

## Weekly News Magazines, October 26, 2012

November 1, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, October 26, 2012

The cover reads: For the Nation and the Throne: Gen. Boonlert Kaewprasit

On the right: Love the King



From Maticchon Weekly, October 26, 2012

The cover reads: In this world, there is no such thing as 'revenge can be stopped by another revenge.' There is only 'revenge can be stopped by forgiveness.'

## Don't Let the Toad Wreck the Ship of State

November 1, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, November 1, 2012

Man on the boat: We did the right thing not letting him aboard... Or he'd make us all look really bad.

## **New York City should learn from Bangkok to avoid its subway from being flooded**

November 1, 2012

Categories: Subway

[5 Ideas That Could Have Prevented Flooding in New York](#) – theatlanticcities.com, October 31, 2012

...As we saw this week, flooding can devastate an underground network of tunnels, train platforms and corridors. So how do you keep more of that water out? For one thing, elevating subway entrances would help. Bangkok, another low-lying city susceptible to rising tides, has built precisely these kinds of subway entrances...

## Ugandan-born footballer fakes own kidnap, arrested in Pattaya

November 1, 2012

Categories: Crime, Pattaya

[Ugandan-born footballer fakes own kidnap, arrested](#) – newvision.co.ug, October 31, 2012

...The former West Ham and German Under-20 international was arrested by Police in the Thai resort of Pattaya on Monday after faking his own kidnap with intentions of extorting 25,000 euros (sh83m) from his family members...



## Government Under Fire

November 2, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Various



From Thairath, October 27, 2012

Cartoon title: The fire is not strong, but causes a lot of smoke.

Paper on Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's lap reads: Poo Cabinet 3

Words on matches and smoke from left: Demonstration at a horse racing track; Impatient mob ; Dissatisfied mob; and on the hand "UDD"

The mouse man, Pi Nooring: Don't be careless.

On the mouse's sign: Unity is power.



From Komchadluek, October 30, 2012

On the tiger: UDD

Man: Come on!! We can wait for the next cabinet reshuffle.



From Komchadluek, November 1, 2012

Cartoon title: Who said Thailand doesn't have 3G (sises).



From Thairath, November 2, 2012  
 Cartoon title: Drought... of some people...!

On the in woman's hands on the left: Develop women's roles  
 On the bag in man's hands in the middle: Better living quality of farmers  
 On the flag: Waiting for the right time to bring down the government; Mob at Nang Lerng horse racing track.

On the arm: Opposition  
 On baseball bat: Rice traders  
 Mouse man Pi Nooring: Rich but cold-hearted  
 On the mouse's sign: Selfish

## The Lisu Minority Group – The People Without a Nation

November 2, 2012

Categories: Refugees and Migrants

[The People Without a Nation](#) – Global Times, November 1, 2012

...The earliest migration of the Lisu minority group could date back as far as 200 years ago. The Nujiang Lisu Autonomous Prefecture is the poorest region in the province, and the ethnic group kept migrating to Southeast Asian countries such as Myanmar and Thailand,” Zhu Zhenming, a professor at the Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences, told the Global Times. More than 2.5 million Chinese from Yunnan migrated to Southeast Asian countries and 2 million of them moved to Myanmar, the Xinhua News Agency reported on Wednesday. “Thailand has a better policy than Myanmar for the Lisu minority group, so some of the Lisu people transferred to Thailand from Myanmar. The older generation can have a residential permit there but if their children choose to stay in Thailand, they receive Thai nationality. But Myanmar has been overwhelmed with its domestic affairs so it hasn’t offered aid to these people,” Zhu said...

## Deadliest drug-resistant malaria spreading through Thai villages

November 2, 2012

Categories: Health

[Drug-resistant malaria sparks vigilance in Thai villages](#) – AlertNet, November 1, 2012

...A malaria strain that's increasingly resistant to treatment is spreading through the border region... It's a strain of the deadliest form of malaria, called *Plasmodium falciparum*.

The strain is resistant to the most effective malaria drug available to doctors – artemisinin. Experts say it has spread because of the incorrect use of artemisinin and fake and substandard versions of the drug.

...Thailand's malaria centres are on the frontline of treatment. They are manned by villagers who receive three days' training and are paid by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria...

## On the Yingluck High-Speed Train

November 3, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, November 3, 2012

Cartoon title: Make dreams comes true

On the side of the train: High-speed train

On the rail: Transportation

Mouse man Phi Nooring: Advance + modern

On the mouse's sign: The faster future

## Lumpini Youth Center

November 3, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News



The sign reads: Lumpini Youth Center

The policy of Bangkok Governor M.R. Sukhumbhan Boriphat

To be opened from Tuesday, August 7, 2012

Sign on the left: Bangkok Youth Center (Lumpini Park)

## Military chief has a sore throat

November 5, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, November 5, 2012

Doctor: It's a sore throat, sir... Mr. Commander in Chief, you must go easy on roaring...

## Everyone Loves the King

November 5, 2012

Categories: Signs and Billboards, The Monarchy



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: Bangkokians love the King, and will never change.



# Pleiades in Thai Folklore

November 5, 2012

Categories: Local Beliefs

[Pleiades in Thai Folklore](#) – Wikipedia

*The elderly couple who lived amidst a forest in Thailand raised a family of chickens: a mother hen and her six children. One day a monk arrived at the elderly couple's home during his Dhutanga journey. Afraid that they have no decent meals to offer him, the elderly couple contemplated cooking the mother hen. Overheard the conversation, the mother hen rushed back to the coop to say farewell to her children. She asked them to take care of themselves before leaving to repay the kindness of the elderly couple. As the mother hen was being killed, her six children threw themselves into fire to die alongside with their mother. Deity, impressed by and in remembrance of their love, immortalized the seven chickens as the stars.*

## Vintage Monk

November 6, 2012

Categories: Old photos and films



The card reads: I send this to my preceptor for your royal memory, in case that you wish to employ me, Satthi Viliarik, the person whom you put into the monkhood.

## Thai Education

November 6, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Various



From Komchadluek, November 5, 2012

On blackboard is a Thai abbreviation of the word “Ministers”

Thaksin Shinawatra: When will you do your own homework? You’re a grown up now!!



From Thairath, November 6, 2012

Cartoon title: Speaking English, second from the bottom of the world list; Speaking human language (democracy), on the bottom of the world list.

A voices from off screen: Freezing Thailand: If I have power, I'd already make a coup d'etat: We cannot defeat them by election, so let's use a mob to topple the government...

On the book in teacher's hand: Education

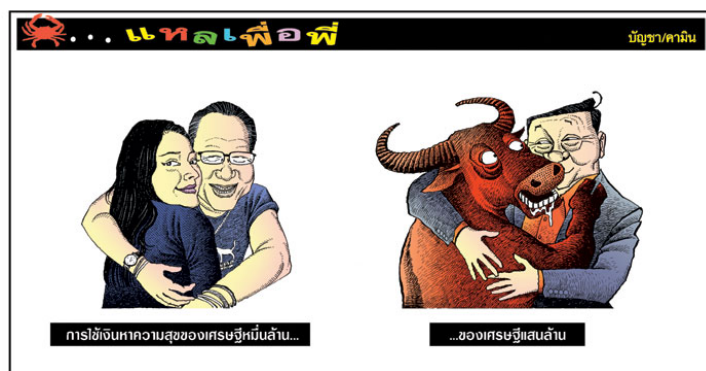
Mouse man Phi Nooring: Ancient human

On the mouse sign: The country's hindrance

## The Red Buffalo and Thaksin

November 6, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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From Manager, November 6, 2012

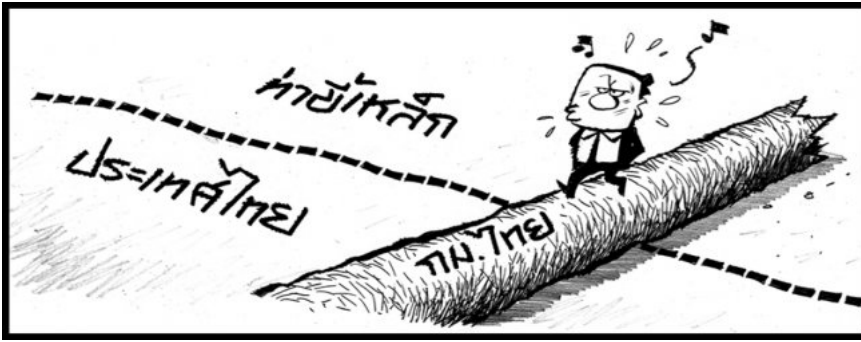
Left: Used for the happiness of a billionaire...

Right: ...of a trillionaire

## At the Border with Thaksin

November 6, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, November 6, 2012

Above the dash: Thaa Khilek

Beneath the dash: Thailand

On the log: Thai laws

## The Internet is bringing out the worst in Burmese

November 6, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[The Internet is bringing out the worst in Burmese](#) – The Irrawaddy, November 6, 2012

...More recently, however, evidence has shown that such assumptions are wrong. This year's Miss International competition, held in Japan in October, demonstrated just how zealous Burmese can be about using the Internet as a tool to advance their opinions—often at the expense of those of others.

Burmese netizens went to great pains to ensure that Nang Khin Zay Yar, the Burmese contestant, won both the Miss Internet award, based on clicks on the photo-hosting website Flickr, and the People's Choice award, based on a poll on the website pageantology.net.

The question is, how could Burmese Internet users lift their favorite to the top of both contests if their country is known to be one of the worst in the world in terms of Internet access?...

### 3G Collusion

November 7, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, October 25, 2012

Left: Vendor, is E-auction home?

Middle: What are you talking about, E-auction?

I mean your son...

Right: Hua. Everybody calls him "E-auction" now.

## What Forbes can ask Thaksin next time

November 7, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[What Forbes can ask Thaksin next time](#) – The Nation, November 7, 2012

...14. From your last interview, we take it that you would have been better off with a friendly English media. Will democracy be better off with all media telling the audience the exact same information and giving the exact same opinions?...



## Blacklist the United Arab Emirates

November 7, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Blacklist the United Arab Emirates](#) – usnews.com, November 6, 2012

...Dubai, the emirate that was the world's fifth largest diamond center in 2007, maintains a reputation as a diamond and gold smuggling center. Its trade zones and tax-free status make it a convenient center for diamond dealers to launder profits and avoid taxes in their home markets. The United Arab Emirates' waterways are also abused. Dubai's port has been aptly dubbed "Smugglers Creek" because of its multitude of rarely inspected dhows—wooden boats used to transport goods—which ply the Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean, and eastern Africa...

## Plot doubts grow as Thaksin drops Tachilek

November 7, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[Plot doubts grow as Thaksin drops Tachilek](#) – Bangkok Post, November 7, 2012

...He denied allegations the NSC was supplying information to back the claims of Thaksin's son, Panthongtae Shinawatra, who revealed the alleged plot.

Mr Panthongtae criticised Defence Minister Sukumpol Suwanatat's intelligence officials after the minister denied any links between the arms seizure in Tachilek and the alleged attempt on Thaksin's life.

He posted a picture on Facebook showing the weapons, including three RPG grenades, seized from a house near the Regina Hotel and Golf Club where Thaksin was to have stayed.

According to Mr Panthongtae, weapons experts have told him they could be used to attack the hotel.

ACM Sukumpol again dismissed any connection between the arms seizure and the alleged plot against Thaksin.

"If someone insists there is such a link, that is their opinion. But we all know what the truth is," he said.

## Thai-born Tammy Duckworth wins Illinois seat

November 7, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai-born Tammy Duckworth wins Illinois seat](#) – The Nation, November 7, 2012

## NYT examines Yingluck: Does Her Rise Signal an Advance for Women in Asia?

November 7, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Small Steps for Women in Asian Life](#) – NYT, November 7, 2012

... “She says things like, ‘I will use the charm of being a woman to mediate things, because women will not use violence,’” said Ms. Ruengrawee of the Asia Foundation.

Last week, the prime minister announced she was taking over management of the country’s security portfolio. According to *The Nation*, an English-language newspaper, she was doing it because “several men in the cabinet have failed to handle the issue successfully.” In September, Ms. Yingluck said Thailand wanted to help resolve territorial disputes in the South China Sea. “Perhaps I can bring a bit of a woman’s touch to addressing this conflict,” she said at the Asia Society in New York...

## Rushing to Solve Problems

November 8, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, November 8, 2012

Left: The Southern Fire – Ambushing soldiers and local people

Right: Rumor on an assassination attempt against .

On the back of the chair in the middle: NSC

## Thumbs Up for Buddhism

November 8, 2012

Categories: Buddhism, Signs and Billboards



The sign reads: October 30 – November 28  
Let's Thod Krathin  
(Sathu) At every temple close to your home

## Weekly News Magazines, November 2, 2012

November 8, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, November 2, 2012

Cover reads: Consciousness of Love of Baan Tuk



From Matichon Weekly, November 2, 2012

Cover reads: Bikini with Tuk's colour: Love on a missile

## Mad Toad!

November 8, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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From Manager, November 8, 2012

Frog: Liar... You gave me your word, but didn't do it...

Caption: The one that want to kill Thaksin the most... may not be a human.



## President Obama to visit Thailand and Myanmar November 18-19

November 8, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Obama to visit Myanmar November 19](#) – Reuters, November 8, 2012

US President Barack Obama plans to visit Myanmar on November 19 and meet both his counterpart, Thein Sein, and Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi, a senior government source in the Southeast Asian country said on Thursday...

[Kingdom to host Obama, Wen](#) – The Nation, November 8, 2012

US President Barack Obama and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao will visit Thailand late this month to reaffirm their respective regional strategies after the political shake-ups in both Washington and Beijing, government and diplomatic sources said yesterday...

## The Prime Minister Does Not Give Interviews

November 9, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, November 9, 2012

Janitor: Can't you tell that the Thai prime minister is there for photo shoots only, not for any interviews...

## **“Contemptible” Dutch lawyer angers Cambodia**

November 9, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

[“Contemptible” Dutch lawyer angers Cambodia](#) – www.rnw.nl, November 8, 2012

...‘Hun Sen restrained himself where I was concerned, but he has made public statements about me personally, and I’m known as ‘the contemptible Mr Beard’. Pestman explains this could be considered a very threatening use of the word contemptible as that’s how the Khmer Rouge referred to their enemies at the time. ...‘There’s this one-party state and this towering figure of Hun Sen who’s been in power since the Khmer Rouge regime ended in 1979. Everyone is terrified of him. He has not shied away from killing members of the opposition in the past, so it’s not a pleasant atmosphere. I’m not sure if the court infects Cambodian society or whether society infects the court – either way, it’s not a shining example for the Cambodian people and it’s unlikely to have a positive legacy’.

## Wall Street Journal on Thaksin's Assassination Plot Claims

November 9, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[Former Thai Leader, Claiming Threat, Alters Myanmar Visit](#) -WSJ, November 6, 2012

Former Thai leader Thaksin Shinawatra showed he hasn't lost his knack for roiling Thailand six years after a coup there ousted him from power and triggered a self-imposed exile. This time, his family and lawyer say, he is altering a planned visit to neighboring Myanmar because of an assassination threat from unnamed adversaries.

...Officials in Myanmar and Thailand expressed doubt about the credibility of the plot, which was evoked by Thaksin's lawyer, Noppadon Pattama, and his son, Panthongtae Shinawatra.

...This time, analysts say, the alleged plot enables him to play the victim as his political foes step up the pressure on the government led by his younger sister, Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra...

Also: [US Embassy Cable on August 25, 2006 discussing the the last time there was such a claimed assassination plot](#)

...Informal checks with military contacts show that they are highly skeptical about the specific charges against the driver arrested yesterday, who appears to have no reason at all to be involved in a plot of this kind.

...Police have been unusually reluctant to respond to any inquiries from us for further information about the investigation...



Earlier: [The car bomb from 2006](#)

## Obama Wins with Populism!

November 9, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, November 9, 2012

Cartoon title: The winner

On President Obama's right glove: Populism

On president Obama's left glove: Peace

On President Obama's belt: Obama

On belt of Mitt Romney: Romney

Mouse Man Phi Nooring: Winning the Americans' hearts

Mouse: 100% Democracy

## Thai-language newspapers on the U.S. election

November 9, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News



From Thairath, November 11, 2009

Headline: Female Lt.Col. with Thai blood won an election becoming the Chicago representative-elect – Revealing her courageous background – Becoming disabled from combat

Obama defeated Romney heading to ‘the White House’ for the second term



From Komchadluek, November 11, 2009

Main headline: Thai woman becomes a Rep. in the U.S. House of Representative by popular vote.

Above the main headline: Obama won a second term

Top left: Overwhelmingly admired on the net, a half-Thai woman won a seat in the House of Representatives

Sub-headline: Making a history defeating the Republican, Poo congratulates Barack-Ladda

Story: Ladda “Tammy”, was the first half-Thai woman who won an election becoming is the U.S. Representative-elect for Illinois, while “Barack Obama” received land-slide votes defeating “Mitt Romney” 303 to 206, remaining the president for the 2nd term.

Bottom right crime headline: Focusing on amphetamines as a cause of the shooting of the Thoong Song warden and two guards

## Thai prime minister insists she's not her exiled brother's puppet

November 9, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[Thai prime minister insists she's not her exiled brother's puppet](#) – Washington Post, November 9, 2012

...“Yingluck has increasingly come into her own,” he said. “She listens to Thaksin, but he controls Pheu Thai party more than she does. It’s like he is chairman of the board and she is CEO.”

Thitinan said Yingluck could become a “bridge builder” between pro-Thaksin “red shirt” supporters and “yellow-shirted” monarchists. So far, the opposing camps have avoided a repeat of their bloody clashes in 2010 but tensions remain...

## Thai Gov't distances itself from Dawei project

November 9, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Thai Gov't distances itself from Dawei project](#) – Bangkok Post, November 9, 2012

The Dawei deep-sea port and industrial zone project took a new twist Thursday, as the Thai government insisted it cannot spend taxpayer money for private gains in Dawei.

“The government itself cannot invest directly in the Dawei project, as by practice the government cannot directly fund any business in the private sector,” said PM’s Office Minister Niwatthamrong Bunsongphaisan, speaking in his capacity as the project’s coordination committee chairman...



## **Thailand and Myanmar throw weight behind faltering Dawei economic zone**

November 9, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Thailand and Myanmar throw weight behind faltering Dawei economic zone](#) – chinapost.com.tw, November 8, 2012

## **Mekong Hijacking Sentences Raise Questions of Thailand's Role in Regional Security**

November 9, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Mekong Hijacking Sentences Raise Questions of Thailand's Role in Regional Security](#) – worldpoliticsreview.com, November 8, 2012

...Suzanne DiMaggio, vice president of global policy programs at the Asia Society, added that the alleged involvement of the soldiers, who are in Thai military custody, has led her to question “what role Thailand is playing within the new security initiative to deal with curbing crime in the region, and whether or not can play as significant a role as the other countries involved...”

## **New Mastercard has LCD screen and keyboard**

November 10, 2012

Categories: Nothing to do with Thailand, but Interesting

[New Mastercard has LCD screen and keyboard](#) – BBC, November 8, 2012

## Tourism minister says brutal attack on tourist not rape as she'd had dinner with attacker

November 10, 2012

Categories: Crime



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



[Blocking of Krabi video considered](#) – The Nation, November 8, 2012

...”I am now consulting with the Information and Communications Technology Ministry about the possibility of blocking the video from being viewed in Thailand,” he added.

Tourism Minister Chumphol Silapa-archa had said earlier that the incident could not be considered rape. He quoted provincial tourism police chief, Pol Maj-General Loi Ingkaphairoj as saying: “The woman had dinner with the Thai suspect and a foreign man. Later, she told the foreign man to return to the hotel before heading off with the suspect...”

