

# **Two-headed, six-legged baby gecko found in Thailand**

January 1, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Two-headed, six-legged baby gecko found in Thailand](#) – arbroath.blogspot.com, December 30, 2013

# The third hand of the Thai police

January 1, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager, Kamronwit Thoopkrachang, Thai Police



From Manager, January 1, 2014

Commander of the Metropolitan Police Bureau, Pol. Maj. Gen. Kamronwit Thoopkrachang: A third hand shot a policeman and other protesters.

# Everyone throws up over Pheu Thai elections

January 2, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, January 2, 2014

The sign reads: Yingluck Shinawatra; Give the Pheu Thai Party the opportunity to keep working, working on its existing policies till they are accomplished. The Pheu Thai Party; vote for our candidate, vote for the party  
Big man in background: Everyone throws up... see?

Man throwing up: B-lech!!

Caption: Caution... Don't walk pass this sign while your stomach is full.

# **“Hun Sen, get out:” Challenging Cambodia’s strongman Hun Sen**

January 2, 2014

Categories: Cambodia

[Challenging Cambodia’s strongman Hun Sen](#) – Al Jazeera, January 1, 2013

...Ros Chantrabot, a personal adviser to Hun Sen and noted member of the Royal Academy of Cambodia, said the opposition is “committing suicidal politics” in demanding the prime minister resign.

“They are going too far,” Chantrabot said. “They are creating one problem after another problem and they are becoming so entwined that they cannot be untied. They should come to the negotiating table to seek a solution to prevent any eventuality of violence. If they continue to stage demonstrations, it could result in dividing our nation...”



# If you want to have democracy, go to the ballot box!!

January 3, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, January 3, 2014

Thaksin Shinawatra: If you want to have democracy, go to the ballot box!!

On the wall: If you want to be democratic, go out and vote

Above debris that is behind the wall: Corruption

# Weekly News Magazines, December 20, 2013

January 3, 2014

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, December 20, 2013

Cover reads: Massive Democrats



From Matichon Weekly, December 20, 2013

Cover reads: 1 man 1 vote still cannot be used with 'Thai people'



From ASTV Manager Weekly, December 21, 2013

Cover reads: Gotcha!

# Rhino from Bangkok earns its living in Buriram

January 3, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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From Manager, December 18, 2013

Left caption: Elephant from Buriram earns its living in Bangkok

Mahout: Please buy food for the elephant.

Right caption: Rhino from Bangkok earns its living in Buriram

Rhino's guard: Please buy roses for the rhino

# **Monks, labour leaders detained as Cambodian troops use force to quash protest at factory**

January 3, 2014

Categories: Cambodia

[Monks, labour leaders detained as Cambodian troops use force to quash protest at factory](#) – AP, January 2, 2013

...A statement by the local human rights group LICADHO said soldiers from a military special command unit carrying metal pipes, knives, AK-47 rifles, slingshots and batons clashed twice Thursday with striking workers at a factory in Phnom Penh's outlying Pursenchey district. It said 10 people were taken into military custody. It also said monks and workers were beaten.

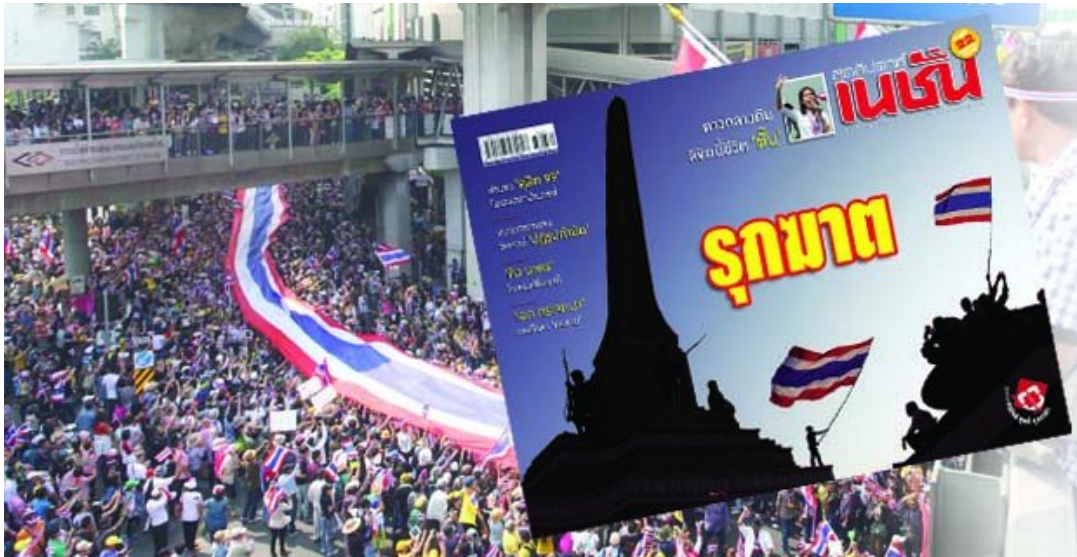
National Military Police spokesman Kheng Tito said those arrested had led hundreds of protesting workers in trying to destroy factory property...



