an interview, Pheu Thai MP Jatuporn Prompan, another UDD leader, said that the idea that the motive for the proposed transfer is to facilitate Thaksin's appeal for a royal pardon is "nonsensical".

MP Jatuporn said insisted that no matter what action the Pheu Thai government takes, it will always be viewed as "political".

In an interview last week, Senator Wanchai Sonsiri referred to Section 6 of the Criminal Procedure Code, which says a person convicted of a crime who is more than 60 years old and who has received a sentence of no more than three years may appeal for a royal pardon.

Thaksin is 62, and his sentence is two years.

On the question of whether Thaksin would have to do any jail time, Senator Wanchai explained that Thaksin could sit at the police clubhouse for five or 10 minutes, and that would be fine as far as the law is concerned.

He said there's no need for him to be imprisoned. Justice Ministry spokesman Thirachai Wuthitham also spoke on the issue.

In an interview with the Bangkok Post, he cited Section 259 of the code, which says a petition for a pardon can be presented to His Majesty the King through the justice minister for a person convicted of a crime who may or may not have been imprisoned.

Under Section 265 of the code, when a pardon is granted, the punishment must not be imposed.

On whether there's a precedent in regard to Section 259, Mr Thirachai said former attorney-general Komain Patrapiprom, who was sentenced to two years, suspended, for blocking the promotion of a public prosecutor in 1993, was given a pardon.

What this all means is that when the time comes that Thaksin steps off the plane at Suvarnabhumi airport, he would be under the custody of the Corrections Department, with Pol Col Suchart potentially as the new director-general, while the legal question for appeal has been answered, with a precedent.

When he does return, does Thaksin expect to become prime minister again?

He told Parry of The Times that he would not take on the job even if his sister, the prime minister, gives up her seat for him.

But pressed about what he would do if the people wish it so, he replied: "Normally, it can be known by different ways. The people may be asking _ you know, big enough numbers. Or they may ask me to go for election again, and they vote for . I may test by going for election as an MP, not necessarily to be a prime minister."

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Nigerian Thai Embassy Instigates Harassment & Detention of Igbos

สถานทูตไทยในจีเรียกระตุนการข่มขู่และการกักขังชาวอีคบอส

September 19, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Nigerian Thai Embassy Instigates Harassment & Detention of Igbos](#) – nigeriamasterweb.com, September 19, 2011

...The counsellor and the Ambassador instead of listening to our reasons for protest turned around to arrest, detain and torture some Nigerians. Some people who participated in the protest are languishing in Thai jails now because the Nigerian ambassador Mr Suleman instructed the Thai authorities to deal mercilessly with peaceful protesters mostly those from Igbo...

Thai-language Headlines of September 19, 2011

September 19, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, September 19, 2011

- Enlightened jurists made a statement that Thaksin could overturn judgements against him.
- Two outlaws who are members of RKK swear not to be involved in the car bomb case in Sugaikolok – involves drug gangster in the south of Thailand.
- Director of Department of Agriculture confirmed there's toxic left over in insecticide. The demonstration will be happened in 22 September.

Matichon, September 19, 2011

- Enlightened jurists make a statement about canceling the coup's results, and suggest to fire the Council for National Security, the Assets Examination Committee, and cancel the 2007 Constitution of Thailand.
- The government will appoint Pranai to be Ministry of Interior's permanent secretary on 20 September.
- Pichit is not satisfied about rice insurance. They broke a promise about compensation.
- Deputy Minister of ICT will investigate 100 ICT centers because he thinks they are not completely efficient. There would be cheating inside.

Daily News, September 19, 2011

- A family of three members was murdered, including an 11-month-old baby, by a ruthless gang to rob 100,000 baht.
- Red Shirt loyalist the United Front for Democracy against Dictatorship (UDD) gathered in the capital to both mark the 5th Anniversary of the 2006 Military coup d'état and to announce full support for Yingluck's government.
- Former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra praised Prime Minister Yingluck as a hard-working and patient woman. He also told supporters to prepare typical Thai food such as papaya salad during her visit.
- A vintage World War II plane crashed near a crowd of spectators at a Nevada Air Show.

ThaiRath, September 19, 2011

- Farmers from three provinces were gathering and set up a road block to ask for flood dykes to protect and relieve flood waters in their rice growing area.
- It is a good time to reshuffle Mr. Vichian from a post as permanent secretary in the Ministry of Interior and replaced by Mr. Pranai.
- A drunken man played Russian roulette and killed his friend while drinking at a pub.
- Tawin Meesap, the chief of Taplan National Park was rewarded with the best government official for 2554.

No stopping flow of construction at ‘suspended’ dam ระงับการก่อสร้างเขื่อนที่ลาว

September 20, 2011
Categories: Laos

[No stopping flow of construction at ‘suspended’ dam](#) – Bangkok Post, September 18, 2011

Five months after Mekong countries agreed to reconsider the controversial US\$3.8 billion (115.25 billion baht) Xayaburi dam project, construction work around the site has continued despite Laos’ undertaking to suspend the work...

Infrastructure and Education, Thaksin Advises ทักษิณเสนอแนะโครงสร้างพื้นฐานและการศึกษา

September 20, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics

[Infrastructure and Education, Thaksin Advises](#) – VOA, September 19, 2011

...“Be careful what Thai political veterans say about Cambodia’s economic situation,” he said. “We can suppose that in such a speech is flattering us to gain a benefit from us.”

Kem Sokha, president of the Human Rights Party, said Thaksin may also be focused on developing petroleum resources on the coast. Thaksin’s speech was flattering of Cambodia, Kem Sokha said, “to provide opportunity for him.”

Not All New City Cameras Are Real

กล้องทั้งเมืองไม่ใช่ของจริง

September 20, 2011

Categories: Security



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Above: The billboard reads: Your safety is under our watch – increasing close circuit cameras by more than 20,000 – Number 1 policy of safety of the Bangkok Governor M.L. Sukhumbhand Paribatra – The whole life, we care

[Not all new city cameras are real](#) – The Nation, September 20, 2011

...”But now that the public is aware of the dummy cameras’ existence, I would like to apologise for this,” he said.

“Installation of the remaining units in the first 10,000 is underway, and there will be 20,000 cameras installed by next year,” he added.

Ex-Massage Parlor Tycoon Rubs Away Thailand's Police Chief

เจ้าพ่ออาบอบนวดเก๋แจ๊ ผบ.ตร.

September 20, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics

[Ex-Massage Parlor Tycoon Rubs Away Thailand's Police Chief](#) – www.scoop.co.nz, September 20, 2011

...”If you ask them, ‘Does Thailand have the sex business?’ They will say, ‘No’. ‘Does Thailand do the illegal casino?’ They say, ‘Oh no, we are the Buddhists, we cannot do anything like that’.”

Poll – Democracy and Flooding

ประชาธิปไตย และ น้ำท่วม

September 21, 2011
Categories: Polls

ABAC Poll – September 19 the anniversary of the coup. What Thai people think against democracy. And comparison of the flood problem solutions between Yingluck’s government and Aphisit’s government.

Table 1 shows the percentage of people who have opinion about the democratic government in Thailand.

Rank.	Comments.	Percentage.
1.	The democratic government is good to excellent	93.2.
2.	The democratic government is bad to worse	6.8.
Total		100.0.

Table 2 shows the percentages of responses that are relate to the question of if democratic government is better system than others, despite many problems in terms of corruption and unfairness in society.

Rank.	Comments.	Percentage.
1.	Agree to the most agree.	89.2.
2.	Disagree to disagree strongly.	10.8.
Total		100.0.

Table 3 shows the percentage of the feeling of people towards democratic system.

Rank.	Sense of democratic.	Percentage.
1.	Like it very much	88.7.
2.	Dislike it	11.3.
Total		100.0.

Table 4 shows the percentage of responses to the question if democratic rule make the economy worse.

Rank.	Opinion	Percentage.
1	Agree to the most agree	38.2.
2.	Disagree to disagree strongly.	61.7.
Total		100.0.

Table 5 shows the percentage of responses to the question if democratic governance is not conducive to the discipline of the nation.

Rank.	Opinion	Percentage.
1	Agree to the most agree	7.8.
2.	Disagree to disagree strongly.	61.0.

Total	100.0.
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Table 6 shows the percentage of responses to the question if democratic rule may cause chaos and protests in society.

Rank.	Opinion	Percentage.
1	Agree to the most agree	34.0.
2.	Disagree to disagree strongly.	66.0.
Total		100.0.

Table 7 shows the percentage of the opinion about the statement “if Yingluck’s government favours a particular group or people, then it will reduce confidence in democracy.

Rank.	Confidence.	Percentage.
1	Confidence in the democratic regime will reduce.	53.9.
2.	Not decrease.	46.1.
Total		100.0.

Table 8 shows the percentage of responses to the question if the constitutional amendment is to help the public or for the benefit of certain groups of people.

Rank.	Opinion	Percentage.
1	To benefit the public.	48.1.
2.	To benefit of certain groups.	51.9.
Total		100.0.

Table 9 shows the frequency of the flooding problem in residential areas.

Rank.	Flooding that occurred in the residential area.	Percentage.
1	There are flood this year/flood some year/flood almost every years/flood every years.	77.3.
2.	No flooding at all.	22.7.
Total		100.0.

Table 10 shows the percentage of specific responses to the question of where people get help: fom the government, Government agencies or organizations for the relief from flooding. (Only for individuals residing in the flooded areas).

Rank.		Percentage.
1	Not getting help because they stay away from the main areas. And distribution of aid is always with the same group or community leaders. It is not spread widely in rural areas and so on.	53.6.
2.	Get sufficient help.	46.4.
Total		100.0.

Table 11 shows the comparison. The comparison of problems solving related to the flooding between the Abpisit government and the Yingluck government.

Rank.	Government	The average score.
1	Abpisit government (out of 10)	5.8.
2.	Yingluck government (out of 10)	5.8.

Banteng: Wild cattle species endangered in Cambodia

วัวดำวัวแดง : พันธุ์โคกระบือที่กำลังจะสูญพันธุ์ในกัมพูชา

September 21, 2011
Categories: Cambodia

[Wild cattle species endangered in Cambodia](#) – AP, September 19, 2011

...Numbers of banteng, graceful wild cattle that once roamed in vast herds, in Cambodia have plummeted by 90 percent since the 1960s...

Thai-language Headlines of September 20, 2011

September 21, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, September 20, 2011

- Mow down the forest to sell and plant some rubber tree instead.
- 500 fake CCTVs in Bangkok. They're set up falsely criminals and protesters. Mr. Sukumpan confirmed that he didn't cheat on that.
- There's a video clip of a acrobatic priest.

Daily News, September 20, 2011

- The King said Kundarn dam uses new technology. It will give benefit to people and irrigation in the central area of Thailand.
- Double lucky for Thai people: Tax reduction of 500k for buying a first house.
- Utaithani was sunk . All fish died valued at 10 million baht. 1 day of flooding killed 8 people. Farmers are angry and go to government house to request compensation from rice insurance.
- Aphisit disagreed with the enlightened jurists. Chalerm confirmed that's difficult to be done.
- The rumor in Thai politics is that Yingluck would like to eliminate the power of the previous government. Sukit and Pracha might be return to their position.

Matichon, September 20, 2011

- Kasit criticized Hun Sen for supporting a Thai fugitive, Thaksin. However, Cambodia still insisted to give a medal to Thaksin.
- Thaksin showed vision while giving lectures on economics to Cambodian parliamentarians and businessmen that Asia must fight against a world economic slow down.
- The government pushes a tax cut scheme for first time home buyer for cabinet approval for a 10% tax deduction on houses costing up to 5 million baht.
- Yingluck posted a picture of her having a lunch at government house canteen on her Facebook page to defend against the accusation of having expensive meals which cost 200,000 baht as rumored.

Thairath, September 20, 2011

- The King said Kundarn dam project in Nakornnayok uses new technology. It will give benefit to people and irrigation in central area of Thailand.
- Hunting the cruel fortune teller in Prajuabkeereekan province. He killed his wife, daughter and nephew and put them to sack and threw them in the river.
- 2 murder cases. Shot taxi driver because of a business conflict and someone beaten to death for another case. Police can arrest only one of the murderers.
- Prime Minister leads her team to have lunch at the canteen to refute the rumor that he meals cost 200,000 baht and also the 5th years anniversary of the coup.
- Ms. Apaporn's ATM data was stolen. She lost 180,000 Baht from her Kbank account.

Five Years Ago Today: Suan Dusit's poll shows 84% support coup วันนี้เมื่อ 5 ปีที่แล้ว : สวนดุสิตโพล แสดง 84% ที่สนับสนุนรัฐประหาร

September 21, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Suan Dusit's poll shows 84% support coup](#) – The Nation, September 21, 2006

... “Approximately 84 per cent of Thais support Tuesday’s military coup, according to the poll conducted by Suan Dusit Rajabhat University.

The poll showed that 82 per cent of Bangkok residents, and 86 per cent of residents in rural areas supported the coup as they believe it end political / social tension and is a positive step for Thai politics.

The poll contradicted the widespread belief that people in rural areas support Thaksin...

Cambodia: An act of cruelty and a savage beating

กัมพูชา : การกระทำที่ทารุณ และ การทำร้ายร่างกายที่โหดร้าย

September 21, 2011

Categories: Cambodia

[An act of cruelty and a savage beating](#) – blog.thecauseofprogress.com, September 127, 2011

Big Fish ปลาตัวใหญ่

September 21, 2011

Categories: Wildlife and Nature



From Khao Sod, September 14, 2011

Crocodile fish: A chasm snapper or crocodile fish, usually imported, was caught in a net by a fisherman on a flooded Tha Lunag-Pak Thang Highway in Phichit province. Authorities speculate it escaped from a breeder on the 13th.

Thaksin, Noppadon Given Medals In Phnom Penh **ทักษิณกับนพดล ได้รับเหรียญรางวัลที่พนมเปญ**

September 21, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics

[Thaksin, Noppadon Given Medals In Phnom Penh](#) – VoiceTV, September 20, 2011

Pantip threads that exposed the fake camera scandal

พันทิพย์สานต่อ เรื่องอื้อฉาวเกี่ยวกับกล้องปลอมที่ถูกเปิดเผย

September 21, 2011

Categories: Security



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Above: The billboard reads: Your safety is under our watch – increasing close circuit cameras by more than 20,000 – Number 1 policy of safety of the Bangkok Governor M.L. Sukhumbhand Paribatra – The whole life, we care

Pantip threads that exposed the fake camera scandal: [Main one](#), [ONLY 316 CC Cameras are working?](#), [So, how many working CC cameras are still left?](#), [BMA Governor's explanation](#), [more explanation](#), [more sarcasm](#)

Inside the CIA's secret Thai prison ความลับของ ซีไอเอ ภายในคุกไทย

September 21, 2011

Categories: Thai Secret Prison

[Inside the CIA's secret Thai prison](#) – atimes.com, September 22, 2011

The United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) appears to have used Bangkok's former Don Muang International Airport as a secret prison to torture a suspected Muslim terrorist, the first time a specific location has ever been described within Thailand, according to statements by the Libyan who was allegedly held there...

Thai-language Headlines of September 21, 2011

September 22, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, September 21, 2011

- The Cabinet approved, in principle, a plan to raise the monthly income of Civil Servants with bachelor's degree to 15,000 baht. A total of 65,000 state official is eligible for this scheme.
- Two Santika executives were jailed for three years for negligence that led to the December 31st, 2008 New Year's Eve fire which killed 66 people and injured may more.
- Pra Kaseam placed a clip of himself to fight against the opposition on the internet which was considered by a monk committee as misconduct. However, Pra Kaseam, in return, stated back that his behaviour is not against the rule and regulations of monks and challenged them to arrest him if his act is considered wrong behaviour by the monk committee's decision.

Matichon, September 21, 2011

- Poo uses her prime minister power to appoint Pranai
- King would like to solve flood problem by using "Ladpoh" project that can help the flow into the sea and save money and save energy.
- The first house project will be executed on 22 Sep 2011
- Prime minister's meal will cost not over 500 Baht/meal.
- The Democrat Party disagreed with enlightened jurists .
- Santika's owner was jailed for 3 years and will have to pay compensation of 8.7 million baht. But the lead singer of the "burn" band is acquitted .

Thairath, September 21, 2011

- Despicable priest swears and kicks to show on Youtube.
- Santika's owner was jailed for 3 years, 67 bodies in Santika case.
- All government officials are happy to get 1.5k.
- Director-general of the Royal Forest Department starts to demolish three weekend houses or resorts in Tablarn today .
- A mass of mosquito is the result of floods in Utaithani province. There's putrid water, so people there are unhappy.

Daily News, September 21, 2011

- Two Santika executives were jailed for three years for negligence that led to the December 31st, 2008 New Year's Eve fire that killed 66 people and injured many more.
- Cabinet approved the 10 percent tax write-off scheme for first-time home buyers.
- Yingluck approved the transfer of Wichian to the secretary-general of the Integrated Water Solution Management Commission as well as appointing Phranai to be Interior Ministry permanent secretary.
- Confusion about the claim of Bangkok governor that many mock security cameras were installed during his administration for proposes of deterring violence and law breaking. Meanwhile, Sukhumbhand stated that City Hall had already installed 10,000 real cameras and aimed to add another 10,000 more in the capital.

Malaysia: PM's promise of sweeping reforms does not extend to media freedom

September 22, 2011

Categories: Malaysia

[PM's promise of sweeping reforms does not extend to media freedom, says CII](#) – www.ifex.org, September 16, 2011

...The government's unreformed position when it comes to freedom of expression is reflected in its response to the court challenge by online newspaper "Malaysiakini" to the Home Ministry's rejection of its application for a publishing permit. Deputy Home Minister Abu Seman Yusop in his affidavit-in-reply filed on 12 September, said permits were a "privilege", and the denial of permits cannot be equated to denial of the right to free speech. This position ignores the people's right to information, especially those who do not have Internet access and are thus deprived of alternative, freer media that can afford a more critical perspective...

Khaki-Colored Birds in Suan Rotfai

นกสีเทาที่สวนรถไฟ

September 22, 2011

Categories: Signs and Billboards, Thai Police



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: "Khaki-Colored Birds in Suan Rotfai" project from August 20, 2011

A collaboration between the Office of the Narcotics Control Board, the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration and the Metropolitan Police

Five Years Ago Today: The Coup – September 22, 2006

วันนี้เมื่อ 5 ปีก่อน : รัฐประหารเมื่อวันที่ 22 กันยายน 2549

September 22, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News



(Photo: Don)

Above: Photos of troops at The Nation building

[Five Years Ago Today: The Coup – September 22, 2006](#)

‘Don’t wai the corrupt’

September 22, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[‘Don’t wai the corrupt’ – Farewell to a warrior in the fight against graft](#) – Bangkok Post, September 18, 2011

...When government concessions are offered to the private sector there is often an under the table payment of 30%. He estimated that added up to two trillion baht per year and the trend is on the upswing—it could soon reach 50%...

Thai government approved breast slapping course

September 22, 2011

Categories: Local Beliefs



[Thai government approved breast slapping course](#) – Bangkok Post, September 9, 2011

...Khemmikha Na Songkhla's government-approved alternative beauty techniques include "breast-slapping" to enhance breast size and "buttock-slapping" to firm up the rear. After almost two decades of dishing out slaps in the name of image improvement, the techniques of the 44-year-old beautician better known "Khunying Tobnom" are as popular as ever...

Thai tax cuts only for some

September 22, 2011

Categories: Property and Development

[Thai tax cuts only for some](#) – www.property-report.com, September 21, 2011

...“This will be a disaster for low-income earners, as financial institutions will prefer lending to high income earners at the expense of low income customers. Chances for low income earners to own a home is even dimmer,” said Mr. Sothon.

For some, the tax incentive scheme is good news. Analysts say leading Thai real estate developers, Supalai, Pruksa Real Estate and LPN Development are likely to see increased sales on the back of the new policy. The majority of Supalai’s units and all of LPN’s units on the market are priced below THB5 million...

Bangkok fire: Sheffield man's compensation 'disappointing'

ชาวเซฟฟิลด์ผิดหวังในเงินชดเชยจากการได้รับอุบัติเหตุเพลิงไหม้ซานติก้า

September 22, 2011

Categories: Thailand in the International Media

[Bangkok fire: Sheffield man's compensation 'disappointing'](#) – BBC, September 22, 2010

..."My own claim for my injuries has been valued at around the same amount that the court has ordered to be paid in total to all of the victims and the families of those that died..."

Health Officials at Risk as India's Graft Thrives

ข้าราชการด้านสุขภาพมีความเสี่ยงที่อินเดียเกี่ยวกับเรื่องปลูกถ่ายอวัยวะ

September 23, 2011

Categories: India

[Health Officials at Risk as India's Graft Thrives](#) – NYT, September 17, 2011

...“When this much money is given to a government that is basically a criminal enterprise, violence cannot be ruled out,” said Kamini Jaiswal, a prominent lawyer who has filed several lawsuits in the case...

Five Years Ago Today: The Coup – September 23, 2011

วันนี้เมื่อ 5 ปีก่อน : รัฐประหารเมื่อวันที่ 23 กันยายน 2549

September 23, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News



Above: Thai Rath, September 23, 2006 – This atmosphere is only at one place in the world.

[The Coup – September 23, 2011](#)

Thai-language Headlines of September 22, 2011

September 23, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, September 22, 2011

- After the survey was conducted with a group of children, the result showed that those children lack discipline as well as cheat in exams and games if given the opportunity.
- The Finance Ministry is seeking cabinet approval to extend the terms of the first-car tax rebate program. The change would involve increasing the maximum engine size for qualifying cars to 1,600cc from 1,500cc as well as plan to include imported cars.
- Prime Minister's Office Minister gives a clear direction to the governor of Petchaboon to dismiss Pra Kaseam from the temple.
- Thriller! Restaurant boat was out of the marina in China.

Matichon, September 22, 2011

- Foreign Minister Surapong Tovichakchaikul wants to return ousted prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra's ordinary Thai passport.
- Officials from the National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Department demolished a house built illegally in Thap Lan National Park. In December, 50 more resorts and residences which are illegally built, will be destroyed in the same way.
- At Pheu Thai ministers meeting Thaksin called in and made it clear that every Cabinet member must devote full attention to produce results quickly and concretely.

Thairath, September 22, 2011

- Thaksin called in during Pheu Thai's meeting by Skype. Thaksin wants to push the government to work. After the flood decreases, they will increase fund for SML policy. Surapong confirmed to return Thaksin's Thai passport.
- Start to demolish the first 3 places in Thab Lan. They will do it the same way for more 50 resorts.
- 36-year-old salesman was arrested in killing the blond girl and left in the Chao Phraya River. But he still denied it.
- 3 pickups encircle to shoot and rob a rich man who was the owner of sugar cane farm.

Daily News, September 22, 2011

- Thaksin is playing the leader as in screenplay instead of Poo . He Skyped to order the cabinet to work.
- Pheu Thai denied that the "first house policy" helped SC Asset company to get money of around 3 billion baht.
- Many people who are affected by the flood would like to commit suicide. The government hurries to send some psychiatrists.
- Daily News got the best news photo award.
- Already demolished resorts in National Park, and will go on more in 50 resorts. Officials from the National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Department confirmed that they will not compromise.
- Chalerm supports DSI and stops objections to bailing out Red Shirts.

Thai, Indonesian Stocks Farthest From 2008-2009 Lows, Credit Suisse Says **หุ้นไทยและ อินโดนีเซียตกมากที่สุดจาก 2008/9 Credit Suisse Group AG กล่าว**

September 23, 2011
Categories: Economy

[Thai, Indonesian Stocks Farthest From 2008-2009 Lows, Credit Suisse Says](#) – bloomberg.com, September 14, 2011
Thai and Indonesian stock markets are the farthest from 2008/9 lows, based on current price-to- book, Credit Suisse Group AG said...

280km Bangkok ring road planned

โครงการถนนวงแหวน 280กม. ของกรุงเทพฯ

September 23, 2011

Categories: Highways and Roads

[280km Bangkok ring road planned](#) – Bangkok Post, September 21, 2011

...Transport permanent secretary Supoj Saplom yesterday unveiled the six-lane, 280-kilometre-long ring road project that will cost an estimated 150 billion baht. It will pass through Ayutthaya, Pathum Thani, Nonthaburi, Nakhon Pathom, Samut Prakan and Bangkok...

It's time to test his strength ถึงเวลาทดสอบจุดแข็งของเขา

September 23, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, September 23, 2011

The cartoon title reads: It's time to test his strength. Back of his suit: Defense Ministry. Sleeve: Pheu Thai Party

Papers under the boot: Military reshuffle list

Left mouse: A monopoly on power

Right mouse: Release the political prisoners

Five Years Ago Today: Tanks and Scientologists รถถังและคนที่นับถือลัทธิไซแอนโทโลยี

September 23, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

[Five Years Ago Today: Saturday morning at the Royal Plaza: Tanks, families, human interest, and Scientologists](#)

Dummies

จำลอง

September 23, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, September 23, 2011

The cartoon title: Dummies

Top left: Sgt. Chuey, a dummy sergeant, is used to threaten wrongdoers!

Middle: Dummy Dhamma preaches with his foot.

Right: Dummy inhalant is not a cure for the cold.

Bottom left: Dummy cabinet waits for their boss in Dubai to Skype his instructions to them.

Middle: Dummy lawyer writes laws for one person.

Right: Dummy position has a chair but no work. Sign reads: Government House cemetery

Malaysian resort forced to scrap Miss Bikini night

โรงแรมในมาเลเซียถูกบังคับให้ยกเลิกปาร์ตี้สาว ๆ บิกินี

September 23, 2011
Categories: Malaysia

[Malaysian resort forced to scrap Miss Bikini night](#) – AP, September 23, 2011

...Hamidah Othman, the state government’s official in charge of tourism and investment, said authorities would not allow such an event, which she said could “cause a negative impact and shame the nation.”

Activists were also concerned because photos on Facebook of a beach party at the resort last year showed several young bikini-clad women, mainly from Malaysia’s ethnic Chinese non-Muslim minority...

September 23, 2011
Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



- Thairath, September 23, 2011

- Daily News, September 23, 2011

- Matichon, September 23, 2011

- The enlightened jurists invited Mark to discuss the proposal to cancel the results of 19 September Coup. The Democrat Party attacked the meeting in which about Thaksin called in by Skype.
- Thai Truth Commission concluded they could find the truth by one year. They see harmony in Thailand in that Yingluck and Aphisit work together in government. It's a good signal.
- Chief of Kao Yai national park was fired.
- Worawat appointment to be Ministry of Education permanent secretary postponed.
- Fake CCTVs are under investigation. They found that there was 20% commission of the project.