[Andrew Drummond on the Evil Man of Krabi & Tourism Minister Chumphol Silapa-archa’s definition of rape](#)

## **Thailand, Cambodia ready to launch joint visa scheme**

November 10, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

[Thailand, Cambodia ready to launch joint visa scheme](#) – Bangkok Post, November 10, 2012

...Under the scheme, tourist visas obtained at the embassies of either Thailand or Cambodia will be valid for entry into both countries...

## **U.S. challenges Thailand to explain rice subsidies**

November 10, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

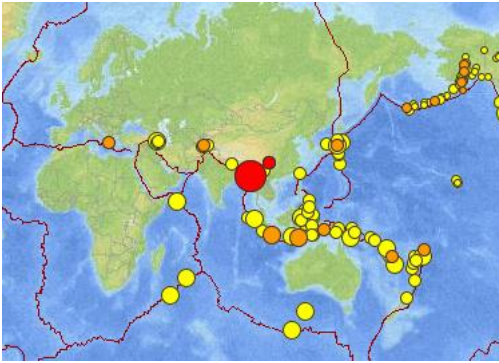
[U.S. challenges Thailand to explain rice subsidies](#) – Reuters, November 9, 2012

The United States will challenge Thailand over its rice subsidies at a World Trade Organization committee meeting next week, fearful that a government-sponsored crop could land up on the world market and depress prices, hurting U.S. exporters...

## Two dead after strong Myanmar quake – Quake felt in Bangkok

November 11, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News



From [USGS](#)

3:53pm: [Two dead after strong Myanmar quake](#)

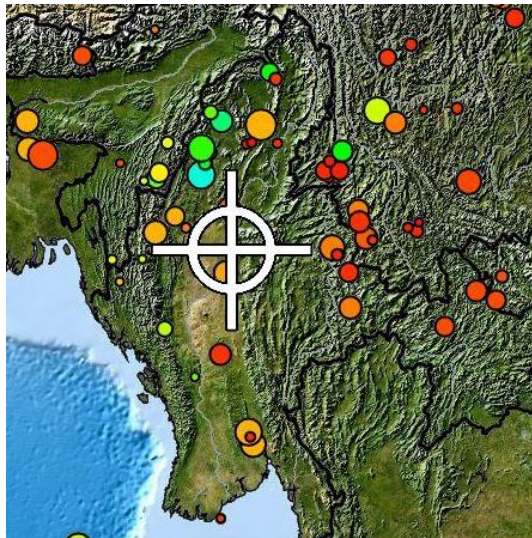
*A powerful earthquake that struck Myanmar on Sunday left at least two dead and five missing, a government official said, after the tremor sparked panic in the central city of Mandalay.*

*"According to the information we have so far, two people died and three were injured because of the earthquake, while five are still missing," the official in the capital Naypyidaw told AFP, asking not to be named.*

*He said the missing were workers flung into the Irrawaddy river when the quake shook the bridge they were building in an area north of Mandalay, the country's second-largest city...*

8:20am: "Just felt an earthquake in Bangkok. Tall buildings swayed for 7-10 seconds. This was similar, but went on even longer than the Boxing Day quake in 2004."

This must be it: [7.0 earthquake, 27km E of Shwebo, Myanmar. Nov 11 07:42 at epicenter \(10m ago, depth 34km\)](#)



From [NOAA](#)

## How dare they doubt Thaksin's son!

November 12, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



12/11/55

From Manager, November 12, 2012

Buffalo: Which group of people took this survey? I guess they're only humans. That's why they come out with such results.  
On the newspaper: 70% of the respondents don't believe in the assassination attempt scandal against Maew.



## ‘Evil Man From Krabi’ Concerns Grow As Tourism Minister Redefines Rape

November 12, 2012

Categories: Crime



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=http://www.youtube.com/embed/AkcYH-i1fIE>



[Thai officials’ damage control in foreign tourist rape case backfires](#) – asiancorrespondent.com, November 12, 2012

*...The Krabi Police Comment video is 8.26 minutes of rambling by a cop who does not introduce himself and appears listless. He tries to assure whoever is intended as audience that he and his superiors and subordinates in Krabi police force are conscientious enforcers of the law–Thai law, he emphasizes. He assures that “every case” involving foreigners is important and receives “swift action” and “good service.” He explains–twice–that rape cases involving tourists all happen after 2-3 am. In lieu of directly addressing the Dutch girl case, he describes a common tourist rape case like this: “Someone doesn’t just rape out of the blue... The man and woman go together to have drinks at a bar until closing time, then they go off to do the thing that they do and in the morning a rape is reported to have taken place” ...*

[‘Evil Man From Krabi’ Concerns Grow As Tourism Minister Redefines Rape](#) – phuketwan.com, November 10, 2012

Earlier: [Tourism minister says brutal attack on tourist not rape as she’d had dinner with attacker](#)

Earlier: [Thai “biker gang sex attack” on tourist at Ao Nang “like a Hollywood horror movie”](#)

On YouTube: [The Evil Man of Krabi](#)

## Thai Royal Barge procession brings tears of pride to Thais around the world

November 12, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai Royal Barge procession brings tears of pride to Thais around the world](#) – eturbonews.com, November 11, 2012

*...Camera shutters clicked like a gigantic swarm of crickets, tourists gaped in awe and thousands of Thais turned out once again to honour the majestic spectacle of the royal barge procession along the Chao Phraya River yesterday. Every available vantage point was packed as the elegant ceremony displayed the country's strong cultural and emotional attachment to the royal institution...*

## **US “Men in Black” Check Security at Government House ahead of Obama’s Visit**

November 12, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[US Team Check Security at Government House ahead of Obama’s Visit](#) – richardbarrow.com, November 12, 2012

## Burmese Shrug at Obama Visit, as Beijing Shudders

November 12, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Burmese Shrug at Obama Visit, as Beijing Shudders](#) – The Irrawaddy, November 12, 2012

...But even if the Burmese response to a growing US role in their country remains rather lukewarm, there is still an undeniable chill in most people's perceptions of China—something that Beijing is only now beginning to acknowledge, after decades of cultivating close ties with Burmese military rulers who until last year showed little interest in public opinion.

This has set off a frenzy of hand-wringing among Chinese intellectuals about how to counter Washington's growing sway in Naypyidaw...

## Big quake could bring mega-disaster in Thailand, expert warns

November 12, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Big quake could bring disaster, expert warns](#) – Bangkok Post, November 12, 2012

*...Mr Smith, who is also a noted meteorologist, also warned that the expected December 2012 solar storm could cause violent tectonic plate movements. The United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) is still trying to determine where the storm will hit, he added...*

## English translation of the Thai police rebuttal of the “Evil man from Krabi”

November 12, 2012

Categories: Crime, Thai Police



[English translation of the Thai police rebuttal of the “Evil man from Krabi”](#) – Bangkok Post, November 12, 2012

Earlier: [‘Evil Man From Krabi’ Concerns Grow As Tourism Minister Redefines Rape](#)

## Government lottery machines “New Year’s gift to the people”

November 12, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thais divided on lottery ticket machines](#) – LA Times, November 12, 2012

...The government lottery board hopes that hundreds, perhaps thousands, of machines will start disgorging tickets on the street and in shops by January.

“We wanted it to be a New Year’s gift to the people,” says Thanusak Lekuthai, the deputy finance minister. (And to the government too: Some projections suggest the machines could increase its take to as much as \$160 million a month from about \$33 million.)

Although street vendors sell official lottery tickets, a parallel network of illegal brokers markets illegal lottery tickets. By some estimates, Thais spend \$10 billion annually on illegal gambling, much of it in huay tai din, or underground lottery houses...

## Thai ‘trophy shots’ of dead bodies the ultimate culture shock

November 12, 2012

Categories: Crime, Local Beliefs

[Thai ‘trophy shots’ the ultimate culture shock](#) – ninemsn.com.au, November, 2012

When Perth travel agent Michelle Smith was stabbed to death in Phuket, ambulance workers shocked her grieving friends by posing for a photo with her dead body. But scenes like these are commonplace in Thailand, a country with an extraordinarily desensitised attitude towards death and relaxed regulations when it comes to the treatment of dead bodies...



## Thaksin and the Constitution

November 13, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, November 13, 2012

Cartoon title: "Earthquake in Thailand"

On the rift: November 24, 2012

## Beer could cause fights and crimes as well as endless holidays

November 13, 2012

Categories: Signs and Billboards



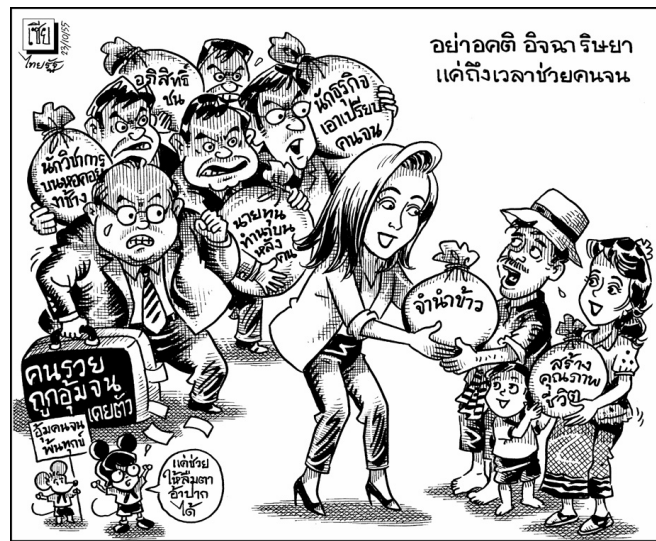
(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Government warning at the top: Beer could cause fights and crimes  
Advertising slogan above people on the beach: Endless holidays.

## Helping the Rice Farmers

November 13, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, October 20, 2012

Cartoon title: Don't be bias, jealous, envious. It's time to help the poor.

On bags from top, left to right: Privileged people, academics in the ivory tower, businessmen taking advantages of the poor, money lenders getting rich on the backs of farmers.

On suitcase: The rich have been facilitated for so long that they become used to it.

On bag in Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's hand: Rice mortgage

On bag in laywoman's hand: Create quality of life

Pi Nooring: Just help them to stand on their own feet.

On the mouse's sign: Help the poor out of their mystery

## Classified Info From Thaksin's Son

November 13, 2012

Categories: Analysis, Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, November 8, 2012

Left, Defense Minister ACM Sukampol Suwannathat: Mr. Secretary, are there any classified information on the security issues?

Middle: Lt.Gen. Paradon Pattanathabutr: I don't know yet, sir.

ACM Sukampol: How come the Secretary of the National Security Council doesn't know?

Right: Lt. Gen. Paradon: I haven't checked Phanthongthae's Facebook today, sir.

## Democracy is in your hand, look down at it

November 13, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, November 13, 2012

Cartoon title: Democracy in the different era

Left, on the wall: Democracy is in your hand, look down at it.

Right: Democracy is underneath your butt, sit down fast!

## Thai Tomboy and Ladyboy Marry

November 13, 2012

Categories: Local Beliefs

[Transgenders still ostracised by Thai society?](#) – The New Paper, November 13, 2012

*...The jeering and scornful stares that greet the couple whenever they are spotted holding hands or hugging in public, suggests that some are less tolerant of transgenders, even in a generally tolerant city like Bangkok.*

*It's hard to hide their sexuality, even when Ms Rotjutakul walks with a forced swagger.*

*Says Mr Suafug: "Initially, we faced difficulty as people had never seen a tomboy and ladyboy together..."*

## Russian man returns from Thailand infected with mystical STD

November 13, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Russian man returns from Thailand infected with mystical STD](#) – pravda.ru, November 13, 2012

*Thailand is tacitly recognized as the world capital of sex tourism. According to medics, if a person is prone to mental disorders, a trip to this country and contacts with employees of the local sex industry may lead to obsessive compulsive disorder.*

*According to experts, there are people who suffer from their own obsessions of catching sexually transmitted tropical infections. A 30-year-old Muscovite, who had a sexual contact in Thailand, asked for medical help soon after he returned home.*

*The man told doctors that when in Thailand, he used a condom during sex, but oral sex was unprotected. The man complained that his penis became abnormally red after his return to Moscow.*

*A medical examination and test results showed no abnormalities. The patient was left highly concerned, though: he was convinced that he had an exotic venereal disease. Experts sent the man to a psychiatrist.*

## New Book: Thailand at Random

November 13, 2012

Categories: Books



New book: [Thailand at Random](#)

....An illustrated collection of Thailand trivia, *Thailand at Random* is filled with fun anecdotes, statistics, quotes, idioms, cultural explanations, historical asides, facts, folklore and other unusual and useful tidbits. This veritable treasure trove of information on Thailand is arranged, as the title suggests, randomly, so that readers will come to expect the unexpected on each and every page. Designed in a charmingly classic style, and peppered with original illustrations, *Thailand at Random* is a quirky and irresistible celebration of everything you didn't know you wanted to know about this diverse and captivating country.



## Human Fly's Fall from the Bangkok Novotel in 2010 was an Accident

November 14, 2012

Categories: Falling

[Thailand death of Middlesbrough urban explorer James Smith was accident, coroner rules](#) – thenorthernecho.co.uk, November 13, 2012

*...It is believed that James Smith, 30, from Marton, Middlesbrough, described by his father John as an “adrenaline junkie”, may have been climbing the Novotel hotel at Bangkok Airport when he fell five floors to his death in August 2010.*

*Mr Smith had scaled landmarks such as the Angel of the North, the Transporter Bridge and the Shard in London and explored the Paris Catacombs as part of his hobby...*

## Paranoia or just ignorance? “Chilling Draft – Proposed changes to telecom treaty rattle internet universe”

November 14, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Chilling Draft – Proposed changes to telecom treaty rattle internet universe](#) – Bangkok Post, November 14, 2012

*...Mr Paiboon said Article 6 of the treaty opens an opportunity for the ITRs to impose considerable service fees on a pay-per-click/bit/byte basis for internet service providers, internet users or other entities.*

*“This could change the existing ‘free use of internet’ concept,” he said.*

*“It will also definitely obstruct internet innovation and the free flow of e-information while inducing higher costs and expenses for Thai e-entrepreneurs including internet infrastructure establishment...”*

Earlier: [Is the UN trying to regulate the internet in Thailand or is the Bangkok Post gullible?](#)

## **Tell Them That I Want to Kill Them: Hun Sen's Death Squads Exposed**

November 14, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

[Senior gov't officials directed hundreds of killings: report](#) – phnompenhpost.com, November 13, 2012

Systematic extrajudicial killings were directed and executed for decades by death squads established under Prime Minister Hun Sen's regime and run by men who are now some of the highest-ranking members of government, a report released by Human Rights Watch today alleges...

[“Tell Them That I Want to Kill Them” – Two Decades of Impunity in Hun Sen's Cambodia](#) – hrw.org, November 13, 2012

...More than 300 people have been killed in politically motivated attacks since then, yet not one case has resulted in a credible investigation and conviction.

## Weekly News Magazines, November 9, 2012

November 15, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, November 9, 2012  
Cover reads: Stepping forward



From Matichon Weekly, November 9, 2012  
Cover reads: Good person, good story

## Who can attract the biggest number of people for Seh Aii?

November 15, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, November 15, 2012

From left: Pheu Thai Party spokesman Prompong Nopparit: I can attract thousands of people for Seh Aii every time I open my theatrical mouth to scold him.  
Deputy Prime Minister Chalm Ubumrung: My casino fund raising trick... herds tens of thousands of people to his protest.

Defense Minister Sukampol Suwannathat: Me, stripping Mark of his military rank... can push hundreds of thousands of people to his protest.

Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra: But still can't compare to my repetitive stupidity... It can drive millions of people to the protest!

Caption: Who can attract the biggest number of people for Seh Aii?

## How Can President Obama Avoid Photo Ops With Cambodia's Strongman?

November 15, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

[Avoiding Photo Ops With Cambodia's Strongman](#) – IHT, November 15, 2012

...Human Rights Watch, in a report published Tuesday, calls for Mr. Obama to make human rights a forceful centerpiece of his visit to Cambodia, the first ever by a sitting American president. The report says Mr. Hun Sen's "violent and authoritarian rule over more than two decades has resulted in countless killings and other serious abuses that have gone unpunished..."

Earlier: [Tell Them That I Want to Kill Them: Hun Sen's Death Squads Exposed](#)

## **Israel's interior minister denies reports he helped spring murderer from Thai prison**

November 15, 2012

Categories: Crime

[Israel's interior minister denies reports he helped spring murderer from Thai prison](#) – haaretz.com, November 14, 2012

Interior Minister Eli Yishai has denied reports that he intervened to obtain the release of an Israeli serving a life sentence in Thailand for murdering his ex-wife.

Eli Cohen Maimon, 45, has been imprisoned in Thailand since 2004 for murdering his ex-wife while the two were vacationing in Bangkok, and then dismembering her body. However, according to a report in Maariv Tuesday, the Thai king recently pardoned Cohen Maimon, who will be able to return to Israel in May 2013, a free man...

## Volunteers to fix the Thai deep south?

November 16, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai, The Thai Deep South



From Thairath, November 6, 2012

Left: Who wants to be Deputy Prime Ministers, this way, please...

Right: Which Deputy Prime Minister volunteers to be responsible to solve the Southern fire?



## Yingluck Explains the difference between Pitak Siam and the Red Shirts

November 16, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



16/11/55

From Manager, November 16, 2012

Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra: You may protest, but you must not breach any laws... such as setting afire and using weapons like what these bastards did last time.

Caption: Verbal explanation is not enough, an explicit example is needed.

# Rabble Rousing Books: The US Plot to Topple the Monarchy

November 16, 2012

Categories: Anti-Americanism, Thai Politics



Above: The Eagle's Anti-monarchy Plot

Translated from the Se-Ed shop site:

Category – Political Science – Politics/Government

Book cover: The Eagle's Anti-monarchy Plot: Revealing evidence of U.S. support for the Reds' anti-monarchy campaign. Cooperating with the "country's burners" to take control of the country, and then share the benefits and bring "someone" to return to reign the country.

Author: Santisuk Sathaporn

Price: 250 baht

Discount: 12.50 baht

Special price: 237.50 baht

Book details

ISBN : 9786162333651

Number of pages : 256

Size : 144x207x15 mm.

Weight : 255 grams

Colour inside the book : Black and white

Cover : Paper

Type of paper : Proof paper

Publishing house : Power Politics

First publishing : –

Latest publishing : –

Synopsis

The United States has diverted its target from oil in the Middle East to Asia-Pacific and Thailand. Instead of deploying its powerful forces, this time it is sending its bastard capitalist groups to undermine countries with the greed that grows its roots deep down in its people's hearts. Thailand is no exception. It's also a target of this invasion.

This is why the greedy Eagle has tried to tackle the "monarchy" to pave its way to grasp benefits from Thai people. In collaboration with the fugitive who controls authority under the "parliamentary dictatorship" in Thailand together with his evil network, they plot a plan to undermine the country from inside until it becomes gradually weaker. He wishes to come back to power to respond to his own endless greed.

The book "The Eagle's Anti-monarchy Plot" exposes the evidence and snappishly pulls down the mask in order to protect the country and preserve "the soul of the nation". Reading this book, people will know what the plotters are up to and what "evil capitalism" is so that the country can stop being an underdog. And we must pull together to drive out these anti-monarchy groups of people.