# Weekly News Magazines, December 27, 2013

January 4, 2014

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, December 27, 2013

Cover reads: Checkmate



From Matichon Weekly, December 27, 2013



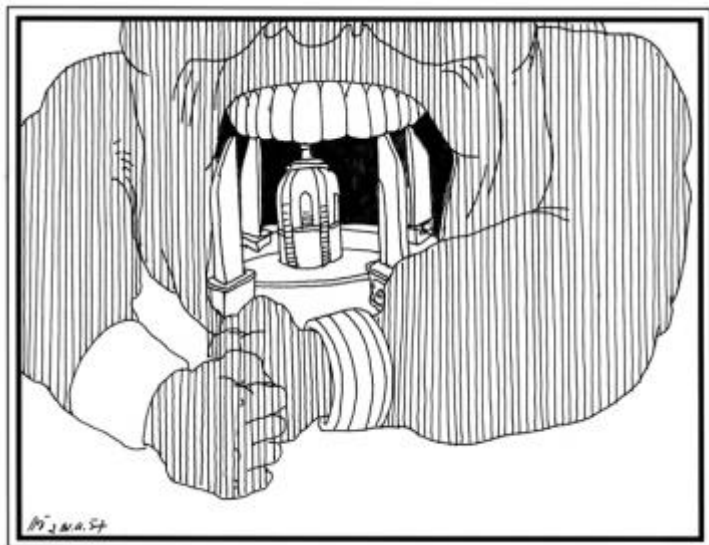
From ASTV Manager Weekly, December 28, 2013

Cover reads: Dead 'Maew' ; From top left: 'Poo' in exile; 'Big Too' could be used; 'Thuag' tired; 'Mark' unpopular

# Puts Rama's pavilion in his mouth

January 4, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Khaosod, January 4, 2014



# Kick them all out!

January 5, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



26-12-56

From Manager, December 25, 2013

Caption: 1 man, 1 voice of whistle blown, kick them all out!

# Thailand erupts as pro-government 'red shirts' attack protesters

January 5, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand erupts as pro-government 'red shirts' attack protesters](#) – Globe and Mail, January 5, 2014

*...Mr. Suthep and his acolytes – a broad cross-section of society that includes doctors, actors, housewives, retirees and foreign-based Thais back home to protest – have sought to prevent the election from happening. But, Mr. Suthep told a crowd gathered around Bangkok's Democracy Monument Sunday night, they intend to do so without bullets.*

*Calling the government "liars" over the allegation of stolen guns, he said: "You are crazy. I can confirm that we will fight peacefully."*

*Ms. Yingluck, meanwhile, made a thinly veiled threat that the country will plunge into chaos if the protesters have their way. In a post to Facebook, she warned about "high drug addiction rates caused by unemployment, or a shutdown in the business sector, or the sale of companies to foreign interests." Though she did not directly link those possibilities to the ongoing protest, her meaning was clear. "If you don't want the government to return to power, you have to fight us in the election," she wrote...*

# 1 man uses 15 million votes

January 6, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



24-12-56

From Manager, December 23, 2013

Top: 1 has 1 vote

Bottom: 1 uses 15 million votes

Caption: All the people, please be aware that... He alone uses it.

# Donating shoes

January 6, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



07-01-57

From Manager, January 6, 2014

Jatuporn Phromphan: See, Suthep?... If we march... the Bangkokians will donate to us much more than donate to you.

Caption: Believe they will get more, for sure

# **Cambodian Opposition Chief Undaunted by Government Threats**

January 6, 2014

Categories: Cambodia

[Cambodian Opposition Chief Undaunted by Government Threats](#) – AP, January 6, 2014

...Authorities on Saturday banned rallies and street marches in the capital, Phnom Penh, and forcibly cleared about 1,000 anti-government demonstrators from a city park. Prosecutors also have issued warrants summoning Sam Rainsy and his deputy party leader to appear at a city court later this month for questioning apparently related to the current unrest.

In another example of the government's hard line, at least four people were killed Friday when police opened fire with assault rifles to break up a protest by striking garment workers demanding a doubling of the minimum wage. The labor struggle is separate from the election challenge, but unions in Cambodia have long and close ties to the opposition...

# **Revealed: Scots doctor paid blackmailers £10,000 after being targeted in Thai sex sting**

January 6, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Revealed: Scots doctor paid blackmailers £10,000 after being targeted in Thai sex sting](#) – dailyrecord.co.uk,  
January 5, 2013

...“The doctor was targeted. The girl he was given was in her early 20s but looks much younger.