“Incredible” Dinosaur Feathers Found in Amber

ไม่น่าเชื่อ พบโครงไดโนเสาร์ที่ แอมเบอร์

September 24, 2011

Categories: Nothing to do with Thailand, but Interesting

[“Incredible” Dinosaur Feathers Found in Amber](#) – NG, September, 2011

[A Diverse Assemblage of Late Cretaceous Dinosaur and Bird Feathers from Canadian Amber](#) – www.sciencemag.org, September 16, 2011

Showing love to shophouses

แสดงความ รัก อนุรักษ์ ร้านแบบตึกแถว

September 24, 2011

Categories: Buildings

[Showing love to shophouses](#) – Bangkok Post, September 22, 2011

...Not everyone is enthusiastic.

“Our place is fine the way it is now. Why should we change it?” says the proprietor of the Patkijprasong Dispensary, a century-old Chinese medicine shop in the Tha Tian neighbourhood.

“The Na Phra Lan shops look pretty, but they don’t look authentic anymore,” said the Tha Tian tenant, whose family has run the shop for 110 years.

It's Too Late, Toi ช้าไปด้อย

September 24, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, September 4, 2011

The cartoon headline: It's too late, Toi ...

Top left: It's too late, Toi... to conserve forests that are the source of water.

Top middle: It's too late, Toi... to think about laying a wreath for anyone again.

Top right: It's too late, Toi... for the media to think they have freedom.

Bottom left: It's too late, Toi... to block the way.

Bottom middle: It's too late, Toi... for government officials to resist political authority.

Bottom right: It's too late, Toi... to start setting up political schools.

Thailand, Subsidies and the Price of Rice

ประเทศไทย : เงินอุดหนุนและราคาของข้าว

September 24, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand, Subsidies and the Price of Rice](#) – Forbes, September 22, 2011

...This is why all eyes are on Thailand, the world's largest exporter. Its government plans to start buying rice from farmers next month at a generous premium to market prices. Some reckon this will set off another rally in world rice prices. Others argue that a bust is more likely, given ample stocks. Either way, it's another reminder of how agricultural subsidies distort commodity markets...

The Myitsone Dam: Controversy Over Dam Fuels Rare Public Outcry in Myanmar **ประท้วงเกี่ยวกับความขัดแย้งเรื่องการสร้างเขื่อนในพม่า**

September 25, 2011

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Controversy Over Dam Fuels Rare Public Outcry in Myanmar](#) – NYT, September 21, 2011

Photos from the Cambodia vs Red Shirt Football Match

รูปการแข่งขันฟุตบอลระหว่างทีมพูชากับกลุ่มเสื้อแดง

September 25, 2011

Categories: Cambodia, Thai Politics

[Guess why Hun Sen's team wear the Red Shirts color to represent Cambodia? Why only Thai Red Shirts display "We Love Hun Sen" sign?](#) – KI Media, September 25, 2011

Hun Sen offers to exchange prisoners

September 25, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics



From Komchadluek, September 25, 2011

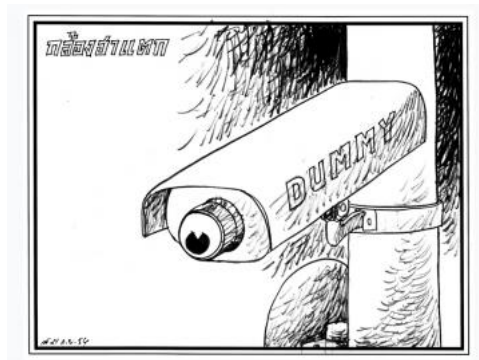
Hun Sen offers to exchange prisoners – Veera and Ratree will return and be imprisoned in Thailand. Justice Ministry will discuss this immediately. Jei Da , Kee , Jakrapob showed up in Phnom Penh .

Editorial Cartoons on the Fake Cameras

บทพรรณนาวิธีการการ์ตูนเกี่ยวกับกล้องปลอม

September 26, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Khaosod, September 21, 2011

Upper-left corner: Very amusing box



From Daily News, September 21, 2011

Left: It's easy to take care of Bangkokians.

Middle: What makes you say that?

Right: Right man says: All it takes is a "box." Left man thinks: That's a box without a camera.

Sign below the box: We take care of you your whole life.



From Thairath, September 22, 2011

Cartoon reads: Fake cares

Poster: We are prepared to care for you your whole life. For Bangkokians.

Off to the side: Nyah nyah!



From Thairath, September 26, 2011

The cartoon reads: Whether you're good or bad, it's up to you. Don't blame ghosts! (The power of magic rice and fresh saliva)

On the ghost: Kill people!

On the camera: CCTV BMA

Myanmar's Forgotten Bourse Eyes Long-Awaited Expansion

ตลาดหลักทรัพย์ของพม่าที่ถูกลืม รอการขยายเพิ่มเติมอยู่

September 26, 2011

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Myanmar's Forgotten Bourse Eyes Long-Awaited Expansion](#) – CNBC, September 22, 2011

...There's no trading floor, no flashing screens and no televisions showing financial news channels. Just eight employees who handle over-the-counter transactions and manually update share prices, using a whiteboard, a marker pen and a stencil. Every so often, a customer drops by...

10,000 CCTVs กล้องวงจรปิด 10,000 ตัว

September 26, 2011
Categories: Security



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: All 10,000 CCTV are in place – They are ready for Bangkokians – “Putting up CCTVs as a security measure”



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: All 10,000 CCTV are in place – We take care of your whole life – “Putting up CCTVs as a security measure”

[Sukhumbhand stands by city's bogus cameras](#) – Bangkok Post, September 22, 2011

...Budgetary constraints had prompted the city's decision. It believes dummy cameras can deter criminals, as many people can't tell them apart from the real ones...

[OAG to probe BMA on fake street cameras deal](#) – The Nation, September 23, 2011

The fake surveillance cameras issue surrounding the two previous and incumbent Bangkok governors has now raised corruption and political questions, after the Office of Auditor General yesterday revealed suspicious contract conditions involving the existing camera units. The Pheu Thai Party, meanwhile, has repeated its vow of a criminal investigation...

[All installed surveillance cameras are real, BMA says](#) – The Nation, September 24, 2011

Responding to an allegation from the Office of the Auditor General that a large number of surveillance cameras installed in Bangkok are dummies, a senior city official said yesterday that all installed cameras are operable...

ABAC Poll: Yingluck vs Abhisit

September 27, 2011
Categories: Polls

Table 1 shows the percentage of popular faith towards Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra and Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva while they were in the prime minister position.

		Percentage.
1.	Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra	38.6.
2.	Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva	12.9.
3.	Not anyone at all.	48.5.
Total		100.0.

Table 2 shows the percentage of popular faith towards Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra and Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva by sex of responder.

		Male (%).	Female (%)
1.	Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra	39.7.	37.5.
2.	Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva	12.8.	13.1.
3.	Not for anyone at all.	47.5.	49.4.
Total		100.0.	100.0.

Table 3 shows the percentage of popular faith towards Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra and Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva by age of responder.

		Less than 20 year old (%)	20-29 years old (%).	30-39 years old (%).	40-49 years old (%).	Above 50 years old (%).
1	Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra	37.4.	33.9.	35.0.	43.0.	43.3.
2.	Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva	9.9.	15.3.	13.4.	12.9.	11.1
3	Not for anyone at all.	52.7.	50.8.	51.6.	44.1.	45.6.
Total		100.0.	100.0.	100.0.	100.0.	100.0.

Table 4 shows the percentage of popular faith towards Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra and Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva by education.

		Lower than Bachelor Degree (%).	Bachelor degree (%).	Above Bachelor degree (%)
1	Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra	39.7.	33.2.	32.6.
2.	Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva	11.5.	19.6.	18.9.
3	Not for anyone at all.	48.8.	47.2.	48.5.
Total		100.0.	100.0.	100.0.

Table 5 shows the percentage of popular faith towards Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra and Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva by occupation.

		Government/ state	Employee/ private	Trade/ own business	Students	Farmer/ contract	Housekeeper/ retired	Unem no occ
1	Yingluck Shinawatra	39.2.	39.4.	34.0.	28.7.	43.0.	42.2.	4

2.	Abhisit Vejjajiva	16.7.	14.2.	14.0.	14.3.	10.8.	12.1.	1
3	Not for anyone at all.	44.1.	46.4.	52.0.	57.0.	46.2.	45.7.	4
Total		100.0.	100.0.	100.0.	100.0.	100.0.	100.0.	10

Table 6 shows the percentage of popular faith towards Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra and Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva by residential area.

		In the municipality area	Outside municipality area
1	Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra	32.2.	43.2.
2.	Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva	14.9.	11.7.
3	Not for anyone at all.	52.9.	45.1.
Total		100.0.	100.0.

Thai-language Headlines of September 26, 2011

September 27, 2011

Categories: Thai-language Newspaper Headlines



Komchadluek, September 26, 2011

- Arisman confirmed he will not return to Thailand as all political cases are not at an end. He's waiting for amnesty.
- Pra Kasem is more aggressive. He did more clips showing him kicking his parishioner.
- Democracy Party said Pheu Thai is playing the fool about CCTV. They want the governor of Bangkok position. Aphisit is not afraid of the DSI investigation as those fake CCTV started since Thaksin's period in office.
- There's a flood again in Ayuthaya. Everybody helps to protect temples there.

Daily News, September 26, 2011

- Heavy rain-earthquake-Buddha's relics flooded – Hurry to evacuate people in Mae Hong Son.
- Arisman, the fugitive from Thailand in Cambodia, revealed his thrilling survival story. He said the Thai judicial is not fair. Other leaders will go back to surrender.
- Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and ex-premier Abhisit Vejjajiva prove it's a Land of Smiles – but they disagree entirely over the new government rice plan.
- Enlightened Jurists challenges the Democrat Party to discuss the results of the coup 5 years ago. They explained that the "for Thaksin" group was not wrong.
- On process of the CCTV investigation, Aphisit is not afraid.

Thairath, September 26, 2011

- People in Lobburi are preparing to evacuate. The provincial governor warned there will be flooding again in 3 districts.
- Aphisit is not afraid of a DSI investigation. The fake CCTVs began in Thaksin's period in the south of Thailand. Pheu Thai is playing the fool to cover their failed management.
- 2 leaders, Yingluck and Aphisit, are presidents of anti-corruption campaign in Suan Lumpini on 25 September 2011.
- Arisman Pongruangrong showed up at a Phnom Penh hotel and called for an end to anti-monarchist allegations against Red Shirts. He is hurt to be accused of disloyalty to the monarchy.
- 80,000 pieces of drugs and the drug dealer was arrested in Chiang Rai.

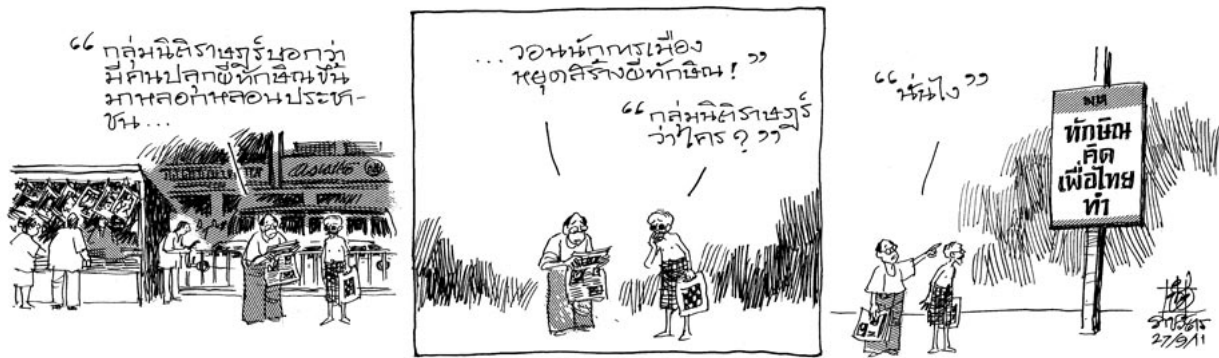
Matichon, September 26, 2011

- Enlightened Jurists don't support Thaksin. They explained about 7 proposals to wipe out 19 September coup.
- Arisman reveals he escaped to Cambodia with Hun Sen's help.
- Yingluck has sympathy towards two boys who were killed when a flash flood swept over their village. The disaster prevention and mitigation department warned residents of 9 provinces to brace themselves for landslides.
- Pranai is waiting to be permanent secretary of the Ministry of Interior. He plans to appoint Wongsak to be Exchequer, Chancellor of the ministry of interior's assistants, and also plans to dismiss other administrators with personal connections of the Bhumjaithai Party.
- Reshuffle more than 38 positions of chief of national parks by the director-general of DNP and proposes the Payoong wood case to be an important case. More seriousness, more punishment.

Conjure up the specter of Thaksin to haunt people ปลุกผีทักษิณมาหลอกลอนประชาชน

September 27, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, September 27, 2011

Left panel: The Nitirat group says someone is trying to conjure up the specter of Thaksin to haunt people...

Middle panel: Man on the left: ...and they're begging the politicians to leave Thaksin's ghost alone.

Man on the right: Who is it that the Nitirat group is talking about?

Right: Over there.

Sign: Thaksin thinks, Pheu Thai acts.

Piercing the heart with the flag

ปักธงลงตรงหัวใจ

September 27, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, September 27, 2011

Cartoon title reads: Piercing the heart with the flag

On the flag: Nullify the consequences from the Sept. 19, 2006 coup

On the men's backs: Nitirat

On the soldier's shirt: *Lap Luang Phrang* of the National Security Council

Accused killers oppose trial in ‘racist’ Victoria

ฆาตรกรที่ถูกกล่าวหาเรื่องต่อต้านการเหยียดผิวที่วิคตอเรีย

September 27, 2011

Categories: Thailand in the International Media

[Accused killers oppose trial in ‘racist’ Victoria](#) – www.theage.com.au, September 27, 2011

...Sarud, who was studying in Melbourne at the time of Mr Mitchell’s death, told Bangkok’s Ratchada Criminal Court yesterday that he wanted the charge against him heard in Thailand because he would not get a fair hearing in Melbourne, where many people are “racist” and he would be held in a substandard prison...

Fighting Cervical Cancer With Vinegar and Ingenuity

สู้มะเร็งปากมดลูกด้วยน้ำส้มสายชูและความฉลาด

September 27, 2011

Categories: Health

[Fighting Cervical Cancer With Vinegar and Ingenuity](#) – NYT, September 26, 2011

...Nurses using the new procedure, developed by experts at the Johns Hopkins medical school in the 1990s and endorsed last year by the World Health Organization, brush vinegar on a woman's cervix. It makes precancerous spots turn white. They can then be immediately frozen off with a metal probe cooled by a tank of carbon dioxide, available from any Coca-Cola bottling plant...

Insurgents must stop war crimes against civilians

พวกกบฏต้องหยุดสงครามกับพลเรือน

September 27, 2011

Categories: Human Rights, The Thai Deep South

[Thailand: Insurgents must stop war crimes against civilians](#) – amnesty.org, September 26, 2011

...“Insurgents in southern Thailand are spreading terror among the civilian population by deliberately targeting people with no role in the conflict —no one is immune from attack,” said Donna Guest, Amnesty International’s Asia-Pacific Deputy Director.

“The insurgents must publicly commit to stopping these unlawful killings immediately,” she said...

Fuhrer furore! Thai student Nazi dress-up day causes outrage

เด็กนักเรียนไทย แต่งตัวเป็น นาซี วันกีฬาส์ของโรงเรียน

September 27, 2011

Categories: Thailand in the International Media

[Fuhrer furore! Thai student Nazi dress-up day causes outrage](#) – Daily Mai, September 26, 2011

...Leading the march into the sports ground was a girl dressed as Adolf Hitler – complete with toothbrush moustache – seemingly unaware of the offence she had caused.

She was followed by a procession of pupils dressed as SS guards – brandishing plastic machine guns.

Stunned ex-pats were appalled. Surely the pupils were aware of what the Swastika and Nazis represented?...

More on the Costume Day Nazis นักเรียนแต่งชุดนาซี

September 27, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News



(Source: Prachatai)

[More on the Costume Day Nazis](#) – Prachatai, September 27, 2011

Thailand's Rivers Polluted by Factory and Residential Waste

แม่น้ำเมืองไทยถูกมลภาวะของเสียจากโรงงานและแหล่งที่อยู่อาศัย

September 28, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand's Rivers Polluted by Factory and Residential Waste](#) – ENS, September 26, 2011

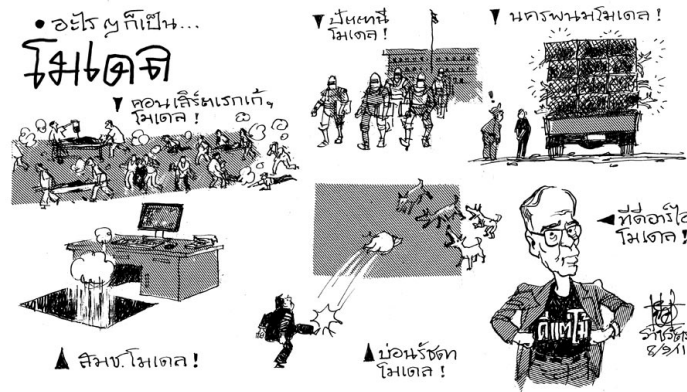
...Samrong Canal is located in Samutprakan province south of the Bangkok Metropolitan Region, notorious for being one of the most polluted residential waterways in Thailand.

The canal is used to dump waste by a variety of metal plating, chemical, plastics and textile dyeing factories. It has a very low dissolved oxygen content, combined with the presence of hazardous substances such as heavy metals, nonylphenols, and the carcinogen 2-naphthylamine...

Everything is a Model อะไร ๆ ก็เป็นโมเดล

September 28, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From ThaiRath, September 10, 2011

Cartoon reads: Everything is a model.

Top left: Reggae concert model

Top middle: Pattani model

Top right: Nakhon Phanom model

Bottom left: National Security Council model

Bottom middle: Ratchada casino model

Bottom right: TDR model . Ammar Siamwala's T-shirt reads: Good at bragging

Thai-language Headlines of September 27, 2011

September 28, 2011

Categories: Thai-language Newspaper Headlines



Komchadluek, September 27, 2011

- Attorney-General won't appeal Aor's tax acquittal's case and won't re-sue Noppadol about temple of Preah Vihear case as well.
- 40 billion baht to solve flood problems in Thailand on 80,000 rai of rice land that is underwater, 6 dams in the Northeast area are in crisis.
- Four Thai men and one Vietnamese man were arrested with 1,260 dogs in four six-wheel trucks on Aug 11 by officials led by Nakhon Phanom governor Roengsak Mahavinijchaimontree as they were about to put the animals on board a boat in Ban Phaeng district. They went to jail immediately. It's cruel behavior and a bad effect on society.
- Flyers to offer work in massage parlors for young and good looking girls are all over the city. Police accepted that it's difficult to implicate .
- Arrest fake vegetarian ingredient dealer in Jomtong. It is mixed with meat. The owner said he's only a trader .

Thairath, September 27, 2011

- Democrat Party proposed to dismiss Poo from the prime minister position because she violated ethics for the first house buyers project. The main beneficiary is SC asset, which is in Shinawatra's network.
- Thai stocks post one of the worst performances in the world yesterday with a 5.65% drop to lead tumbling Asian markets on panic selling on concerns over the European debt crisis.
- Attorney General won't appeal petition to the crown on the Pojamarn-Banpod's tax acquittal.
- The government will use 40 billion baht to solve flood problems permanently. Meteorological Department warned to handle 2 storms which are Haitang and Naysard.
- Fake vegetarian food factory was arrested. Total value is 1 million baht. There is many meat mixed –because cost of vegetable are high during the vegetarian festival.

Daily News, September 27, 2011

- Poo is not satisfied with flood rescue officers, she ordered them to solve flood problems completely. The Chao Phraya river flows over the limit, she afraid Bangkok will be flooded. There will be 2 big storms coming.
- Catheleya's mother is saved from blindness. Her air treatment exploded and carbon went into her eyes.
- Many young students reported to police to arrest a school director that raped them and gave them gonorrhea.
- Fake vegetarian food factory was raided. It was mixed with meat.
- Amnesty is a royal prerogative to keep fairness and benefit everyone.

Matichon, September 27, 2011

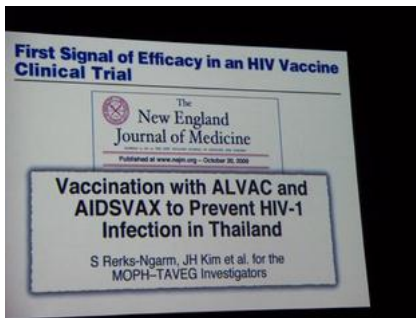
- Black money made the world frantic. Thai stocks went down 90 points. The stock exchange stopped trading for a while.
- Warning: Haitang storm will attack Thailand again. Northeast will be flooded.
- No appeal in Shinawatra tax acquittal
- Attack to raid fake vegetarian food factory in Jomtong area.

Dr. Mona's Dispatch from Thailand: The Beginning of the End of AIDS?

ข่าวด่วนจากเมืองไทย : การเริ่มต้นของจุดจบของโรคเอดส์

September 28, 2011

Categories: HIV-AIDS



(Photo: Fox)

[Dr. Mona's Dispatch from Thailand: The Beginning of the End of AIDS?](http://www.myfoxchicago.com) – www.myfoxchicago.com, September 27, 2011

Ex-Thai Leader Steps Up, From Afar

ผู้นำไทยคนก่อนก้าวไปข้างหน้าจากแดนไกล

September 28, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics

[Ex-Thai Leader Steps Up, From Afar](#) – WSJ, September 28, 2011

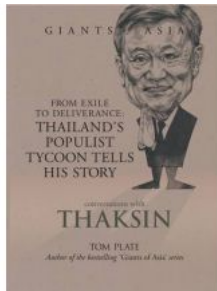
...For many observers the implication is clear. “A couple of months ago, I’d say there were two prime ministers in Thailand—Ms. Yingluck and her brother,” said Pavin Chachavalpongpun at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore. “Now there is one—Mr. Thaksin...”

Controversial tycoon shows a different side

นักธุรกิจใหญ่ที่ถกเถียงกันอยู่กำลังแสดงบทบาทอีกด้านหนึ่ง

September 28, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics



[Controversial tycoon shows a different side](#) – The Straits Times, September 28, 2011

...According to the book, Thaksin ‘declared war’ against General Prem Tinsulanonda, former prime minister and present head of the Privy Council.

‘In Thailand, you have Privy Councillors, and they have nothing to do with the Constitution, and this is how Prem happens to have power over the formal structure of government,’ Thaksin said...

Thai-language Headlines of September 28, 2011

September 29, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, September 28, 2011

- People in Nakorn Nayok assembled to protest for irrigation to open the floodgate .
- The longest spring roll, length 85 meters, at the opening ceremony of the vegetarian festival at Yaowarat.
- The government lottery office proposes the government to reconsider the entertainment complex project and casino at Kula field to earn the country money.
- Commander-in-Chief of the Army opposed to revise section 112 and orders people to keep an eye on the Nitirat group. Director of Thammasart University has 15 questions for Nitirat group.
- The Thai womens' network that supports democracy and fairness assembled in front of the government house in 27 September 2011 to request the government to investigate the fake CCTV cameras in Thailand.

Thairath, September 28, 2011

- Nakorn Nayok people dismantled sandbags above a floodgate, water will flow to the Rangsit area. They can't stand flood problem in their area which has gone on for almost for a month.
- The government lottery office would like the government to revive the law to have a casino and entertainment complex. It will make a high amount of money come into Thailand.
- Yingluck confirmed that she won't get any benefit from the first house policy.
- NACC accepted that it will investigate the fake CCTV cameras, and DSI will take 3 days to gather all evidence about this case.
- Two highway police officers in the South have each been sentenced to 33 years in jail and fined two million baht for possession of 3,000 methamphetamine pills with intent to sell.

Daily News, September 28, 2011

- The King recommended the prime minister to hurry solve flood problems. The King worry's about the flood victims.
- The Democrat party would like to dismiss the Attorney-General, Poo made a foolish decision about the submarine , Channel 11 revised their TV programs from 20.30- 24.00 everyday.
- The government lottery office would like the government to revise the law to have a casino and entertainment complex.
- NACC accepted to investigate the fake CCTV cameras.
- Chai and Vicky had an engagement ceremony with their families only.
- Perverted school director that raped many school girls and made them having gonorrhea was dismissed.

Matichon, September 28, 2011

- The King encouraged the Yingluck government and recommended the flood solution. Taihang storm will effect 24 provinces in Thailand.
- Shinawatra's tax acquittal case is not finish yet. NACC didn't trust the Attorney-General.
- Director of Thammasart University has 15 questions for the Nitirat group.
- The Democrat party would like to dismiss Attorney-General.
- The government lottery office proposed the government about the casino and entertainment complex valued at 10 billion baht.
- 2 packages for the first house policy. 0% interest for the house valued under 1 million baht. For the house value not over 5 million baht, buyer can claim their income tax back over 5 years.

Floods Punish the Red Shirt Villages

น้ำท่วมทำให้หมู่บ้านเสื้อแดงหายไป

September 29, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, September 29, 2011

Left: What mistake did we make... that Heaven and Earth would want to punish us this much?

Right: Huh... We've done this much, but they aren't even aware of what they've done.

Sign: Red-shirt village

New Film: Whores' Glory

ภาพยนตร์เรื่องใหม่ : ความรุ่งเรืองของหญิงขายบริการ

September 29, 2011

Categories: Film and TV



[Whores' Glory](#)

...Part 1 THE FISH TANK – The Fish Tank is a very traditional place run by Thai Chinese. It is a form of prostitution that is deeply rooted in Thai society and there are hundreds of similar places throughout the city...