Contents

- From the death of Saddam to Gaddafi: the greed of the superpower for world fuel sources
  - When Kim Jong Un refuses to bow, the result will be that he becomes a victim of propaganda and the next "death"
  - The eagle drools on the day that Myanmar opens its country
  - When oil runs out in the Middle East and Iran refuses to bow, the next target is Asia Pacific
  - The middle classes in ASEAN and the Spratly islands, attractive victims of evil capitalism
  - Exposing fake organizations that intervene in other countries' affairs, faking righteousness for themselves
  - Playing the "Asians surrounding China" game: in the end the U.S. is just another bully boy
  - Propaganda, the eagle's secret weapon to destroy others while making itself look good
  - Watching over Thaksin following the U.S. "anti-monarchy, set the country on fire" plot
  - The "two-faced eagle" strategy: support Cambodia to take over Thai soil to take over fuel sources in the Gulf of Thailand
- Etc.



Above: Thida Highly Popular: Provoking the Reds to Topple the Monarchy

Translated from the Se-Ed shop site:

Category – Political Science – Politics/Government

Book cover: Thida: Highly Popular

Book title: Thida Highly Popular: Provoking the Reds to Topple the Monarchy

The real female commander, the only one with strong principles and clearly declared aims, leading her people to tackle the courts, resisting the Amart

Author: Santisuk Sathaporn

Normal price: 100.00 baht

Discount: 5.00 baht

Special price: 95.00 baht

Book details

ISBN : 9786165316545

Number of pages : 128

Size : 128x184x8 mm

Weight : 105 grams

Inside colour : Black and white

Cover : Paper

Type of paper : Proof paper

Publishing house : Mini Power Politics

First published : –

Latest edition : –

Synopsis

The group of the Red Shirt has seen its leaders changed. Each takes turn to give speeches on stages, demanding for democracy, creating the Amart-Prai discourse to stimulate conflicts in their own mother country. The mission is challenging for the “new female commander” – will the Red army be able to stand firm on their claimed democratic principle? Or will they reveal themselves, the version they’ve been trying to conceal for a long time, waiting for the right time to topple the monarchy? Time will prove the Red army, walk along together in “Thida Highly Popular: Provoking the Reds to topple the monarchy”

Content:

- The prelude of the female commander
- Her name is Thida Thavornset
- The road of Red colour under the female commander’s lead
- Provoking the Reds to topple the monarchy

## **Cambodia cracks down on residents for displaying eviction protest messages for Obama**

November 16, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

[Cambodia arrests 8 over 'SOS' messages for Obama](#) – AP, November 15, 2012

...“We are being forcibly evicted from our land without proper compensation,” said 23-year-old villager Sim Sokunthea. “We didn’t mean any harm. We just wanted Obama to help us.”

Dozens of police arrived at the village early Thursday morning. They ordered villagers to remove the rooftop artwork, which was deemed illegal, and they arrested those responsible, said Long Kimheang, spokesman for Housing Rights Task Force, an advocacy group that works with villagers facing eviction...

[Cambodians held over eviction protest before Obama visit](#) – Reuters, November 15, 2012

Police in Cambodia arrested at least eight people on Thursday for painting messages on their homes near the capital’s airport asking for help from U.S. President Barack Obama because they face eviction before he visits the country next week...

“I put up the picture of Obama because I want him to help us get fair compensation from the government,” said resident Chuong Socheata, 33. “And that’s because the government has no plans to solve this peacefully...”

## **British Embassy Bangkok warning of the dangers of driving in Thailand**

November 16, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[2012 World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims](#) – [ukinthailand.fco.gov.uk](http://ukinthailand.fco.gov.uk), November 16, 2012

...To mark the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims the British Embassy Bangkok is hoping to raise awareness of the day and warn people of the dangers of driving abroad. There are over 25 million vehicles in Thailand, a high proportion of which are motorcycles and mopeds. Sadly road traffic accidents in Thailand account for the second most frequent cause of death among British nationals as well as a high number of hospitalisations. The majority of these involve motorcycles and mopeds...

## President Lyndon B. Johnson's Visits to Thailand

November 16, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News



[President Lyndon B. Johnson's Visit to Thailand](#) – richardbarrow.com, November 16, 2012

## Myanmar's Thein Sein, junta henchman to radical reformer

November 16, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Myanmar's Thein Sein, junta henchman to radical reformer](#) – Reuters, November 15, 2012

...He released political prisoners, scrapped censorship, legalised trades unions and protests, sought peace with ethnic minority insurgents and pushed through legislation on everything from land reform to foreign investment.

Thein Sein's reputation as a corruption-free moderate among hawkish hardliners has earned him widespread praise from world leaders, top economists and Nobel Peace Prize winner and opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi...

## Weekly News Magazine, November 16, 2012 – The Dinosaur

November 16, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Matichon Weekly, November 16, 2012

The cover reads: Reveal ‘Yingluck’ strategy, resisting ‘Dinosaurs’ who want to freeze Thailand.



From Nation Weekend, November 16, 2012

The cover reads: “Seh Aii,” he’s not just a man



## The Secret Service Checks Out Thailand for Assassination Plots

November 16, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, November 14, 2012

The sign on the table reads: The National Security Council

Defense Minister Sukampol Suwannathat tells the US Secret Service: We've checked it all out... There is no news on an assassination attempt against your president.

Secret Service man: From which source have you checked?

Bottom, Sukampol: From Khun Oak's Facebook.

## Obama and RPGs and Thai Love

November 16, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, November 14, 2012

Security man to President Obama: Our intelligence shows that Thai people love leaders who are victims of assassination attempts, so we put it in part of our plans for visiting Thailand.

# One time when hectoring and sanctions were put aside: The US Approach to Soft Diplomacy in Myanmar

November 16, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[A Rare US Approach to Soft Diplomacy](#) – The Irrawaddy, November 15, 2012

...In that piece—directed toward the Bush Administration—Mitchell and Green argued that “in order to participate fully and effectively, the US government will need to relax its strict prohibition on official high-level contact” with the Burmese government. The remedy, according to Mitchell and Green, would be fairly simple: “The president should appoint a special adviser to serve as the coordinator of US policy on Burma.”

One administration and two years later, Mitchell got his wish and was named the first Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Burma, a position he held from August 2011 until June 2012 at which time he assumed the role of ambassador. What made this posture of engagement, adopted by the Obama Administration, so surprising was that it jettisoned the longstanding US habit of isolating adversarial states...

## Links Related to President Obama's Trip to Thailand-Myanmar-Cambodia

November 16, 2012

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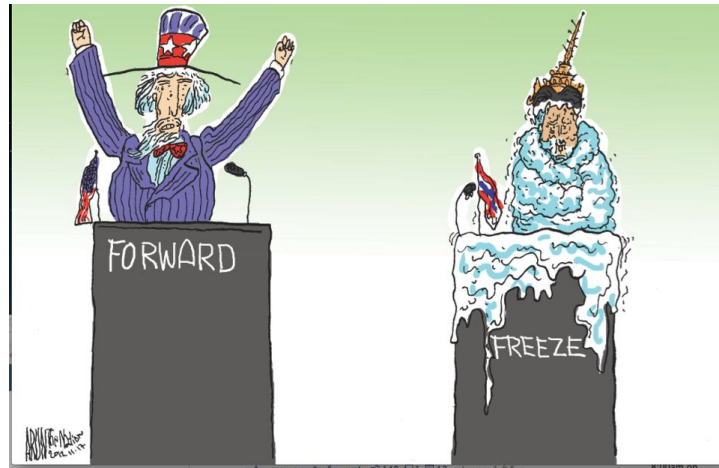
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## Forward or Freeze?

November 17, 2012

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From [Arun](#), November 17, 2012

## Missing Story: “Northern Reds to rally against Seh Ai”

November 17, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics



(Source: Bangkok Post)

Missing Story: “Northern Reds to rally against Seh Ai” – Bangkok Post, November 17, 2012

We noticed this breaking news story on the Bangkok Post site today, but it quickly vanished and we could never see the full text of the story. Anyone know anything about this?



(Source: Google search)

## Press Briefing on Air Force One on the Way to Bangkok

November 18, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[PRESS GAGGLE – from Air Force One, en route to Bangkok, Thailand](#) – foxnewsinsider.com, November 17, 2012

*...We've been working with the Thais to deal with how to stop the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. For instance, the Thais successfully interdicted a shipment from North Korea that was bound for Hamas — not a WMD shipment, but again, smuggling and weaponry...*

*Just to take you through the schedule, we'll get there, we'll go to Wat Pho, which is one of the iconic cultural sites in Bangkok. Then the President will have an audience with the King of Thailand, the longest-serving monarch in the world, actually, and a very important figure in the Thai system, also someone who was born in the United States, in Massachusetts, but then became King in 1946. I want to make sure you guys have some good facts here on Thailand.*

*...Q. Is he an American citizen?*

*MR. RHODES: We were asking that question. I'm not entirely sure, but he was born in Massachusetts so it would make sense. But of course he's led Thailand as King for over half a century...*

*Q. ...I noticed there's no plan for a pool spray or anything after his meeting with Hun Sen. Is there any — going to be any effort for the President or the White House to tell the people of Cambodia what he tells Hun Sen about human rights? In other words, to tell him that we told him, cut this out...*

*As it relates to Cambodia's human rights situation, we have very grave concerns about human rights within Cambodia. The President will raise that certainly when he sees Hun Sen. We'll raise it publicly in every opportunity that we have to address it. We'll continue to make clear that we want to see greater political freedom in Cambodia. We want to see a movement towards an election that is credible and fair. We want to see the release of political prisoners there as well...*

*...It is true that the King has been an extraordinary figure in Thai history and has been the source of unity for the people of Thailand. Thailand also of course has an elected government. And one of the purposes of our engagement with Thailand is to reinforce the strength of their democratic institutions. They've had their own challenges in recent years — in defining a military's role, for instance, in their political system. We have close relationships with the — across the Thai government and across the Thai military. And what we want to do is strengthen Thai democracy by, again, investing our relationships in the institutions that they're building — or the democratic institutions that they're building so that whatever challenge emerges, Thailand's democracy is strong enough to weather those challenges.*

*...MR. RHODES: Well, again, what we'll say is the Prime Minister is Yingluck; it's not her brother. So she's the one that we deal with. And it's not uncommon for the President to talk to his counterparts about their respective domestic challenges, but I'll leave it to them to figure out what to talk about...*

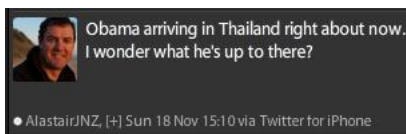
## As the President Arrived: Twitter Advice, Instagram Madness, and Thai TV

November 18, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News



Above: After monitoring twitter feeds today as President Obama arrived in Bangkok, one realizes the president gets a lot of advice. If he followed it all, he would probably never leave Washington. It would be particularly interesting to imagine Yingluck demanding Obama close Guantanamo.



Above: On the internet, it is a rarity to come across anyone who does not think they know what is going on, but there is the occasional refreshing rarity like the above...



Above: Almost every tweeted photo of the President's arrival in Bangkok was marred by pretentious Instagram effects.





Above and below: Thai TV had no live coverage or mention of the arrival as it happened. It stuck with its usual fare of Sunday afternoon variety shows, business news and patriotic sporting events. This is likely a nod to security—to make sure the masses do not come out, clog up roads trying to get a look, and further complicate security along the route from Bangkok's many highrises.



## Official Photos of HM The King and President Obama

November 18, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News, The Monarchy



Above: President Obama's audience with HM The King.



Above: President Obama shows HM The King a scrapbook with photos of past presidents' visits with the monarch.

## **Obama's visit will bolster support for Yingluck and show opposition the US stands with her government**

November 18, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Obama support for Thai leadership](#) – www.smh.com.au, November 19, 2012

*...Mr Obama landed in Bangkok on Sunday for a 16-hour visit that will bolster support for Thailand's Prime Minister, Yingluck Shinawatra, and show opposition groups the US is standing with her government...*

## Thai soap operas and rape: ‘Evil man from krabi’ and the culture that created him

November 19, 2012

Categories: Crime

[‘Evil man from krabi’ And the culture that created him](#) – Bangkok Post, November 18, 2012

...Early on in the story the pretty female lead is captured, tortured and raped by the leading male character. So what does she do? Call the cops? Purchase some garden shears then go on a rampage that leaves the guy a lifetime member of the castrati?

Nothing of the sort. With violins rising in the background, and the actress gazing out into the night sky, she resolves to work hard to change him. Make him a better man...

Earlier: [‘Evil Man From Krabi’ Concerns Grow As Tourism Minister Redefines Rape](#)

Earlier: [English translation of the Thai police rebuttal of the “Evil man from Krabi”](#) – Bangkok Post, November 12, 2012

## **In Pictures: Obama visits Wat Pho Royal Monastery**

November 19, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[In Pictures: Obama visits Wat Pho Royal Monastery](#) – ITV, November 18, 2012

## **In Visit to Myanmar, Obama Will See a Nation That Shaped His Grandfather**

November 19, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[In Visit to Myanmar, Obama Will See a Nation That Shaped His Grandfather](#) – NYT, November 17, 2012

... The president's Kenyan grandfather, Hussein Onyango Obama, spent part of World War II in what was then called Burma as a cook for a British Army captain. Although details are sometimes debated, the elder Mr. Obama's Asian experience proved formative just as his grandson's time growing up in Indonesia did decades later.

"His roots go through Burma," said Timothy Parsons, an African history professor at Washington University in St. Louis who wrote a book on the colonial East African military. "It is kind of an odd intersection of his life. It's like the three corners of the triangle come together — America, East Africa and Southeast Asia..."

## US secret prison in Thailand where a prisoner was waterboarded 83 times

November 19, 2012

Categories: Thai Secret Prison

[Fairchild's torture ties extend their reach](#) – spokesman.com, November 18, 2012

*...Mitchell and Jessen helped create the CIA's interrogation program in the months after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001; they oversaw an extended case of waterboarding at a secret prison in Thailand, one of the most detailed cases in the debate over torture and interrogation.*

*...Meanwhile, just as the legal battle was raging in Washington, D.C., an intense debate was taking place halfway around the world in the Thai prison – where Mitchell and the CIA were in conflict with FBI interrogators.*

*...In late July, Jessen arrived in Thailand to join Mitchell. On Aug. 1, Yoo's memo authorizing harsher methods was signed. Over the next two weeks, according to several published accounts, Zubaydah was stuffed into small boxes, denied solid food and sleep, chained to a chair, assaulted – and, finally, waterboarded 83 times. An interrogator threatened to kill his mother. The sessions were videotaped, and the videotapes were destroyed by the CIA in 2005...*

## Why the U.S. Says “Burma” and not “Myanmar”

November 19, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[You Say ‘Tomato’...U.S. Likely to Stick With ‘Burma’ for the Time Being](#) – WSJ, November 18, 2012

...In practice, some U.S. officials seem to think it’s best to say neither.

During Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s groundbreaking visit to Myanmar last year, she generally avoided using either name, preferring “the country” or “this country.” Other top U.S. diplomats frequently use “Burma/Myanmar” to avoid giving offense and save time.

So while the official White House line is that the place Mr. Obama visits on Monday is “Burma,” don’t necessarily expect him to keep reminding his hosts of that, or at least not too much.



## Learning to be Thai

November 20, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Learning to be Thai](#) – VOA News, November 15, 2012

...My assumption that I could be as Westernized as I wanted, as well as expect others to understand this, soon brought me into some strange and, needless to say, uncomfortable encounters. For instance, when I joined a local badminton club and alienated myself by thinking that I could speak English to everyone (I was 12, I should have known better). Or when, in that same environment, I blatantly refused to show deference to my Thai elders (my measly excuse: “They don’t do this at my school!”)...

## Activists urge Thailand to ban asbestos

November 20, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Activists urge Thailand to ban asbestos](#) – Bangkok Post, November 20, 2012

...No ban has been issued in Thailand despite a resolution nearly two years ago by the National Health Commission supporting such a step, Ms Kazan-Allen said. The lives of workers and the public would remain in danger until a ban is imposed. “The asbestos industry manipulates the media and the government by spreading false information ,” Ms Kazan-Allen said...

## Chalerm: I'm Thaksin's servant

November 20, 2012

Categories: Chalerm Yubamrung, Thai Politics

[Chalerm: I'm Thaksin's servant](#) – Bangkok Post, November 20, 2012

...Mr Chalerm accused Ms Somjit of siding with the opposition Democrat Party after she continually asked him to clearly state which political party was behind the Pitak Siam group's anti-government rally.

She threatened to take legal action against Mr Chalerm, who then told her that she could sue him if she wants because he did not say anything wrong.

Ms Somjit argued: "If you're calling me sympathetic to that party is not defamatory, would calling you servile to Thaksin Shinawatra amount to defamation?"

"That's certainly defamation," Mr Chalerm replied...

## **Obama meets with Cambodian ‘strongman’ in power 25 years who vows not to step down until he is 90**

November 20, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

[Obama meets with Cambodia’s longtime ‘strongman’ amid rights concerns, but also growth](#) – washingtonpost.com, November 20, 2012

President Barack Obama arrived in Cambodia on Monday having just won four more years in office, but that is nothing compared to his host, Hun Sen. The 60-year-old Cambodian prime minister has held power since Ronald Reagan was in the White House, and says he’s not stepping down until he is 90...

## The Kra Canal: Breaking the “Devil’s neck”

November 20, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Breaking the “Devil’s neck”](#) – The Economist, November 20, 2012

...That 17th-century Frenchman failed, but the dream stayed on for generations. Modern ships had hoped to save between 28 and 40 hours by using a canal through Kra. In the decades since Thailand became a constitutional monarchy, in 1932, its governments have commissioned more than 20 studies into how to cut through that tantalising isthmus, popularly known as the “the Devil’s Neck”.

There were political problems with the plan however, to go with the enormous engineering challenge. Any channel through Kra would have created a watery, man-made barrier that cut off the ethnic-Malay, Muslim-dominated south of Thailand from the rest of the kingdom. This would have been politically inconvenient during any period, but especially so in recent years, when Thailand’s four southern provinces are racked by an insurgency...

## Obama chastises Cambodia's leader on his home turf

November 21, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

[Obama chastises Cambodia's leader on his home turf](#) – CBS, November 20, 2012

...In private, U.S. officials said, Mr. Obama pressed Hun Sen to release political prisoners, stop land seizures and hold free and fair elections. Aides acknowledged the meeting was tense, with the Cambodian leader defending his practices, even as he professed to seek a deeper relationship with the U.S...

## Thai Red Shirts to Monitor Democrat Party-Backed March against Democracy

November 21, 2012

Categories: Robert Amsterdam, Thai Politics

[Thai Red Shirts to Monitor Democrat Party-Backed March against Democracy](#) – robertamsterdam.com, November 21, 2012

...The protests against democracy in Bangkok are in part a response to the international recognition achieved by the current government that was never possible under the last coup-appointed administration of the former government. At a press conference Sunday 18th November President Obama stated he was “proud to stand beside the democratically elected leader of Thailand,” Prime Minister Yingluck, and that he was “very admiring” of the efforts of the Thai people to “restore and strengthen” democracy. Just one week earlier, Prime Minister Yingluck was granted audience with Queen Elizabeth II and met with UK Prime Minister David Cameron.

To conduct this process of evidence gathering this weekend, the UDD shall be employing legal monitors on the ground during anti-democracy protests and coordinating with the relevant authorities in Thailand to ensure, that should a coup or serious violence occur, those responsible are held to account by the international community. The purpose of the process is to catalogue, name and publish all the details of those involved with financially supporting the coup plotters. Once those funding the movement are revealed to the public, the UDD plans to call upon its +14 million members to boycott these businesses in Thailand...

## Good time for robbing?

November 21, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, November 21, 2012

Left, a robber: Master, please forecast an auspicious time for robbing.

Middle, master: This Saturday, from sun rise to sun set, is very convenient.