“The men who arrested the doctor are thought to be a serving policeman and ex-policemen who had been sacked before this incident.

“This isn’t the first time people have been targeted by this gang. Unsurprisingly, it is rarely reported to police...”



# New Year's Cartoons from the Thai-language press

January 7, 2014

Categories: New Year's Cartoons



From Thairath, January 1, 2014

Cartoon title: Hello the Year of Horse, 2014

The years of Big Snake and Small snake have gone, comes the year of Horse,  
The Sun departs, the Moon becomes brighter, so is the Mars, Wed.-Thurs., Fri.-Sat. entering the week,  
Two five five, five six seven, completes the year  
Auspicious time for reform and the star for election are on the rise,  
Political situation and domestic survey says the debts are enjoyed,  
The government's vicious fate confronting the people,  
Hello all the warhorses resonating Thailand.

Paiwarin Khao-ngam

The top right sign: Increasing prices; "Increasing" is marked out and replaced with "Decreasing"



From Daily News, January 1, 2014  
Cartoon title: Happy New Year 2014



From Daily News, December 31, 2013  
Cartoon title: Goodbye the old year  
Middle left: The Interim Premier Yingluck Shinawatra  
Middle right: Former deputy premier in Abhisit Vejjajiva cabinet and former Democrat MP Suthep Thaugsuban who is current leading the People's Democracy Reform protest.



# Don't delay the election!

January 7, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, December 23, 2013

Cartoon title: Showing his true colors so early...!

On the platform: EC

Standing on the platform is an EC committee member Somchai Srisutthiyakorn.

On the hand clapper: PDR

Sign around his neck: EC committee member Somchai

Men behind the platform are the Pheu Thai Party leader and Interior Minister Jarupong Ruangsuan; Deputy PM and Foreign Minister Surapong Towichakchaikul

Sign above Jarupong reads: Move forward for the February 2, 2014 election

On papers from left: Order-to obstruct-the election

Man blowing whistle in front of the platform is the anti-government protest leader Suthep Thuagsuban. Suthep is campaigning to boycott the February 2 election to reform the country's politics before setting up another general election.]

On Suthep's face: Fascist

On his back: Topple the election

Mouse 1: Misconduct

Mouse 2: Protect the election

# **In Thailand, US evangelicals work to end prostitution**

January 7, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[In Thailand, US evangelicals work to end prostitution](#) – washingtonpost.com, January 7, 2014

...But not everyone agrees that sex trafficking is the highest priority. Some critics argue that in an effort to fight trafficking, the U.S. is clamping down on prostitution worldwide while overlooking other kinds of human trafficking.

“There are other places to focus on, like children, or people who are exploited in the factories who cannot leave, or the fishing boats,” said criminologist Sam Derbali, a Belgian researcher at Mahidol University in Bangkok. “There are thousands of fishing boats in Thailand, and nobody knows what happens there...”

# Rethinking retirement in Thailand's capital of sleaze

January 7, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Rethinking retirement in Thailand's capital of sleaze](#) – channel4.com, January 2, 2014

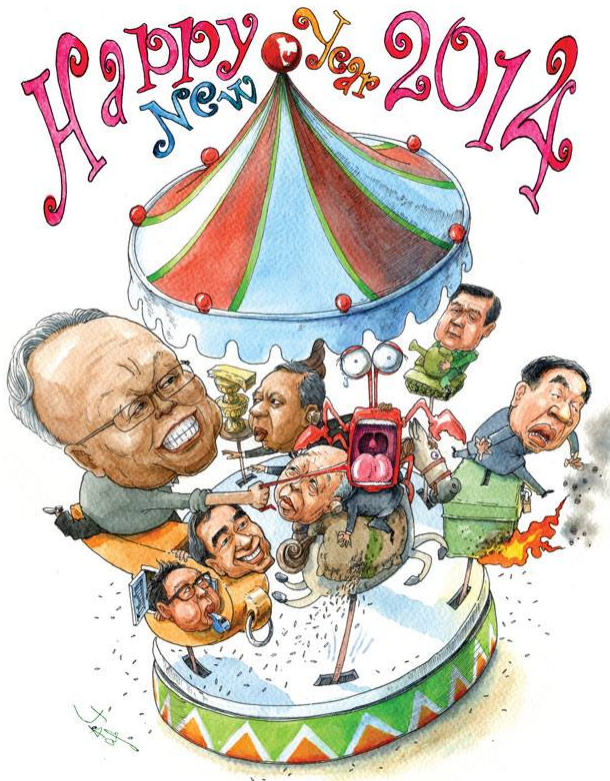
As cities go, it's about as trashy-looking as it gets. In fact, it's probably the seediest place that you have never heard of.