Hi-so hypocrites as shameless as immoral low-so entertainers เสแสร้งเป็นไฮโซกินาอับอาย เพื่อกับผู้ให้ความบันเทิงที่เป็นโลโซ

September 29, 2011
Categories: Music

Ja Turbo Orgasm...! English sub



[Hi-so hypocrites as shameless as immoral low-so entertainers](#) – The Nation, September 28, 2011

...Woody exercised his “class superiority” and his supposed better upbringing in an attempt to disgrace [Ja Turbo](#), who was a guest on his show. He asked insulting questions and made offensive remarks about her. These are some of Woody’s statements: “How can a song like this exist in this society?” “Is there really this type of girl, like you, in our society?” “Didn’t you feel ashamed when you lifted your legs in the air?” “Is your act some kind of low-class art?” “Are there parents out there who would tolerate daughters like yourself?” “Have you ever thought for a moment that you are committing something so immoral?” “Do you consider yourself a decent entertainer?”

...But if Thailand is the land of morality, as depicted by Woody and Somsak, why is our local sex industry so vibrant? Why have the Thai authorities not closed down so many brothels in Bangkok’s red-light districts? Is this because such businesses have rendered enormous benefits to the rich and powerful in the upper class? ...

Seizure of Chuwit's Bt3.4 million related to prostitution ring

ยึดทรัพย์ชวิต 3.4 ล้านบาทฐานจัดหาหญิงขายบริการ

September 30, 2011

Categories: Chuwit Kamolvisit

[Seizure of Chuwit's Bt3.4 million related to prostitution ring](#) – The Nation, September 29, 2011

...Among key defence arguments were that massage parlours were a legitimate business, that massage services were not illicit sex trade and that the criminal trial had ended with the verdict of acquittal.

The high court ruled that there was cause to suspect the sex trade as the company's record showed it spent Bt112,559 to buy condoms in 2002 alone. A number of former workers testified how they were trained and coerced to provide sexual services.

Furthermore a large number of disposed condoms were uncovered at various parlours run by Chuwit...

Nitirat – Overthrow the Coup การล้มล้างรัฐประหาร

September 30, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, September 30, 2011

The cartoon title reads: Brave heroes

Left sword: Nitirat...

Middle sword: overthrow...

Right sword: the coup.

Right, around the eyes: Those who serve of the pro-coup and pro-dictatorship people.

Thai-language Headlines of September 29, 2011

September 30, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, September 29, 2011

- Crisis in Chiang Mai, flood flew rapidly in Ping river, 4 died. Watching carefully at floodgates in Patumthani province.
- Many people are interested in the asset and liability accounts of the government at the NACC office.
- 4 soldiers die in a southern orchard. Suspected insurgents attacked Narathiwat's 30th special task force's six-strong team in a fruit orchard.
- The government has no plan at this stage to allow construction of Thailand's first legal casino Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra said on Wednesday.
- DSI aim to dismiss Mr. Sukhumpan over the fake CCTV cameras.

Matichon, September 29, 2011

- Banharn shows his performance in protecting floods in Supanburee province. He taught all member of the House of Representatives to take care their provinces. 5 died in Chaing Mai–whole family.
- NACC revealed all Poo's cabinet assets and liabilities for 36 people submitted on 10 Aug 2011.
- Prime Minister breaks the casino project and people in Kula field don't want the casino in their place.
- 4 soldiers die in a southern orchard. Suspected insurgents attacked the Narathiwat 30th special task force unit's six-strong team in a fruit orchard.

Thairath, September 29, 2011

- 5 died in Chiang Mai–whole family–after heavy rain last night.
- Poo's cabinet is less poor than Aphisit's cabinet as they had only 4.7 billion baht.
- A teacher-protection team was ambushed in Narathiwat's Reu So district yesterday. Suspected insurgents attacked the Narathiwat 30th special task force unit's six-strong team.
- Prime Minister denied wanting to set up a casino in Thailand. It's not a priority issue.
- DSI is on process of investigating the Bangkok CCTV cameras. Sukhumpan will take responsibility if he's wrong.

Daily News, September 29, 2011

- End of Taihang storm, Chiang Mai hit by landslide, floods, 5 dead. Satellite warns Bangkok will have flash floods in 13 districts.
- 4 soldiers died and 1 primary school student hurt in southern orchard by 18 terrorists.
- Arrested fraud gangsters that cheated people by having them to transfer money to them. They're all Malaysian. They got almost a billion baht.
- Thaksin and red shirt leaders discussed the police reshuffle – people with personal connections to Pheu Thai will get all leader positions in the police name list.
- The Ministry of Finance finalizes the fist car policy.

Millionaire Commoners

ไพร่เงินล้าน

September 30, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, September 30, 2011

Box: After their assets declaration... there are two types of commoners.

Shirts on the left: Commoner

Shirts on the right: Millionaire commoner

Luc Besson's "The Lady"

หนังเรื่อง เดอะเลดี้ ของ ลุค เบสสัน

September 30, 2011

Categories: Film and TV, Myanmar/Burma



[Who is Luc Besson's "Lady"? And can new film affect Myanmar's politics?](#) – blogs.indiewire.com, August, 2011

And on Wikipedia: [The Lady \(2011 film\)](#)

One Year Ago Today: Film and Annie Crowd Out Bomb News วันนี้เมื่อปีที่แล้ว : ชาวฟิล์มกับแอนนี่เบียดข่าวระเบิดเจียบเลย

September 30, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News



One Year Ago Today: [Film and Annie Crowd Out Bomb News](#)

Reds facing terrorism charges on House panels/Arisman, Darunee to surrender **กลุ่มเสื้อแดงถูกตัดสินว่าเป็นผู้ก่อการร้าย / อริสมันต์และดารุณียอมแพ้**

September 30, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics

[Reds facing terrorism charges on House panels](#) – The Nation, September 30, 2011

Red-shirt leaders facing terrorism charges in connection with last year's unrest have become members of House of Representatives committees dealing with security affairs, justice, human rights and police affairs...

[Arisman, Darunee to surrender](#) – The Nation, September 30, 2011

‘My R200 000 holiday hell’ วันหยุดนรก R200 000 ของฉัน

September 30, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[‘My R200 000 holiday hell’](#) -www.iol.co.za, September 29, 2011

... While still in the cell a police officer brought a statement written in Thai for Sequeira to sign. He refused as he didn’t understand the document. But a New Zealander introduced to him as a tourism police officer and one of the few officials who could speak English, told him it was safe to sign the document as it was “just a formality”.

Unbeknown to Sequeira, by signing the statement he was acknowledging guilt...

Thai-language Headlines of September 30, 2011

October 1, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, September 30, 2011

- Chiang Mai is wrecked with 3,000 million baht . Yingluck has assigned ministers to monitor the situation closely and all the flood victims were to be taken care of.
- The Government plans to borrow 10 billion baht from Commercial Banks to finance domestic fuel subsidies.
- The undertaker at the Paiean Temple was sentenced 3 years and 4 months for the illegal hiding 2,002 corpses of fetuses.
- Mako clinic was raided and charged with illegal brightening cream.

Maticchon, September 30, 2011

- Flood all over its roof, college in Nakorn Sawan was flooded in an hour.
- Somkit, who is the director of Thammasart University, implicated Preedee and made Preedee's daughter angry.
- Seizure of Chuwit's Bt3.4 million baht related to laundering by his massage parlors.
- Rice mortgage for farmers will be started in first in 31 provinces.
- The name list of 35 commissioners was finalized yesterday.

Thairath, September 30, 2011

- Chiang Mai is wrecked with 5 billion baht . Chaotic evacuation all around.
- Pheu Thai chases the commissioners to investigate the local budget. They suspect that it related to Newin.
- Seizure of Chuwit's Bt3.4 million baht.
- The police explore a casino in Mengjai, but it's still under construction. Chuvit Kamolvisit says a new, large casino has been built in Huai Khwang and is expected to open soon.
- Undertakers who hid 2002 fetuses gets jail for 3 years.

Daily News, September 30, 2011

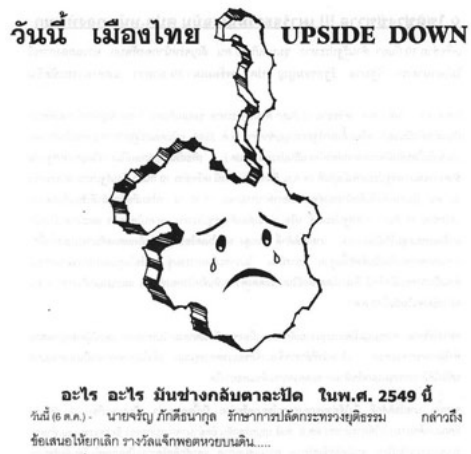
- Bangkok is under the threat of flooding as a huge amount of water has reached Rangsit.
- The high court have reached the conclusion that Mr. Chuvit Kamolvisit was guilty under the money laundering law.
- A gang of youngster was arrested and charged with the brutal of a man.
- 35 name lists of the House of Representative committees was finalized. Karun Hosakul will be in charge of the CNS.

Five Years Ago: High tension in Thailand – October-December, 2006

เมื่อ 5 ปีที่แล้ว ความตึงเครียดสูงในประเทศไทย ช่วงเดือน ตุลาคมถึงธันวาคม

October 1, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News



[High tension in Thailand – October-December, 2006](#)

More on Ja Turbo: Raunchy ‘Itchy Ear’ song exposes Thai sexual hypocrisy

เพิ่มเติมเรื่อง จ๊ะ เทอร์โบกับเพลงลามก “คันหู” แสดงถึงการหลอกหลวงเรื่องเซ็กส์ของประเทศไทย

October 1, 2011

Categories: Local Beliefs

More on Ja Turbo: [Raunchy ‘Itchy Ear’ song exposes Thai sexual hypocrisy](#) – asiancorrespondent.com, September 30, 2011

Earlier: [The Ja Turbo Controversy](#)

Burmese rebels block Asia's 'Suez Canal'

พวกกบฏพม่าบล็อคลองซูเอส

October 1, 2011

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Burmese rebels block Asia's 'Suez Canal'](#) – www.smh.com.au, October 1, 2011

...A little-known agreement signed late last year between Burma's military-dominated rulers and Italian-Thai Development, one of Thailand's largest civil construction companies, approves a deep-sea port with shipbuilding and maintenance facilities, a petrochemical industrial estate with oil refining and gas separation plant and other medium and light industries such as car and garment factories...

The Latest from Harris Black Watch

สุดท้ายสำหรับเรื่องของ ฮาริส แบลค วอช

October 1, 2011
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Malaysians shun Thai hamlet of Mundok

ชาวมาเลเซียหลีกเลี่ยงการมาเที่ยวที่ แฮมเลตมันดอ

October 1, 2011

Categories: The Thai Deep South

[Malaysians shun Thai hamlet of Mundok](#) – New Straits Times, October 01, 2011

...”I have asked those who came why Malaysians were not coming and I was told that the recent bomb blasts have made them cautious about shopping here,” said the 36-year-old trader who sells clothes and blankets...

Flood Victims Are Happy

เหยื่อน้ำท่วมมีความสุข

October 2, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons, Floods



From Thairath, October 2, 2011

The cartoon title reads: Support never goes away.

Coming from the TVs and radios: Yingluck's government meets its citizens.

In Thailand, coconuts are harvested by trained monkeys

ในเมืองไทยมะพร้าวถูกเก็บเกี่ยวโดยลิงที่ถูกเทรนมาอย่างดี

October 2, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[In Thailand, coconuts are harvested by trained monkeys](#) – philstar.com, October 2, 2011

...According to a coconut farmer we had talked with, one monkey can harvest 500 to 800 coconuts a day, while a human, he said, can harvest only about 100...

PM's Twitter page hacked

เว็บไซต์เตอร์ของนายก ถูกแฮค

October 2, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics

[PM's Twitter page hacked](#) – The Nation, October 2, 2011

...10.22am: “This country is a business. We are doing for our associates, not the Thai people. We are doing for those who support us, not those thinking differently from us.”

10.25am: “Where is the poor’s opportunity? We deceived the poor by giving them hopes to make them vote for our group to come for our interests...”

The Met Building in Bangkok Wins RIBA Lubetkin Prize 2011

ตึกเมทที่ กทม. ชนะรางวัล RIBA Lubetkin 2011

October 2, 2011

Categories: Buildings



(Source: dexistner.com)

[WOHA's The Met Building in Bangkok Wins RIBA Lubetkin Prize 2011](http://dexistner.com) – dexistner.com, October 2, 2011

...”This year’s shortlist for the RIBA Lubetkin Prize was of an exceptionally high standard, really representing some of most innovative and unique pieces of architecture of the decade...”

Weekly News Mags

October 3, 2011

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, September 30, 2011

The King's kindness to flight Thailand's floods.



From Matichon Weekly, September 30, 2011

Sirinthorn

Interviewing Banharn

บทสัมภาษณ์บริหาร

October 3, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Daily News, October 3, 2011

Left panel: Who says there's no flood in Suphan ?

Middle panel: Just look ...

Right panel: The water's almost up to my chin.

The Flooded Countryside

น้ำท่วมในต่างจังหวัด

October 3, 2011

Categories: Floods



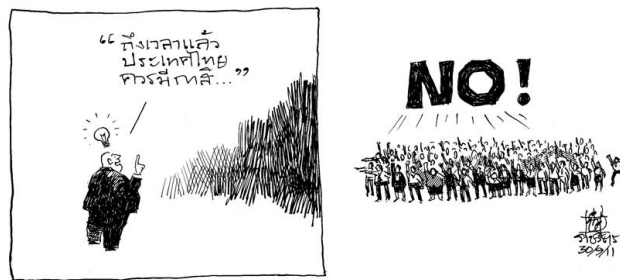
(Source: grahambkk)

Interesting [Flickr set of photos of the flooded Thai countryside](#)

It's time for Thailand to have a casi ... No!
ถึงเวลาที่เมืองไทยจะมีบ่อน...ไม่มีทาง!

October 3, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, October 3, 2011

It's time for Thailand to have a casi ... No!

From the past: Pibul cuts down trees? จากในอดีต : พิบูลตัดต้นไม้ใช่หรือไม่

October 4, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News



[From the past: Pibul cuts down trees?](#)

China's polished exploitation of isolated Myanmar

การหาผลประโยชน์แบบไม่ถูกต้องของจีนซึ่งแยกออกมาจากพม่า

October 4, 2011

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[China's polished exploitation of isolated Myanmar](#) – Hindustan Times, October 3, 2011

...Chinese businessmen driving Porsches and Cadillacs buy his raw materials cheaply and ship expensive finished products to the world, including the US, which enforces sanctions limiting trade with Myanmar...

Designer Handbags

นักออกแบบกระเป๋าสะพาย

October 4, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



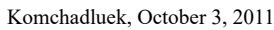
From Manager, October 4, 2011

Left: Poo doesn't know which one is Bermuda grass and which is Vetiver grass.

Right: However, if it's about bags, I know very well which one is Hermes and which is Chanel.

October 4, 2011
Categories: Thai-language Newspaper Headlines

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- Thairath, October 3, 2011

- Daily News, October 3, 2011

- Matichon, October 3, 2011

- PM's twitter account was hacked and she's was criticized . ICT said that they know who the person is. They will arrest him.
- There's a protest in Lobburi and Singburi, people want Poo to hurry fixing the Bangchomsri watgate.
- Ms. Darunee, who is one of the UDD, to surrender herself.
- There's a politicians' group that want to overthrow Poo's government. They have 9 plans for that. CNS reported.
- Mr. Chavalit Yongjaiyuth suggests Poo to oversee overall policy only, not to overstep to military.

Over 700 Nigerians said to be imprisoned illegally by Thai authorities **ชาวไนจีเรียมากกว่า 700 คน ถูกจำคุกแบบผิดกฎหมายโดยเจ้าหน้าที่คนไทย**

October 4, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Over 700 Nigerians are said to be imprisoned illegally by the Thai authorities](#) – allafrica.com, October 3, 2011

...Owali said the name of any person who refuses advances to part with money would be forwarded by the ‘unpatriotic Nigerians’ to the security agencies in Thailand on trumped up charges such as drug trafficking and the person will be promptly arrested and detained...

U.S. Competitors Head to Bangkok, Thailand for the World Rubik's Cube Championship 2011 **คู่ต่อสู้ชาวอเมริกันเดินทางไปการแข่งขันรูบิคคิวบ์โลกที่ประเทศไทย**

October 5, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[U.S. Competitors Head to Bangkok, Thailand for the World Rubik's Cube Championship 2011](#) – marketwatch.com, October 3, 2011

Thai-language Headlines of October 4, 2011

October 5, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, October 4, 2011

- Information and Communication Technology (ICT) minister claimed that he has evidence against a person who had hacked Ms. Yingluck's Twitter account. As a consequence of hacking, Ms Yingluck has no intention to create a new Twitter account in the near future.
- With the flooding situation in the central regions continuing to worsen, the Department of Irrigation has agreed to drain more water from the central regions.
- District Administration Organization's family murdered in Lopburi. The reason is business conflict issue.
- DEA reviewed their black lists of big drug dealers. There're 500 retail dealers around Bangkok. Court will swear out warrants for all of them.

Daily News, October 4, 2011

- Nangae storm hits October 6-8. PM is hurrying to solve the flood problem. Now the airport in Lampang is closed down.
- ICT is gathering all evidences about PM's Twitter hacking. They will arrest him as soon as possible.
- "Took" confirmed to fight for her children. She is still keeps secret about Buay asking to divorce.
- Policeman and his wife and more 14 policemen's wives in the same police station were jailed 20 years each. They bought whiskey outside of Thailand and sold it in restaurants.
- Chalerm released some drug prisoners to do drug rehabilitation and also will arrest all drug dealers on his list.

Thairath, October 4, 2011

- Heavy flood. Monks have to eat beside the road. 60,000 people in Lobburi will evacuate. There's flooding in Lampang airport. PM is hurrying to solve this situation.
- Customs seized 12 containers of Payoong wood valued at 60 million baht.
- Propose budget of 6 billion baht to give a bonus to government officials.
- District Administration Organization's family murdered in Lopburi. The reason is business conflict issue.

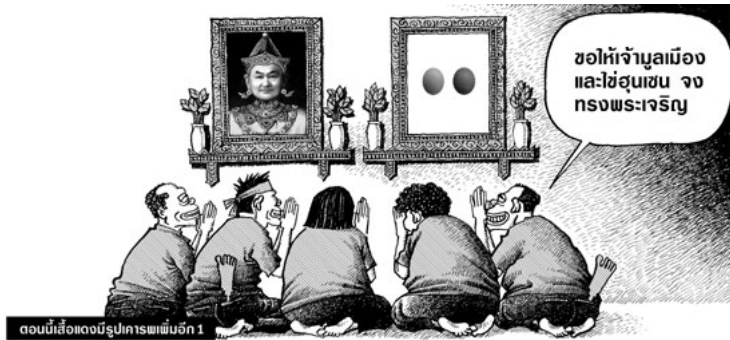
Matichon, October 4, 2011

- Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra has decided to take a break from Twitter after her account was taken over by a hacker who mocked and criticized her.
- Banharn warns Pasak dam will break, Chao Phraya river will overflow. Harbour Department doesn't allow sailing.
- Thai stocks going down around 47 points, Thai baht is depreciated. Thai economy will be in crisis in 3-6 months.
- Chalerm revealed that around 1,000 officials are involved in the drug business. He further ordered 120 areas investigated in Bangkok.

Worshiping Thaksin การสักการะบูชาทักษิณ

October 5, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, October 5, 2011

Long live the King, King Moon Muang and Hun Sen Eggs

Lower left: Now the red shirts have one more picture to worship.

Amnesty in Thailand – Thaksin hopes to be first in line การอภัยโทษในประเทศไทย – ทักษิณหวังว่า จะเป็นคนแรก

October 5, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics

[Amnesty in Thailand – Thaksin hopes to be first in line](#) – asiasentinel.com, October 3, 2011

...Despite his protestations, Thaksin is widely assumed to be running the country by twisting the controls remotely from his exile roost in Dubai through his sister, Yingluck, who headed the Pheu Thai Party that won a decisive victory in national elections in July. The party's slogan was "Thaksin Thinks, Pheu Thai Acts," which should have given a clue that he might be in charge. Some sources in Bangkok say the Red Shirt protesters of the United Front for Democracy Against Dictatorship, the UDD, are very much involved in formulating policy despite the fact that they were given relatively minor sub-cabinet positions in the Pheu Thai-led government...

From NottheNation: Nation Newspaper Simplifies Website To Just 12 Moving Parts

จากนอตเดอะเนชั่น : หนังสือพิมพ์ เนชั่นทำเว็บไซต์ให้ดูง่ายขึ้นโดยใช้ ภาพเคลื่อนไหว 12 ตำแหน่ง

October 6, 2011
Categories: Humor

From NottheNation: [Nation Newspaper Simplifies Website To Just 12 Moving Parts](#) – September , 2011

...According to Maneerat, the choice of 12 moving parts, including an auto-play slideshow of top story photos, a rotating columnist navbar, a text ticker of breaking news, a large video screen of Sutachai Yoon and Tulsathit Taptim discussing the day's events, and an illegibly fast-scrolling sidebar of Thanong K's endlessly repeated, neurotically shrill Tweets, "perfectly engages the senses of the average Nation reader..."

Kim Jong-il's Grandson on Facebook?

หลานของ คิม จอง อิล ใน เฟสบุค

October 6, 2011

Categories: North Korea

[Kim Jong-il's Grandson on Facebook?](#) – CNN, October 4, 2011

Former Rajan aide arrested in Thailand?

ผู้ช่วยนายทหารราชาลคนก่อนถูกจับในเมืองไทย

October 6, 2011

Categories: Crime

[Former Rajan aide arrested in Thailand?](#) – indiatimes.com, October 5, 2011

...Though top officials of the Mumbai police were tightlipped about his detention, sources said Vijju was detained by the Thai police in Pattaya based last week on the intelligence inputs from China's Anti-Drugs Cell.

The Chinese mafia is believed to have tipped off the cops about his presence in a hotel in Pattaya...

Which one is Thai and which one is Cambodian?

ข้างไหนไทยข้างไหนเขมร

October 6, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, September 15, 2011

Left: Which side of the Thai-Cambodian football match are you betting on?

Middle: Thin man: No, I'd better not. This match will be too difficult to cheer for.

Fat man: Why?

Right: It's difficult to tell which one is Thai and which one is Cambodian.

Thai-language Headlines of October 5, 2011

October 6, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, October 5, 2011

- At Ayutthaya, World Heritage-listed Wat Chai Watthanaram was flooded by water from the Chao Phraya River. The provincial governor was ordered to quickly repair the flood wall and drain the water out from the temple with the expectation that it would minimize the damage to the ancient site.
- ICT announced that it would not be more than 2 days to arrest a hacker of Ms. Yingluck's Twitter account.
- As the free hot-bus travel in Bangkok and third-class inter-provincial train travel scheme was due to expire on 31st of December 2011, the cabinet has extended the policy until 15th January 2012. The Cabinet also approved zero-interest loans up to one million baht for the first time home buyers over three years.
- A man was shot dead in the head.

Matichon, October 5, 2011

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- Fugitive Red Shirt activist Daranee Kritboonyalai turned herself to the police to deny the charge of violating a protest ban.
- A man was shot dead in the head.

Thairath, October 5, 2011

- Red alert in Ayutthaya. Six Ayutthaya districts were poised for emergency evacuation yesterday as flash floods were predicted in the evening hours in low-lying areas and along the Chao Phraya River. Two meter floods in Chai Wattana temple.
- Mark mentioned that this government uses their power over the limit. He would like to reject the Red leader's revision of an act of legislation for the Defense Ministry.
- Hurry to hunt Payoon wood gangsters. They killed some officers when the officers found them cutting wood.
- Now Wichian is secretary of the NSC. They proposed Prieupan to be Commissioner General, but he has to wait until Wichian is an official NSC secretary.
- Ex-member of the House of Representative's assistant was killed. The reason was their business conflict.
- Pra Kasem has to disrobe by 5 October.

Daily News, October 5, 2011

- Floods pound the ancient temple. Ayutthaya heritage site swamped by 2 meters of water. Bangkok-Nontaburi-Patumthani-Paknum are waiting to handle this flood.
- The government gives green light for transfer of Wichian.
- Purchase of new 2 Blackhawks and 17 million smart cards approved.
- Pra Kasem has to disrobe in 3 days.
- Commissioner of Suthisarn police station accepts the allegation a Ratchada Casino. There's less punishment in accepting this.

Phuket Police Reject Claims of 700,000 Baht ‘Tourist Scam’ **ตำรวจปฏิเสธเงินชดเชยแผนการนักท่องเที่ยว 7แสนบาท**

October 6, 2011
Categories: Scams

[Phuket Police Reject Claims of 700,000 Baht ‘Tourist Scam’](#) – phuketwan.com, October 4, 2011

Earlier: [‘My R200 000 holiday hell’](#)

Thai Floods Test Yingluck as Damage May Rise to \$1.6 Billion

น้ำท่วมไทยทดสอบยิ่งลักษณ์ ความเสียหายคาดมากถึง 1.6 พันล้าน ดอลลาร์

October 6, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics

[Thai Floods Test Yingluck as Damage May Rise to \\$1.6 Billion](#) – Bloomberg, October 5, 2011

Thailand's worst floods in at least 50 years may slow economic growth and cause \$1.6 billion of damage, posing the first leadership test for Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra since she took office two months ago...

Machinations behind Thai military movements

การวางแผนการเบื้องหลังการเคลื่อนไหวของฝ่ายทหารของไทย

October 6, 2011

Categories: Thai Military, Thai Politics

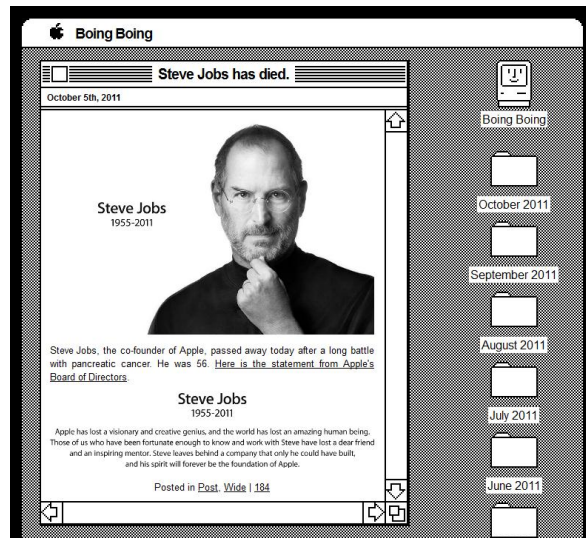
[Machinations behind Thai military movements](#) – atimes.com, October 6, 2011

...Apart from his family's close relations with Thaksin, Prin was also allegedly one of three secret "war room" managers who, despite being on active duty, effectively ran and directed the pro-Thaksin Red Shirt protest operations in Bangkok during last year's street violence, according to military insiders and Western diplomats. The other two were Lieutenant General Manat Paorik and General Pornchai Kranlert, both from Thaksin's Class 10, according to the same sources...