The robber: Why is it convenient?

Right, master: Dr. Lerm has mobilized 50,000 police to stop Seh Aii's protesting group.



## Thailand Dangerous for Tourists?

November 22, 2012

Categories: Thailand in the International Media

[‘Incredible’ British father killed after his motorbike crashes into lorry in Thailand](#) – Mail Online, November 21, 2012

...*THAILAND’S DEADLY ROADS*

*Thailand is one of the most dangerous places in the world to drive if you are a tourist.*

*A study found only roads in Honduras claimed more foreign lives.*

*More than 11,000 people die in the country every year riding motorbikes, according to Thai Government statistics...*

[Briton dies a year after Thailand attack](#) – www.standard.co.uk, November 21, 2012

...*She and her husband have put up a reward for information about their son’s murder and within a week of the attack they had been given the names of three men, which they handed to local police. But Mrs Ayling said: “The police did not seem to care.*

*“There was no forensic investigation and the club used to attack Paul was just left lying around the police station...”*

## Thai Film Week a hit in Shanghai

November 22, 2012

Categories: Film and TV

[Thai Film Week a hit in Shanghai](#) – chinadaily.com.cn, November 21, 2012

...Thai movie star Mos Patiparn visited Shanghai and met Chinese audiences for the film week. The movie Like or Love, in which he stars, opened the festival at the Cathay Theater.

Buskorn said all the 12 movies were carefully selected for a Chinese audience. “Our experience shows Chinese audiences prefer light-hearted comedies and romance,” she said. “They want movies to be entertaining, with beautiful scenes and good-looking actors...”

## Pride, exhaustion drive Cambodian leader to tears

November 22, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

[Does the U.S. Owe Cambodia an Apology?](#) – commentarymagazine.com, November 21, 2012

*Kudos to President Obama for not using his recent trip to Cambodia as an opportunity to apologize for supposed American sins of the past. His failure to do so must come as a grave disappointment to New York Times White House reporter Peter Baker (an excellent reporter; by the way), who writes an entire article lamenting the lack of an Obama apology...*

[Pride, exhaustion drive Cambodian leader to tears](#) – AP, November 20, 2012

*Cambodian strongman Hun Sen was driven to tears Tuesday as he declared how proud his small country was to host the region's main summit meeting, and said he was too exhausted to take any questions from journalists.*

*Hun Sen was likely to have faced a grilling from reporters over his attempts during the summit to halt discussions of territorial disputes involving China, a key Cambodian ally. China has insisted that the disputes be resolved bilaterally, not in a group context...*

## Details of the President's Audience with HM the King

November 22, 2012

Categories: The Monarchy

[For Obama and Clinton, Their Final Tour in Asia as Partners](#) – NYT, November 21, 2012

*...Likewise, when Mr. Obama and Mrs. Clinton paid a courtesy call on the hospitalized King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, the secretary held back while the president advanced. "Your Majesty," Mr. Obama said as he grasped the king's hand. "It's a great honor."*

*Only then did Mrs. Clinton approach, but again with much greater familiarity. "Hello again," she said. "It's so good to see you again. And my husband sends you his very best regards."*

*The king handed Mr. Obama some gifts, including a red box. "This is beautiful," the president responded looking at something inside that could not be seen by reporters. "Thank you so much. This is lovely."*

*An American woman next to Mrs. Clinton indicated that the gift was for Michelle Obama.*

*"Oh, thank you," Mr. Obama said. "Michelle, my wife," would "appreciate it."*

*"She'll look very good in that color, Mr. President," Mrs. Clinton offered.*

*Thick in the air, if largely unspoken, was the question of Mrs. Clinton's future. When the president and secretary went to the Wat Pho Royal Monastery in Bangkok to look at the famed Reclining Buddha, a monk told Mr. Obama that the statue was a symbol of success and would bring him a third term were he allowed to run. The Thai newspaper The Nation reported that the president pointed to Mrs. Clinton and said she would be the next president. Aides to both denied that, suggesting that the monk, not the president, may have forecast Mrs. Clinton's future...*

## Government invoke ISA in Bangkok to handle Saturday rally

November 22, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[Government invoke ISA in Bangkok to handle Saturday rally](#) – The Nation, November 22, 2012

*The government will invoke the Internal Security Act for nine days, starting today, in three Bangkok districts to handle the anti-government mass rally scheduled for this Saturday...*

[Police warn of plot to abduct Yingluck](#) – Bangkok Post, November 22, 2012

*...Pol Gen Adul Saengsingkaew said the cabinet decided to impose the Internal Security Act (ISA) in three districts of Bangkok from today until Nov 30 after security agencies reported receiving information there could be attempts to raid government premises and a plan to take Prime Minister Yingluck hostage...*

[Abhisit slams gov't handling of rally](#) – The Nation, November 22, 2012

*...“I am very confused by the government’s handling of the rally because if the protest is peaceful and without weapons and violence, the government should facilitate it, as the people have a right to demonstrate in a democracy...”*

[ISA imposed in parts of Bangkok from Nov 22-30](#) – Bangkok Post, November 22, 2012

*...Mr Chalerm said the ISA was effective from today until Nov 30 in Dusit, Phra Nakhon and Pomprap Sattruphai districts.*

*Mr Varathep said the ISA might be lifted before Nov 30 if the rally is orderly and peaceful.*

*The special cabinet’s decision to invoke the ISA was based on intelligence reports by security agencies which indicated that the Pitak Siam rally might put the people’s lives and property in danger.*

*Use of the ISA is one of the preventive measures, he said...*

[Chiang Mai reds rally against Seh Ai](#) – Bangkok Post, November 22, 2012

*...UDD chairwoman Tida Thawornsat and co-leader Nattawut Saikuar would address the rally from the stage. Fugitive former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra might phone in to talk to his red-shirt supporters later tonight, she added...*

## **PM Yingluck says govt has duty to keep order if large groups threaten violence to overthrow govt**

November 22, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[Text of PM's TV speech](#) – Bangkok Post, November 22, 2012

...But if a large number of people is mobilized by incitement, led by those who seek to overthrow an elected government and democratic rule – which is against the Constitution – and there is evidence that violence may be used to achieve those ends, then this is a case of national security. It is the government's duty to preserve law and order, protect the lives and property of everyone – including those who are protesting and those who are not involved...

## **China Brings Spending Plan to Bangkok**

November 23, 2012

Categories: China

[China Brings Spending Plan to Bangkok](#) – WSJ, November 21, 2012

## Thai Newspaper Headlines from President Obama's Trip

November 23, 2012

Categories: Thai newspaper headlines



From Khao Sod, November 20, 2012

Headline: Happy Obama had an audience with HM, Complemented Poo's spoken English

Top left: Damn the freezing, Red ready for big rally, tens of thousands from Pak Nam, even polls are against, Lai Jud editor mocking dressing up with Eskimo dresses

Middle left: Southern mob, a train disastrously destroyed, Big explosive at Rue Sao, 3 dead, 40 injured



From Komchadluek, November 20, 2012

HM presented a book, Obama presented photos

Headline: Had a close audience; Prime Minister to have a bilateral meeting, offering som tam and grilled chicken





From Matichon, November 20, 2012

‘Obama’ showed respect to HM, pleased to have an audience, admired Thailand for supporting democracy in Myanmar  
Top left: Bomb an iron horse , 3 dead, 100 kgs. bomb; 3 bogies of Nakhon Sri-Ko-Lok train destroyed – cut off Nara .



From Daily News, November 20, 2012

HM presented gifts to ‘Obama and his wife’: To give joint press conference with tight security

## Using Social Media To Cover For Lack Of Original Thought

November 23, 2012

Categories: Nothing to do with Thailand, but Interesting



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=http://www.youtube.com/embed/CK62I-4cuSY>



We all know it's true...

## Wall Street Journal: Bangkok Braces for Protests Against Thaksin

November 23, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics, Thaksin Amnesty

[Bangkok Braces for Protests Against Thaksin](#) – WSJ, November 22, 2012

*...Now, though, Thailand's government appears to be risking another showdown, and again Mr. Thaksin is at the center of it. The former leader lives in self-imposed exile in Dubai to avoid sentencing on a 2008 corruption conviction in Thailand, a charge that he says was trumped up to discredit him. But a proposed law would effectively expunge the charge and allow him to return to his home country a free man. Mr. Thaksin's rivals in Parliament and on the streets have already blocked one attempt to pass the proposed legislation, but after a cabinet shuffle in which several pro-Thaksin stalwarts were named to senior posts, fears are growing about a worsening confrontation...*

# Australia issues travel warning for Thailand

November 23, 2012  
Categories: 2Bangkok News

Thailand

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Thailand overall

Exercise normal safety precautions	Exercise a high degree of caution	Reconsider your need to travel	Do not travel
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Yala, Pattani, Narathiwat and Songkhla

Exercise normal safety precautions	Exercise a high degree of caution	Reconsider your need to travel	Do not travel
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[Australia issues travel warning for Thailand](#) – smartraveller.gov.au, November 23, 2012  
....Another demonstration is planned for the Royal Plaza on 24 and possibly 25 November 2012. It may disrupt or restrict movement in the area. The Thai Government has announced the activation of the Internal Security Act (ISA) in three of Bangkok's fifty districts until 30 November 2012. The districts are Phra Nakhon, Dusit and Pomprab Sattruphai where there is likely to be a larger concentration of security personnel. You should avoid protests and political rallies, and security deployments associated with such events...

## Al Jazeera: Thailand's 'Red Shirts' threaten comeback: We don't have democracy yet

November 24, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=http://www.youtube.com/embed/VsY5fx156mU>



Also: [Thailand coup fears as Prime Minister orders security crackdown](#) – The Telegraph, November 23, 2012

# The Pitak Siam Anti-Government Protest

November 24, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

The background to what is going on: [Analysis: Fears Boil Over for Anti-Government Rally](#)

[61 injured, 130 protesters arrested](#) – Bangkok Post, November 24, 2012

5:20pm – Protest called off

Gen Boonlert has announced the end of the Pitak Siam rally, in order “to save lives and energy” for future protests.

[Live TV coverage of the Bangkok anti-government rally online](#)



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



Video of protesters slowly driving a truck into police lines and getting tear gassed

Only in Thailand: [Cobras released at rally site apparently to deter protest](#)

[Tensions flare, dozens detained at political rally in Bangkok](#) – AFP, November 24, 2012



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=http://www.youtube.com/embed/49W9V3tIGaA>



Security camera video of protesters trying to break through barbed wire – November 24, 2012



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=http://www.youtube.com/embed/pI9JvuRR7nI>



Video of tear gas using against protesters in Bangkok – November 24, 2012

November 23, 2012

## The Idiot's Guide to Thai Elite Coups

As of its latest proclamation, the anti-democracy movement Pitak Siam stated that the goal of its November 24 demonstration in Bangkok is to force the elected government of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra to resign. Even Pitak Siam knows that a government elected by large margins less than eighteen months ago will not find a demonstration of (at best) a few tens of thousands of people a compelling enough reason to



Above: Not sure if the ghost writers of Robert Amsterdam's blog realize that the man on the right toasting Pitak Siam leader General Boonlert is Deputy Prime Minister Chalerm Yubamrung. Chalerm also spearheaded the government move to put the Internal Security Act in force.

[Robert Amsterdam warns of coup, protest is about opposing democracy](#) – November 23, 2012

[NSC chief says teargas firing not use of force](#) – The Nation, November 24, 2012

...Paradorn said police simply tried to put the rally in order by having the protesters join the demonstration through the roads prepared as their passages...

From the foreign press: [Thai police teargas political rally](#)

Will General Boonlert “Do a ‘weng’?”

In 2010 Red Shirt leader Weng Tojirakarn kept insisting up to 20 million Red Shirts were in Bangkok protesting. This was widely ridiculed and led to a slang term—“doing a weng”—meaning to tell a big lie. More: [The Red Shirt Million Man March in 2010](#)

[Four protesters wounded from tear gas, 132 detained](#) – The Nation, November 24, 2012

[Police fire tear gas at protesters](#) – The Nation, November 24, 2012

[Tear gas thrown at protesters](#) – Bangkok Post, November 24, 2012

...Police decided to fire the tear gas after the demonstrators tried to break through barricades at Makkawan bridge on Ratchadamneon Avenue, TNN reported. No injuries were reported from the clash, TNN said...



## **Why Thai women cut off their husbands' penises**

November 25, 2012

Categories: Culture and Society

[Why Thai women cut off their husbands' penises](#) – The Guardian, November 19, 2012

...The report explains, for readers in other countries: “The Thai saying, ‘I better get home or the ducks will have something to eat,’ is therefore a common joke and immediately understood at all levels of society”...



## Analysis: Fears Boil Over for Anti-Government Rally

November 25, 2012

Categories: Analysis, Thai Politics



From Thairath, November 15, 2012

Cartoon title: Storm... or winter wind!

On Gen. Boonlert Kaewprasit: The freezing Thailand mob

Woman in the middle is Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra.

Mouse man Phi Nooring holds a sign that reads: Must be cold

On the mouse's sign: Externally cold, internally hot

**2Bangkok Analysis (originally posted on November 23, 2012, 12:05pm):** The proliferation of news about Thailand's politics—even more so than just a few years ago—makes it harder to promote the idea to the wider world that the Red Shirt protests in Bangkok in 2010 were simply in support of democracy or that the Pitak Siam protests are about those who hate it.

In the Thai world, protest is seen as a last resort—that is why everyone is expected to act extreme and threatening. The protest itself is a projection in the physical world of something happening behind the scenes and is intended to produce or provoke a certain political result.

With the invoking of the security act, there is absolutely no question that the government has good information (probably via the police, which always have the most accurate intelligence) that they will be targets of some attempt this weekend to discredit them. If it were just a rally with an old general from the 1970s calling for a coup, that could be ignored. That the government is displaying their intense trepidation indicates there is real reason for them to be careful.

A very strong government—like the one now—entirely dominated by the Shinawatra clan—can cause its enemies to come out in droves as its power threatens to overwhelm the prerogatives of other centers of power in the Thai system.

Make no mistake—whatever happens this weekend, this is war, political or otherwise. The past few weeks have seen the government using an old legal case to strip opposition leader Abhisit Vejjajiva of his military rank and try to disqualify him from being an MP.

To the opposition this means that if their standard bearer can be summarily dismissed by a sitting government, then no one is safe. To other centers of power (the military, the bureaucracy, the privy council, etc.) it shows that once again Thaksin is on the move with very heavy handed tactics that utilize the powers of government to eliminate obstacles to power.

What stays the military's hand? The overwhelming electoral popularity of the government. The military cannot act if there is the chance that there would be serious opposition to them. All of the Red Shirt posturing about being anti-coup is to that end. Thaksin cannot allow a long series of protests (like the Yellow Shirt rallies that led to the 2006 coup) to set the stage for public opinion to accept military intervention against another government seen to have gone too far.

The model that the government fears is the post-coup unseating of the People Power Party in 2008 facilitated by rallies that occupied the airport and forced the isolated government to flee to Chiang Mai. At that time, the pro-Thaksin camp had no real organized muscle or movement of its own. Today they have the Red Shirts to meet force with force.

However, any direct mixing of these groups that ends in bloodshed would have the effect in the Thai system of discrediting the government (showing they are presiding over a chaotic situation seen as of their own making) and opening its top leaders to legal challenges. So, the government has to very deftly handle and respond to the situation. That hot-tempered Deputy Prime Minister Chalerm Yoobamrung has appeared to be the cabinet member in charge of anti-rally activities is not encouraging.

On the surface this protest would not seem to warrant extra mention. It has little public support—and more than its share of ridicule of the general's "freeze" of politics. However, judging from the high profile it is getting, it is clear that the government believes that whatever might happen this weekend has the potential to seriously challenge its stability.

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

## Thai Protest Fizzles Amid Heavy Rains

November 25, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[Thai Protest Fizzles Amid Heavy Rains](#) – WSJ, November 24, 2012

An antigovernment rally in Bangkok fizzled amid torrential tropical downpours Saturday, but the stench of tear gas wafting through the streets of the Thai capital was a jarring reminder of how Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra is struggling to escape from the shadow of one of Asia's most divisive politicians: Her older brother and former leader Thaksin Shinawatra...

## Weekly News Magazines, November 23, 2012

November 25, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, November 23, 2012

Cover reads: Crooning a love song 'Siang Krai Koo Haa'  
'Why doesn't Pa Prem stop them?'



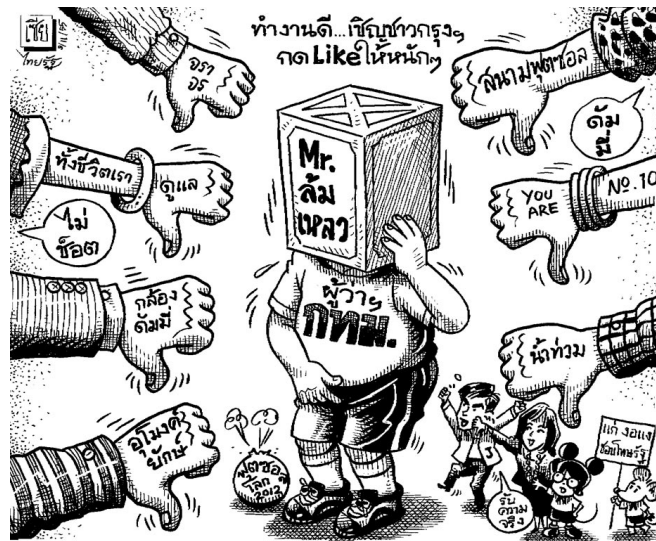
From Matichon Weekly, November 23, 2012

Cover reads: Democracy is something cannot be 'stopped'

## Thumbs Down for the Bangkok Governor!

November 26, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, November 8, 2012

Cartoon title: Bangkokians, please click like for good works.

On man's shirt: Bangkok Governor

On bucket: Mr. Failure

On thumbs from top left to bottom left: Traffic, We take care of you your whole life, Surveillance camera dummies, Giant tunnel

On left voice bubble: Not short

On thumbs from top right to bottom right: Futsal field, Flood

On right voice bubble: Dummy

On leaking football: World Futsal 2012

Cheering man: Admit the truth

On the mouse's sign: Petulant old man, always blame the government

## THAILAND: Question marks over new approach to drug-users

November 26, 2012

Categories: Drugs

[THAILAND: Question marks over new approach to drug-users](#) – IRIN, November 23, 2012

...According to the treatment division at the Thai government's Office of Narcotics Control Board (ONCB), nearly half a million drug-users voluntarily registered for rehabilitation in the past year. Some 100,000 overcame their addiction problems.

Previously only 40,000-60,000 drug-users received free treatment in government-run hospitals per year, with many more filling up the prisons.

"The government's intention to help the drug-users to quit drugs is good. However, as the success of drug treatment is mainly due to the readiness and willingness of drug-users, the approach of the treatment in large groups within a certain period of time is not appropriate and has little chance of succeeding," Petsri Siriniran, director of the National AIDS Management Centre in the Public Health Ministry's Department of Disease Control, told IRIN...

## **Shocking Thai soap heroine who refuses to be a victim and takes revenge on those who wronged her**

November 27, 2012

Categories: Film and TV

[Popular soap defies Thailand's social reality](#) – The Nation, November 24, 2012

...Maybe these viewers have been unknowingly fascinated by the hidden feminism in the plot, whether or not it was there intentionally. The character Muta represents the kind of women who punish themselves for failed romances or blatant exploitation. Munin is a more extraordinary kind of woman, holding men responsible for disastrous relationship...

## Spreading Joy in Afghanistan and Cambodia, One Skateboard at a Time

November 27, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

[Spreading Joy in Afghanistan and Cambodia, One Skateboard at a Time](#) – Wired, November 26, 2012

...Percovich's excitement for the sport, and the kids eager to learn it, led him to found [Skateistan](#), a remarkably successful non-profit that's recently expanded to Cambodia. It hasn't been easy. In the four years since it was founded, Skateistan has had to overcome the suspicions of locals, win the support of a mullah and face, firsthand, the violence plaguing Afghanistan...

## Roundup of Pitak Siam Protest Headlines

November 27, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

Just from the headlines it shows how internationally there is sympathy for people marching on the streets no matter what they are calling for...

[Trouble stirs in Thailand: Here's why not to fret](#) – moneycontrol.com, November 26, 2012

... Country analysts said the Thai government, led by Yingluck, was on a strong political ground following a decisive win in last year's election and that was important in reassuring foreign investors about political stability in Thailand.

"What makes Yingluck safe is that when the country went to the polls last year, she won that election handsomely. She's only the second prime minister in Thai history to win an absolute majority in parliament. The first to achieve that was her brother, Thaksin Shinawatra," said Walker...

[Police Intimidation Ends Anti-Government Protests in Bangkok](#) – theepochtimes.com, November 26, 2012

[Thai Protest Leader Quits as Tear Gas, Roadblocks Damp Turnout](#) – Bloomberg, November 24, 2012

[Thai anti-government protests set to gather strength in Bangkok](#) – AP, November 24, 2012

[Anti-Government Protests Turn Violent In Thailand, Protesters Clash With Police](#) – ibTimes, November 24, 2012

[Thailand anti-government protests quelled by riot police](#) – Guardian, November 24, 2012

[Thai police turn on protesters but army discounts coup](#) – SMH, November 25, 2012



## **Hun Sen Says No Political Prisoners**

November 27, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

[Hun Sen Says No Political Prisoners](#) – cambodiadaily.com, November 26, 2012

...“As I have already informed, Cambodia has no political prisoners, but there are politicians who have been found guilty of crimes,” he said, without naming any politicians in particular...

## Thailand to Surpass India as Top Rice Shipper on Stockpiles

November 27, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand to Surpass India as Top Rice Shipper on Stockpiles](#) – Bloomberg News, November 26, 2012

Thailand is set to overtake India as the world's largest rice exporter as the nation accelerates sales from state stockpiles, adding to record global supplies, according to the International Rice Research Institute...

## **Mesmerised by Thailand's Festival of Lights**

November 28, 2012

Categories: Loy Krathong

[Mesmerised by Thailand's Festival of Lights](#) – November 26, 2012

Held annually, Loi Krathong is by far one of Thailand's most beautiful festivals. It is a time when locals come out to pay homage to the goddess of waters as the full moon of the twelfth lunar lights up the night sky in November each year...

## Naypyidaw: Myanmar's ghost city

November 28, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Naypyidaw: Myanmar's ghost city](#) – ft.com, November 27, 2012

At Naypyidaw's international airport, members of staff in stylish uniforms are at their posts behind ranks of check-in counters. The large departure hall is brightly lit and the air temperature pleasantly cooled. Two pilots and a glamorous young air hostess in traditional Burmese dress breeze across the polished marble floor of a terminal that would grace any European capital.

The only thing missing in this palace of modernity is passengers...

## **Cambodia has no political prisoners, but politicians with criminal records: PM**

November 28, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

[Cambodia has no political prisoners, but politicians with criminal records: PM](#) – Xinhua, November 23, 2012

...”They want me to intervene, but they allege that I control judicial system, so if I intervene to release prisoners, it means that I influence the judicial system,” he said.

“The judicial system is independent, I cannot intervene,” the premier said. “You committed criminal acts, you must be jailed.”

Besides Mam Sonando’s case, Cambodian court sentenced self- exiled Sam Rainsy, leader of the country’s main opposition party, to 11 years in jail in absentia for two counts — publishing a false map of the border with Vietnam and accusing Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Hor Namhong of being a member of the Democratic Kampuchea, or known as Khmer Rouge regime.

In addition, the court has jailed a handful of people involved in land protests or illegal land possession...

## Obama and Clinton in Thailand

November 28, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons – Arun



From [Arun](#), November 20, 2012

President Obama: Isn't there any opposition party here?

Hillary Clinton: No, there is only the government and the government-want-to-be party.

## Political Cycle: A Dog Chasing His Tail

November 28, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, November 20, 2012

The caption reads: Political cycle

## The Noose Closing on Them

November 28, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, November 13, 2012

Cartoon title: Guys from this party are really manly.

Former Education Minister Chinnaworn Boonyakiat: I've nothing to do with it.

On Chinnaworn's suit: Former Education Minister

On books from top: corruption on durable goods for education worth 5 billion baht; Vocational institutions; Strengthening Thailand projects; Education Ministry

On arm of man on the left: Civil servants

On arm of man on the floor: Civil servants

On woman's legs: Former Deputy Minister

On rope: D.S.I.

Phi Nooring: Caught red-handed

Mouse: Push the sin away



## Shinawatras Protected by the Buffaloes

November 29, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



29/11/55

From Manager, November 29, 2012

Thaksin Shinawatra says to his sister: Stuff in as much as you can, Nong Daw. Don't worry about those who are making noise outside. So long as we have these 15 million buffaloes to prevent them, we can keep stuffing ourselves...

November 29, 2012  
Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai

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From Thairath, November 18, 2012

Cartoon title: Put the wrong man in the wrong job

Top left: Recruit a man with only a degree from the Reserve Officer Training Corps Student (ROTC) to train the Defense Minister.

Top middle: Appoint the person who ordered setting fire to a department store to have a job in the Commerce Ministry.

Top right: Appointed a liar to be in charge of the National Intelligence Agency

Bottom left: Put jumpy rabbits in the Parliament

Bottom middle: Order the Defense Minister to investigate the military dissertation case

Bottom right: Allow an ex-nurse to make a list of provincial governor transfers

## Editorial Cartoons on the No-Confidence Debate

November 29, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Various

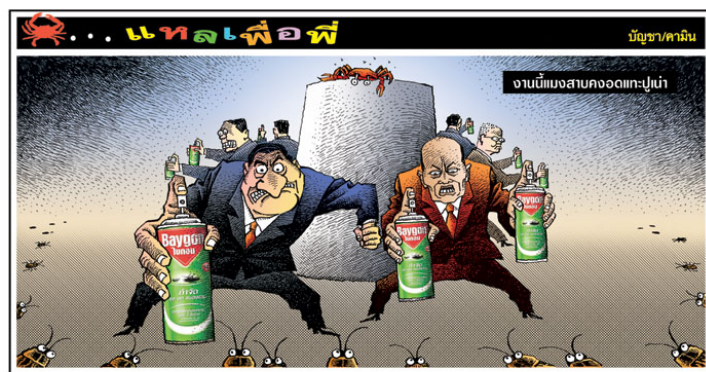


From Komchadluek, November 27, 2012

Sign on table: Prime Minister

In Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's hands: Notes

Words across the top: Prime Minister refused to answer any questions because she feels sorry for the sign language interpreter.



27/11/55

From Manager, November 27, 2012

Caption: This time, these cockroaches will not have a chance to eat the rotted crab.



28/11/55

From Komchadluek, November 28, 2012

Across the back: Rice mortgage project

Thaksin Shinawatra: Hey!

Yaowapha Wongsawat: Oh!

Caption: This time, the credit is for the 'cockroaches.'



From Arun, November 29, 2012

Cartoon title: Fight for Mom

Above the hen reads: Prime Minister

Above the chickens: Debate against the Prime Minister

On chickens: Ministers; Members of the Parliament

On the cock on the left: Opposition parties

**How does your salary compare to others in Thailand?**

November 29, 2012  
Categories: Business

[Adecco Thailand Salary Guide 2013](#)

## Drawing of a Horse or a Cow?

November 30, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, November 30, 2012

Dr. Varong Dejkijvikrom: May I ask you, Prime Minister, what is this?

Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra: A cow!!

## More Thai editorial cartoons featuring President Obama

November 30, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



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From Manager, November 20, 2012

Left, Prime Minister Yingluck: Aren't you going to have any, Mr. President?

President Obama: Oh... No ...I can't have any more.

Right, President Obama: ...During the meeting ...I'm full with the chickens you let out.

Yingluck: Yack!



From Thairath, November 17, 2012

Prime Minister Yingluck: Welcome to Thailand. It's freezing today.

Big mouth on the right: A mob to freeze Thailand, the opposition party is struggling to get away from the lawsuit.

Mouse man Phi Nooring: Stop hurting Thailand.

The mouse holds a sign: Don't topple the democracy.

## Bigger Protests Next Year

December 1, 2012

Categories: Chalerm Yubamrung, Editorial Cartoons



From Naewna, December 1, 2012

Cartoon title: Next year, they'll surely come...!! Prepare lots of your slime, Paa Lerm...

On the grenade: '56 Mob

Over the small grenade: '55 Mob



## **In Conversation with Thaksin Shinawatra**

December 1, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[In Conversation with Thaksin Shinawatra](#) – [asiasociety.org](#), December, 2012

*Event Details, 11 December 2012, 12:30am – 2:00pm, Asia Society Hong Kong Center, 9 Justice Drive, Admiralty...*

## **Murder suspect said to be 1st Briton ever extradited from homeland to Thailand**

December 2, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Murder suspect said to be 1st Briton ever extradited from homeland to Thailand](#) – AP, December, 2012

## Thailand's not all about hedonistic pleasure

December 2, 2012

Categories: Thailand in the International Media

[Thailand's not all about hedonistic pleasure](#) – IANS, December 2, 2012

For a peek into some hedonistic pleasures – of a ladyboy sitting on your lap and cooing love words, a transvestite cabaret dancer performing sensual moves to a Bollywood number or a willowy Thai girl beckoning – a visit to this Southeast Asian nation is a must...

## North Korea Confirms Existence of Unicorns

December 3, 2012

Categories: North Korea

[Lair of King Tongmyong's Unicorn Reconfirmed in DPRK](#) – KCNA, November 29, 2012

Archaeologists of the History Institute of the DPRK Academy of Social Sciences have recently reconfirmed a lair of the unicorn rode by King Tongmyong, founder of the Koguryo Kingdom (B.C. 277-A.D. 668)...

## Thailand's Education System Continues to Decline

December 3, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand's Education System Continues to Decline](#) – cfr.org, November 30, 2012

...With Indonesia growing strongly, Myanmar emerging, Bangladesh becoming a powerhouse in textiles, and neighboring nations like Vietnam, Singapore, and Malaysia upgrading their education systems, Thailand risks being left behind. This education deficit, even more than the constant political wrangling today, could be the country's long-term downfall.

# Thailand's Prime Minister Yingluck crushes opponents on the streets and in parliament

December 3, 2012

Categories: Analysis, Thai Politics

[Thailand's Prime Minister Yingluck crushes opponents on the streets and in parliament](#)– vancouver.sun.com, December 2, 2012

*Thailand's deposed and exiled former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra may have outsmarted himself when he eased his younger sister, Yingluck, into power as his surrogate.*

*After a year playing avatar for her brother, who has been semi-nomadic in Asia and the Middle East since his ouster in a 2006 military coup, Yingluck is emerging as a confident and deft leader in her own right.*

*She is increasingly unwilling to blindly follow the orders issued from Thaksin's hotel room of the moment.*

*In October, Yingluck defied Thaksin's directives over a cabinet shuffle, rejected a political ally he wanted made a minister and kept on two economics ministers her brother had publicly criticized.*

*A poll taken at the time found nearly 53 per cent of respondents would vote for the governing Puea Thai Party (PTP) led by Yingluck, up from the 48 per cent support they won in last year's election.*

*About 63 per cent of those polled believe Yingluck has become more self-confident and independent in office, an approval rating assisted by a vibrant economic performance.*

*Thailand's unemployment rate is the lowest in the world at 0.56 per cent and the growth in the gross domestic product is expected to be six per cent this year.*

*So Thaksin may well find that if his sister's government presses ahead with four pieces of reconciliation and amnesty legislation as well as an amendment to the constitution that would allow him to come home with his abuse of power conviction removed, there are strings attached.*

*Thaksin may have to accept that in the years he has spent abroad trying to avoid the two-year prison sentence for the abuse of power conviction, and even though he has been able to use his multi-billion dollar fortune to manipulate events at home, the cavalcade has passed him by.*

*Yingluck's independence, the relative calm she has brought to the stormy seas of Thai politics since the PTP came to power in July last year, and the gathering regard for her among Thai voters were reinforced last week.*

*She and three of her ministers comfortably survived a no-confidence motion in parliament on Wednesday last week, underlining her personal mandate as prime minister.*

*Her victory in parliament, when the no-confidence motion was defeated by 308 votes to 159, came a few days after an equally convincing win on the streets against demonstrators from the same factions that prompted the military to remove her brother in September 2006.*

*The Patik Siam (Protect Siam) movement led by retired army general Boonlert Kaewpra-sit first pledged to bring out one million people onto the streets of Bangkok on Nov. 24 to demand the military stage a coup against the government and replace it with a council of elders.*

*As the day approached Patik Siam lowered its estimate of the expected number of protesters to 100,000.*

*In the event only about 10,000 people turned up and they were met by a large and well-prepared deployment of police.*

*The protest fizzled and Gen. Boonlert resigned on the spot, disbanding Patik Siam as he left.*

*The firm government response was very different to that of then-prime minister Thaksin in 2006 to mounting protests by the People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD), forefather of Patik Siam. He ignored the street opposition made up of mostly of elitists, who disliked his populist appeal to poor, rural voters, and of royalists who believed Thaksin has republican instincts that are an insult to Thailand's constitutional monarch, King Bhumibol Adulyadej.*

*These protests by PAD "yellow shirts" gathered momentum until leading figures in the military, the King's Privy Council and the Palace felt compelled to launch the coup.*

*However, the aim of keeping Thaksin, even in exile, out of Thai politics has proved futile.*

*On each occasion when there has been a reasonably free and fair election since the coup, parties sponsored by, funded by and loyal to Thaksin, have won.*

*The pro-Palace Democrat Party came to power in 2008 until its defeat last year, but only because the compliant Constitutional Court banned Thaksin's party and two of its coalition partners.*

*Prime Minister Yingluck's victories on the streets and against the no-confidence motion have again clarified the political landscape.*

*Her government's own timetable calls for it to bring the reconciliation bills and the constitutional amendment to parliament within a month.*

*Time, however, has not diminished opposition to these moves.*

*They are viewed by the government's opponents and many swing voters simply as means to paint over what they see as the corruption of the Thaksin administration and to give him an amnesty that will let him back into the country.*

*Yingluck must now judge the likely effects on social order of Thaksin's return, and whether sibling love outweighs the fate of her administration.*

## Thailand sees itself at the heart of an economy sprawling from India to the southern provinces of China

December 3, 2012

Categories: Economy

[Thailand plugs into growth of nearest neighbours](#) – afr.com, December 3, 2012

A huge map showing road and rail links across mainland south-east Asia in the foyer of the Thai Finance Ministry might prompt a casual visitor to wonder whether there is a travel agent just around the corner.

But the display is actually a road map to Thai economic policy these days, designed to drive home the point that Thailand now sees itself at the heart of an emerging sub-continental economy sprawling from India to the South China Sea and snaking up into the southern provinces of China...

## No Rice? Mortgage Your Land Instead!

December 4, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, December 4, 2012

Left: Sign on the fence: We grant mortgage loans for every grain of rice.

Farmer: It's so dry that my rice plants died. What will I use for mortgage?

Middle, man in white shirt: No problem. Here, we offer an integrated mortgage loans.

Farmer: What do you mean?

Right, man in white shirt: You can mortgage your land title deeds.



## No Peace Until Thaksin is Satisfied

December 5, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, December 5, 2012

Words above the chart: Happiness index of Thai people on the great auspicious day

Thaksin Shinawatra: So long as I am unhappy... Don't you wish that Thai people will be happy.

On hammer in Thaksin's hand: The 3rd reading of the vote to amend the constitution

# The Burden of Being a Prominent Thai Woman—and Being Called a Slut

December 5, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Manager, November 22, 2012

Left: He... You! Not every Thai woman is like a Patpong woman.

Caption: Thai woman scolds womanizing farang men in the past

Right: Hey... You! Not every Thai woman is like the Thai Prime Minister.

Caption: today



From Thairath, November 25, 2012

Cartoon title: Thailand, the land of smiles

Top left: Smile at the surveillance camera eyes of Sgt. Choe

Top middle: Smile at the Comfort 100 in cars

Top right: Smile at independent teenagers who have their equipment injected to expand their sizes.

Lower left: Smile at the G to G rice trading deal, the government's top secret.

Lower middle: Scandalously smile at Obama

Lower right: Smile at the confession: "Yes, I am Thaksin's lackey. Have you just found out, Khun Somjit?"



From Manager, November 21, 2012

In the U.S. President Barack Obama's hand reads: Thaa

President Obama: I don't want it... But she forced it .

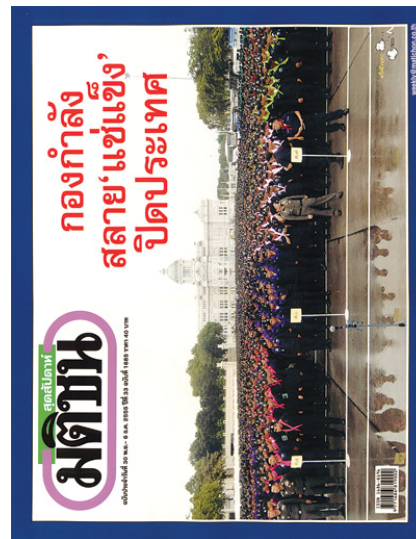
Caption: A souvenir from Yingluck

Also from Gawker: [America, Meet Your New First Lady: Obama's Foreign Side Piece, the Prime Minister of Thailand](#)

## Weekly News Magazines, November 30, 2012

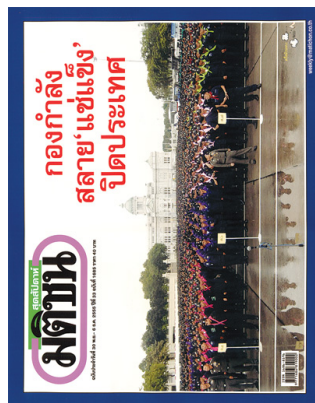
December 6, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, November 30, 2012

The cover reads: December 5, the Great King: He reigns Siam with Dhamma.