Steve Jobs สตีฟ จอบส์

October 6, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News



[On Boing Boing](#) – [On Slashdot](#)

International community urged on impunity of “drug war” killers

องค์กรนานาชาติกระตุ้นเรื่องการละเว้นการลงโทษนักฆ่าสงครามยาเสพติด

October 6, 2011

Categories: Human Rights, The Thaksin Years

[International community urged on impunity of “drug war” killers](#) – ALRC, October 6, 2011

...In 2003, the government of Police Lieutenant Colonel Thaksin Shinawatra announced policies of a “War on Drugs” and “War on Influential Persons.” In numerous statements and interviews with various media outlets, the government routinely expressed the sentiment that the use of violence was acceptable. In response, law enforcement and administrative officials responded with haste to produce results and therefore climb to a higher position...

A U.N. Fiasco in Cambodia

October 7, 2011

Categories: Cambodia

[A U.N. Fiasco in Cambodia](#) – WSJ, October 5, 2011

The U.N.-backed Khmer Rouge Tribunal in Phnom Penh continues to stagger from one scandal to the next. The most recent one involves the Tribunal judges, including an international one, stopping the investigation of suspects. It is time for the international community to pull the plug on this politically tainted and shamefully mismanaged undertaking...

[The new Cambodia comes to the world's attention](#) – The Nation, October 5, 2011

...Just a few days ago, the Cambodian Ministry of Information shut down 16 newspapers, 15 magazines and six bulletins. It was the biggest media gag operation in the history of Cambodia. However, one positive thing is that Cambodia is highly tolerant of the foreign-language newspapers – English, Chinese and French...

Thais, help solve the drug problem

ประชาชนคนไทยร่วมมือกันช่วยแก้ไขปัญหายาเสพติด

October 7, 2011

Categories: Drugs, Signs and Billboards, Thai Police



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: Thais, help solve the drug problem.

Bottom: You can count on the Metropolitan Police Region 1. Call 191 or the Chana Songkhram police station at 0-2282-3166

Thai-language Headlines of October 6, 2011

October 7, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, October 6, 2011

- Increased water discharged from Bhumibol dam has added flood woes to Ayuthaya province. As a consequence, a large number of industrial factories have been inundated and led to the loss of 30 billion baht.
- A hacker was arrested and ICT confirmed that the suspect is not a scapegoat.
- Pra Kasem was given an extension of up to 24 hours to leave the monk hood. If Pra Kasem resist to obey the order, he will be arrested for monk imitation.
- A 26-year-old Vietnamese woman complained against a doctor. She's got a seafood allergy and the doctor gave her drugs to cure her, but these drugs made her skin atrophy and look like an old woman.
- A drug trafficking suspect was killed on Mekong River in Thailand and authorities confiscated 1 million methamphetamine pills.

Thairath, October 6, 2011

- Flooding water high 3 meters and will inflict at least Bt30 billion in losses on the Thai economy, and the losses will continue to increase because of their prolonged impact.
- ICT arrest the hacker of PM's Twitter account. He's a university student from a famous university. He will be jailed 2 years or be fined not over 40,000 baht.
- Prayuth is mad at the Red Shirt group that pushes too much on the military. He disagrees on the act of parliament revision . He defies them to dismiss him if he is not a benefit to their army.
- Police captain jailed for 26 years for his robbery at a gold shop and shooting one police officer.
- The Central Wage Committee is expected to finalize the 300 baht daily minimum wage for workers in all provinces on October 17.

Daily News, October 6, 2011

- Big flood's coming to Bangkok, effects factories, to cost 30 billion baht. More traffic in Bangkok.
- Investigators have nabbed a student who allegedly posted false messages on Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's Twitter account, but the identity of the person who hacked into the system to gain the PM's password remains a mystery.
- Punishing a police captain who robbed a gold shop and killed a policeman–jailed for 26 years.
- International drug dealer gangsters shoot at Thai police officers by the Kong River. They hide about a million drug pill in a cargo ship. Directors-general of Department of Corrections ordered to check all prisoners' mobiles to suppress all drug gangs.
- The best technology of vaccine award goes to Sirirach Hospital team who can produce an allergy vaccine for must mites.

Matichon, October 6, 2011

- PM's twitter hacker surrendered. He is a university student. He admitted that he just wanted to prove he could do it.
- Increased water discharge from the Bhumibol Dam in Tak has threatened to add flood woes to provinces downstream, including Ayutthaya where a large number of industrial factories have been inundated since Tuesday.
- Thammasart University students inform the university council to investigate the university director who insulted Mr. Pridi Panomyong.
- Poo will execute the rice pledging and house loan project on 11 Oct.
- Jailed for life – A police captain who robbed a gold shop and had to repay 1.8 million baht.

Send Your Complaints to Chuwit บอกเรื่องร้องทุกข์กับชูวิทย์

October 7, 2011

Categories: Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Send your complaints regarding any type of vice, cheating and corruption to Chuwit at P.O. Box 11, Din Daeng, Bangkok 10470, www.chuvitonline.com

Thaksin book not available in Bangkok

หนังสือของทักษิณไม่มีขายในกรุงเทพ

October 7, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics

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Thaksin book not available in Bangkok

Booksellers cite 'sensitive' nature of the interviews it contained

By NIRMAL GHOSH
THAILAND CORRESPONDENT

BANGKOK: A book of interviews with former Thai prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra is still unavailable in Bangkok, despite being in bookstores in other cities in the region such as Singapore, where it is now No. 8 on the Straits Times non-fiction bestseller list.

was in the midst of assessing whether to sell the book. The company's policy, he said, was to be "careful" when it came to books which were "sensitive" in terms of the social and political context.


At Asia Books, one executive said the product department had decided not to sell the book. She could not give a reason, and the product department could not be reached.

It is not unusual for Thai distributors and retailers to voluntarily withhold a book or magazine if they deem its

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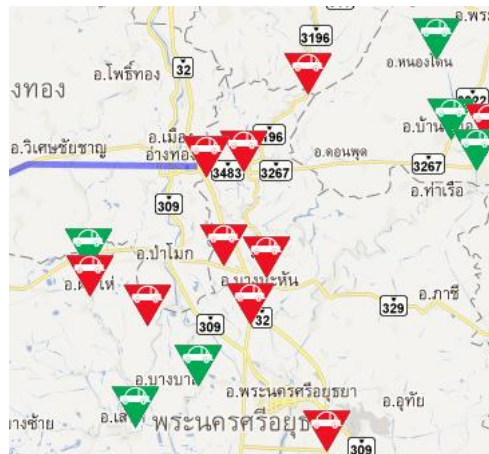


The book is selling well in Singapore. PHOTO: MARSHALL CAVENDISH

[Thaksin book not available in Bangkok](#) – Straights Times, October 7, 2011

ถนนเส้นไหนน้ำท่วม และ ปิดบ้าง

Categories: Floods



Which Roads are Flooded and Closed? – Bureau of Highway Maintenance Management, October 7, 2011

Japanese Tsunami Viewed From A Car

October 7, 2011

Categories: Nothing to do with Thailand, but Interesting



[Japanese Tsunami Viewed From A Car](#)

Pink Orchid Mantis

ตั๊กแตนกล้วยไม้สีชมพู

October 8, 2011

Categories: Wildlife and Nature



From Daily News, September 22, 2011

Strange things: Small, brightly colorful and color-changeable pink orchid mantis will be on display at the Second Royal Flora Ratchaphruek 2011, to be held in the Ratchaphruek Royal Gardens, Tambon Mae Hia, Muang district, Chiang Mai province, November 9, 2011 to February 15, 2012.

Pressured By Military Bottoms

กดดันโดยก้นทหาร

October 8, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia, Thai Military



From Thairath, October 8, 2011

Cartoon title reads: Man being squeezed!

His tie reads: Defense minister

The sign he's holding reads: Change the defense laws

Military men left to right: Navy, Defense Ministry, Army, Air Force

Thai-language Headlines of October 7, 2011

October 8, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Thairath, October 7, 2011

- Main highway to North swamped, jail evacuated. Flood misery worsened in Ayutthaya yesterday as more water surged through damaged flood walls, forcing the closure of the country's vital highway to the North and the evacuation of the provincial prison.
- Liver cancer killed Apple godfather .
- Pheu Thai explained that the Defense Ministry Administrative Act must be amended because it's out of date now. They are not afraid of a coup from military.
- Ex-Weightlifting girl's house was robbed on her birthday. Total value stolen around 10 million baht.
- A woman was murdered and robbed of gold in her house.
- Prepare to release 80,000 prisoners from the amnesty.

Komchadluek, October 7, 2011

- Narathiwat teacher was shot death. This is the 148th death.
- More than 2 million residents suffer from the flood in 28 provinces.
- Medical staff rushed to evacuate patients from Ayutthaya province's Bang Pra Han hospital yesterday after flood waters one-meter deep submerged the hospital entrance. Asia road paralyzed, also 1700 prisoners evacuate.
- Pat from Powerpat jailed for 50 years for drug case.
- A university student worked part-time as selling rubbish. He found many diamonds valued at 10 million baht. He returned them to the owner. The owner was happy and said just wanted to hide them from a thief, but the servant threw it away.

Maticchon, October 6, 2011

- Ayutthaya is worsening as more water surged through damaged flood walls. The increasing of water automatically forcing the closure of the country's vital highway to the North and cause a worst traffic on this route.
- The California Institute of Technology or Caltech was ranked number one instead of Harvard University (8 times world number one) in the world's top universities for 2011-2012 by Times Higher Education (THE).
- Mr. Chuwit unveiled a clip of the rich smuggling from Cambodia to Thailand to claim money from the rice mortgage scheme.
- A singer, named Pat, was jailed for 50 years by the Supreme Court for drug trading.
- World grieves for the lost of Steve Jobs at the age of 56 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Obama saluted Apple as one of the most successful companies.

Daily News, October 6, 2011

- The robber Bangkok bank in Horkamka University was arrested. He wants money for his enrollment.
- Ayuthaya was underwater – Asia road paralyzed.
- Jailed for 50 years and 1 million baht fee for drug dealer Pat from Powerpat.
- 1.3 hundred billion baht disaster from deluge in Ayuthaya. Honda shut down its factory.
- Liver cancer killed Apple godfather, Steve Jobs.

Delivering the Pardon to the King ขอพระราชทานอภัยโทษ

October 8, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics



From Vote, September, 2011

Headline: Keep an eye on Thaksin; he downsized the UDD – Analyses of four plans to bring Thaksin home

Bottom: Opening code 03 – A new supreme commander – Part of the Dubai plan to tighten up the military

Democrat Party Secretary-General Chalermchai Sri-on opens up, says it is time to change the party

Looking at the smarts of Energy Minister Pichai Nariphaphan, who has been instrumental in boosting ratings

Young woman mysteriously ages overnight หญิงสาวแก่ขึ้นข้ามคืนอย่างลึกลับ

October 8, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Young woman mysteriously ages overnight](#) – asiaone.com, October 6, 2011

[Beauty treatments leave Thai national scarred for life](#) – asiaone.com, October 6, 2011

MSF Departure Creates Huge Medical Gap in Thailand

การถอนตัวของ กลุ่มแพทย์ไร้พรมแดนทำให้เกิดช่องว่างทางการแพทย์ใหญ่มากในประเทศไทย

October 9, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News, Refugees and Migrants

[MSF Departure Creates Huge Medical Gap in Thailand](#) – The Irrawaddy, October 7, 2011

...The decision to close our mission in Thailand is mostly based on administrative blockages we have faced in providing healthcare to vulnerable populations. Despite negotiations with the authorities, we have not been authorized to provide healthcare to undocumented migrants and marginalized populations...

International heebie-jeebies over the jeeb ความกลัวสุดขีดระดับประเทศเกี่ยวกับรจیب

October 9, 2011

Categories: Cambodia

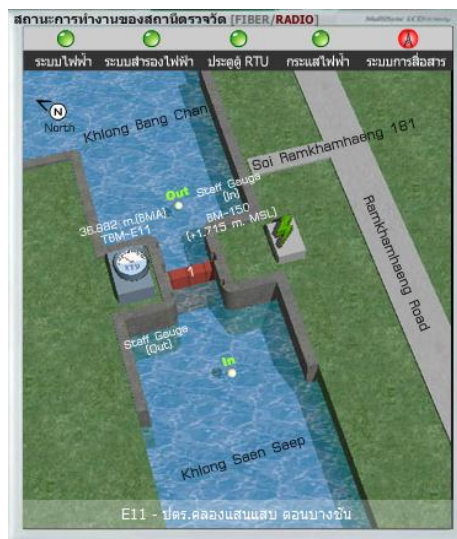
[International heebie-jeebies over the jeeb](#) – phnompenhpost.com, October 7, 2011

...For most dancers, the fight is a frustrating side issue. Khmer and Thai dancers influenced each other centuries ago, and they continue to work together today. Belle, a Khmer ballerina, said “We don’t need to say which of the two countries owns the jeeb. I have collaborated with Thai dancers before and we think as artists, not as countries. We don’t want to fight, just make art together.”

Monitor Flooding at the Department of Drainage and Sewage ติดตามสถานการณ์น้ำท่วมโดย สำนักงานหมวด การระบายน้ำ

October 9, 2011

Categories: Floods



[Monitor Flooding at the Department of Drainage and Sewage](#)

“Wild Animals Do Not Belong in Shopping Mall”

สัตว์ป่าไม่ได้เป็นของห้างสรรพสินค้า

October 9, 2011

Categories: Wildlife and Nature



[Facebook group protesting the Wildlife Exhibit at the Emporium](#)

Even the City God cannot cope with it ขนาดเจ้าพ่อหลักเมืองยังรับมือไม่ไหว

October 10, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Thairath, October 10, 2011

Left: The Bangkok governor has taken his team to worship at the City Pillar in a Brahman ceremony to chase the water away and protect the city from flooding. ...

Middle: Man: ... We have such a clever governor! Woman: How clever?

Right: If Bangkok floods, he can claim that even the City God cannot cope with it. How can you blame him?

Steve Jobs? Who is he? สตีฟ จ๊อบส์? เขาคือใคร?

October 10, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, October 10, 2011

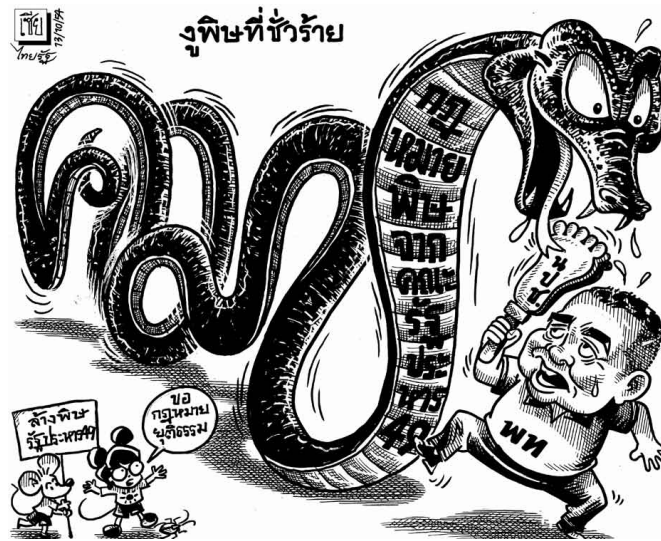
Left panel: For appearances' sake, don't you want to send your condolences for Steve Jobs?

Right panel: Steve Jobs? Who is he?

Cruel, poisonous snake งูพิษที่โหดร้าย

October 10, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, October 10, 2011

The cartoon title reads: Cruel, poisonous snake

Words on the snake: Poisonous laws created after the 2006 coup

On Jatuporn Prompon's shirt: Pheu Thai

On his foot paddle: UDD

Left mouse: Detox the 2006 coup

Right mouse: Just laws are needed

Nakhon Sawan flood crisis, evacuation

อพยพ วิกฤตน้ำท่วมนครสวรรค์

October 10, 2011

Categories: Floods



(Source: [Grahambkk](#))

Above: Report we received on October 9: *October 9th, Nakhon Sawan Levee – River side of the levee bank. Already at capacity, any further rise of the river level could cause the failure of this levee and start a catastrophic sudden flooding through the town.*

Today: [Nakhon Sawan flood crisis, evacuation](#) – Bangkok Post, October 10, 2011



(Source: [Grahambkk](#))

‘The Vampire of Siam’ Series by Jim Newport

หนังสือ เรื่อง แวมไพร์แห่งเมืองสยาม ของ จิม นิวพอร์ต

October 10, 2011
Categories: Books

[Jim Newport’s ‘Vampire of Siam’ Series: Blood, sex, murder, and mystery in Bangkok](#) – simandan.com, October 10, 2011

...Jim Newport’s trilogy “The Vampire of Siam” (2004), “Ramonne – The Return of The Vampire of Siam” (2005) and “The Reckoning – The Tale of the Vampire of Siam” (2006) continues with a fourth novel “The Siamese Connections” (2011). The books follow the adventures of Ramonne Delacroix, a 175-year-old French vampire that made Bangkok his home. Available at Asia Books and Kinokunia...

Democrats and the Flood

ประชาธิปไตยกับน้ำท่วม

October 11, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, October 11, 2011

Left: The government is accusing the Democrats of having a part in causing the floods.

Middle: What did the Democrats do?

Right: They did not forbid Phra Mae Thorani to release more water; therefore, they made the situation worse.

Concerns over Thailand's plan to artificially inflate rice price กังวลเกี่ยวกับแผนของประเทศไทยที่ราคาข้าวเพื่อแบบหลอก ๆ

October 11, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Concerns over Thailand's plan to artificially inflate rice price](#) – ABC, October 9, 2011

...But Thailand is the world's largest exporter of rice, and the move to artificially inflate the price has created concern about the distortion of the international export market and the price of rice to consumers...

What Bangkokians fear คนกรุงเทพฯกลัวอะไร

October 11, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, October 11, 2011

Left: A mass of water is moving down from the North and will reach Bangkok tomorrow.

Right: A red-shirt mob is moving down and will reach Bangkok tomorrow.

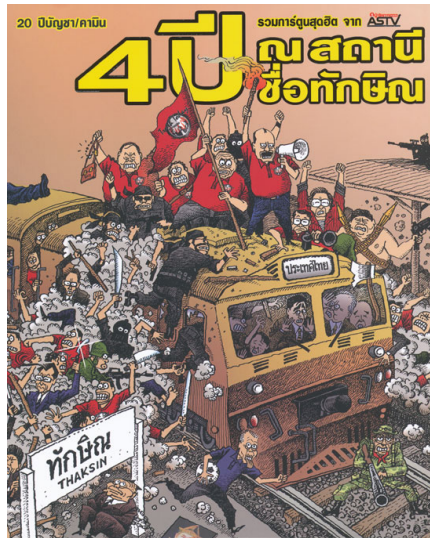
The caption at the bottom reads: What Bangkokians fear.

Editorial Cartoons by Buncha and Khamin

บทบรรณาธิการการ์ตูน โดยบัญชาและคามิน

October 11, 2011

Categories: Books, Editorial Cartoons



For sale at the Queen Sirikit Convention Center until October 16 at booth M1, a book of editorial cartoons by Buncha and Khamin. The book cover reads: Four years at Thaksin Station – Twenty years of Buncha-Khamin – A collection of popular cartoons from ASTV

Thai-language Headlines of October 10, 2011

October 11, 2011

Categories: Thai-language Newspaper Headlines



Komchadluek, October 10, 2011

- Ayutthaya is in chaos as many residents were forced to evacuate from flooded areas. The Ayutthaya hospital and Rojana Industrial Park were heavily flooded.
- Two people were shot dead at Naratiwat by presumed insurgents.
- Aphisit criticized the Pheu Thai government for trying to push for an amendment to the 2008 Defense Military Administration Acts.
- A group of people protested against “Emporium Flora and Fauna Exotica: The myth of Pandor” a event showcases rare wildlife in the air-condition mall in the Emporium.

Thairath, October 10, 2011

- Mr. Sukumpan accepted that Bangkok will have a crisis. He’s preparing water pumps. They can’t break down.
- A drunk shot a good person many times, because the drunk crashed into someone’s car and a good person saw it and blocked him .
- Robbed and murdered taxi driver in the Bangchan area.
- Terrorists in the south shot a man to ridicule Mr. Kovit Wattana because he went to a meeting about putting out a policy for Narathiwat.

Daily News, October 10, 2011

- The flood crisis made Bangkok frightened. 9 districts warned to be careful. Cut off electric supply all over city . 198 factories shut down.
- Cruel murder and robbery of a taxi driver. His throat was cut.
- The senate supports that the Defense Ministry Administrative Act amendment is dictatorial.
- Southern terrorists shot a man pitifully.
- Took down an ice-drug dealer in Nakorn Pathom and found 5 teenagers were taking drugs.

Matichon, October 10, 2011

- The army was given an order to offer all necessary assistance to flood-affected residents and to take over the job of protecting Ayutthya from further damage. Rojana industrial park was destroyed while 5 other industrial estates are vulnerable to flooding. Yingluck also canceled overseas trips due to the national flood situation.
- After launching the rice mortgage scheme for three days, there are only 10,000 tons of rice being processed.
- Police asserted that Mr. Kaseam was involved in killing Mr. Pap while Moui refused of giving accommodation to a hit man.
- In attempting to help flood-victims in many provinces, 40 millions of rice bags, known as blue flag rice, which is normally cheaper than the market price, and dry noodles (known as Mama) will be supplied.

Restructuring Ratchada

วางโครงสร้างใหม่ที่รัชดา

October 11, 2011

Categories: Property and Development

[Restructuring Ratchada](#) – property-report.com, October 11, 2011

...The emergence of multi-national firms developing in Ratchadphisek Road will make this area the new central business district in Bangkok.

...The changing of the Ratchada district from low-density to high-density to keep in line with Bangkok's new city plan, which comes into effect may 2013, allows for the construction of high-rise buildings. Ploenchit will be a high-density area and this will raise the value of the land and support large scale investment...

Memories of a massacre, cautionary tale for today

เรื่องเล่าเตือนภัยของวันนี้ ความทรงจำเรื่องการสังหารหมู่

October 11, 2011

Categories: October, 1976

[Memories of a massacre, cautionary tale for today](#) – Bangkok Post, October 9, 2011

...The plays are highly controversial as they reveal a part of Thai history that is not officially recognised by the state. The events of Oct 6, 1976 are not a part of the history curricula of schools except at the university level and even then only at select institutions. Some TV media outlets have banned coverage of the plays and the overall commemoration...

Memories of a massacre, cautionary tale for today

The co-founder of a group of activists staging plays centering on the slaughter of students on Oct 6, 1976 at Thammasat finds lessons written in blood about what can happen when divisions are left to fester into fury

Published: 9/10/2011 at 12:00 AM

Newspaper section: News

A group of young activists calling themselves “Prakai Fire” are staging three plays — The Hanging, The Dome Tunnel and True Reflections of Oct 6 — that centre on one of the most controversial days in modern Thai history. The plays are part of a two-week event that began on Oct 1 and concludes on Friday held at Thammasat University to commemorate the student massacre there on Oct 6, 1976.

CONFRONTATION: On Oct 6, 1976, police ordered protesters at Thammasat University, including both male and female students, to lie face down with their shirts off on the football field. PHOTO: BKK POST ARCHIVE

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Porntip Mankong is the 23-year-old co-founder of Prakai Fire.

There are elements in society that are very unhappy about these plays. Have you been threatened?

Yes. For example, The Hanging was staged on Oct 4. There was a person who called to threaten us, saying he represented the Thammasat Students Association, which surprised us because we collaborate with the students association to do the plays. But he said his is a different association. He threatened that if we staged the play at Thammasat's Larn Po, our security could not be guaranteed. So at first we wanted to change the venue to do it in front of the main auditorium. But in the end, the issue was cleared. Vipa Daomanee, a Thammasat professor and coordinator of the events, cleared it up for us.

Only one threat?

Only one direct threat. Others threats were made on our Facebook page — many of them. They say we are making money off the dead. They say we're using history to exploit the sorrow of the people. They say we're using the events of Oct 6 in connection with the red shirts. We do not understand this. Why would they think this way?

You're only 23. How did you get involved in such hard-core, controversial issues?

I have been into activism since high school and also with the Student Federation of Thailand. Then I helped create Prakai Fire . In 2009 we began putting on performances for different labour organisations around the country when they staged rallies. But it was nothing political. We focused on working with the labourers.

During last year's violence , we saw an opportunity to do more. At the time, there were emergency laws in effect and everybody was under incredible pressure. We thought our work would help as an outlet to relieve that pressure and discourage people from grabbing weapons and turning to violence.

Where do you get your funding?

From donations. When we perform at a rally, we take donations — five baht here, 10 baht there. We don't need the money. We are students. We are working people. Some still get money from parents.

How old are you guys?

One of our youngest actors is six years old. We have high school freshmen, juniors and seniors, as well as people in college and working people.

Your website states: 'Every one of our performances has a clear political stance. There's no need for interpretation and they're not overly artistic. Our stance is that we stand together for the benefit of the prai . We don't support powers that exist outside the system.' Why prai? Doesn't this say to people that you sympathise, if not collaborate, with the red shirts?

Well, because it's a fashionable word. . No, in truth when we use the word prai we refer to workers, labourers and farmers — the people who lack rights in society. The term helps us communicate with those we believe need more information, especially about politics.

But doesn't the word automatically cause misunderstandings and worsen social divisions?

Well, everyone loves to refer to 'the people' — the people this, the people that. But we know that they don't represent the people. They are lobbyists in government. They get high salaries. They claim to work for the people, but they don't.

Can you name any of these people?

I would rather not. . We thought about whether we should use the word prai a long time before doing so. In 2010, we went to the red shirt rallies and did a survey to see who these people really are. We found that most of them were middle class The results were that most of them were from the middle class both from Bangkok and the provinces. So what does prai mean? We decided to define prai as those with a political stance supporting the workers and farmers regardless of their incomes.

So, a prai, by your definition, is someone who stands up for the poor and not, let's say, Thaksin Shinawatra?

We have to accept that a portion of the UDD is for Thaksin. The fact is we can't separate the UDD from the Puea Thai Party.

So your group doesn't have any political affiliations?

We don't care about the UDD . But we care about the UDD as people. We believe that a portion of the demonstrators are for Thaksin.

However, we believe we have to lift the ideology above him so that's not fixed on one man. Our professor taught us that if a country is governed by only one person and the people only have faith in that individual, trouble will follow once that person is out of power. It's the system — whether executive, legislative, economic or judicial — that we have to focus on. If the system works, then those individuals who come into the system can make the country work.

How do your group's three plays reflect Thai society today?

There were differences of opinions then and now. Oct 6 happened because there were differences of opinions. People were killed because of differences of opinions.

People on both sides?

Yes. Then there are those who fled into the jungle because of differences of opinions. The killings last year were the same — people killed because of differences of opinions. People can't accept these differences and are ready to kill each other over them. Oct 6 should be a lesson.

If society had recognised the lessons of Oct 6, last year's killings would not have happened. But Thai society still can't accept differences of opinions. Everyone still prefers to sweep issues under the carpet. We need to use Oct 6, Black May 1992, or the events from last year as lessons and understand that it is OK to have differing opinions.

So you're saying history repeats itself if we don't learn from it?

Yes.

You use the term 'everyone' when you're talking about people driven to killing because they can't accept differences of opinions. So you don't put the blame on either side, whether that of the state or the people?

Yes. Everyone has differences of opinions. Then they fight. Also at issue is the power of the military. We want to push for military reforms. If the military had less power — or at least not excessive power — the violence wouldn't have been so excessive.

These are the 'powers that exist outside the system' you referred to?

Yes.

Other than the military, are there any other 'powers that exist outside the system'?

There are those powers that interfere in politics. But let's not talk about them.

Is Thailand on the right track with the Puea Thai government?

The people elected them democratically, which we should accept. We still want to push for military reforms. We still have concerns with power that exists outside the system. Our group only believes maybe 60 or 70 per cent in the Puea Thai Party because we still believe that there are capitalist and tycoon interests driving it. Our movement believes in a true political movement for the workers, which we believe could happen in the future.

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

Abhisit Billboard

บิลบอร์ดของอภิสิทธิ์

October 11, 2011

Categories: Signs and Billboards



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The billboard reads: Thais volunteer to help flood victims. The Democrat Party, the MR Seni Pramroj Foundation and civil-sector networks are now accepting money and goods donations for flood victims. Call 0-2169-7000

In the word balloon: Volunteer

Below balloon: Thais helping flood victims

Malaysia: Sexual diversion from Najib's weak budget

มาเลเซีย : การเบี่ยงเบนทางเพศจากงบประมาณของนาจิบ

October 11, 2011
Categories: Malaysia

[Malaysia: Sexual diversion from Najib's weak budget](#) – freemalaysiatoday.com, October 11, 2011

The latest video allegedly showing Anwar Ibrahim in a Thai hotel room is another attempt to divert people's attention from the weak budget...

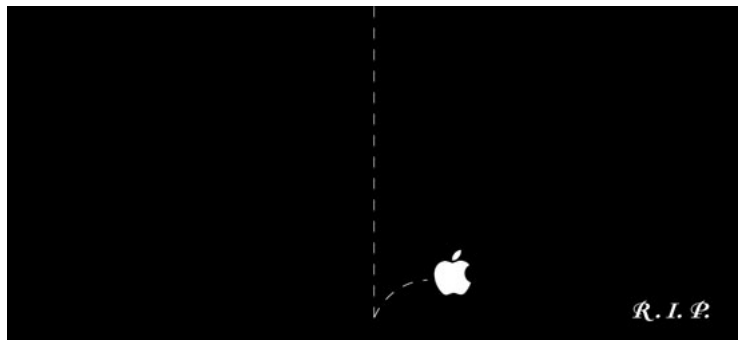
In a statement today, PKR vice president N Surendran said it was not surprising that the video was uploaded just days after Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak announced next year's budget...

Steve Jobs RIP

ขอให้สุสุขขติ สตีฟ จอบส์

October 12, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, October 7, 2011



From Manager, October 7, 2011

Top left panel: God, I've come back to you ...

Top right panel: I bring an apple that is even better than the one Adam and Eve ate.

Bottom left panel: What's your name?

Bottom right panel: Steve Jobs.

Inside the Russian Short Wave Radio Enigma

สัญญาณวิทยุที่เป็นปริศนาในรัสเซีย

October 12, 2011

Categories: Nothing to do with Thailand, but Interesting

[Inside the Russian Short Wave Radio Enigma](#) – Wired, September 27, 2011

From a lonely rusted tower in a forest north of Moscow, a mysterious shortwave radio station transmitted day and night. For at least the decade leading up to 1992, it broadcast almost nothing but beeps; after that, it switched to buzzes, generally between 21 and 34 per minute, each lasting roughly a second—a nasally foghorn blaring through a crackly ether...

Thai-language Headlines of October 11, 2011

October 12, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, October 11, 2011

- After months of preventing water entering the town of Nakorn Sawan, a concrete embankment was eventually collapsed which led to a huge amount of floodwater to surge into the town. Despite the chaos at Nakorn Sawan, 13 areas of Bangkok are at the risk of being flooded.
- Police are giving Pra Kasem 15 days to leave the monk hood otherwise a warrant of arrest will be further issued.
- One hundred and eighty thousand employees will be assisted by a Social Security to find a new job as well as 10 billion baht loan will be granted to help flood-affected people to repair houses and factories. Instant noodle (Mama) and fish will continue to be produced and the companies confirm that there will be no shortage in the market.
- Senators warned a member of Pheu Thai party through Prime Minister Yingluck to stay away from pushing for an amendment to the 2008 Defense Ministry Administration Act.

Maticchon, October 11, 2011

- Flood in the city, 2 hospitals drowned. Paknampoh broke. There's flood in Nontaburi province now
- Industrial estates are totally destroyed and lost 500 billion baht.
- Big evacuation in Nakorn Sawan province. Mr. Sukumpan confirmed there's a plan to take care of flooding in Bangkok.
- Big lot of drug dealers arrested valued at 800 million baht. 3 dealers will be executed.
- President of MPs coordinator confirmed to amend Defense Military Administration Acts and reshuffle the list of soldiers again.

Daily News, October 11, 2011

- Nakorn Sawan is under water. The surge barrier was broke down because a ship crashed into it. People evacuated.
- Afraid of loss in the Thai economy of almost 100 billion baht.
- The Cabinet on Tuesday rejected a holiday proposal from tomorrow to Friday in light of the floods and ruled out the state of emergency for fear of causing panic among foreign visitors.
- Proceed to amend the Defense Military Administration Acts.
- Konkaen University can make purple corn to resist cancer.
- Big lot of amphetamine were arrested. Chelerm gave compliments to Priewpan for his performance.

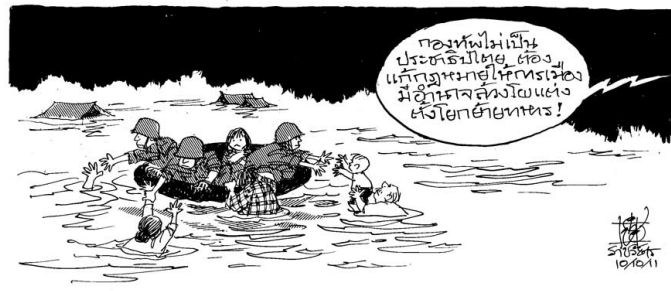
Thairath, October 11, 2011

- Bangkok is near disaster. Flood Relief Operation Center for flood victims is prepared in the case of flooding in Bangkok.
- The Democratic Party is supporting the army by criticizing Mr. Jatuporn for his objective to intervene in the army's affairs which might subsequently lead to a disunited society.
- Two gangs of drug trafficking were arrested worth 120 millions.
- A bank robber (a foreigner) was arrested yesterday.

Politicians should intervene in military transfers

October 12, 2011

Categories: Analysis, Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, October 12, 2011

The military is not democratic. The law must be changed to give politicians the authority to intervene in military transfers.

2015 note that ties into this: [The timing and ferociousness of the 2010 Red Shirt protests in Bangkok were due to Thaksin's desire to prevent certain soldiers from heading the military.](#)

Flood Situation Reports in English

รายงานสถานการณ์น้ำท่วมเป็นภาษาอังกฤษ

October 12, 2011
Categories: Floods

[Flood Situation Reports in English](#) – disaster.go.th, October 12, 2011

Readers snap up ‘Post’s’ bright, free paper

ประชาชนรีบรับหนังสือพิมพ์ฟรีอันใหม่ จากบางกอกโพสต์และโพสต์ทูเดย์

October 12, 2011

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines

[Readers snap up ‘Post’s’ bright, free paper](#) – Bangkok Post, October 12, 2011

Post Publishing Plc has revolutionised the media scene with its launch of M2F, Thailand’s first free mass-market newspaper yesterday...

Thai Email Forwards: Thai Flood Croc

อีเมลไทยส่งต่อ : จรเข้จากน้ำท่วมไทย

October 12, 2011

Categories: Thai Email Forwards



(Source: Thai Email Forward)

Thai Email Forwards: Thai Flood Croc

Circulating by email today, photo alleging escaped crocodile at the entrance of a house.

Bangkok Post explains there is no need to worry: [100 escaped crocodiles 'not fierce'](#)

..."Please do not panic. The crocodiles are not fierce like those living in the wild. On the contrary, they are rather scared of people," said Mr Thirapat...

[Other Thai Email Forwards from the past](#)

PM: Many provinces may be under water for two months

หลายจังหวัดอาจจะจมน้ำในสองเดือนนี้

October 12, 2011

Categories: Floods

[PM: Many provinces may be under water for two months](#) – MCOT, October 12, 2011

Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra said on Wednesday that the floods which hit many provinces in north, northeastern and central regions are likely to last for two months so that the residents should adjust their life to cope with the situation...

Rare Giant Ibis loses habitat

นกกระสาตัวใหญ่หายากสูญเสียบ้านอยู่อาศัย

October 12, 2011

Categories: Cambodia, Wildlife and Nature

[Rare Giant Ibis loses habitat](#) – phnompenhpost.com, October 12, 2011

The latest in a series of land concessions granted in protected forests has cut nearly 10,000 hectares from Cambodia’s largest wildlife sanctuary – home to the Kingdom’s critically endangered national bird, the Giant Ibis...

Bangkok Residents Begin Hoarding Food, Water on Flood Threat

ชาวกรุงเทพเริ่มกักตุนอาหารและน้ำเตรียมรับมือน้ำท่วม

October 12, 2011

Categories: Floods

[Bangkok Residents Begin Hoarding Food, Water on Flood Threat](#) – Bloomberg, October 12, 2011

...The Thai capital has an official population of 6.3 million, excluding unregistered workers. The U.S. Department of State estimates the city's total population at 9.7 million.

...“I need to go to another supermarket,” said Siraporn, who was shopping for water, noodles and canned seafood. “As you see, there is not much left here. I have moved my furniture to the second floor and plan to evacuate my children and grandmother to Hua Hin in the next two days. They should be safe there...”

Thai-language Headlines of October 12, 2011

October 13, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, October 12, 2011

- Floodwalls destroyed, water swept through Pathumtani and Nonthaburi.
- Prayut fights against the proposal to amend the 2008 Defense Ministry Administration Act.
- Government ordered to cut the budget to help flood-affected people.
- The King Jigmy gets married at Pootarn.

Maticchon, October 12, 2011

- Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra yesterday denied being under stress even as many upstream provinces remained submerged and run-off and dam releases were besieging Bangkok.
- Cut 10% budget from all ministries to apply to flood recovery.
- Officials and residents in Pathum Thani's Muang and Sam Khok districts hastily repaired the eleven broken flood barriers to protect themselves from rising tides.
- The Supreme Court judged Ms. Jintana Keawkaw, who was the mainstay of "Baan Krood" preservation group, to be jailed for 4 months. This group was against the power plant construction. They trespassed and annexed private land.
- Mr. Robert Amsterdam, who is Thaksin's lawyer, visited red shirt people in Thailand prison to gather some information about 91 bodies case.

Thairath, October 12, 2011

- Ayuttaya was is facing the worst as flood-affected people fought for food.
- A man was brutally murdered at the roadside.
- Abhisit met Yingluck to share the idea of how to solve the flood problems.
- A coach with a group tour overturned which killed 7 people.

Daily News, October 12, 2011

- Patumtani was heavily flooded. Yingluck prepares to ask for the King's advice to solve the flooding problems.
- A tour coach drove fast and overturned, 7 people killed.
- Big Tu is not satisfy about Defense Ministry Administration Act's amendment.
- Appoint three sets of committees to solve the flooding problem.
- Government launched a 1.5 times tax rebate program for people who donate money for flood-affected people.
- The House of Parliament and Senator sessions have been called off for the next three days in order to let ministers of parliament and senators help flood-affected areas.
- Leasing will increase the deposit to 25% for a first car buyer in order to force buyers not to miss a payment.

Control and Disposition of Jointly-Owned Property in Thailand During Marriage

การควบคุมและจัดโอนการครอบครองทรัพย์สินร่วมกันระหว่างการแต่งงานในประเทศไทย

October 13, 2011

Categories: Law



The rights and obligations of both spouses toward their properties during the [marriage in Thailand](#) will depend on the presence of a Thailand prenuptial agreement entered into by the parties and registered prior to the registration of the marriage. A prenuptial agreement is one which sets out the terms and conditions on how properties will be managed during the marriage and how these properties will be fairly divided should there be a divorce.

If there is a prenuptial agreement, the spouses may agree on who will be the sole manager of specific Sim Somros (jointly-owned property). Without a prenuptial agreement, the properties which are jointly-owned by the spouses must be managed jointly by the spouses. For the following activities, the husband and wife are joint managers of the Sim Somros, and if one spouse wants to exercise any of the following acts, the consent of the other must be sought:

1. Selling, exchanging, sale with the right of redemption, letting out property on hire-purchase, mortgaging, releasing mortgage to mortgagor or transferring the right of mortgage on immovable property or on mortgageable movable property.
2. Creating or distinguishing the whole or a part of the servitude, right of habitation, right of superficies, usufruct or charge on immovable property.
3. Letting immovable property for more than three years.
4. Lending money to someone.
5. Making a gift unless it is a gift for charitable, social or moral purposes and is suitable to the family condition.
6. Enter into a compromise.
7. Submitting a dispute to arbitration.
8. Putting up the property as guarantee or security with a competent official or the Court.

For cases otherwise above-mentioned, the management of the jointly-owned property in Thailand may be delegated to one spouse and the dispositions may be made by that spouse without needing to seek permission from the other spouse.

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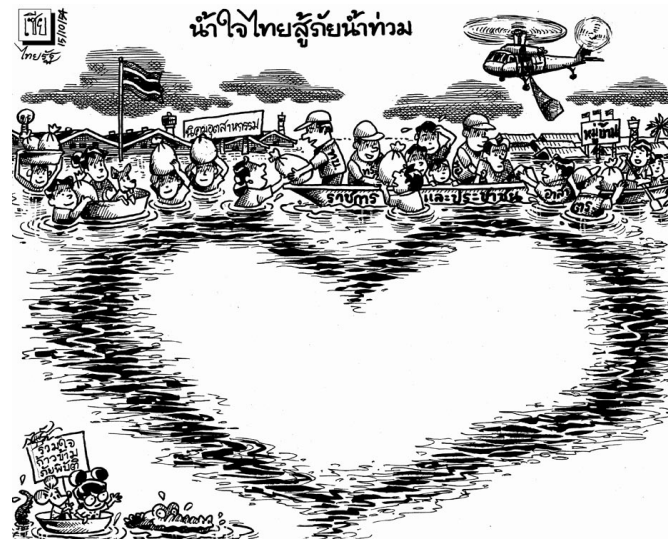
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Thai goodwill is fighting the floods

น้ำใจสู้ภัยน้ำท่วม

October 13, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia, Floods



From Thairath, October 13, 2011

The cartoon title reads: Thai goodwill is fighting the floods.

Words, left to right: Industrial estate, Village, Government agencies and citizens, Volunteer, Policeman

Sign at bottom left: United, we can move on from this disaster.

Thaksin Cannot Think, So Pheu Thai Cannot Act ทักษิณคิดไม่ได้ เพื่อไทยเลยทำอะไรไม่ได้

October 13, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



ทักษิณคิดไม่ออก



เพื่อไทยเลยทำไม่ได้

From Manager, October 13, 2011

Left: Thaksin is thinking: Floods??

The caption underneath reads: Thaksin cannot think it through.

Right: Yingluck and her cabinet are thinking: Floods????

The caption underneath reads: So Pheu Thai cannot act.

Thai Police Deny False Claims They Are Hunting For British Journalist ตำรวจไทยปฏิเสธเงินชดเชยที่ผิดที่กำลังล่าตัวนักข่าวชาวอังกฤษ

October 13, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai Police Deny False Claims They Are Hunting For British Journalist](#) – andrew-drummond.com, October 12, 2011

...The Pattaya Times newspaper, run by Drew Noyes, is currently running a story under the headline '[Cybercrimes Investigation of Andrew Drummond Begins With Backing Of Powerful Police General](#).' Its below another one saying police are contacting the press world wide who are allegedly distancing themselves from this site...

Update: Pattaya Times responds: [Andrew Drummond Exposed as a Fraud and Bad for Thailand](#)

THAILAND: Supreme Court affirms illegality of defending human rights

ประเทศไทย: ศาลยืนยันการมีชอบด้วยกฎหมายของการแก้ตัวเรื่องสิทธิมนุษยชน

October 13, 2011

Categories: Human Rights

[THAILAND: Supreme Court affirms illegality of defending human rights](#) – AHCRC, October 13, 2011

...The notion that the plaintiffs in the current case might have had cause to fear the “influence” of the defendant is not only profoundly wrong but it is also profoundly disturbing. In Thailand, the reference to a person of “influence” carries a particular connotation attached to persons with linkages to others in power. It refers to a confluence of private and state influences, which have access to and are not afraid to use extrajudicial means to secure their interests. For the Court of Appeal to use this language with reference to Jintana, and for the Supreme Court to not challenge it, is not only incorrect but also extremely cynical, and an indicator of the extent to which human rights defenders in Thailand are again increasingly cast as troublemakers and evildoers who are against the interests of the state...

Weekly News Magazines, September 16, 2011

October 14, 2011

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekly, September 16, 2011
NOR-ROK-AH!



From Matichon Weekly, September 16, 2011
Beauty in the field

Thai-language Headlines of October 13, 2011

October 14, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, October 13, 2011

- 4 Industrial Estates afraid of the coming flood in the city. Toyota temporary stops production. 50,000 laborers evacuated.
- The King is so worried about Thai people. He ordered to dig more canals to drain water out from both sides {of the city}.
- There's a 4 meter flood in Paknam, 200,000 people are hurriedly evacuating. People flock to bring their cars to park on the expressway and tollway.
- Pheu Thai Party still keep on proposing to amend Defense Ministry Administration Act.
- Ryu was speeding his car, almost burnt to death.

Thairath, October 13, 2011

- Big volume of water is coming to Bangkok this 15 Oct because of high tides.
- Nakorn Sawan flooded and announced to be a disaster area.
- Mr. Prayuth went to help people from flooding in Patumthani and was met by a Red Shirt group. They asked why he didn't participate in reconciliation. This made him sad and he asked to stop color separation, political moves, and Defense Ministry Administration Act.
- The Crime Suppression Division has submitted its investigative report on the five Constitution Court clips for prosecution review, recommending to drop the case involving a key suspect Pasit Sakdanarong who is adviser to the Public Health minister.
- Found: A big Siamese rosewood in the Kao Praviharn National Park. They are hurrying to survey it and do GPS coordinates before someone cuts it down.

Daily News, October 13, 2011

- Commander-in-Chief of the Army said let the country be peaceful rather than quarrel about Defense Ministry Administration Act.
- The king is worried about this flood disaster. He recommends to control the flood and drain the deluge into the sea.
- Ryu was speeding in his BMW till it caught fire. He almost burnt to death. Lucky he survived, people helped him in time.
- Police dropped the case of Pasit Sakdanarong who is the suspect of scandalous clips on Youtube.
- Rayong people flock in Maerumpueng beach to catch keay shrimps as their part time job. These shrimps left the mangrove forest .

Matichon, October 13, 2011

- Yingluck gave a flood report to the King. The King recommended to control the flood by draining the deluge into the sea.
- Toyota factory stops production for 4 days. And other 930 factories are shut down.
- Crime Suppression Department dropped the case of Pasit Sakdanarong about a clip because in the clip they can't see faces clearly.
- Bangkok people are preparing to handle this coming flood. Sand prices are getting very high and it is becoming a rare item.

Memories keep vanished Cambodian films alive

ความทรงจำทำให้นั่งกัมพูชาที่เคยหายไปยังคงอยู่

October 14, 2011

Categories: Cambodia

[Memories keep vanished Cambodian films alive](#) – AFP, October 13, 2011

...”For so many of these people the movies are very much alive, even though they had not seen them for decades,” says Chou. “They knew the plots, the actors and the complete story lines...”

Please help me

ช่วยฉันด้วย

October 14, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Khaosod, October 14, 2011

Each person says: Please help me.

From the hand coming up from the water: And a funeral for me too, please.

Shadow PM instigates the military to fight with the government

October 14, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia, Floods



From Thairath, October 14, 2011

The cartoon title reads: Nature teaches Thais to love each other.

The bag reads: United Thais solving the flood crisis

Shadow on the water reads: Shadow PM instigates the military to fight with the government.

Left mouse says: It's scarier than a crocodile.

The sign right mouse holds: Help the flood victims

Red Shirts Among the Ruins

เสื้อแดงท่ามกลางความพินาศ

October 14, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager, Floods



From Manager, October 14, 2011

UDD leader Tida says: We must destroy all aristocrats to have complete democracy.

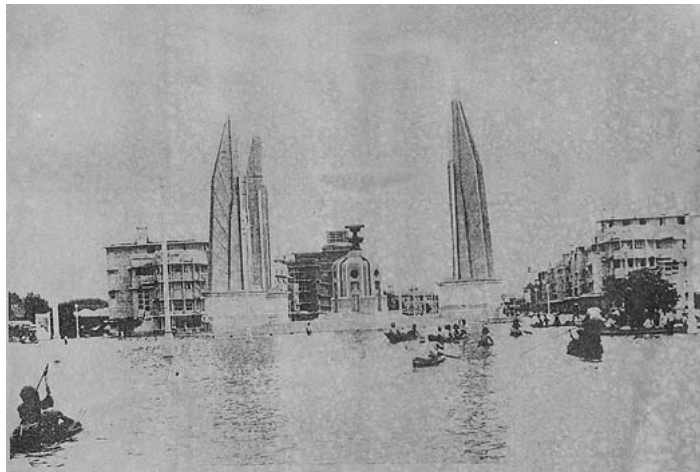
The board behind her reads: Red in the Land

Caption: The earth and sky may collapse, but her ideology has never changed.

The Great Flood of 1942 ๓ น้ำท่วมครั้งใหญ่เมื่อปี ค.ศ. 1942

October 14, 2011

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[The Great Flood of 1942](#)

Lawyer Robert Amsterdam Responds to Arrest Threats from Democrat Party of Thailand **ทนายโรเบิร์ต อัมสเตอร์ดัมตอบโต้เพื่อยับยั้งการข่มขู่จากพรรคประชาธิปัตย์ในไทย**

October 14, 2011

Categories: Robert Amsterdam

[Lawyer Robert Amsterdam Responds to Arrest Threats from Democrat Party of Thailand](#) – PRweb, October 14, 2011

...”It is very disappointing that instead of open, civil debate, members of the Democrat Party prefer to threaten jail,” said Mr. Amsterdam. “In the past we have exhaustively shown that Mr. Watchara’s allegations are groundless, and this inappropriate abuse of the law to protect himself and his party from accountability is gravely offensive...”

Thailand: Not letting a good crisis go to waste ประเทศไทย : จะไม่ยอมให้วิกฤตที่ดีสูญเปล่า

October 14, 2011

Categories: Economy



[Thailand: Not letting a good crisis go to waste](#) – sovereignman.com, October 13, 2011

...This is how the bank ended up with an 80% surge in foreign reserves from 2009– it simply printed new baht to purchase the newly printed dollars.

Thai people are not fooled by this trickery. Unlike brainwashed westerners who believe in their worthless paper, Thai people know that fiat money is a scam. Even the poorest Thais occasionally buy a few grams of gold with whatever savings they can scrap together on expectations of inflation...

Flood Photos from Thailand รูปน้ำท่วมในประเทศไทย

October 14, 2011
Categories: Floods



(Source: The Atlantic)

[Worst Flooding in Decades Swamps Thailand](http://theatlantic.com) – theatlantic.com, October 14, 2011

Friday Night Storm

พายุคืนวันศุกร์

October 14, 2011

Categories: Floods



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

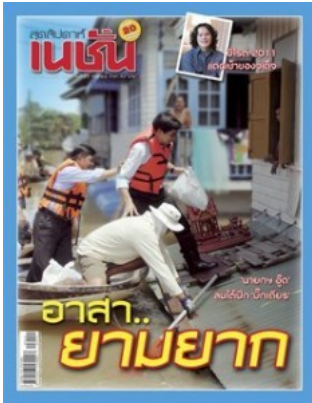
Above: Friday Night Storm – 18:13, October 14, 2011
Another big storm hits Bangkok at dusk on Friday night.

[Widespread rain predicted](#) – Bangkok Post, October 14, 2011

Weekly News Magazines, September 23, 2011

October 15, 2011

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, September 23, 2011

Volunteer to help when people have any difficulty



From Matichon Weekly, September 23, 2011

Poo and him... both of us

Floods of the Past

น้ำท่วมในอดีต

October 15, 2011

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[Floods of the Past](#)

Google Crisis Response: Thailand Floods 2011

การตอบรับวิกฤตจากภูเกิ้ล : น้ำท่วมเมืองไทย 2554

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[Google Crisis Response: Thailand Floods 2011](#)

Thai-language Headlines of October 14, 2011

October 15, 2011

Categories: Thai-language Newspaper Headlines



Komchadluek, October 14, 2011

- Patum Thani suffers, 2000 houses underwater. Yingluck ordered the digging of 4 more canals to drain water out. She confirmed that Bangkok will survive.
- Jubilant crowds greet Bhutan's newly married king and his 21-year-old bride. They greeted huge crowds of well-wishers on Friday as they made their way on foot back to the capital along windy Himalayan roads. People are happy.
- 6 people were killed in Pattani province in 1 day. Chief Executive of the SAO was one of those killed.
- Big Ood still proposes to amend the Defense Ministry Administration Act.