From Matichon Weekend, November 30, 2012

The cover reads: The force that melts the “freezing” to close the country

## **CP Group's \$9.4 billion stake in Ping An puts Thai companies among Asia's biggest overseas acquirers**

December 6, 2012

Categories: Business

[Food Magnate Takes Ping An Stake](#) – WSJ, December 5, 2012

[Thai Tycoons Top Dealmakers With Record Spending: Southeast Asia](#) – Bloomberg, December 6, 2012

## What happens if you oppose Thaksin's reconciliation amnesty for all: Former PM Abhisit to face murder charge

December 6, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics, Tharit Pengdit

[Former Thai PM Abhisit "to face murder charge"](#) – channelnewsasia.com, December 6, 2012

*...Abhisit and Suthep will be summoned by letter to hear the charges and to be questioned on December 12, Tarit said, adding that authorities would not seek court permission to detain the men, who are both now opposition lawmakers.*

*About 90 people were killed and nearly 1,900 were wounded in a series of street clashes between demonstrators and security forces, which culminated in a bloody military crackdown. Two foreign journalists were among those killed.*

*Until now no government or military officials had faced charges over the deaths...*



## Editorial Cartoons on the Pitekthai Rally

December 7, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



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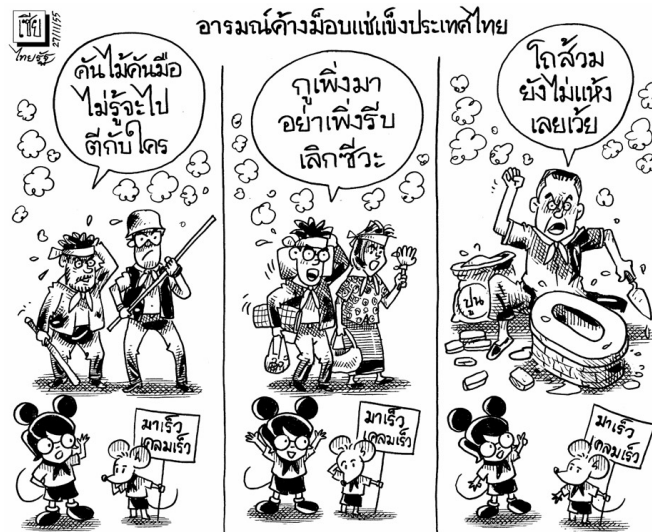
From Manager, November 23, 2012

On shirts of the men: Taxpayers

Man on the left: Let's go to the King Rama V ground tomorrow.

Man on the right: I surely am going!!!

Caption: After 1 year of suppression... they start to find a way out.



From Thairath, November 23, 2012

Cartoon title: The emotions hanging over from the freezing mob

Left: Itching to fight, but there is no one to fight with.

Middle: I've just arrived. Don't disperse just yet.

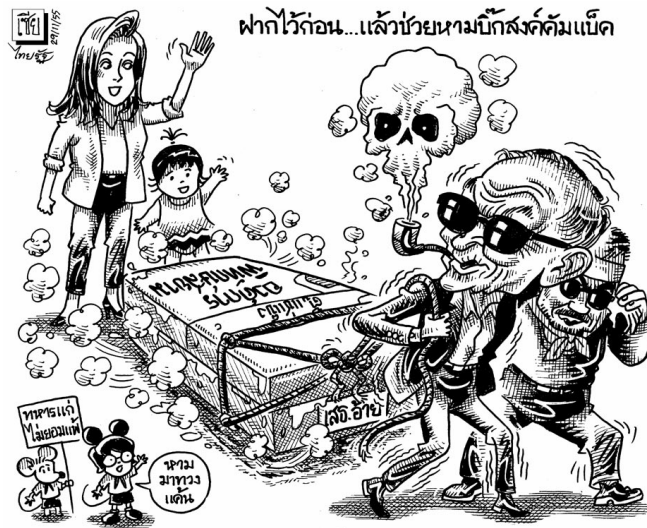
Right: The toilet isn't dry yet.

Man mouse: Quickly come, quickly calm.



From Post Today, November 25, 2012

Gen. Boonlert Kaewprasit says: Not ignited..!



From Thairath, November 25, 2012

Cartoon title: It's not finished.... Will help carrying Big Song back

On the refrigerator: Freezer: the Pithak Siam organization

On the frig's side: Seh Aii

Man mouse: Old soldiers won't give up.

Phi Nooring: Carry back for revenge



From Komchadluek, November 26, 2012

Left: May I search protesters? Granny Mee, what's in your canteen?

Middle, Granny Mee: Iced water, sir. It's hot.

Officer: Then I must take you to the police station...

Right, officer: ...On a charge of carrying a weapon to help freezing Thailand.



From Manager, November 26, 2012

Gen. Boonlert Kaewprasit: Ha... Ha... I just bluffed you guys... And look, the whole cabinet wet themselves... Ha... Ha...

Sqn. Ldr. Prasong Sunsiri: Ai lerm just pooped.

Caption: Old soldiers' power





From Komchadluek, November 27, 2012

Left: For people in custody according to the Internal Security Act...

Middle: ...I repeat that we give them a special care...

Right: ...Both a place to stay and food.

## The Red Buffaloes' Hearts Burst

December 7, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



07/12/55

From Manager, December 7, 2012

Doctor: Exposed to the yellow wave... their hearts exploded to death!!!

Caption: The phenomenon of the day before yesterday... causes death to quite a few buffaloes.

## The Economist: “Ceaseless plotting on Mr Thaksin’s behalf” behind continual Thai political turmoil

December 7, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[Whatever happened to Thaksin? – A former prime minister’s allies concede that there is no easy way to get him home](#) – The Economist, December 8, 2012

*...People in this camp argue that Mr Thaksin, surrounded by yes-men, is poorly advised. He remains a highly divisive figure, and his people were too optimistic about his level of support in the country. Particularly ill-judged was the attempt in May to pass a reconciliation bill that would have given Mr Thaksin and others an amnesty at the same time as trying to pass constitutional amendments. It aroused enormous hostility in parliament, even among some Pheu Thai MPs. So great was the furore that at one point the army had publicly to deny that it was thinking of reverting to the bad old days and plotting a coup. Eventually Ms Yingluck backed off, worried about the stability of her government. Some argue that this was the moment when she at last exerted herself against her brother. Since then she has certainly developed more self-confidence as a leader in her own right, and she probably will not be rushed into hasty legislative gambles again...*

## **Violence Against Women On The Rise In Thailand**

December 7, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Violence Against Women On The Rise In Thailand](#) – bernama.com, December 7, 2012

...Director-General of the Department of Mental Health, Dr. Wachira Pengchan meanwhile cited the United Nations' report that Thailand has been ranked seventh for sexual violence, as Thai people view the problem as personal and because of that authorities have failed to take legal action...

## 11 Years Ago: Undercutting the Prime Minister

December 8, 2012

Categories: Today in History

[Thai King Uses Influence To Undercut Prime Minister](#) – NYT, December 8, 2001

*...The king was speaking last week to an audience of the nation's most powerful people, gathered at his palace for his annual birthday address, and he was using words like arrogance, double standards and national catastrophe.*

*"I can see the prime minister has a grim look on his face," he said at one point, drawing nervous laughter from his audience, magnificent in their white uniforms, medals and sashes.*

*"He might be upset because he has always said he was happy," the king went on. "Perhaps it is happiness on the outside but unhappiness within. He might have no idea what to do because there seems to be no progress with anything."*

*He did not stop there. "So many people have noticed that the country is in a state of disaster instead of prosperity," he said. "Everything is getting worse and worse."*

*The statements seemed doubly wounding in a country where indirection is the norm and where difficult reality is often hidden behind soft words. They also seemed all the more embarrassing as Mr. Thaksin prepared to travel to Washington next week for a meeting he has long hoped for with President Bush...*

## **Hard to digest: Coffee beans excreted by elephant herd in Thailand make \$50-a-cup brew**

December 8, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Hard to digest: Coffee beans excreted by elephant herd in Thailand make \\$50-a-cup brew](#) – WP, December 8, 2012

...“When an elephant eats coffee, its stomach acid breaks down the protein found in coffee, which is a key factor in bitterness,” said Blake Dinkin, who has spent \$300,000 developing the coffee. “You end up with a cup that’s very smooth without the bitterness of regular coffee...”

## Abhisit, Suthep reply to govt. murder charges against them: Death before amnesty bill for Thaksin

December 8, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[Abhisit, Suthep: death before amnesty bill](#) – The Nation, December 8, 2012

*... "I hereby affirm that I will not negotiate for anybody's interest. I insist that wrongdoers must be brought to justice and will fight the case based on facts. I will not join the process to absolve people who cheated the country. I'll accept my fate even if the judicial process lands me in jail or gets me executed, but I will not whitewash the wrongdoings of cheaters," the opposition leader said.*

[Abhisit gears up to battle murder rap](#) – Bangkok Post, December 8, 2012

*...Mr Abhisit said the charges laid against him and Mr Suthep were to pressure him and his party to support the government's proposed reconciliation law. He insisted that his government's action was to restore peace and order and was in line with the law...*

## **Pakistan more investment-friendly than Thailand**

December 8, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[‘Pakistan more investment-friendly than China, India’](#) – thenews.com.pk, December 8, 2012

Pakistan offers more investment-friendly policies than China, India, Thailand, Malaysia, and Sri Lanka. However, these policies must be implemented in true spirit to attract more foreign direct investment (FDI), said Asif Jooma, president of Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OICCI) in a statement on Friday...



# Murder Charge Against Thailand Ex-Premier Designed to Force Compromise

December 8, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[Murder Charge Against Thailand Ex-Premier Designed to Force Compromise](#) – thedailybeast.com, December 8, 2012

*No one expects former PM Abhisit Vejjajiva to be convicted, but his opponents apparently hope it breaks their political logjam—and the return of exiled leader Thaksin Shinawatra...*

## Thai Car Commercial: The Consequences of Flirting

December 8, 2012

Categories: Advertising and Commercials



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



## Bangkok's teenage motorcycle gangs compete for glory and girls

December 9, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Vanz Boys – illegal street racers riding for girls and glory](#) – Bangkok Post, December 9, 2012

...”The girls that are attracted to Vanz Boys are called sagoi girls,” says Aod. “These girls are studying in junior high school and vocational colleges.”

“Sagoi girls come to watch the bike races and are also the girlfriends of Vanz boys. The boys with the fastest bikes usually get a lot of girls. We sometimes race with another gang to improve our reputation as well as to win new girlfriends, but we don’t steal each others’ girlfriends within our group.”

Aod joined the gang when he was 16 years old. He says they have 30-50 members at any given time with riders usually carrying a pillion passenger. Aod’s gang has no name, but gangs are often known by the motorcycle shop that does the modifications, which consists of stripping the bike of excess weight and beefing up the horsepower of small-sized engines...

## Who Does Matichon Speak For?

December 10, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager December 10, 2012

Caption: After letting his tail show up in public... the quality person always has excuses.

Man on the left: Tail

Second man from left: Still a tail anyway.

Woman on the right: Tail!

Man in the middle: For those who are narrow minded... lag behind intellectually... may think this is a tail... but actually it's intellectual involvement of quality people like us.

On shirt's of man in the middle: Quality media

## Red Shirt Leaders Hiding in a Cave

December 10, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, December 6, 2012

Red Shirt leader Thida Thawornset: You can't go out! If you go out, you all will be painfully dead... There are plenty of yellow shirts out there. Wait until this day ends, then you can go out!!!

The caption reads: Many had to lock themselves in a cave yesterday

# Awesome Time Lapse Video of Modern Cambodia

December 10, 2012  
Categories: Cambodia



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## **Fleeing ethnic cleansing and starvation in Myanmar, Rohingya Held Captive on the Thai Border**

December 10, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Trapped by Traffickers: Fleeing Rohingya Held Captive on the Thai Border](#) – phuketwan.com, December 9, 2012

Rohingya fleeing ethnic cleansing and starvation in Burma are driving a surge in business for people traffickers on the Thai border with Malaysia.

The would-be refugees, who arrive by boat, are imprisoned in primitive conditions until someone pays for their passage across the border into Malaysia...

December 11, 2012  
Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, December 6, 2012

Cartoon title: Amend it fast before we don't have a chance to do it.

On the base of the Constitution Monument: Constitution '50 , a legacy of the CNS

## On the large man's suit: Pokin amends the constitution

On the smaller man's suit: Kanin amends democracy.

On arms on the left, from top: Anti; Maintain power  
Mouse man Phi Nooring: Must amend the constitution for reconciliation.

Man mouse: Don't want the dictator's version.



## The Rush to Amend the Constitution Now!

December 11, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Komchadluek, December 11, 2012

Thaksin Shinawatra: Faster, we're about to conquer it.



From Thairath, December 11, 2012

Cartoon title: On stage, backstage

On the target: '50 Constitution



From Komchadluek, December 10, 2012

On the Democracy Monument figure: Constitution amendment

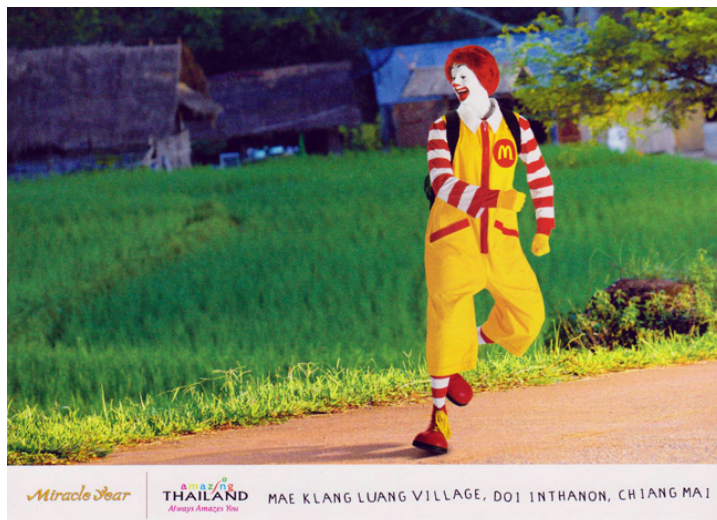
# Ronald McDonald's Visit to Thailand

December 11, 2012  
Categories: 2Bangkok News



Charming and odd postcards of Ronald McDonald visiting Thailand tourist spots and participating in Thai holidays. These are being sold to benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Thailand. We like the idea of Ronald wearing a bathing cap.









Miracle Year

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THAILAND  
Always Amazes You

SONGKRAN FESTIVAL, KHON KAEN



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ERAWAN WATERFALL, KANCHANABURI



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SONGKRAN FESTIVAL, AYUTTHAYA



## Ready to Handle Thaksin

December 11, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, December 11, 2012

People are yelling: Bring Thaksin back to Thailand fast, and don't put him in jail... we've been waiting for a long time.

Caption: There are more and more people who want Thaksin to return to Thailand.



# Thai Newspapers Front Pages from HM The King's Birthday Audience

December 11, 2012

Categories: HM The King's Birthday, The Monarchy



From Bangkok Biz News, December 6, 2012

Headline: His Majesty said 'Good wishes for each other will make the country safe.'



From Banmuang, December 6, 2012

Headline: HM is impressed; HM told Thai people that morality and harmony will help the country survive; 'Long Live the King' resounded across the territory



From Naewna, December 6, 2012

Headline: His Majesty's charisma has spread far and wide. Praise the Great King



From Daily News, December 7, 2012



From Daily News, December 7, 2012

Headline: ‘Long Live’ resounding to the sky, overwhelmingly happy at the balcony. Millions of people joined in to wish HM happiness.



From KhaoSod, December 7, 2012

Headline: HM stated that kindness is the way out for the country’s safety. HM thanked his people. People were crowded the ground. Prime Minister Yingluck led the good wishes for HM.





From Thairath, December 7, 2012

Headline: HM was pleased and heartened that the country will survive. People wished HM happiness resoundingly.

## Former PM Abhisit Spars with the BBC

December 11, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics



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## The Difference Between the DSI Chief and a Prostitute

December 12, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager, Tharit Pengdit



12/12/55

From Manager, December 12, 2012

Caption: The similarity and difference between two careers

Tharit Pengdit: I'm a civil servant... I have to act according to my commander's demands... no matter what they are.

Woman: I'm a prostitute... I've to do what clients wants... but if a demand is too perverse... then I won't do it.

Also: [The Downfall of Tharit the Chameleon](#)

## Thailand plans high-speed railway

December 12, 2012

Categories: Mass Transit

[Thailand plans high-speed railway](#) – Bernama, December 8, 2012

Thailand is planning to run Chinese-made high-speed railway systems designed to have time-saving, inexpensive trains for long-distance commuters shuttling between Bangkok and the northern city of Chiang Mai and between the capital and northeastern province of Nong Khai.

Thai Transport Minister Chatchat Sitthipan said the Thai government has decided to go ahead with the multi-billion dollar railway projects under which the so-called Hexie Hao or China Railway Highspeed train system will be used, Xinhua news agency reported.

Construction of the initial stage of the railway project for the Bangkok-Chiang Mai route is scheduled to begin by the middle or second half of next year. The railway project for both routes will be completed by 2015...

## Mocking the Prime Minister

December 12, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, December 4, 2012

Man: From now on people should be able to take answer sheets into exam rooms. Who knows, one of them may become a prime minister.

## **Naomi Watts relives Thailand tsunami in *The Impossible***

December 12, 2012

Categories: 2004 Tsunami, Film and TV

[Naomi Watts relives Thailand tsunami in \*The Impossible\*](#) – canada.com, December 11, 2012

...Based on a true story, *The Impossible* follows the agonizing exploits of a family of five vacationing at a Thailand coastal resort when the wave hits full force, separating them and sparking an excruciating search after the deluge...

## Websites Sell Burmese Brides to Chinese Bachelors

December 12, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Websites Sell Burmese Brides to Chinese Bachelors](#) – The Irrawaddy, December 12, 2012

...“Getting married to Chinese women is too expensive,” Yi Heliang, a Chinese farmer who bought a Burmese wife six years ago, told The Irrawaddy last week. “Burmese brides are cheap, so we like to buy them...”

## **No journalists were jailed in Burma this year for the first time since 1996**

December 13, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Burmese Journalists Avoid Jail in 2012](#) – The Irrawaddy, December 12, 2012

...As part of Burma's historic transition to civilian rule, the authorities released more than a dozen imprisoned journalists in a series of pardons over the past year, as well as scrapping pre-censorship and drafting a new media law.

"Journalists have enjoyed being able to write freely about news stories that they were previously not allowed to write about after the abolishment of censorship in August," Thiha Saw, editor of Open News journal, told The Irrawaddy on Wednesday...



## Weekly News Magazines, December 7, 2012

December 13, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, December 7, 2012

Cover: Long Live the King



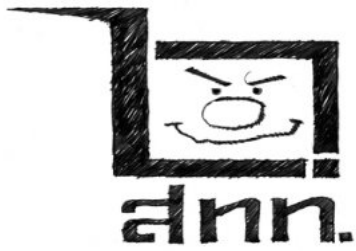
From Matichon Weekly, December 7, 2012

Cover: 3G, cannot be pulled neither called back

## Thaksin State TV

December 13, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, December 13, 2012

## **Cola War Breaks Out in Thailand: est Cola's stunning gains over Pepsi**

December 13, 2012

Categories: Food and Drink

[Cola War Breaks Out in Thailand](#) – rocketnews24.com, December 13, 2012

...Since 2 November est Cola has set up strongholds in most major supermarkets and convenience stores across the nation. Also, in the short span of a month they were able to breach into what is considered by cola military analysts as the key position for victory – fast food soda fountain machines...

## Attacking prominent Thai women with sexual taunts

December 14, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, December 1, 2012

Cartoon title: Claims of a dirty, rotting dream in the Parliament

On the man: Prasit; Pheu Thai

On the woman: Pussadee; Democrat

## Yingluck and the Magic Mirror

December 15, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, December 3, 2012

Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra: Magic mirror, tell me who's the fairest maid in this land ...

In Yingluck's hand: Note

Small head at bottom right: Even the mirror feels ashamed...

## Thaksin's speech on state TV

December 15, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, December 14, 2012

Man at telephone: Sir!! Men named Poh and Wattana want to buy air time on the station. What do you say, sir?



From Thairath, December 15, 2012

Left, Ai Joi: Old Yoi, how comes they wrote 'ko' that way?

Old Yoi: No, they are 'tho'...

Middle, Old Yoi: So Tho Tho stands for The National Broadcasting Services of Thailand

Ai Joi: Oh! I thought it's 'ko'...

Right, Ai Joi: ...'cause everybody calls it Krom Kruag



Above: screen capture of Thaksin on state TV giving a brief speech

# **Irrawaddy Magazine Available in Myanmar for the First Time**

December 16, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Magazine Available in Myanmar for the First Time](#) – theworld.org, December 14, 2012

...It's a significant moment for Kyaw Zwa Moe, the English-language editor for [the Irrawaddy](#). "I look forward to seeing our readers inside the country reading the Irrawaddy magazine for the first time in public, legally. That will be a very exciting and wonderful moment for me," he said when I visited him this week at the Irrawaddy's office in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

And he insists that this new edition keeps the tone that had them banned for so long in Myanmar. "We haven't changed anything in this issue," he said. "This is as critical as ever of the government authorities. We try to disclose what we have seen, what we have thought about any issues inside the country..."

## Myanmar off list of countries jailing journalists

December 16, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Myanmar off list of countries jailing journalists](#) – mmtimes.com, December 15, 2012

...Pre-publication government censorship was scrapped in Myanmar in August and the move has led to a boom for the local media industry. Previously exiled publications such as The Irrawaddy and Mizzima have set up official operations in the country – an unimaginable prospect just two years ago. This week, The Irrawaddy will be distributed legally for the first time within Myanmar...



## **Best Xmas Party Ever: Thai carmaker's office bash turns to brawl; 30 hurt**

December 16, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai carmaker's office bash turns to brawl; 30 hurt](#) – Reuters, December 15, 2012

A brawl broke out as prizes were being awarded at a Thai carmaker's office party and more than 30 people were injured in the melee in which glasses, bottles and even homemade grenades were thrown, police and media said on Saturday...

## **Not a very positive “review” of Thailand: Thai Police Side With Scammers in Popular Tourist Areas of Thailand**

December 16, 2012

Categories: Scams

[Thai Police Side With Scammers in Popular Tourist Areas of Thailand](#) – mathaba.net, December 10, 2012

## **Do some Asian cultures perform sex acts on babies to help them sleep?**

December 16, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Do some cultures perform sex acts on babies to help them sleep?](#) – straightdope.com, December 14, 2012

...En route to being elected U.S. senator from Virginia in 2006, Jim Webb, onetime Secretary of the Navy under Reagan, was lambasted by his opponent for a passage in his 2001 novel *Lost Soldiers* in which a Thai man picks up his naked young son and puts his penis in his mouth. Webb responded that he had personally witnessed such a greeting in a Bangkok slum...

## It is all a conspiracy

December 17, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager, Tharit Pengdit



17/12/55

From Manager, December 17, 2012

On the left, Deputy PM Chalerm whispers into DSI's Director General, Tharit Pengdit's ear: Play tough... fooling the Red Shirts and Thaksin

On the right, former Deputy Prime Minister Suthep Thuaksuban whispers to former Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva: I know it's just a play... but we've to follow them for sympathy from our groupies.

On left, red buffaloes representing Thaksin supporters: Kill them...

At right, cockroaches representing Democrat Party supporters: Boo...

Also: [The Downfall of Tharit the Chameleon](#)

# Amazing Things in Thailand

December 17, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, December 2, 2012

Cartoon title: Amazing Thailand

Top left: Has the biggest number of color-blinded people

To cars from left: This car is yellow; This car is red.

Top middle: There are always people who get down from the tollways vertically.

Top right: There was a mob to freeze Thailand and a mob that set Thailand on fire by burning tires.

Bottom left: There is an MP who always dreams that he sleeps with a female MP.

Bottom middle: There are police officers with kind hearts.

Bottom right: There is an opposition party that likes to ask questions that are not matched with the prepared answers.

## Asiatique's public relations disaster – Why not gouge rich foreigners?

December 17, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Asiatique public relations disaster?](#) – Bangkok Post, December 15, 2012

[Why “Asiatique The Riverfront” has banned me from their Facebook Page](#) – Richard Barrow, December 15, 2012

*....At first Asiatique was proud to promote the big wheel. Then, once people started talking about boycotting Asiatique, they began to distance themselves by saying that the wheel is really owned by a “farang”. (For those who don't know, that is a white-faced foreigner.) Now they are removing all pictures from their Facebook front page that show images of the big wheel. Isn't that like burying your head in the sand & hoping that the problem will go away? ...*

[Asiatique Thailand on Facebook](#)

## **Thailand's Human Rights Commission Unable to Protect Abhisit from Prosecution**

December 17, 2012

Categories: Human Rights

[Toothless Thai Human Rights Commission](#) – asiasentinel.com, December 16, 2012

...As evidence of further damage the reputation of her agency, Amara, at year's end, has offered human rights awards to a number of dubious personalities, ranging from a celebrity monk, a controversial forensic pathologist and a detainee in a Phnom Penh prison who was arrested by Cambodia for provoking a conflict between the two countries...

## **False Advertising on Madame Tussauds Bangkok Facebook Page**

December 17, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[False Advertising on Madame Tussauds Bangkok Facebook Page](#) – richardbarrow.com, December 17,2012



# Asiatique’s Facebook Page Vanishes After Criticism Over Two Price Policy

December 17, 2012  
Categories: Scams



[Asiatique Backs Down on Two Price Policy after Barrage of Criticism on Social Media](#) – Richard Barrow, December 16, 2012

The statement has been removed, but Asiatique’s response to the sustained criticism over their pricing policy was quite stunning. It blamed “some groups of foreigners, expatriates and some foreigners’ spouses” for the controversy. It also demonstrates how there is very little emphasis on making sure what is written in English is correct.

Who are the foreign investors that Asiatique blamed the dual pricing policy on? Would foreign investors really decide to “pay something nicely back to Thailand and Thai people” as Asiatique claimed?

Here is a screen grab of their official statement:

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On behalf of ASIATIQUE The Riverfront we would like to explicate the fact as follows:

No.1) The price of using ASIATIQUE SKY  
ASIATIQUE SKY is invested by a group of foreign (European) investors. ASIATIQUE The Riverfront is the landlord only. All prices are set by foreign investors.  
The original prices were set as  
• Children ( not higher than 120 Centimeters) 150 Thai baht  
• Adult (Thai) 200 Thai baht  
• Adult (Foreigner) 250 Thai baht  
• Senior citizen (over 60 years old) 100 Thai baht and 125 Baht respectively  
With those different prices, there are many comments criticized by some groups of foreigners, expatriates and some foreigners’ spouses that it is the double standard and racism. Some defamed ASIATIQUE in the negative ways and dispersed in various publicities.  
We have discussed with the foreign investors about this and we asked for the different prices reasons. The logic behind is that they are foreign investors and they would like to pay something nicely back to Thailand and Thai people. Therefore, they decided to offer the lower price to Thais. Nevertheless, the different prices provoke some foreigners unsatisfied and may cause the adverse impact to ASIATIQUE. The investors accepted the reasons and feel sorry to this issue.

Consequently, they decided to set one standard price as shown:  
• Children ( not higher than 120 Centimeters) 150 Thai baht  
• Adult 250 Thai baht  
• Senior citizen (over 60 years old) 125 Baht

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Earlier: [Asiatique’s public relations disaster – Why not gouge rich foreigners?](#)

## What's Wrong with Thaksin on State TV?

December 17, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, December 10, 2012

Cartoon title: Open an event in Macao... boxing in Thailand

Thaksin Shinawatra: May I open the "Muay Thai Warriors" boxing now...

Man on the left: Can't be on TV.

On the man's shirt: Opposition

Man in the middle: can be on TV..!

On the man's back: Government

Phi Nooring: Whatever he does, it's all wrong.

Man mouse: Thaksinophobia

## Ways to Kill Thaksin

December 18, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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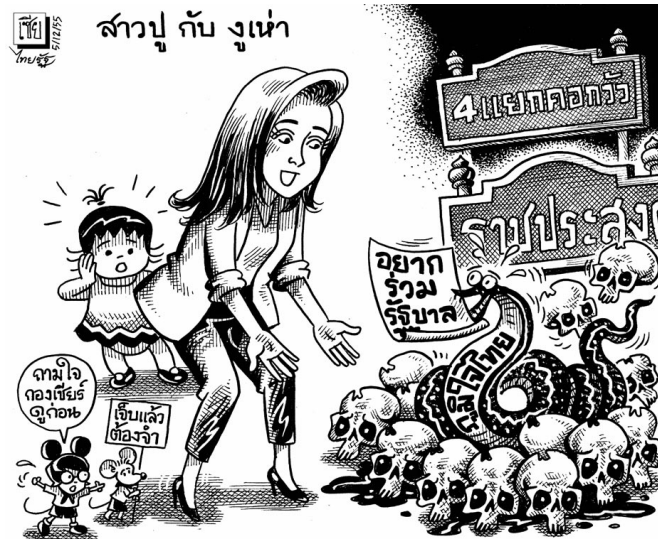
From Manager, December 4, 2012

Caption: Throwing coffee at his daughter... should be the least bad idea of Thai people nowadays.

## Keep the Phum Jai Thai Party Out of the Cabinet

December 18, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, December 4, 2012

Cartoon title: Miss Poo and the cobra

Road signs from top: Khok Wua intersection; Ratchaprasong intersection

On the cobra: Phum Jai Thai Party

In the cobra's mouth: Want to join the cabinet

Phi Nooring: Ask your cheering group first.

Man mouse: Don't forget the wound.

## Get That Constitution Amended!

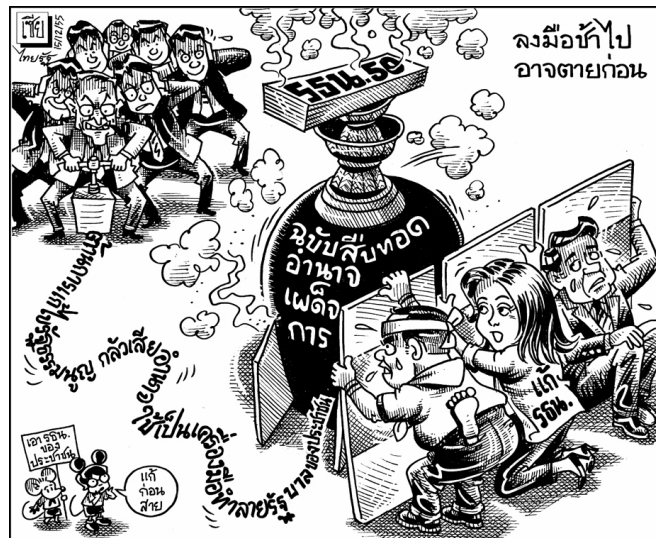
December 18, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Komchadluek, December 18, 2012

On the battering ram: People's referendum



From Thairath, December 13, 2012

Cartoon title: If we get it done too slow, we may die before .

Over the Constitution Monument: '07 Constitution

On the monument: The legacy of a dictator

On the back of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra: Constitution amendment

The air pumped out by the opposition MPs.: Opposing the constitution amendment, afraid of losing power to use as a means to destroy the people's government

Phi Nooring: Amend before it's too late.

Man mouse: We want the constitution of the people.



From Komchadluek, December 20, 2012

Man: Hey!! It looks like this mountain was already conquered.

## The Chalerm Boys

December 19, 2012

Categories: Chalerm Yubamrung, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, December 3, 2012

Left, Wanchalerm Ubumrung: Announcing that you're Thaksin's lackey may make you look cool... But it looks bad for us!

Deputy Prime Minister Chalerm Ubumrung: Why is that?!

Chalerm's sons together: Sons of a lackey... are called flunkeys!!!

# Shitting From Your Head

December 19, 2012  
Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Naewna, December 13, 2012  
Left, sheep on the left: Our Big brother, Chalerm didn't join Prime Minister's trip to the three provinces in the deep South because he is sick ...  
Sheep on the right: What's wrong with our Big Bro...?  
Right, sheep on the left: He's got a torn-lung disease, so sick that shit gets up to his brain...!!



From Manager, December 14, 2012  
Left, Duangchalerm Ubamrung: Since Dad was assigned to be in charge of the southern problems... he had to switch to shit through his head.  
Ajharn Ubamrung: Why is that, Duang?  
Right, Duangchalerm: Shit gets up to his brain.

## **Thai Noodle House Restaurant In Hot Water After Racist Sandy Hook Shooting Comments**

December 19, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai Noodle House Restaurant In Hot Water After Racist Sandy Hook Shooting Comments](#) – huffingtonpost.com, December 18, 2012



## **Cambodian Activists “Reveal Their Suffering” by Dancing to Gangnam Style**

December 19, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

[Cambodian protesters use pop song](#) – UPI, December 18, 2012

...”We want to reveal our suffering by dancing to this catchy Korean song, because we have already done our best to deal with this issue with no result,” protester Phal Vannak said...

Cambodian Activists “Reveal Their Suffering” by Dancing to “Gangnam Style”

December 19, 2012  
Categories: Buddhism

THE GLOBAL EDITION OF THE NEW YORK TIMES



Young monks performing the evening candlelight ceremony at the Chedi Luang temple in Chiang Mai, Thailand. (B. below) is one of only two monks at the temple in the village of Ban Pa Chi, inside Chiang Mai.

**Buddhist temples fall quiet in rural areas as**

**Buddhist temples fall quiet in rural areas as consumer culture rises**

The monks of this northern Thai village no longer perform one of the defining rituals of Buddhism, the early morning walk through the community to collect food.

The local restaurants and has taken on a different character. At the time, I may include the temple," said then Nipon Mammachay, chairman, who is one of only two members living in what was once a thriving temple. "Values have changed with time."

The global roots of Thailand's Buddhist temples are as much part of the landscape as the rice paddies and palm trees. But many temples have fallen quiet in rural Thailand, subdued by a flood of tourists and a society that has become more secular.

The meditative lifestyle of the monks offers little allure to the distracted iPhone generation. The number of

monks and novices relative to the population has fallen by more than half over the last three decades. There are now monks and novices for every 1,000 people today, compared with 11 in 1930, when the government began keeping nationwide records.

Although it is still relatively rare for temples to close down, many districts are so short on monks that abbots have in northern Thailand moved across the border from impoverished Myanmar, where temples are overflowing with novices.

Builder temples were once the center of village life, serving as meeting places, guesthouses and communal



the author of "The Future of Thailand," *Frontier and the Way Out* (1990).

"In the past people went to temples on every holy day," Mr. Pannas said. "Now they go to shopping malls."

Many societies have witnessed a shift from the sacred toward the profane as they modernized. The rise of a more secularism in the West and shortening of prayers and few attendance at churches in Europe are but a few examples. What is unusual in Thailand is the counter social anomie. As a religious place of change brought on by the country's brutally sudden economic rise.

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[A life less alluring: Thailand runs short of monks](#) – IHT, December 19, 2012

## **Thailand Confronts Drug-Resistant Malaria**

December 19, 2012

Categories: Health

[Thailand Confronts Drug-Resistant Malaria](#) – NPR, December 18, 2012

## **The booming world? Growth from Thailand to Turkey**

December 19, 2012

Categories: Economy

[The booming world? Growth from Thailand to Turkey.](#) – Guardian, December 19, 2012

## Weekly News Magazines, December 14, 2012

December 20, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, December 14, 2012

Cover reads: Adventurous path



From Matichon Weekly, December 14, 2012

Cover reads: We authorized the use of live bullets as self-protection.

## Thaksin and the Mayan Apocalypse

December 20, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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From Manager, December 13, 2012

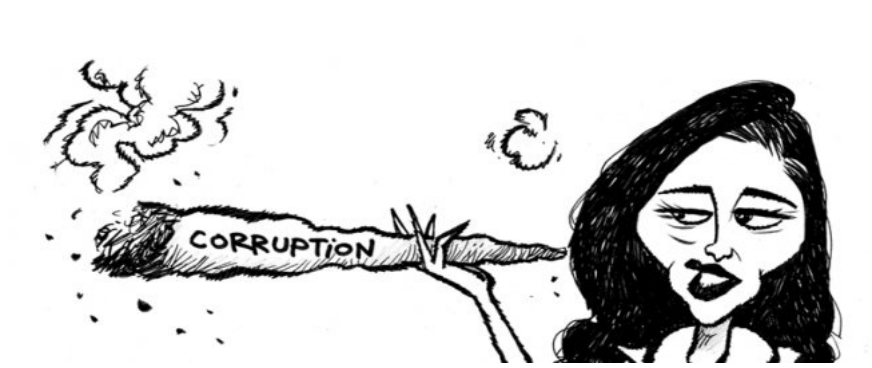
Man on the left: Why must the world end on 21/12/12?

Man on the right: Because it's the day Thaksin will tear up the constitution.

## Yingluck Toking on Corruption

December 20, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, December 7, 2012

## Red Shirt Apocalypse

December 20, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



20/12/55

From Manager, December 20, 2012

Jatuporn Promphan: This is the ammat's plan to stop us from amending the constitution.

Caption: If tomorrow is really the apocalypse... we will hear the following words.



## Red Miss Universe?

December 20, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Miss Universe national costumes: Miss Thailand 2012 Nutpimon Farida Waller](#) – AFP, December 19, 2012

## Happy New Year สวัสดีปีใหม่จาก U.S. Embassy Bangkok

December 20, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News



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



## **Are US Ivy League Schools Limiting the Number of Asians They Admit?**

December 20, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Statistics Indicate an Ivy League Asian Quota](#) – NYT, December 20, 2012

Just as their predecessors of the 1920s always denied the existence of “Jewish quotas,” top officials at Harvard, Yale, Princeton and the other Ivy League schools today strongly deny the existence of “Asian quotas.” But there exists powerful statistical evidence to the contrary...

# Why the World Didn't End Yesterday

December 21, 2012

Categories: Nothing to do with Thailand, but Interesting



[https://youtube.com/watch?v=http://www.youtube.com/embed/QY\\_Gc1bF8ds](https://youtube.com/watch?v=http://www.youtube.com/embed/QY_Gc1bF8ds)



## **There are some jaw-droppers here: A shameful roundup of the year's most humiliating marketing blunders**

December 21, 2012

Categories: Nothing to do with Thailand, but Interesting

[The 20 Biggest Brand Fails of 2012 A shameful roundup of the year's most humiliating marketing blunders](#) – adweek.com, December, 2012

## The 1 police officer, 4 volunteers project

December 21, 2012

Categories: Signs and Billboards, Thai Police



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: The 1 police officer, 4 volunteers project, Sutthisan police station, the Metropolitan Police

## What is Said/What is Heard

December 21, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, December 21, 2012

Man on the left: We're amending the constitution... because politicians are dying.

Man on the right: We're amending the constitution... for democracy.

## The Red Buffaloes Must Breed!

December 21, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



21/12/55

From Manager, December 21, 2012

Caption: The only way to win the referendum by 15 million votes

On stage, Jatuporn Promphan: Start breeding today ...If one pair of you can produce one calf, by the day of the referendum voting, we'll have 24 million votes, and then we don't have to ask for anybody's help.



## Promiscuous teens having unsafe sex sparking Thai AIDS crisis

December 21, 2012

Categories: HIV-AIDS

[‘Mr Condom’ spearheads fight against Thailand’s new AIDS crisis](#) – smh.com.au, December 21, 2012

...At least one person becomes HIV-positive every hour in Thailand, joining more than a million Thais who have been infected since the first case was reported here in 1984.

The United Nations says Mechai’s campaign caused a decline of 90 per cent in new HIV infections over 12 years from 1991, which the World Bank estimates saved 7.7 million lives.

But the infection rate is again steadily rising, with 9470 new cases a year being reported, 80 per cent of them caused by unsafe sex.

About 62 per cent of the 464,414 people known to be infected with the virus in the country are male, the Thai Ministry of Health says.

Mechai warns that an estimated 250,000 Thais are unaware they are carrying the HIV virus. ”They are not going for testing and they are having sex around the place,” he says. ”Getting them to be tested should be a priority...”