Thairath, October 12, 2011

- The watergate at Patum Thani was broke, people hurry to evacuate. Hi-tech industrial estates were destroyed. Japanese investors cried.
- Pracha confirmed that Bangkok will not flood. Officials can handle it.
- Somjate opposes the Defense Ministry Administration Act amendment, but Pheu Thai doesn't care. They go on with the amendment.
- The hugely popular 31-year-old king, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, married and crowned Jetsun Pema, the commoner daughter of an airline pilot, on Thursday in a colorful Buddhist ceremony in the ancient capital of Punakha.
- MCOT board finalized to dismiss Mr. Tanawat because he didn't follow his duties in his contract regarding five main points.
- Southern terrorists killed 6 people in Pattani.

Matichon, October 14, 2011

- Yingluck ordered to dig more canals cross over Tajeen. She soothed fears and said that Bangkok won't have heavy floods.
- Flood centre to drain in 3 directions to stop water coming into Bangkok.
- Simple marriage for the King of Bhutan, Jigme, and Pema.
- Matichon and alliances went to help people in Ayuthaya, Angthong, Chainard, and Lobburi. They gave supplies and money donation and also brought chefs to cook food for people in the 4 provinces.
- Big Ood proposed to amend the Defense Ministry Administration Act. He said it should follow international principles.

Daily News, October 14, 2011

- The flood centre ordered people in Bangkok and Pathumtani to evacuate. Poo is angry that they created confuse.
- Simple and beautiful marriage for the king of Bhutan, Jigme and Pema.
- Wasan confused that the police dropped the case of Pasit
- The MCOT board ordered the dismissal of the MCOT director. He work defectively.
- Japanese investors are sad, but they confirmed that they won't leave Thailand.

The poor and the rich cry together

คนจนกับคนรวยร้องไห้ด้วยกัน

October 15, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, October 15, 2011

The caption reads: The poor and the rich cry together.

Sign at left: Economic factory zone, industrial estates

The mouse holding the sign: Unity in fighting the flood crisis

Fear and confusion grip Bangkok as Thailand's government struggles to manage flood message **ความกลัวและสับสนของกรุงเทพที่รัฐบาลไทยดิ้นรนที่จะบริหารเรื่องน้ำท่วม**

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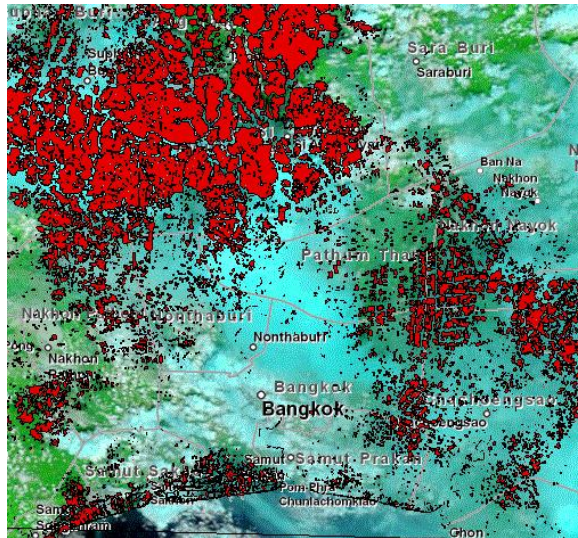
[Fear and confusion grip Bangkok as Thailand's government struggles to manage flood message](#) – AP, October 14, 2011

Fear and confusion gripped Bangkok on Friday as residents grappled with mixed messages over whether Thailand's worst floods in decades would overwhelm the intricate defenses of the low-lying metropolis of 9 million people...

Satellite View of the Flooded Area

ภาพดาวเทียมของพื้นที่ที่ถูกน้ำท่วม

October 15, 2011
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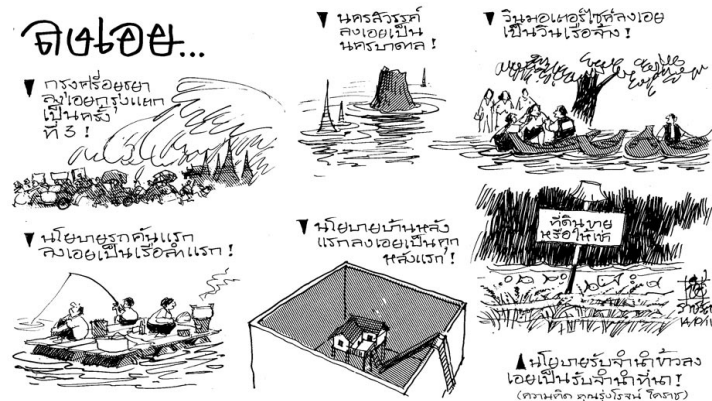


[Satellite View of the Flooded Area](#) – Geo-Pictures, UNITAR-UNOSAT, October 15, 2011

What the flooding caused

October 16, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, October 16, 2011

Cartoon reads: Endings

Top left: The third time for Ayutthaya to be broken in the end.

Top middle: Nakhon Sawan became an underwater city in the end.

Top right: Motorcycle taxi drivers became boat taxi drivers in the end.

Bottom left: The first-car scheme became the first-boat scheme in the end.

Bottom middle: The first-home scheme became the first-prison scheme in the end.

Bottom right: The rice-mortgage scheme became the rice-field scheme in the end. The sign reads: Land for sale or rent.

Democracy Underwater

ประชาธิปไตยใต้น้ำ

October 16, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, October 16, 2011

Cartoon title: The big war after the flood waters recede

Left flag: Detoxification of the coup

Right flag: Followers of the coup leaders

On the bowl: The 2007 constitution

Underwater boot: The 2006 coup

Left underwater sign: Kok Wua intersection

Right underwater sign: Ratchaprasong

Norwegian wok: Thai community thrives on ice-cold Spitsbergen

ชาวทีนอร์เวย์ : ชุมชนไทยเจริญรุ่งเรืองที่สปิตเบอร์เกนที่หนาวมาก

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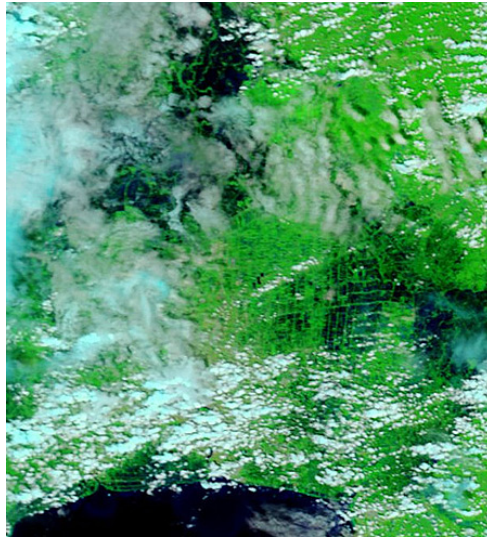
[Norwegian wok: Thai community thrives on ice-cold Spitsbergen](#) – rt.com, October 14, 2011

...“I think Thais and Norwegians have a lot in common. Both peoples are very open and warm-hearted. But Thai women are thought to be more obedient, more accommodating of a man’s needs. I guess that’s why Norwegian men here like to marry Thai girls,” Sompong Haug says...

Earth Observatory: Flooding in Thailand and Cambodia

หอสั่งเหตุการณ์โลก : น้ำท่วมที่ประเทศไทยและกัมพูชา

October 16, 2011
Categories: Floods



[Earth Observatory: Flooding in Thailand and Cambodia](http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov) – earthobservatory.nasa.gov, October 11, 2011

Robert Amsterdam Lending a Hand

โรเบิร์ต อัมสเตอร์ดัมให้ยืมมือ

October 16, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons, Robert Amsterdam



Robert Amsterdam Lending a Hand – Thairath, October 12, 2011

Cartoon reads: Please rescue mouth-submerged victims.

Cloud carrying Robert Amsterdam: International justice

Above the head of the prisoner: UDD political prisoner

Submerged sign: Ratchaprasong 2010

On the water under the skulls: Victims from the April-May 2010 events

Weekly News Magazines, October 14, 2011

October 17, 2011

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Matichon Weekly, October 14, 2011

Critical is the opportunity

...The devastating floods create the opportunity for Prime Minister Yingluck and Commander-in-Chief of the Army Prayut Chanocha to work closely and have a more understanding between them...



From Nation Weekend, October 14, 2011

The heart will go on

...With deluge in year 2011, all Thai people's hearts are together to fight against the severe flooding...

The Chao Phraya River between Taksin Bridge and Thammasat แม่น้ำเจ้าพระยาที่อยู่ระหว่างสะพานตากสินและมหาวิทยาลัยธรรมศาสตร์

October 17, 2011
Categories: Floods



(Photo: Igor)

[The Chao Phraya River between Taksin Bridge and Thammasat](#)

What good is Froc? สปก.เก่งในด้านไหน?

October 17, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager, Floods



From Manager, October 17, 2011

Man on the right: “Khun Plod, there’s another one.” Man on the left: “Wait ... Wim.” From the rifle: “Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang. ”

Man on the roof: The PM fired them from Froc... so they can help out with what they’re really good at!!!

Cartoon caption: It’s necessary to use the right person for the right job.

Doing Business in Thailand: Partnerships

ทำธุรกิจในประเทศไทย : หุ้นส่วน

October 17, 2011

Categories: Business, Law



A partnership is a recognized type of business organization in Thailand. It is further classified into three general types: 1) unregistered ordinary partnerships; 2) registered ordinary partnerships and 3) limited partnerships.

Unregistered ordinary partnerships are characterized by non-registration and joint liability among the partners. There is no need to register this partnership in the Commercial Registration Department of the Ministry of Commerce, but the partners shall be held solely and jointly liable for all the obligations incurred by the partnership.

Registered partnerships, on the other hand, are characterized by registration and a legal personality conferred on the partnership itself. This legal personality is separate and distinct from that of its partners; thus, making the partnership solely liable for all the obligations it incurred.

Finally, limited partnerships are characterized by registration and limited liability. Registration confers legal personality to the partnership. Partners on the other hand, have limited liability for obligations incurred by the partnership to the extent of their contributions.

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Thai-language Headlines of October 17, 2011

October 18, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, October 17, 2011

- The Flood Rescue Centre confirms there will be a big volume of water passing Bangkok. PM isn't downhearted. She ordered soldiers to rescue people in 5 provinces.
- There's crisis in Nawanakorn. Water hasn't stopped increasing. 5 factories in industrial estates in Ayuthaya underwater. It will take 6 months to recover.
- Pheu Thai is waiting for the flood the decrease, they will go on to the Defense Ministry Administration Act amendment.
- The owner of van transportation business was cruelly murdered. She had her throat cut in a hotel in Cambodia.

Matichon, October 17, 2011

- Factoryland underwater, 2-levels of protection for Nawanakorn, but the water is increasing.
- To help factories, business, and others flood victims recover, the low interest loan will be launched.
- Board of Royal Thai police will appoint Priewpan on 19 October.
- MCOT fan club revealed that there's politics intervening into the dismissal of its director.
- 19 name lists to amend the Defense Ministry Administration Act were proposed and will finalized in the meeting of National Legislative Assembly on 24 October.

Thairath, October 17, 2011

- Saimai-Donmueng are risk of flooding. Sukumpan asked to close the watergate at Klong 1. 5 factories underwater in industrial estate.
- Soldiers will take care of 5 provinces, Bangkok is safe.
- The owner of a van transportation business was cruelly murdered. Her throat was cut in a hotel in Cambodia and 3 million baht was stolen.
- Democrat Party tried to obstruct the Defense Ministry Administration Act, but Pheu Thai confirmed they will go on amendment when the flood decreases.

Daily News, October 17, 2011

- 1000 ships mobilized to drain water into the sea. Navanakorn will safe, but factory land underwater.
- Kid's body found, was smashed on head and died in the sea.
- Hunting psychopath who raped nurse's assistant and killed her by cutting her throat in the forest.
- The owner of van transportation was murdered in a casino in Cambodia.
- Police Lieutenant Colonel committed suicide because he quarreled with his wife.

Thaksin sends Mr. Amsterdam

ทักษิณส่งคุณอัมสเตอร์ดัม

October 18, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager, Floods, Robert Amsterdam



From Manager, October 18, 2011

Left: The U.S. sends marines to help flood victims... China sends generators to help...

Right: ...Thaksin sends Mr. Amsterdam to stir up the flood waters until they're turbid!!!

Bottom box: List of flood donors

The Death of a Farang in 1965

วันนี้เมืองเก่าปีที่แล้ว : การตายของฝรั่งเมื่อปี 1965

October 18, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[The Death of a Farang in 1965](#)

Thaksin Retires... Yet Again

ทักษิณเกษียณ... อีกแล้ว

October 18, 2011

Categories: Analysis, Thai Politics



Above: Newspapers from April 4, 2006

Thaksin claiming he is retiring, quitting politics, or taking a political break is nothing new. It has been done many times before—always as a political pretext. It is likely the latest announcement is part of the buildup to the push for a pardon for Thaksin and his return. Similar claims of quitting politics were made for these same reasons before he returned to Thailand in 2008.

Considering the time and money spent on the 2009 and 2010 uprisings and the subsequent election that ran on Thaksin's name and reputation, Thaksin can feel vindicated at this point and should expect to have what he wants on his terms.

It will be vital for a solution for Thaksin to be settled as soon as possible. The further we move away from Pheu Thai's big election win, the greater that unforeseen chance circumstances (like the handling of the flooding) could interfere with the government's overwhelming popularity and ability to prevent extra-electoral forces from stalling or stopping a solution for Thaksin.

Once Thaksin's legal problems are settled in some way, the government can call new elections—probably so that, not only so Thaksin can run, but also the 111 banned Thai Rak Thai executives who have been anxious to return to the political stage.

Another thing to understand is that promises and personal accountability in the Thai world are not held to the same standard as in the west. A big man can promise or affirm something, but does not have to stand by the promise if he feels he has a good reason to break it later.

2006

[I will not accept post of premier in the next government : Thaksin](#) – The Nation, April 4, 2006

[Thai premier to take “political break”](#) – Reuters, April 4, 2006

2007

[Deposed Thai PM Thaksin quits politics – lawyer](#) – Reuters, January 10, 2007

...The announcement by lawyer Noppadon Patama came just hours after coup leaders summoned radio and television broadcasters, all of whom have to rent air time from the government, not to carry any statements from Thaksin...

[“I’m Calling It Quits”](#) – Time, February 1, 2007

...Will you return to politics?

Right after I was ousted by the coup, I had mixed feelings. The negative feeling was that this was unfortunate for Thailand and its democracy, that the confidence I tried very hard to restore after the 1997 financial crisis would be lost. The positive part was, oh, I can retire now; I can have time for myself, for my family, I can meet friends and relax. Life is not that long, so if you can bring some happiness to yourself and your family, that's good ... I'm quite confident that if I ran today, I would win, I have no political ambitions. I am calling it quits...

[Transcript: Thaksin Shinawatra](#) – FT, June 21, 2007

...FT: Am I right in saying that you said after September that you had retired from Thai politics?

TS: Yes, yes.

FT: And is that still the case?

TS: Yes, yes. I retire already, completely. Even they are not sure I am retired, they ban me from politics for five years. So don't worry, I am retired already. Now I find myself a job as a chairman. .

FT: So you obviously have a desire to return, but you want to return as a private citizen?

TS: As a private citizen under a democracy...

2008

[Ousted Thai leader confirms his return on Feb 28 but forgo politics](#) – TNA, February 27, 2008

Deposed prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra confirmed on Wednesday his return to Thailand on Thursday morning from self-imposed exile overseas to fight his corruption charges, but that he would stay out of politics...

2009

[An Interview with Ex-Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra](#) – Time, March 6, 2009

...Last time you spoke with TIME in January 2007, you said you were finished with politics and that you would retire. What changed?

have been bullying me politically nonstop since then. I already declared that I wanted to retire. I wanted to spend my life with my family. But they were bullying me. The rule of law is not there. The democratic process is not there. That is too much. All of my supporters urged me: 'you have to come and fight back politically.' They want to come back to a mature democracy...



From Red Power, October, 2011

Cover: You don't want to , but history will force being a leader upon you. Why Thaksin must return to be PM again?

Jakrapob Penkair opens his heart in writing to Lt-Colonel Thaksin Shinawatra: "The heart lies far from home."

5 years – September 19 – Open your eyes – The problem is not Thaksin – It's ...?

2011

[Torch has passed on, says Thaksin](#) – Bangkok Post, October 17, 2011

... "Yingluck , the youngest sister of our family, is now the prime minister.

"It has passed my generation already, so my generation should not return to politics," said Thaksin in a recent exclusive interview with the Bangkok Post in this Middle Eastern state.

He noted he was "misquoted" by some international news outlets that he would return to lead the country again...

Thai-language Headlines of October 18, 2011

October 19, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, October 18, 2011

- Nava Nakorn broken by flooding. More than 200,000 people hurry to evacuate chaotically.
- Flood rescue center informed people to evacuate. In fact, there are floods in only 10 factories in Nava Nakorn. Poo was sad that they can't handle it.
- This flood makes the Thai economy depressed and is reflected a decreased GDP 1-1.7%. Thailand will get lost around 50 billion baht.
- The minimum wage will be increase 40% all over Thailand. The effective date will be 1 April 2012. It will be 300 Baht for 7 provinces.
- The Democrat Party is angry and will propose to dismiss the Attorney General because they didn't submit all the information about the Shinawatra tax avoidance case.

Matichon, October 18, 2011

- The Nava Nakorn Industrial Estate in Pathum Thani has become the latest casualty of flooding as some parts of the estate have been hit by northern runoff, prompting the government to issue immediate evacuation alerts for workers and nearby residents.
- The Thailand bank will extend the loan period and reduce interest rates to help 5 industrial estates. The Government will make loans of 100 billion baht for recovery.
- Matichon Academy brings famous chefs to help cook food for Angthong people .
- Italian media's sister chases her brother's case . Police say the case is in process at the DSI.
- Chalerm confirmed Priewpan will be appointed to be Commissioner General this 19 Oct. The Ministry of the Interior confirmed Pracha will be dismissed.

Daily News, October 18, 2011

- The Thai economy is getting worse, 10,000 factories suffer, 440,000 people are unemployed.
- Poo gave up, will let the flood come to Bangkok. There's flooding in klong 8-9 now, the water height 3.5 meters.
- Ple Irin reported to police about a second hand cars shop that cheated her. She got the lower price than was agreed .
- Robert asked for bail for UDD and claimed that Thai prisons suck.
- National park increases more security and appoint more officers to suppress people from cutting Payoong wood.

Thairath, October 18, 2011

- The Nava Nakorn Industrial Estate was partially submerged following a breach in its northern flood walls. Thousands of people evacuated from the area with turmoil. Prime Minister Yingluck regretted for what has happening and gave an order to restore to situation.
- Warning that massive amounts of water will move to Bangkok on 28th–30th of October.
- The 300 baht daily minimum wage will be deployed in 7 provinces.
- A man tried to rape a woman, but she could escape and was injured.

SEAPA Report: Thai journos victimized as political and economic wind blows towards censorship รายงานจาก SEAPA : นักข่าวไทยเป็นเหยื่อกระแสการเมืองและเศรษฐกิจทำให้ข่าวถูกเซ็นเซอร์

October 19, 2011
Categories: Censorship

[SEAPA Report: Thai journos victimized as political and economic wind blows towards censorship](#) – SEAPA/IFEX, October 13, 2011

...In the last decade, Matichon was not the only strong critic of Thaksin that has been attacked by his clique of political and business interests during his tenure as Prime minister between 2001 and 2006. Other media outlets such as the Nation Multimedia Group, which publishes The Nation, the Post Publishing Group, which publishes Bangkok Post and Manager Media Group had a fair share of business backlash by Thaksin's manipulation of commercial and political pressures and lawsuits.

...Prasong's departure from Matichon Group, whose reputation for investigative journalism he helped build in the past 25 years, was seen as the last straw in the group's business struggle to survive. Prasong's piece that raised questions about Yingluck's court testimony in Thaksin's alleged asset concealment case was not allowed to go to print...

Industries' relocation to Thailand undone by historic floods

October 19, 2011

Categories: Floods

[Industries' relocation to Thailand undone by historic floods](#) – japantimes.co.jp, October 19, 2011

Thailand's worst flooding in 50 years is dealing a dramatic blow to Japanese automobile, precision instrument and other industries because the nation is now an important global production base for numerous manufacturers...

Girlfriend of Brixton teen killed in Thai crash speaks of heartbreak แฟนสาววัยรุ่นของบริกซ์ตันเสียชีวิตด้วยโรคหัวใจตอนรถชนในเมืองไทย

October 19, 2011

Categories: Thailand in the International Media

[Girlfriend of Brixton teen killed in Thai crash speaks of heartbreak](#) – [www.streathamguardian.co.uk](#), October 19, 2011

...but have been told by Thai officials that a police investigation could take a year itself.

She said: “We have been told absolutely nothing. We have been treated as though we were Thai, and I have found out that that is not very nice.”

Following the accident, the Foreign Office changed its advice to Britons travelling in Thailand, stressing the increased risks of road travel in the country. it added 347 Britons died in Thailand last year...

Water Goddess Ka Kang Replies To Ceremony: ‘Fuck You’

October 19, 2011

Categories: Humor

[Water Goddess Ka Kang Replies To Ceremony: ‘Fuck You’](#) – Not the Nation, October 19, 2011

...Citing pollution, mismanagement and overfishing as the principle violations of the sacred pact she had with the Thai people, Ka Kang declared that Bangkok was the “center of the hive of small-minded evil” due to its ravenous capitalism-driven development, and the symbolic headquarters of the industrial development that had dumped millions of tons of toxic chemicals into her rivers...

Collection of Maps of Flood Risk Areas in Bangkok **รวบรวมแผนที่แสดงพื้นที่เสี่ยงน้ำท่วมในกทม.**

October 19, 2011
Categories: Floods

[Collection of Maps of Flood Risk Areas in Bangkok](#) – thaitravelblogs.com, October 19, 2011

The following districts could be inundated...

เขตเหล่านี้อาจมีน้ำท่วมเจิ่งนองได้

October 19, 2011

Categories: Floods

[Announcement of Warning on Flooding Situation in Bangkok](#) – thailand.prd.go.th, October 19, 2011

...The massive volume of the flood would over flow into the Rangsit Plain affecting the dykes protecting the City of Bangkok and, consequently, the following districts could be inundated:

1. Sai Mai District
2. Khlong Sam Wa District
3. Bang Khen District
4. Nong Chok District
5. Min Buri District
6. Lad Kra Bang District
7. Kan Na Yao District...

[FA Spokesman's Comments in response to media queries on the status of Singaporeans in Bangkok, Thailand](#) – Singapore Embassy, October 19, 2011

...Unless travel is absolutely necessary, we urge Singaporeans planning to travel to Bangkok in the next few days to consider waiting for the flood situation to improve before doing so...

It's all wet in Thailand **เมืองไทยเปียกไปหมดแล้ว**

October 19, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics

[It's all wet in Thailand](#) – atimes.com, October 20, 2011

...Harder to calculate is the impact on Yingluck's credibility and popularity, which pre-flood was riding a July election win high, but post-flood is expected to sink, including in some of her Pheu Thai party's worst-affected provincial strongholds. Her government's response to the disaster has been by all accounts erratic and uncoordinated, bringing the premier to tears at one point and underscoring her lack of political experience and control over her administration. Her self-exiled, former premier brother, Thaksin Shinawatra, has been widely reported to be managing her crisis team from the United Arab Emirates.

...Yingluck's commitment to the program underscores her need to regain suddenly lost political momentum, a drive that before the floods was pushing for the criminally convicted Thaksin's return to Thailand as a free man by year's end...

More Flood Photos

รูปน้ำท่วมเพิ่มเติม

October 19, 2011

Categories: Floods

[Bangkok braces as flood barrier breached](#) – ABC, October, 19, 2011

Thai Floods and the impending hard drive shortage น้ำท่วมไทย และ กำลังจะทำให้ขาดแคลนฮาร์ดไดรฟ์

October 19, 2011
Categories: Floods

[The impending hard drive shortage — and possible price hikes](#) – infoworld, October 18, 2011
Flooding near Bangkok has taken about 25 percent of the world's hard disk manufacturing capacity offline..

Thai Email Forwards: FROC gives update about the situation

อีเมลส่งต่อ : ศอป.รายงานสถานการณ์ล่าสุด

October 19, 2011

Categories: Floods, Humor, Thai Email Forwards



(Source: Thai email forward)

Thai Email Forwards: FROC gives update about the situation – October 19, 2011

The email reads: FROC gives update about the situation

Editorial cartoons from the 1991 coup

จากรัฐประหารปี 1991

October 20, 2011

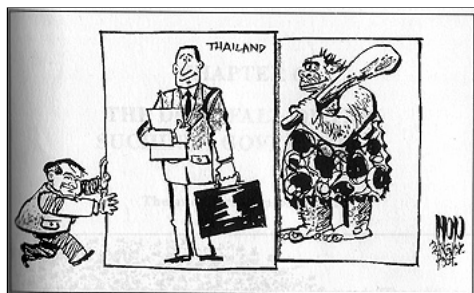
Categories: 1991 Coup, Editorial Cartoons

Right: 1991 – Coup leader Suchinda "wais" the skeleton of democracy.

The 1991 coup overthrew the first Thai government that had ever taken the reigns of power in a peaceful transfer after an election.



(Source: By Nop – Bangkok Post)



(Source: By Nop – Bangkok Post)

Left: 1991 – Suchinda attempts to put a civilized face on the coup.

Right: 1992 – A year later TV ignores the massive anti-government protests—much as it later did during the protests against the Thaksin government 15 years later.