## Myanmar leader to visit Indian grave of last king

December 22, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Myanmar leader to visit Indian grave of last king](#) – AFP, December 21, 2012

...Thant Myint-U said Thein Sein's visit was symbolically significant.

"It's wise of the president to bring attention to a somewhat neglected, but incredibly important chapter of Myanmar's history," he told AFP.

"The king was the very centre of the old state. It was the overthrow of a thousand-year-old monarchy but also the complete destruction of the old system of governance and aristocracy."

After the king's death, some of the family eventually returned to Myanmar while others remained in India — one of Thibaw's grand-daughters ended up living in a slum...

## China's Airing of 'V for Vendetta' Stuns Viewers

December 22, 2012

Categories: China

[China's Airing of 'V for Vendetta' Stuns Viewers](#) – AP, December 21, 2012

...Beijing-based rights activist Hu Jia wrote on Twitter, which is not accessible to most Chinese because of government Internet controls: "This great film couldn't be any more appropriate for our current situation. Dictators, prisons, secret police, media control, riots, getting rid of 'heretics' ... fear, evasion, challenging lies, overcoming fear, resistance, overthrowing tyranny ... China's dictators and its citizens also have this relationship..."

## **US Govt Designates Chatuchak, MBK, Siam Square, and Patpong as “red zones” and “notorious markets”**

December 22, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[US names more 'red zone' markets in Thailand](#) – Bangkok Post, December 21, 2012

...New additions in its Out-of-Cycle Review of Notorious Markets issued on Dec 13 are: Chatuchak, MBK Shopping Centre, Siam Square, Klong Thom, Sukhumvit Road and Patpong Market in Bangkok, Karon Beach and Patong in Phuket, ITCity in Pattaya, and the Rong Klua and Friendship markets at the Aranyaprathet border crossing with Cambodia.

The report said Thai authorities have designated Panthip Plaza, Klong Thom, Saphan Lek and Baan Mor shopping areas as targets for enforcement of laws against product piracy and counterfeiting...

## Is Thailand's Animal Tourism Industry Exploitative?

December 22, 2012

Categories: Tourism

[Is Thailand's Animal Tourism Industry Exploitative?](#) – huffingtonpost.com, December 21, 2012

...The good news is that I returned from Chiang Mai's "Tiger Kingdom" very much not-killed. The bad news? I found no evidence that definitively confirms or denies the farm's tigers are being sedated, propaganda publicity leaflets notwithstanding.

Although my subsequent visit to the Samutprakan Crocodile Farm, near Bangkok, left me feeling just an uneasy about the state of animal welfare in Thailand, I've stopped short of condemning it outright...

## Low-Budget Comedy ‘Lost In Thailand’ Breaking Records In China

December 22, 2012

Categories: China, Film and TV

[Low-Budget Local Comedy ‘Lost In Thailand’ Breaking Records In China](#) – deadline.com, December 21, 2012



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=http://www.youtube.com/embed/UqZb1bUKJQ0>



## **Iranian Bomb Suspects in Bangkok Claim Innocence**

December 22, 2012

Categories: Security

[Iranian Bomb Suspects in Bangkok Claim Innocence](#) – AP, December 21, 2012

Two Iranians arrested after a botched bomb plot that allegedly targeted Israeli diplomats say they're innocent and were stunned to discover explosives stashed in a cabinet in their rented Bangkok home...

## **The Best Astronomy Images of 2012**

December 22, 2012

Categories: Nothing to do with Thailand, but Interesting

[The Best Astronomy Images of 2012](#) – Slate, December 21, 2012



## **The Disappearance of Somphone Disappearance–Test for Laos as World Watches**

December 22, 2012

Categories: Laos

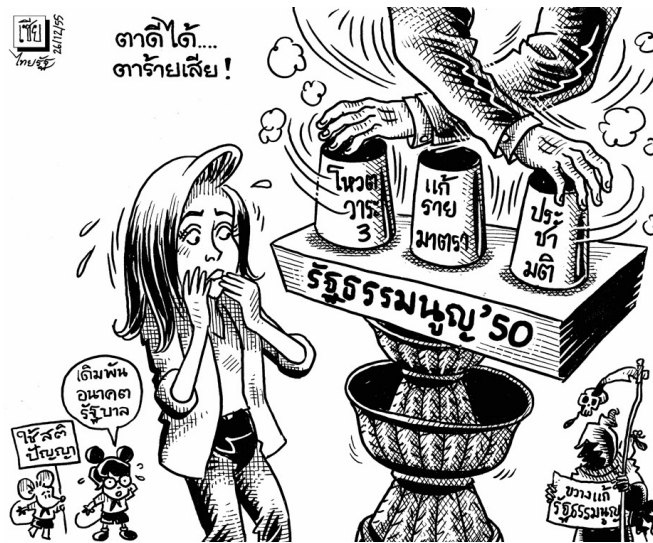
[The Disappearance of Somphone Disappearance–Test for Laos as World Watches](#) – humanrights.asia, December 22, 2012

The inaction of the Laotian Government with regard to the enforced disappearance of Mr. Sombath Somphone on December 15th is worrying. The Asian Human Rights Commission joins the request made by civil society groups and the diplomatic groups inside Laos, and echoed by numerous international groups and institutions, including the European Union and the United Nations, for immediate investigation in order to safeguard Mr. Sombath, whose whereabouts still remain unknown...

## Top Priority: Amend the Constitution

December 23, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Various



From Thairath, December 22, 2012

Cartoon title: Good eyes, you win... bad eyes, you lose!

On the cups from left: Casting vote for the third agenda; Amend by section; Referendum

On the book spine: '07 Constitution

In the hooded figure's hands on the right corner: Oppose constitution amendment

Phi Nooring: A bet on the government's future

Man mouse: Use your brain.



From Komchadluek, December 23, 2012



From Komchadluek, December 22, 2012

The voice says: Listen men!! No matter what, we must capture that island.



From Komchadluek, December 25, 2012  
 “Push the Constitution up a hill!!”



26/12/55

From Manager, December 26, 2012  
 Caption: A rancher's math  
 Thaksin Shinawatra: We have 15 million buffaloes... if we buy 9 million pigs... how many animals will our farm have in total?  
 The man sitting in the middle: 24 million?!!



From Thairath, December 21, 2012  
 Cartoon title: Supporters vs Corner men... against each other!  
 In hand of the hooded man on the stage: Oppose the constitution amendment  
 On his shirt: Ordered to suppress the people  
 On his robe: 100 dead bodies  
 In Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's hand: Constitution amendment  
 On arm of the second and third men from left, and of man on the right: Pheu Thai  
 On suit of the second man from right: UDD  
 The third man from left: Appointing a CDC ; amend by section  
 UDD member: Voting for the third agenda  
 Man on the right: Rewriting the whole new constitution  
 Phi Nooring: You must talk among each other.  
 Man mouse: Different ideas, but not discordant.

## Yingluck Will Give the Nation a New Constitution

December 24, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, December 24, 2012

Cartoon title: Celebrate New Year's Eve and waiting for a New Year gift

On the box: Revise the constitution to be more democratic

Phinooring: Leave the bad things behind with the previous year.

Mouse: Don't want any old style politics.

## **Ping An Denies Funding Thai Tycoon's Purchase of Its Shares**

December 24, 2012

Categories: Business

[Ping An Denies Funding Thai Tycoon's Purchase of Its Shares](#) – Fox, December 23, 2012

...A report published Saturday on the website of Caixin's Century Weekly magazine said that only a third of the funding for the first phase of the sale came from Charoen Pokphand's subsidiaries, with the rest from three Chinese banks controlled by a local investor named Xiao Jianhua. Mr. Xiao owns stakes in a number of listed Chinese companies, the report said...

## **Tourists in Phuket should be wary of extortion gangs, some are in cahoots with police**

December 24, 2012

Categories: Scams

[Aussies warned about Phuket scamsters](#) – SMH, December 24, 2012

Australian tourists in Phuket should be wary of extortion gangs, some of which are in cahoots with local police...

Jatuporn, the Embarrassed Toad

December 25, 2012  
Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, December 25, 2012  
Woman: This is the weirdest case, embarrassed toad. Will you heal it, doctor?  
Sign: Veterinary clinic  
Dog: Hong! Hong!  
Cat: Ngang! Ngang!  
Caption: The accident from Bonanza

## Kim Jong Il's Feats Praised in Foreign Countries

December 25, 2012

Categories: North Korea

[Kim Jong Il's Feats Praised in Foreign Countries](#) – kcna.co.jp, December 23, 2012

...The chairman of the Thailand-Korea Friendship Association said:

The Thai people were deeply moved by the pure and absolute trust of the Korean people in Kim Jong Il, seeing the scene of them blocking the car carrying his bier. I keenly felt that there are such wonderful people and steel-like unity and cohesion are possible thanks to the great leader.



## Santa Claus spotted over Thailand by NORAD

December 25, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=http://www.youtube.com/embed/7W-6ccDbMRM>



[Santa Claus spotted over Thailand by NORAD](#) – dailygazette.com, December 24, 2012

...Santa was spotted over the Phi phi Island in Thailand shortly after 11 a.m. today and had already delivered 1.5 billion presents...

## **‘Poison Laptops’ Distributed by Govt Peace Team?**

December 26, 2012

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[‘Poison Laptops’ Distributed by Govt Peace Team?](#) – The Irrawaddy, December 24, 2012

The murky world of Burmese politics has long been ripe territory for conspiracy theorists and other assorted crackpots. From American tourist John Yettaw swimming across to Aung San Suu Kyi’s lakeside home on junta orders, to astrologers telling ruling generals to dress in women’s clothing to counter the Nobel laureate’s influence, there is no end to the weird and wonderful speculation...

## Top Thai TV program of 2012, Channel 3's 'Raeng Ngao' (Power of the Shadow)

December 26, 2012

Categories: Film and TV

[Top Thai Language Google Search 2012: TV Program](#) – thai-blogs.com, December 26, 2012

...A leading Thai newspaper headlines "Nine year old schoolgirl punches and kicks her teacher and pushes her into swimming pool – Raeng Ngao Style!" The Cultural Ministry is furious that Thai society is portrayed so negatively, and decides that what Thai TV needs instead of Raeng Ngao, are programs on how proper Thai women actually behave in real life, that is.... keeping their virginity till the day of marriage, keeping their patience under control, praying to the monks everyday, and refraining from spreading gossip and talking nonsense.

And finally, Mrs Lappa a leading cultural crusader from the Ministry of Culture had this to say, "I have informed the censors to delete any unacceptable Thai-lady scene as hugging and kissing a man she is not married to. However, a woman can still be gang-raped on TV, so long as she deserves it."

## Thai Media Bestows Annual Political Nicknames: Government dubbed ‘Brother First’

December 26, 2012

Categories: Thai Politics

[Government dubbed ‘Brother First’ in annual reporters’ awards](#) – Bangkok Post, December 26, 2012

...It is a tradition of Government House reporters at the end of each year give the government, the prime minister and some cabinet ministers an invented name to describe their character traits and flaws.

The reporters decided on “Poo Kanchiang (ปู้กรรเชียง)” for the prime minister. Poo is Ms Yingluck’s nickname. Kanchiang is a Thai word which describes Ms Yingluck’s propensity to sidestep questions and fail to clearly explain important issues as the rice-pledging scheme and the 350-billion-baht water management project.

Deputy Prime Minister Chalerm Yubamrung was labelled “Iron Goalkeeper (นายทวารเหล็กไหล)” for his manipulation and diversion of reporters’ questions. His style and tactics have remained the same throughout his political career – creating diversions by revealing other information to the divert attention away from questions asked by the media...

## Two from Arun

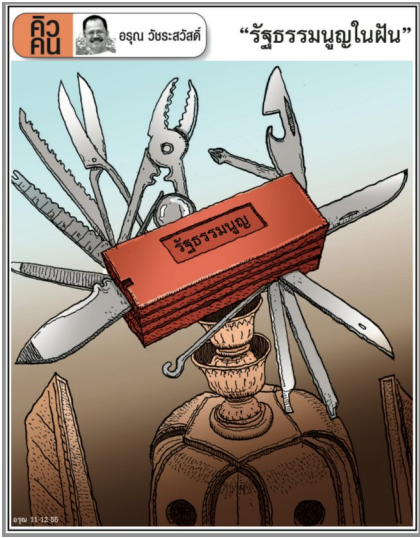
December 26, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



Constitution in your dream

December 26, 2012  
Categories: Editorial Cartoons – Arun



From Arun, December 11, 2012  
Caption: Constitution in your dream

## Weekly News Magazines, December 21, 2012

December 27, 2012

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, December 21, 2012

Cover: Journal of teachers in the South, a true story from Yala



From Matichon Weekend, December 21, 2012

Cover: Poll, 'changing' point of Thailand

## News going viral on Facebook challenges traditional Cambodian media

December 27, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

[Social Media Changing Cambodia's Information Landscape](#) – VOA, December 25, 2012

...For example, when a monk was arrested during a demonstration over the land dispute in Phnom Penh's Boeung Kak area, news did not appear in local media. However, the news "was viral on Facebook, which put pressure on traditional media to pick it up and broadcast or publish it," Pen Sophal said. "If they hadn't broadcast it, they would have missed an important piece of news that was known internationally..."



## Red Shirt Anger Until the End of the World

December 27, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, December 14, 2012

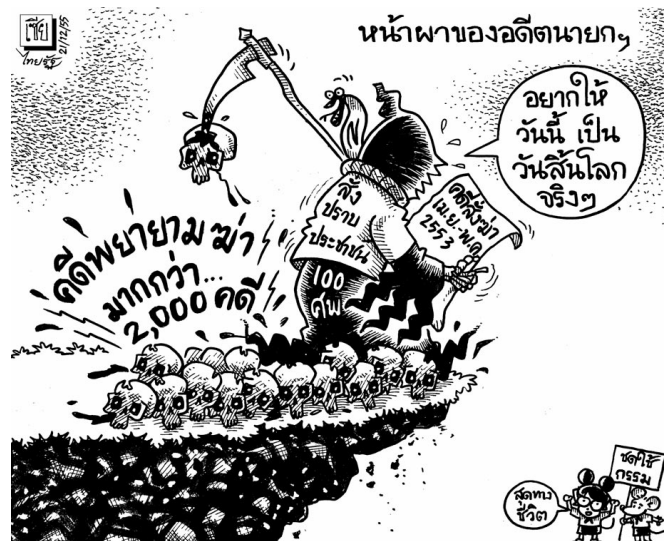
Red Shirt leaders Thida Thavornset, Dr. Veng Tochirkarn, Nuttawut Saikua and Jatuporn Prophan yelling: We have to amend the constitution, destroy the ammat , bring Thaksin back home!!!!

Caption: 2-12-12... even if the sky falls down, the earth quakes, or apocalypse's coming, these people will never stop.

## The cliff of the former prime minister

December 27, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, December 18, 2012

Cartoon title: The cliff of the former prime minister

Hooded figure: I wish today was the apocalypse day.

In the hooded figure's hands: Cases about the orders to kill between April and May 2012

On the hooded figure's back: Ordered to suppress people, 100 dead bodies

Over the skulls: More than 1,000 cases of murder attempts

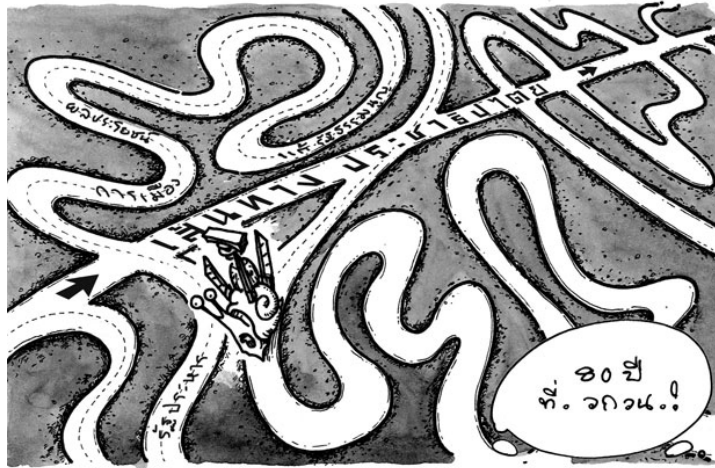
Phinooring: The end of life

Mouse: Pay for his sin

## 80 Years on the Way to Democracy

December 27, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Post Today, December 12, 2012

On the main road: A route of democracy

On second road: Coup d'etat

In the circle: 80 years of maze!

## Thai UFO Photo

December 27, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[UFO emerges on Sports Day photo](#) – Thairath, December 27, 2012

## Corruption, ranking No. 88 in the world

December 28, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Post Today, December 11, 2012

On vulture's wing: Corruption, ranking No. 88 in the world

## Elephant ‘swallows’ tourist’s iPhone

December 29, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Elephant ‘swallows’ tourist’s iPhone](#) – Bangkok Post, December 28, 2012



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=http://www.youtube.com/embed/FoJ-vyEAOww>



## Seven danger spots on Thai highways

December 29, 2012

Categories: Highways and Roads

[Seven danger spots on highways](#) – Bangkok Post, December 28, 2012

...3) In front of the fish market at kilometre markers No.28-35 on the inbound Rama 2 highway in Samut Sakhon's Muang district. The route there is very slippery because of mucilage dropping from fish trucks...

## Help me, sis!

December 30, 2012

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Post Today, December 30, 2012

Caption: Help me, sis!



## **Suvarnabhumi Airport in Thailand tops Instagram's list of most photographed places in 2012**

December 30, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Suvarnabhumi Airport in Thailand tops Instagram's list of most photographed places in 2012](#) – thenextweb.com, December 28, 2012

## Ladies take lead in shifting adult market

December 31, 2012

Categories: Local Beliefs

[Turnabout is foreplay](#) – Bangkok Post, December 30, 2012

...”The women were really aggressive. But that goes to show how women have been overlooked for so long.”

There were some physical fights between women competing to lavish attention on certain models, she said, and arguments between ladies and their jealous boyfriends.

There was also some mild harassment of the models and sexual propositioning.

”The women were difficult to handle even for our security team,” she said. ”They were completely outnumbered...”

## **Cambodia: Ministry Denies Use of Electrified Riot Shields**

December 31, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

[Ministry Denies Use of Electrified Riot Shields](#) – cambodiadaily.com, December 30, 2012

...But while some officers held traditional clear riot shields—some of which were wrestled from them by protesters—others were holding new-looking blue and white shields.

As the angered women came up against the shields, a clicking noise, like that of a Taser electric stun-gun being fired, was heard, and protesters were seen to flinch away...

# Hun Sen Encourages Cambodians to Emulate Chinese-Style Wealth

December 31, 2012

Categories: Cambodia

[Hun Sen Encourages Cambodians to Emulate Chinese-Style Wealth](#) – cambodiadaily.com, December 30, 2012

...“Let’s invest in small and big firms. Let’s make Cambodians become millionaires. Only in Cambodia are there no millionaires. In China there are many millionaires, so don’t think that a communist country has no millionaires,” the prime minister continued, adding that foreign investors should feel they have equal access to entering the market when competing with local enterprises.

Mr. Hun Sen said that promoting a wealthy class was the best way to help the poor.

“Make the bosses rich in Cambodia,” he said. “Because when there are problems—for example when people need help with flooding—our local investors contribute a huge amount of money...”

## Why are taxi drivers always finding money and gold?

December 31, 2012

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Taxi driver returns Bt3 million found on city street to truck crew](#) – The Nation, December 31, 2012

...Pongsin said his taxi struck the bag, which had been left on a road leading to the Rama III Bridge, at about 2am. Since it was heavy and he was afraid that it would cause an accident, he decided to take it home. Later in the morning, he found that the bag contained money and alerted Jor Sor 100 to find its owner...