(Source: By Nop – Bangkok Post)

Thai-language Headlines of October 19, 2011

October 20, 2011

Categories: Thai-language Newspaper Headlines



Komchadluek, October 19, 2011

- Flood waters destroyed some sections of the temporary dyke built along Rapheephat Canal yesterday afternoon, flooding some residences in Khlong Luang district's Khlong 3 and 4 areas, Prime Minister led an airborne inspection of the severely flooded Nava Nakorn Industrial Estate.
- Foreign investors might move away from Thailand. The government got an idea about reducing rice farms and selling those lands to support flood relief. Mr. Teerachai verbally attacked Thailand's bank saying they are not sincere to help all flood victims.
- Democrat Party claimed that that Thaksin aggravates Thailand. Thaksin warned soldiers not to involve with politics because they become megalomaniacs. The Democrats ordered Red Shirts, Amsterdam, and Nitirat to stop creating disharmony.

Thairath, October 19, 2011

- After the Nava Nakorn Industrial Estate was severely hit by flooding, there is a new threat from the leak of toxic chemicals.
- Former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra accused the army of being obsessed with power.
- Most people are not convinced by the announcements from the government's flood relief center because it had failed the credibility test.
- During the evacuation from flooding at the Nava Nakorn Industrial Estate, a 40-year-old woman gave birth.

Daily News, October 19, 2011

- Flood covers all Rangsit area. Industrial Estate in Lad Krabang shut down. Governor of Bangkok confirmed he can handle flood prevention in the Khlong 6 area.
- Robert is gathering information to release all Red Shirts.
- Cabinet ministers approved huge volume of budget to finance reconstruction and aid program for flood relief. They hope there will not be flooding again next year.
- Aide-de-camps requested 200 million baht to prepare Payoong forests. It's better than planting it again. The Director-general of the Forest Ministry ordered five officers of the National Park dismissed.
- A man got stress from flooding in Lopburi province. The stressed man was got drunk and was trapped under a tree. He shot the chief of the sub-district administration organization .

Matichon, October 19, 2011

- Flood waters covered Nava Nakorn and water is coming to Rangsit. Big Too hopes to recover the Rangsit area.
- Government will ask foreign countries to help after the flood ends.
- Pheu Thai sent Mr. Wanlop and appointed him to be the chief of Puea Taam party. They are afraid it will be abolished.
- Entrepreneurs aren't satisfied very much about the increase in minimum wage. They claim that the government is black-hearted and aggravated from the flood situation.
- The labor union stated that the MCOT board must plead guilty about Tanawat's case . They revealed that the previous MCOT director created management problems and made mistakes.

Heaven Ruling Horoscope

ดวงประกาศิต

October 20, 2011

Categories: Local Beliefs, Thai Police



Heaven-Ruling Horoscope Astrological Magazine – October, 2011

The cover text reads: Next year, China will be a flying dragon.

This new auspicious time for the Royal Thai Police cannot be a headless auspicious time.

The gold price will stay the same or go down at the beginning of the month.

The oil price will stay the same in the beginning of the month, go up in the middle of the month and fluctuate at the end of the month.

Outstanding shares: ADVANCE, DTAC, TRUE, BFI, CITY, CPN, HTECH, FANCY

– Making merit and practicing dharma at Wat Pa Pupasoong

– Will Thailand be a country of millionaires?

– The karma of people who like fishing

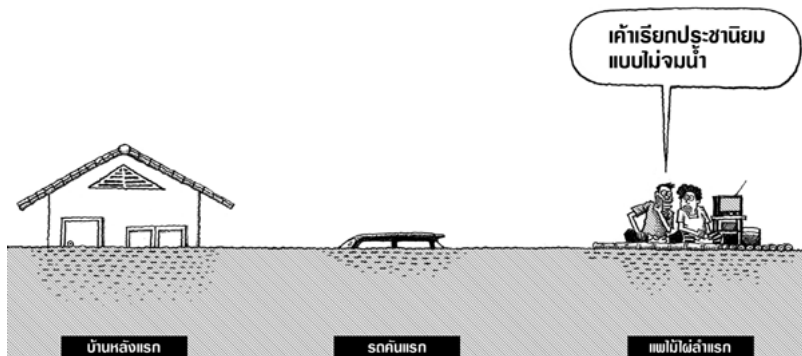
– Taste the spicy food at Ban Rabiengnam

Alex Rendell, a brilliant light since childhood

First Home, First Car, First Bamboo Raft บ้านหลังแรก รถคันแรก แพ้ไม่ไฟอันแรก

October 20, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons, Floods



From Manager, October 20, 2011

Left: First home

Middle: First car

Right: First bamboo raft

Man: It's called undrowned populism.

IDO Security Completes First Order by Thailand Royal Navy for the MagShoe(TM) 3G <กองทัพเรือ ประเทศไทยได้สั่งซื้อแมกชูจาก บริษัทไอดีโอเป็นคนแรก

October 21, 2011

Categories: Thai Military

[IDO Security Completes First Order by Thailand Royal Navy for the MagShoe\(TM\) 3G](#) – marketwatch.com, October 19, 2011

IDO Security, Inc. IDOI developer of the innovative MagShoe(TM) shoe scanning device (SSD), today announced that it has completed its first order of its new MagShoe(TM) 3G series by the Thailand Royal Navy to supply and install shoe-metal detectors systems in its airports throughout Thailand...

Thai-language Headlines of October 20, 2011

October 21, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, October 20, 2011

- FROC has warned that seven areas of Bangkok are at the risk of flooding because the massive amount of floodwater is surging in to Bangkok. Residents are asked to prepare for severe flooding by moved necessary things up to higher levels in an attempt to avoid the water. At the outskirts of the Bangkok area, especially Patumtani, Nontaburi and Bang Bua Thong, are under the floodwaters.
- After eight industrial estates are wrecked by flooding and this leads to a massive loss of money, the Ministry of Commerce is afraid that foreign investors will not be interested to invest in Thailand if the water management systems are well organized.
- Sudarat claims that the critical situation has forced her to step up to provide the solution to government.
- Poo was attacked; people said that she is an unperforming leader. She is ashamed that Ms. Sudarat arrives on the scene to solve flood problem.

Matichon, October 20, 2011

- 7 districts in Bangkok are in a hurry to evacuate.
- 2 villages were chaotic because the big volume of water came in middle of last night.
- Tong confirmed that Thailand can recover, but worries that foreign investors might move production bases out of Thailand.
- Priewpan is the official Commissioner-General, the voting was unanimous in the meeting.
- The labor union attacked the MCOT board in that they protected Mr. Tanawat who ruined MCOT.

Thairath, October 20, 2011

- FROC announced 5 provinces can't be protected. Poo was attacked that she is ineffectual, so Ms. Sudarat has to change the plan to drain water and solve this problem.
- Priewpan is an official Commissioner-General.
- Warnings that 7 districts in Bangkok are in danger. All residences must prepare to evacuate.
- Chalerm refused the news about he demanded the Ministry of Defense not be afraid of soldiers. He claimed that he didn't blame soldiers and the media misunderstood.
- 100 Chinese couples get married in Thai style in Chonburi.

Daily News, October 20, 2011

- Water will flow rapidly to Bangkok within 48 hours. All residences in 7 danger districts must evacuate. Water is still increasing in 4 provinces.
- Democrat party will sue Mr. Robert in the case of his libeling them as a soldier's party.
- Proposing three defensive measures to transfer social security's money for 5 billion baht to spend on labor wage
- A woman was masturbated by her dog. After she's done, instead of pushing her dog away, she was severely bitten. She said her husband ignored her and she had stress from the flood. A doctor warns it's very dangerous, don't do queer masturbation.
- Preiwpan is an the official Commissioner-General. He starts to solve the flood problem.

Thai-language articles on the flooding บทความภาษาไทยเกี่ยวกับน้ำท่วม

October 21, 2011
Categories: Floods



(Photo: Ton)

Above: market on Pra Athit Road

On the forum: [Lots of links to Thai-language articles on the flooding](#)

Thai-language Headlines of October 21, 2011

October 22, 2011

Categories: Thai-language Newspaper Headlines



Komchadluek, October 21, 2011

- Water will flow rapidly to Khlong Prapa, people evacuate chaotically and park their cars on the expressway. Bangkok people in shock. Can't hold this flood anymore, Poo ordered to open all watergates to drain water. 3 more risked areas are Laksi-Don Mueng.
- There's very bad smell in Nakorn Sawan because of hydrocele and putrid rubbish. Emergency doctors prepare to move ICU patients from the city.
- The Ministry of Industry ordered 7 industrial estates in the eastern area to prepare for evacuation. There will be water flowing in rapidly. The Ministry of Finance prepares 60 billion baht to support SMEs while Thailand banks hurry to persuade all farmers to reduce the farming period and find more land to substitute for the flooded areas.

Maticchon, October 21, 2011

- Crisis! Khlong Prapa broke! Bangkok people are panicking because of the flooding.
- Yingluck and Sukhumpun will protect Bangkok from flood together.
- Flock to seize expressway-flyovers to park cars.
- 600k unemployed flood victims, government will give 3000 baht to each.
- Pheu Thai reported to the police that DJ Red Shirt didn't show up to listen to the judgement and jumped bail.
- MCOT is ok for the new organization structure. Surapol wanted to discuss with the stock holders.

Daily News, October 21, 2011

- Bangkradee Industrial Estate was destroyed by flood water. Water will flow to Bangkok rapidly especially Don Mueng and Mueng Thong.
- Private sector is dissatisfied with Yingluck and wants her to leave because she has been responding slowly and ineffectively to the deluge situation.
- BENGHAZI: Veteran Libyan strongman Moammar Gadhafi was killed on Thursday as new regime forces crushed the last pocket of resistance in his hometown Sirte, the National Transitional Council said.
- Dilemma the price of eggs as prices increase dramatically.
- A kidnapper of a 3-year-old girl for the purpose to train her as a beggar will be jailed for 20 years.

Thairath, October 21, 2011

- Crisis is coming to Bangkok, Khlong Prapa is flooded.
- Kadhafi killed after being cornered in a sewage pipe. As Libyans danced for joy in the streets, world leaders welcomed Kadhafi's demise as the end of despotism, tyranny, dictatorship and ultimately war in Libya.
- Poo confirms that she will let water come through Bangkok.
- Nonthaburi and Patumthani really get flooded badly.
- Kidnapper of a 3-year-old girl will be jailed for 20 years. He used this girl to be a beggar. But the sentence was decrease down.

Thailand's Yellow Shirt Leader Says He's Broke ผู้นำกลุ่มเสื้อเหลืองของไทยบอกว่าเขาจน

October 22, 2011

Categories: Thai Politics

[Thailand's Yellow Shirt Leader Says He's Broke](#) – asiasentinel.com, October 19, 2011

...Prachatai, the independent news website in Bangkok, reported Wednesday that ASTV, Sondhi's satellite television station, had gone off the air Monday after a Dutch satellite operating company refused to grant any more credit. ASTV is six months behind in payments with outstanding debts of US\$400,000, the website reported...

Marriage Registration in Thailand

การจดทะเบียนสมรสในเมืองไทย

October 22, 2011

Categories: Law



Unlike many countries, a [Thailand marriage](#) must be registered to be valid. Without registration, the marriage is not recognized. Hence, a marriage ceremony is not enough and is not even the gauge for the validity of marriage in Thailand.

Having in mind the importance of marriage registration, marriages, whether by Thais or foreigners, must be registered. The registration of marriage can be easily arranged and accomplished. Registration may be done at any district office in any province.

The requirements for registration of marriage depend on the nationalities of the parties. Generally, the requirements are as follows:

1. Passports;
2. Identification card (for Thai party);
3. Proof of capacity to marry;
4. Divorce decree and its corresponding translation, if any; and
5. Death certificate of previous spouse and its corresponding translation, if applicable;

Whenever applicable, all documents must be legalized as required under Thai laws and regulations. Further, a party's own embassy may require other documents.

Marriage registration is easy if all requirements are at hand. If so, it can be a quick process. The more important thing is the pre-planning stage of marriage registration which includes prenuptial agreement consideration.

As registration commences the validity of the marriage for all legal intents and purposes, special attention must be given to the drafting of a prenuptial agreement. This is advised especially if the other spouse is more financially capable than the other. Assets of the more financially capable party must be protected. This is done in anticipation of any marital problem the couple may face.

Ideally, a prenuptial agreement must be drafted by an experienced lawyer. This is because the law of the foreign party must also be observed in making the agreement. The agreement must be made in both English and Thai languages. A well drafted prenuptial agreement is less likely to be contested.

So, if you want to get married in Thailand, you have to make sure that your marriage is registered. You must also observe other formalities if you or your spouse is a foreigner.

This post was provided by Siam Legal, an international law firm with offices in Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Hua Hin, Pattaya, Phuket, and Samui. Siam Legal publishes legal guides to [marriage in Thailand](#) on its website.

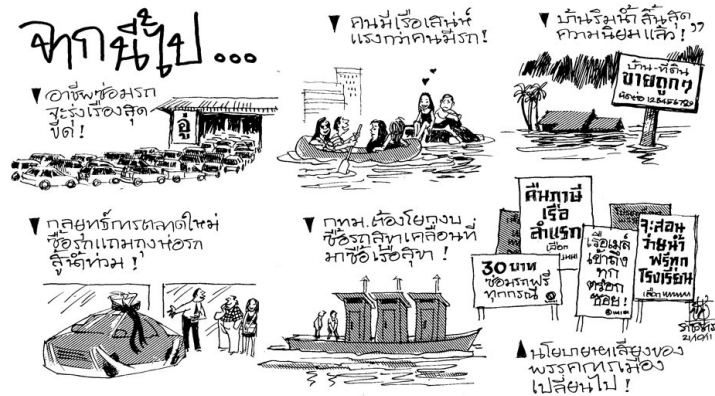
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From now on...

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October 23, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons, Floods



From Thairath, October 23, 2011

Cartoon reads: From now on...

Upper left: Car-repair jobs will be extremely lucrative!

Upper middle: People with boats will be more attractive than those with cars!

Upper right: Houses and land will be sold at very cheap prices!

Lower left: Buying a car and getting a bag to wrap it in in case of flooding will be a new marketing strategy!

Lower middle: The BMA will have to change its budget from buying toilet buses to buying toilet boats!

Lower right: The campaign policies of political parties will be different.

Sign in back: Tax rebate for the first boat. Front-left sign: 30 baht for all car repairs. Middle sign: Taxi boats to all alleyways. Right sign: Free swimming classes in all schools.

The politics behind Thailand's floods

การเมืองเบื้องหลังน้ำท่วมไทย

October 23, 2011

Categories: Floods

[The politics behind Thailand's floods](#) – Guardian, October 21, 2011

...Yingluck's learning curve will have to steepen quickly. This flooding crisis has enabled her to carve out some autonomy away from her impatient and blustery brother. Managing the floods requires a day-to-day, hands-on operation that precludes the involvement of Thaksin...

[Thaksin's sister flounders as flood reaches Bangkok](#) – www.smh.com.au, October 22, 2011

...Her critics have also accused her of being slow to react because she relies on advice from her elder brother Thaksin Shinawatra, who is living in self-imposed exile in Dubai. Thaksin, who has been sentenced to two years' jail on corruption charges, insists he is letting Ms Yingluck deal with the crisis...

Website staff, Froc clash เจ้าหน้าที่เว็บไซต์ขัดแย้งกับ ศอปป.

October 23, 2011
Categories: Floods

[Website staff, Froc clash](#) – Bangkok Post, October 23, 2011

...Poramate Minsiri, founder of the website and the #thai flood Twitter hash tag, said it was pointless for his group to continue working with Froc, as the government limited the group's access to vital information.

He accused the government's flood command of "not welcoming participation by civil groups".

Mr Poramate claimed Froc had tried to censor information on Thai flood.com before it went live...

Floods of the Past: 1983, 1995 and 2011...

น้ำท่วมในอดีต ปี 1983,1995 และ 2011

October 23, 2011

Categories: Floods

[1983, 1995 and 2011: The more it rains...](#) – Bangkok Post, October 23, 2011

...HOW LONG WAS BANGKOK FLOODED?

1983: Four months, September to December.

1995: Two months, October to November...

The 50 Cent Party

ปาร์ตี้ 50 เซ็นท์

October 23, 2011
Categories: China

[The 50 Cent Party](#) – Wikipedia

50 Cent Party is a pejorative unofficial term for Internet commentators hired by the government of the People's Republic of China (both local and central) to post comments favorable towards the government policies in an attempt to shape and sway public opinion on various Internet message boards...

[Chinese web censors block terms related to “Occupy,” to stamp out movement’s spread in China](#) – October 22, 2011

More Flood Articles from the Thai-language press

บทความจากสื่อไทยเพิ่มเติมเกี่ยวกับน้ำท่วม

October 24, 2011
Categories: Floods

On the forum: [More Flood Articles from the Thai-language press](#)

Thai Flood Greeting

คำทักทายของไทยเกี่ยวกับน้ำท่วม

October 25, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai, Floods



From Thairath, October 25, 2011

Left: How are you?

Middle: Have you eaten yet?

Right: Has your house been flooded yet?

Vintage photos of royal celebrations

รูปภาพงานเฉลิมฉลองราชวงศ์

October 25, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News



(Photo: circa 1907 – Photo source: *Siam*
by Karl Dohring, 1923)

[Vintage photos of royal celebrations](#)

Weekly News Magazine, October 21, 2011

October 25, 2011

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Matichon Weekly, October 21, 2011
We will do everything for Bangkok



From Nation Weekend, October 21, 2011
We will make it through.

Thai-language Headlines of October 24, 2011

October 25, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, October 24, 2011

- The floods come closer again – Patumthani-Bangbuatong-Nontaburi and more coming to Bangkok.
- World food crisis! UN is afraid of a lack of foods because Asia is drowning. Asia is the big production resource of food. 6 industrial estates were flooded and lost 300 billion baht. Less half amount of travelers for the hotel business, traveling in Thailand loses 50 billion baht.
- Rescuers retrieved two crocodiles yesterday in Bang Bua Thong as flood waters trigger food shortages in nearby Bang Kruai and Ban Yai districts.
- Poo ordered to control Pra-in water gate strictly. More than 4000 people in Rangsit were cut off from all infrastructure.
- FROC wall post in Facebook attacks the Nation media group. Internet people argue over this half an hour before FROC deleted it.

Thairath, October 24, 2011

- Crocodiles found in Bang Bua Thong. They were afraid of them killing children. The flood is coming to Don Mueng Airport. Mr. Sukhumpan claimed that the government ordered the Royal Irrigation Department to open the water gate to drain water out to sea and this will impact the people.
- Yingluck appointed Mr. Chadchawan Pannawatinan as the only one who can carry a key to control water gates and control Pra-in racha Watergate strictly
- Pheu Thai deducted 10% from all ministries to spend to help flood victims and reduced the budget of government business trips as well.
- There was fire at a row house in Chonburi. 2 Burmese people were killed.

Matichon, October, 2011

- Vice president of the Royal Irrigation Department is carrying a key to control the water gate. Poo ordered to control this strictly.
- The government is discussing about the capital city recovery plan and handle the huge deluge plan.
- Bangkok residences are frightened and don't know when the flood will come. They are all making big walls made of brick or sandbags to handle the coming deluge.
- The Democrats warns the Thai Truth Commission to be aware of the compensation issue. The TTC wants to compensate people affected by the chaotic political situation, but Jatuporn said all victims don't need to wait for the court's judgment, and must pay it now. But the Democrats do not want to use people's income tax money to spend, it's not Thaksin's money.

Daily News, October 24, 2011

- It's time for the big deluge in Bangkok. The PM worries about Laksi-Donmueng. There are many crocodiles come out. 26 Oct is D-day when 10 billion cubic metres will attack Bangkok.
- Hotel increase rates to double. Flood victims are suffering and all products and services are expensive during flood situations.
- The foreign media reported that Thailand flooding is a test of the PM and she will make it through. The Democrat Party attacked and claimed that taking care of people is priority not amending the the Defense Administration Act.

Flood-hit Thailand declined offer of help, says US Navy

ทหารอเมริกันกล่าวว่าประเทศไทยปฏิเสธความช่วยเหลือเรื่องน้ำท่วม

October 25, 2011
Categories: Floods

[Flood-hit Thailand declined offer of help, says US Navy](#) – AFP, October 25, 2011

...”There were two channels (in the Thai government),” the defence official told AFP. “One was saying ‘Yes’ and one was saying ‘no...’”

First trial at Songkhla Administrative Court on torture case for compensation ศาลปกครองสงขลากำหนดพิจารณาคดีนักศึกษายะลาถูกซ้อมทรมานนัดแรก

October 25, 2011

Categories: The Thai Deep South

[Human Rights Lawyers Association calls to observe first trial at Songkhla Administrative Court on torture case for compensation on 26 October 2011](#) – humanrights.asia, October 25, 2011

...The case is the first of its kind in which victims of torture who have been detained invoking Martial Law in the Deep South of Thailand have exercised their right through the Court to hold concerned state agencies (Royal Thai Army and Ministry of Defence) accountable for the abuse of officials under their charge in the Deep South as per the Tortious Liability of Officials Act B.E. 2539 (1996)...

The Crabs Beseech

พวกปูขอร้อง

October 26, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, October 26, 2011

The crab says: Please stop using our name to name your children. If your children are stupid... we'll be ruined too.

Deepest ocean trench home to race of giant amoebas

คูที่ลึกสุดในมหาสมุทรมิดวอะมีบาดัวใหญ่มากอาศัยอยู่

October 26, 2011

Categories: Nothing to do with Thailand, but Interesting

[Deepest ocean trench home to race of giant amoebas](#) – CSM, October 24, 2011

Scientists have discovered a community of 4-inch amoebas living at the bottom of the Mariana Trench, the deepest known part of the world's oceans...

Thai-language Headlines of October 25, 2011

October 26, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, October 25, 2011

- The flood returns back to the Thonburi area
- Nava Nakorn laborers are stressed. They don't know their fate.
- Soldiers will support six more risk districts and Metropolitan Waterworks Authority recommends people to conserve water.
- Thammasart University Center shut down. People evacuated and head to Rajamangala National Stadium Saraburi.
- Ministry of Commerce proposes to import milk, canned fish, instant noodle, etc. Industrial estate entrepreneurs propose the government to set up a 25 billion baht fund for recovering the loss of industrial estates.

Maticchon, October 25, 2011

- Pranai will dismiss the Patumthani Governor because he made Bangkok have the flood crisis.
- Maticchon asked, Weera answered that will let water flow through Bangkok to solve this prolonged flood crisis.
- 4000 million cubic metres will flow to Bangkok this 26 Oct.
- Foreign media recommend a flood solution plan and claim that it will be the future of the nation's production base.
- Thailand will import eggs, pork, and instant noodles to solve the shortage.

Thairath, October 25, 2011

- Water from Nontaburi will attack the Thonburi area, and water from Patumthani will attack Don Mueng. Many people park their cars on the tollway and expressway in Bangkok.
- The second evacuation from Thammasart University to Huamark National Stadium. PM gave green light for importing goods to solve the shortage.
- Yingluck and Sukhumpun are checking draining water from all canals to the Chaophaya River and confirms it can handle the flood situation in Bangkok.
- A burglar attacked Masha's house and stole 2 mobile phones. Her personal manager couldn't catch him.
- Cruel southern terrorists bomb and burn a supermarket in Narathivat. 5 burnt to death.

Daily News, October 25, 2011

- As the water level in Chao Phraya River has reached a critical point, the surrounding residents need to evacuate quickly.
- Prime Minister Yingluck refused the proposal to drain water to the giant tunnel in Bangkok by using Weepavadee Road as a pass way.
- People are suffering from the price of eggs because the price of a tray is increasing dramatically to 180 baht.
- The house of actress Masha was robbed.

FROC draws flak as civic network quits; supplies remain untouched

ศปภ.โต้แย้งข้อกล่าวหาของศูนย์ข้อมูลเพื่อการช่วยเหลือผู้ประสบอุทกภัย : เป็นสาเหตุทำให้ของยังไม่
ได้ถูกแจกจ่ายออกไป

October 26, 2011

Categories: Floods

[FROC draws flak as civic network quits; supplies remain untouched](#) – The Nation, October 26, 2011

...However, Paramate countered that ThaiFlood was being discriminated against when it came to distributing supplies. He said that his group of volunteers did their best to hand out flood relief items to victims, they had to queue up for a long time, while the red-shirt groups were able to get their supplies much faster.

Sombat Boonngam-anong, leader of a red-shirt faction which, is helping distribute supplies, said his group would continue helping people regardless of their political affiliation, adding that the blame game should be set aside until the crisis has passed...

Authorities censor website devoted to flood news

เจ้าหน้าที่เซ็นเซอร์เว็บที่อุทิศให้กับข่าวน้ำท่วม

October 26, 2011

Categories: Censorship, Floods

[Authorities censor website devoted to flood news](#) – IFEX, October 25, 2011

...”We call on Yingluck Shinawatra’s government to stop interfering with independent news sites that are playing a crucial role in keeping the public informed about Thailand’s flood disaster,” said Shawn Crispin, CPJ’s senior Southeast Asia representative. “It is essential in evolving crisis situations that the public has access to uncensored, independent news that can be crucial to protecting livelihoods and saving lives...”

Latest Satellite Images of Flooding Around Bangkok

รูปน้ำท่วมกรุงเทพฯจากดาวเทียมล่าสุด

October 26, 2011
Categories: Floods

[Latest Satellite Images of Flooding Around Bangkok](http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov) – <http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov>, October 25, 2011

Mountains of Sandbags

ภูเขากระสอบทราย

October 26, 2011

Categories: Floods



(Photo: Asiper)

Mountains of Sandbags at Muang Thong Thani



(Photo: Asiper)



(Photo: Asiper)

All Bangkok to be inundated: FROC

กรุงเทพฯทั้งหมดน้ำท่วม : สปภ.

October 26, 2011
Categories: Floods

[All Bangkok to be inundated: FROC](#) – The Nation, October 26, 2011

บันทึกกุเกิ้ลทั่วโลก : ผิดฐานหมิ่นพระบรมเดชานุภาพ ใช่ , ดำรงที่ใช้ความรุนแรง ไม่ใช่

Categories: Censorship

...The statistics show that the United States continues to lead the world in snooping on Google users. US law enforcement made 5,950 separate requests for user data from 11,057 user accounts. Google complied with the requests 93 percent of the time. This was an almost 40 percent increase in the number of requests compared to the same period a year earlier. On a per capita basis, France (1,300 requests) and the United Kingdom (1,273 requests) were on par with the United States. Other nations were far behind...

Thai-language Headlines of October 26, 2011

October 27, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, October 26, 2011

- Don Mueang Airport was announced that it is temporally closing down. The cabinet declared a long official holiday. Yingluck admitted that the whole of Bangkok will be hard hit by a severe flood.
- US Navy has withdrawn several ships from helping Thailand because the US Navy knew that it was a political game from the government. However, the Thai government replied that it has other missions to accomplish.
- Srisakeat and U-Bonrachatanee are under the floodwaters.
- The cabinet set up 325 billion baht for an economic recovery budget. Green light for importing consumer products . The shortage of instant noodle and water is at a crisis point now.

Matichon, October 26, 2011

- 15 bombs exploded at Yala, killing 2 people immediately and wounding 50 other people.
- As the result of the panic from the severe flood, people keep on purchasing rice and eggs in quantity. They went from Bangkok to Nakorn Patom to purchase rice and eggs.
- Two airlines stopped flying as a result of temporally closing down of Don Mueang Airport. However, transportation (Coach) still confirmed to have a normal operation at the route to North and Northeast.
- Parliament was postponed to the 2nd and 3rd of November 2011. The opposition party has four questions to raise for a the government.

Daily News, October 26, 2011

- Airport Thailand closed Don Mueng airport. Flood on runway. FROC is in a hurry to evacuate. Poo told everyone to restrain their mind about the flood in Bangkok. A cabinet resolution was made for a five days holiday.
- Mr. Chalong was dissatisfied that someone took their donations and revealed that Red Shirt governors are getting more.
- The cabinet will give a loan for 300 billion baht to recover the Thai economy. There is a hurry to import and hoard food.
- Mr. Priewpan is reshuffling the second of name list of generals as the PM requested. Many people who are under Pheu Thai are in the list. Mr. Chakatip is shuffled to be in charge of area 9.
- An NGV van exploded from crashing with a pick up in Prajeenburi province. 2 burnt to death and 9 injured.

Thairath, October 26, 2011

- Bangkok will flood in all areas. The PM accepted flooding will be high at 1.5 meters. They can't handle the power of the water. The cabinet announced 27-31 Oct are holidays.
- Announcing 16 items for controlled pricing. If any merchants sell them at very high prices, they will be jailed for 7 years.
- Pheu Thai governors are attacked with FROC about donations for flood victims. FROC gave to Red shirt governors more . It's not fair.
- The position to coordinate with PM goes to Police Major General Damri Chotiseth, who was under Thaksin before .

Asia Floods Swallow Kids Who Can't Swim

น้ำท่วมเอเชียกลืนเด็กที่ว่ายน้ำไม่เป็น

October 27, 2011

Categories: Floods

[Asia Floods Swallow Kids Who Can't Swim](#) – Time, October 26, 2011

...Every year, an estimated 240,000 children up to 17 years old die — mostly because the majority of kids simply never learn to swim. That annual number is roughly equal to the total deaths from the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, but day-to-day water deaths rarely get attention...

Also: [Flooding in Thailand](#) – Time, October 26, 2011

Donated flood supplies being used to promote Thaksin?

การบริจาคของน้ำท่วมใช้เป็นการโปรโมททักษิณหรือเปล่า

October 27, 2011
Categories: Floods



This clip, [posted on Post Today](#), is being widely circulated on social media today. It claims to show a truck being loaded with donated flood supplies with a banner on the side indicating the relief is arriving “with love from Thaksin.”

Thanks to Heaven

October 28, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, October, 2011

Left: Then: Why is heaven bullying me by refusing to let me become PM for another term?

Right: Now: Thanks to heaven for refusing to let me becoming PM at this time.

Thai-language Headlines of October 27, 2011

October 28, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, October 27, 2011

- Mr. Prayuth revealed that the king has ordered not to protect the palace, but let water flow naturally. Mr. Sukhumpan confirmed that the big volume of water will come and warns residences in all districts must handle it. They are protecting Suvarnabhumi airport and reserving U-tapao airport.
- All water manufacturers in Thailand blame the government about importing water. That's not the right way to solve the problem. They reveal that more than 7000 water manufacturers up country that have the potential to produce water.
- The American Navy didn't leave. Big Ood cleared the situation with them already. The US embassy said that the US embassy spokesman misunderstood and confirmed all of the US Navy is ready to help Thai people any time.
- Hurry to recover Rojana Industrial estate. Plan to be opened on 1 Dec 2011. On-going evacuation in Ubon Rachathani.

Matichon, October 27, 2011

- The King wants the flood to flow naturally, do not do anything special, please take care of all areas in Thailand. PM estimated Bangkok will flood for 2 weeks to 1 month. Mr. Sukhumpan warns the floodwater from Khlong 2 will flow rapidly to Ladprao-Wangthonglang.
- Nakorn Sawan residences are happy the floodwater decreased. D-day to clean up the city is 28 Oct 2011
- Froc discussed about the rescue plan to handle Bangkok deluge and is concentrating on 8 main points.
- Foreign media published photos of the flooded runway with a airplane, so foreign countries misunderstood that was Suvarnabhumi Airport. Many tour agencies cancelled all trips to Thailand.
- Mr. Peerasak was stressed that he's dismissed, so he went to hospital.

Daily News, October 27, 2011

- The King said do not take special care of his palace, please let the water flow naturally. He is worried for all Thailand people.
- Tollway will open free of charge on 27 Oct-5 Nov.
- Bangkok governor announced the evacuation of 2 districts due to the flood crisis from Chaopraya river areas.
- Democrat party brainstormed and proposed 4 ways to solve this crisis.
- Hurry to hunt the southern terrorists that bombed 33 places in Yala. Many dead and injured.

Thairath, October 27, 2011

- The King doesn't want to protect his palace and wants flood waters to flow naturally. The big volume of floodwater will destroy 50 districts in Bangkok. The highest height will be 2 meters. Froc hurries to evacuate Bangkok residences.
- Jatujak post office closed down and Mochit transport station will be moved to the southern transport station.
- In 2 days Bangkok will be swollen. Ladprao stands in line after Vipavadee-Laksri.
- Mr. Nattawut, who is the leader of Red Shirts, attacked Mr. Chalongsak and said the Reds do not try to get votes or prestige by using flood donations. If Mr. Chalongsak still thinks like this, he should not be a politician.
- More than 10 bombs rocked the heart of Yala town yesterday evening, killing at least two people and wounding more than 40 others.

Amsterdam Molding Water into Solids

อัมสเตอร์ดัม ปั้นน้ำเป็นตัว

October 28, 2011

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Thairath, October 17, 2011

Left: Thailand is already facing a flood crisis. Have you, Mr. Amsterdam, come to cause more problems?

Middle: Amsterdam: No... a Thai hired me to help with the flood problems.

Man on the right: But you're a lawyer. How can you solve flood problems?

Right: Don't forget that I am an expert on molding water into solids

Chinese police officials inspect attacked ships in Thailand

ตำรวจจีนสงสัยการโจมตีเรือในประเทศไทย

October 28, 2011

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Chinese police officials inspect attacked ships in Thailand](#) – xinhuanet.com, October 26, 2011

A group of top Chinese police officials conducted field inspection Wednesday on two cargo ships which were attacked earlier this month and left 13 Chinese sailors dead on the Mekong river in north Thailand...

Thailand Floods Pictures October 26th

รูปน้ำท่วมในประเทศไทย วันที่ 26 ตุลาคม

October 28, 2011
Categories: Floods

[Thailand Floods Pictures October 26th](#) – monstersandcritics.com, October 26, 2011

More Photos: Bangkok Underwater

รูปเพิ่มเติม : กรุงเทพฯใต้น้ำ

October 28, 2011
Categories: Floods



(Photo: theatlantic.com)

Bangkok Underwater – theatlantic.com, October 26, 2011

More Flood News and Scuttlebutt from the Thai-language world

ข่าวและข่าวลือน้ำท่วมจากสื่อมวลชนไทย

October 28, 2011

Categories: Floods



(Photo: Totomaru and his friends)

On the forum: [More Flood News and Scuttlebutt from the Thai-language world](#)

More Bangkok Flood Photos from Downtown

รูปกรุงเทพมหานครน้ำท่วมในเมือง เพิ่มเติม

October 28, 2011
Categories: Floods



(Photo: Igor)

[More Bangkok Flood Photos from Downtown](#)

Take This Lollipop

ภาพยนตร์เรื่อง เทค ดิส โลลลิพอป

October 29, 2011

Categories: Nothing to do with Thailand, but Interesting



[Take This Lollipop](#)

Latest Blow For Thailand: No Longer World's Tastiest Rice **ความพินาศของประเทศไทยล่าสุด : ไม่มีข้าวที่อร่อยที่สุดในโลกแล้ว**

October 29, 2011

Categories: Food and Drink

[Latest Blow For Thailand: No Longer World's Tastiest Rice](#) – WSJ, October 28, 2011

...But the winner this year was Myanmar's pearl paw san variety – giving yet another reason for this Southeast Asian country to celebrate after a recent release of political prisoners and other signs of a reforming government...

Thai-language Headlines of October 28, 2011

October 29, 2011

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, October 28, 2011

- Cut through the roads to recover Bangkok. The private sector and the army support plan to drain water to the sea. Can't handle water flow to Thonburi area. Taweewattana residences must evacuate now. Poo cries that she can't handle all the situations in Bangkok.
- The Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand is ready to handle protecting two industrial estates, but is still afraid that the Tajeen area will be inundated.
- The private sector started to import water from Malaysia. Retailers association confirmed that importing goods is really needed and temporary.
- Residences can't accept the bad smell of tap water, so they ask for a prompt solution.

Thairath, October 28, 2011

- Yingluck admits with tears that Bangkok will be in crisis.
- Water flow out at Khlongprame and ready to hit Kaset intersection.
- Bangkok residences evacuate to Pattaya.
- Jatuporn acted as negotiator about the donation issue that Chalong raised up .
- Jack Kuiburi was shot dead.

Maticchon, October 28, 2011

- Poo cried and confirmed that she won't give up solving the Bangkok crisis. Started to dig out the road to drain water out to sea.
- The government will pay compensation to all laborers who are flood victims. Toyota Japan stops production in the USA and Canada because of the shortage of auto parts from Thailand.
- Bangkok residents evacuate to Hua Hin and Pattaya. They work and stay there.
- Pheu Thai still proposes to amend the Defense Administration Acts.
- Judge to jail 13 Red Shirts for 20 years for burning buildings in Thailand.

Daily News, October 28, 2011

- 13 Red Shirts sentenced to 20 years in jail for arson.
- Suthap refused to give comment on the statement on whether the "Government will hang on to its power or not after the deluge"
- District Administration Organization officer who cut Payoon wood at Tablan National Park is arrested. Senior police officer ask for a favor to release the accused.
- Sukhumvit 48 and 50 almost inundated because the embankment broke down. They can fix it in time.
- Thailand flood crisis makes Thailand economy impacted for 2 years. Almost a million people will become unemployed. Toyota stop production in USA and Canada because the shortage of auto parts from Thailand.

Satellite Image: Floods Swamp Historic City in Thailand

รูปถ่ายดาวเทียม : น้ำท่วมขังในเมืองไทยในอดีตถึงปัจจุบัน

October 29, 2011
Categories: Floods



Satellite Image: [Floods Swamp Historic City in Thailand](#) – earthobservatory.nasa.gov, October 27, 2011

Reporters Without Borders Targets Thailand with Expletive-laden Campaign การรายงานข่าวแบบไร้พรมแดนของประเทศไทย กับ แคมเปญที่มีคำสบถรุนแรง

October 29, 2011

Categories: Censorship



[RSF campaign targets tourists](#) – IFEX, October 28, 2011

The website: [Censorship Paradise](#)

Inside WD's flooded Thai Factory ภายในโรงงาน WD ไทย ที่ถูกน้ำท่วม

October 29, 2011
Categories: Floods

[Impact of the flooding of the WD factory](#) – Forbes, October 28, 2011

...It turns out that Bang Pa in facility was submerged with 2 meters of water. This is the old Read- Write facility and I have been in it many times. The first floor is where most of the slider processing equipment was located. Most of the equipment was lost to the flood. They lost saws, grinders, sorters, cleaners, steppers, alignment tool etc. It's a real mess. This situation for WD is pretty bad because they had all their slider fabrication in one basket. It will take at least 4 months to start the recovery and a year to get back to where they were pre-flood. It looks like the high water will not recede for at least 3 weeks...

[Inside WD's flooded Thai Factory](#) – channelregister.co.uk, October 27, 2011

Still More Photos of flooding in Bangkok รูปน้ำท่วมกรุงเทพฯเพิ่มเติมอีก

October 29, 2011
Categories: Floods



(Photo: Igor)

[Still More Photos of flooding in Bangkok](#) – southeastasia-images.com, October 29, 2011

Water everywhere, but not a lot to drink in Bangkok มีน้ำทุกที่ แต่ไม่มีจะดื่มในกรุงเทพฯ

October 30, 2011
Categories: Floods

[Water everywhere, but not a lot to drink in Bangkok](#) – Reuters, October 29, 2011
...”Demand has skyrocketed,” a spokesman said. “As soon as supplies reach the stores, they’re gone in minutes...”

Flooding in Thailand causes Thaksin, Chalerm, Banharn and Sanan to disappear

October 30, 2011

Categories: Chalerm Yubamrung, Floods

[Missing from the action: Thaksin, Chalerm, Banharn and Sanan](#) – Bangkok Post, October 29, 2011

...So let's get this straight. Thaksin is claiming that aid that says it is from him is not, in fact, from him. While aid which he says is from him, hasn't yet arrived. Chalerm is saying he has ordered police to help, but police can't help because they are not as well equipped as the army.

A couple of weeks ago, Banharn didn't want to help, but now he wants the government's help. And Sanan, well, the last time he was seen in public was a photo of him in Thai Rath newspaper when he attended a wedding on Oct 19.

I called the Chart Thai Pattana party headquarters to find him. They said they hadn't seen him, and could I please call back on Tuesday?

How can there be so much criticism of the government when it's clear that even the top guys—guys who just a few months ago were saying they could rescue Thailand from the brink—are making no excuses, working hard, working to the best of their abilities and, most of all, working together?

Missing from the action: Thaksin, Chalerm, Banharn and Sanan

The flooding has now reached as far as Don Mueang, Charoen Krung and even Sukhumvit. Many Bangkokians have either moved into hotels or temporary shelters. Those with the means have fled the capital, mostly to Hua Hin and Pattaya.

Those who remain continue to work and panic, or work and not panic, depending on who you talk to. Regardless, everyone is confused.

Even Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra seems confused. There is a Youtube clip that shows her tripping over her words. Instead of saying that she had been "inspecting a giant tunnel for flushing out water", she says: "I have just been to a tunnel that flushes out giant water." That was just one of many mistakes. In fact there are Thai subtitles on the video. Perhaps she was confused?

Please don't take these comments as a slight against PM Yingluck. I appreciate the tough job she is doing. And tripping over words is not a big deal. There isn't a prime minister or president in the world that could resolve this situation and please everyone.

So she only has two options. Stay and do the best that she can, knowing that when it is over so might her career be. Or step down and let somebody else take the blame.

So far she has chosen to soldier on, left to fend for herself as those who pushed her to power are looking the other way. For that I commend her.

But while Ms Yingluck has been at the receiving end of much criticism, what has everyone else been doing? There are more than a few people that the public should know about.

Let's start with big brother Thaksin. Online there has been much speculation over a recent video clip. Taken at the Flood Relief Operations Command's Don Mueang headquarters, it shows volunteers preparing relief aid and packing it into the back of a truck. The camera filming the scene then pans across to a sign on the side of the truck which reads, "Relief aid sent with love and great concern from Thaksin Shinawatra."

Of course the army of Thaksin-haters are disgusted by this. "How can he take credit for this!"

"That food was donated by the public!"

"He is Satan, I don't like his square face!"

However, Thaksin's legal adviser Noppadon Pattama says it is not Thaksin's policy to put his name or picture on flood relief bags and trucks. Mr Noppadon said it might have been the work of some of Thaksin's supporters. He added that relief supplies from Froc should not be connected to any one politician.

While he may or may not have intentionally taken the credit for a few packets of Mama and bottled water, Thaksin will certainly be taking credit for the water pumps that he has ordered from South Korea.

On Tuesday the INN news agency quoted Kwanchai Priaphana, the chairman of Udon Thani Loving Club, as saying that Thaksin had ordered many pumps and they should be delivered to Thailand by Wednesday.

According to the Department of Drainage and Sewage under the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, they haven't received any pumps yet, and weren't expecting any. Froc doesn't know anything either. Maybe the pumps went somewhere else?

Former prime minister Thaksin isn't the only big name that has been missing from the news headlines. Last week I commented on the usually outspoken Deputy Prime Minister Chalerm Yubamrung's absence. But it seems he has indeed been busy working.

Chalerm has been getting tough on crime, ordering newly appointed police chief Pol Gen Priewpan Damapong to dispatch police to safeguard the properties and ensure the safety of residents in flooded areas. While his plan seems to be working as there haven't been any reports of crime, there has been some criticism that there are no reports of crime because there are no police around.

Chalerm's response to this non-presence (on the flood scene) was that there were other people more suited to helping. "The army has more potential than the police. The police's main duties are crimes suppression, investigation and general public services. We have to admit that the army has more equipment, manpower, and experts than the police."

And what of Banharn Silpa-archa, the man some have blamed for the severity of the flooding in Bangkok? The de-facto leader of the coalition member Chart Thai Pattana and "owner" of Suphan Buri (or Banharn Buri as it is sometimes referred to) has been mysteriously quiet ever since he took flak for not opening his flood gates in order to keep Suphan dry.

Well, Suphan is now flooded and on Oct 23 Channel 3 news reported that Banharn was asking for 1.2 billion baht from the government to help protect business areas in his province. Obviously this hasn't been approved yet, but it's good to see that Banharn is now willing to work with the government.

Finally, there's Deputy Prime Minister Sanan Kachornprasart. Last we heard he was in his hometown of Phichit. While there he gave out relief bags to flood victims and suggested that investors invest in Phichit's Northern Industrial Estate as it is located on higher ground and has facilities to prevent flooding.

Useful advice, and wonderful to see a politician out there with the people. But I am a little surprised that a man who was once chairman of the National Water Resources Committee doesn't have more useful thoughts. There must be more pressing issues for someone who is presumably a water resources expert, for example: what to do about the city's yellow water supply.

So let's get this straight. Thaksin is claiming that aid that says it is from him is not, in fact, from him. While aid which he says is from him, hasn't yet arrived. Chalerm is saying he has ordered police to help, but police can't help because they are not as well equipped as the army.

A couple of weeks ago, Banharn didn't want to help, but now he wants the government's help. And Sanan, well, the last time he was seen in public was a photo of him in Thai Rath newspaper when he attended a wedding on Oct 19.

I called the Chart Thai Pattana party headquarters to find him. They said they hadn't seen him, and could I please call back on Tuesday?

How can there be so much criticism of the government when it's clear that even the top guys _ guys who just a few months ago were saying they could rescue Thailand from the brink _ are making no excuses, working hard, working to the best of their abilities and, most of all, working together?

Every U-turn bridge, ramp, and bridge is packed with parked cars ทุกสะพานกลับรถ ทางลาด และ สะพาน เต็มไปด้วยรถที่จอด

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Above: Fishing from a washed out bridge between Inburi and Tak Fa.

Entering Bangkok – October 30, 2011

From a reader commenting on the journey into Bangkok today by van: ...*The Asia highway.... well, the announcement that it is “open” is a bit misleading. It is possible to get through, as we did, but it is diverted to the south bound side in some stretches, and the north bound side in other stretches, whichever is the driest – also a bit scary because nothing is signposted or clear at all in which ways the traffic is now going. We did have to drive through several stretches of water about a foot deep. There were quite a lot of tour busses heading to Bangkok. I guess these are returning from ferrying the people out to pick up the next lot of passengers in the exodus from the city to the country.*

All through Pathum Thani and Rangsit areas, around Tamasat University Rangsit campus, is really in a mess. Again we went through long stretches of water, but only about a foot deep. Only the south bound lanes are usable, the north bound lanes are lower and submerged. The place looks really ugly. All the rubbish normally neatly disposed of in the back alleys and tucked neatly out of sight has now floated out and is everywhere.

Cars, cars, and more cars. They are parked literally everywhere. Starting in Ang Tong north of Ayutthaya they are parked on every bit of highway that is slightly higher and sort of dry. Every U turn bridge, interchange ramp, and bridge is packed with parked cars.

On the elevated toll way the story is the same. Thousands of cars in every available bit of space. I wonder how the people got back home after parking their cars up there because most of the cars are parked a long long way from any ramp.

This town really is in a mess. You see the newspaper pictures and TV footage, but actually seeing it all first hand is still quite shocking...

Politics hindering Thai flood relief: experts

การเมืองกำลังขัดขวางการช่วยเหลือน้ำท่วม : ผู้เชี่ยวชาญ

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[Politics hindering Thai flood relief: experts](#) – AFP, October 30, 2011

...”This game is nasty... it will be nastier when the water recedes,” said Pavin in Singapore, anticipating efforts by the establishment forces arrayed against Yingluck and Thaksin to undermine her government in the coming months.

Forgotten Flood Supplies at Don Muang ของบริจาคที่ถูกลืมที่ดอนเมือง

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Post Today highlights at [video of forgotten and undistributed flood relief supplies at Don Muang](#)

Update: [Froc to investigate hoarding accusation](#) – Bangkok Post, October 31, 2011

...Mr Chamroen said he was assigned to oversee the transport and distribution of donated relief items in the form of clothing, household utensils and relief bags only.

Large items such as floating toilets, boats and rafts provided by the private sector and charity organisations were under the supervision of the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DPM), not him, he said...

Floating Toilets สุขาลอยน้ำ

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Floating toilets being transported to Bangkok. The sign reads: The Office of Vocational Education Commission cares about the flood victims. "Floating Toilets" from Uttaradit Polytechnic College

Famous last Qantas words in Bangkok: ‘Nothing to worry about’ **คำที่เป็นที่รู้จักกันดีในสายการบินคอนทัสในกรุงเทพฯ : ไม่มีอะไรที่ต้องกังวล**

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[Famous last Qantas words in Bangkok: ‘Nothing to worry about’](http://www.smh.com.au) – www.smh.com.au, October 30, 2011

...“It’s just so unfair,” Ms Braun said in tears as she wandered chaotic Bangkok airport almost two hours after the plane had landed...

More Flood Photos From Downtown Bangkok รูปน้ำท่วมกรุงเทพฯในตัวเมือง เพิ่มเติม

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Weekly News Magazines, October 29, 2011

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From Matichon Weekly, October 29, 2011

Help me please!



From Nation Weekend, October 29, 2011

Flooding in the sky, fishes eat stars

Five Years Ago: Political Tension Builds

5 ปีที่แล้ว : ความตึงเครียดทางการเมืองได้เกิดขึ้น

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Above: This cartoon correctly foresees the spate of bombings on New Year's Eve two months later.

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Stuck in Thai floods, state's jewellers desperate to return

ติดอยู่ในน้ำท่วมไทย ค่าพูดของผู้ค้าเพชรที่จะหันกลับอย่างเอาเป็นเอาตาย

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[Stuck in Thai floods, state's jewellers desperate to return](#) – timesofindia.indiatimes.com, October 31, 2011

..Shakil Ahmed, a Jaipur-based jeweller, spoke to TOI from Bangkok over the phone saying that there is an acute shortage of vegetables and milk here. “For even a small pack of milk we have to stand in the queue for hours,” said Ahmed, who has an office on Shalom Road, a hub for diamond units dominated by jewellers from the state...

Thai soldiers ‘murdered’ Chinese sailors

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[Thai soldiers ‘murdered’ Chinese sailors](#) – www.telegraph.co.uk, October 30, 2011

Nine Thai soldiers have been charged with the murder of 13 Chinese sailors, whose handcuffed bodies were found floating in the Mekong river at the beginning of the month...

Thai-language Headlines of October 29, 2011

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Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



Komchadluek, October 31, 2011

- Bangkok is facing stress. Road closed to have protest. They want to destroy the embankment .
- People accuse Froc of leaving donation and supplies behind. The government confirmed the supplies were not just throw away. The government ordered these donations moved from Don Mueng to Supatcharasai National Stadium. Poo said she doesn't know anything about this.
- Nakorn Sawan residences fight, there's flooding in Paknam-Mahachai now. They want to pull down the embankments in many places. Bangna-Sukhumvit are risk to have flooding. Poo is confident that the inner Bangkok area will survive.
- 800 billion baht to recover Thailand. Poo proposed the recovery plan to solve the flood problems. 100 billion baht for industrial estates. Extended free expressway rides until 14 Nov.

Matichon, October 31, 2011

- The government is confident that they can handle flooding in Bangkok. They confirm that 20 districts will survive.
- 900 billion baht for the new Thailand project.
- Froc denied that they hold donation supplies and won't distribute them.
- 15 bombs go off in Narathiwat in 5 districts. No one hurt in blasts, but 3 others shot dead.
- Sea level high and flood occurs in Mahachai. Moved 603 prisoners to Songkhla prison. Warn 8 provinces in the south are that they may flood rapidly.

Daily News, October 31, 2011

- Froc will open watertight to release the water from Pathumtani which surely will have a negative affect on 10 districts. All residents were also strongly advised to move from their risky areas.
- A woman was raped and killed. Her death body was dumped in a drain.
- It will cost almost 1000 billion baht to recover from the crisis.
- A member of Pheu Thai party stated clearly that the party just formed the government recently and therefore the uncontrollable situation of the deluge is not the government's failure. This member also accused the Royal Irrigation Department for initially failing to manage the water which eventually have become a critical problem.
- Many people from Red Shirt Group burned red t-shirts to as a sign to drive out Mr. Too and Mr. Korgal (the leader of Red Group) for the support which they have been giving to Mr. Eed who is the candidate for the Chief of the PAO.

Thairath, October 31, 2011

- Five channels are at a critical stage. Residents in Bangkok are strongly advised to move their belongings and flee the area to safe locations in preparation for imminent floodwaters.
- Yingluck disagreed with the proposal to extend special holiday after 27th–31st of October 2011.
- Imported eggs from Malaysia arrived in Thailand today.
- The Pheu Thai party aims to cut the power of Election Commission of Thailand.
- A factory woman was murdered and left in a wood. The assumption from the police is that she was deceived for rape, but she fought back to defend herself. With the reluctance from her, she was then killed.

Thais use improvised rafts to float around in flooded Bangkok คนไทยใช้แพที่ทำอย่างกระชั้นหันนี้ ลอยไปตามน้ำท่วมในกรุงเทพฯ

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