Pattaya is a seaside community on Thailand's eastern shore – an urban extravert that works hard to impress. Blazing neon signs offer cheap booze and oil massage and “rooms-by-the-hour”. Down below, bar-girls and parlour workers make their road-side pitch to thousands of prospective customers...

# New Year's Cartoon from Post Today

January 8, 2014

Categories: New Year's Cartoons



From Post Today, December 31, 2013

On whistle, front left is former premier and former Democrat Party's leader, Chuan Leekpai; front right is former premier and the current leader of the Democrat Party, Abhisit Vejjajiva; behind is former deputy premier in the Abhisit cabinet and former of MP of the Democrat Party, Suthep Thuagsuban. Suthep is currently key leader of the People's Democracy Reform Committee.

Man riding on a snail is Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Surapong Towichakchaikul. Red crab refers to Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra. On horse's back is director of the Department of Special Investigation, Tharit Phengdit. On ballot box is an election committee, Somchai Srisutthiyakorn, an academic from Thammasat University. On the tank is the Army Commander, Gen. Prayuth Chanocha.

# Suthep and Grandpa Simpson

January 8, 2014

Categories: Chuwit Kamolvisit

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วันที่ 29 ธ.ค. นายซูวีย กมลวิศิษฐ์ หัวหน้าพรรครักประเทศไทย โพสต์แสดงความเห็นทางการเมืองผ่านเฟซบุ๊กส่วนตัว ซูวีย I'm No.5 ดังหัวข้อว่า "ซิมป์สัน กับ สุธเทพ"

นายซูวีย ระบุว่า ซิมป์สันเป็นชื่อของครอบครัวหนึ่งในหนังการ์ตูนชื่อดังของอเมริกาเรื่อง "เดอะ ซิมป์สันส์" สะท้อนเรื่องราวของครอบครัวอเมริกันชนกลาง ที่เป็นสังคมตัวใครตัวมัน มีความเป็นตัวของตัวเองสูง ทำงานหนัก เก็บเงินเพื่อสร้างอนาคตของครอบครัว อาศัยในเมืองที่เพียบพร้อมไปด้วยสาธารณูปโภค ถนนหนทาง



From Khaosod, December 29, 2013

Headline: Chuwit posted Simpson and Suthep in comparison – self-centered old man, uses emotion over reason, forgets his roots

# **Cambodia defends deadly crackdown on protests**

January 8, 2014

Categories: Cambodia

[Cambodia defends deadly crackdown on protests](#) – Al Jazeera, January 7, 2014

...”The Cambodian People’s Party will do whatever to defend the constitution and the royal government of Cambodia that was formed through an election,” Heng Samrin, Chairman of the Cambodian National Assembly, said during a ceremony on Tuesday...

# **Garment industry: Will Cambodia face a Bangladesh-like global backlash?**

January 8, 2014

Categories: Cambodia

[Garment industry: Will Cambodia face a Bangladesh-like global backlash?](#) – csmonitor.com, January 6, 2014  
Cambodia's garment industry is following in Bangladesh's footsteps in the way social and political problems are starting to erode a low-cost labor advantage...

# **NACC to charge 308 lawmakers who voted for constitutional amendment regarding the composition of the Senate**

January 8, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[NACC to charge 308 lawmakers](#) – Bangkok Post, January 8, 2014

...If a guilty ruling results from the charges, it would affect the setting up of a new government after the Feb 2 election.

There would be an insufficient number of MPs to convene the House and select the prime minister, said Seree Suwannapanont, a prominent lawyer and former member of the 2007 Constitution Drafting Assembly. The NACC, however, spared caretaker Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and another 72 lawmakers involved with the charter amendment process from being charged...

[Thai anti-graft body says 308 MPs acted illegally](#) – AP, January 7, 2014

...The commission did not explain its ruling. A separate Constitutional Court earlier ruled that the lawmakers acted illegally by violating legislative procedures and threatening to weaken the system of administrative checks and balances...



# **Thai police pursue Reuters over Rohingya story published by Australian journalist Alan Morison**

January 8, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai police pursue Reuters over Rohingya story published by Australian journalist Alan Morison](#) – ABC,

January 8, 2014

...”It may be because Phuketwan lives and works on Phuket, almost alongside the Royal Thai Navy, and it’s possibly the first place the Royal Thai Navy goes to read about Rohingya,” he told PM.

He received a police number for the Reuters case on Monday, making it clear the Thai police were pursuing the news agency.

“For the military to tackle the media anywhere in a democracy is pretty awesome,” Morison told PM...

# Thaksin stomped on our face!

January 9, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, December 24, 2013

Caption: Whow!... Maew stomped!

On the newspaper: Pheu Thai puts Yingluck as number 1 candidate on its Party List

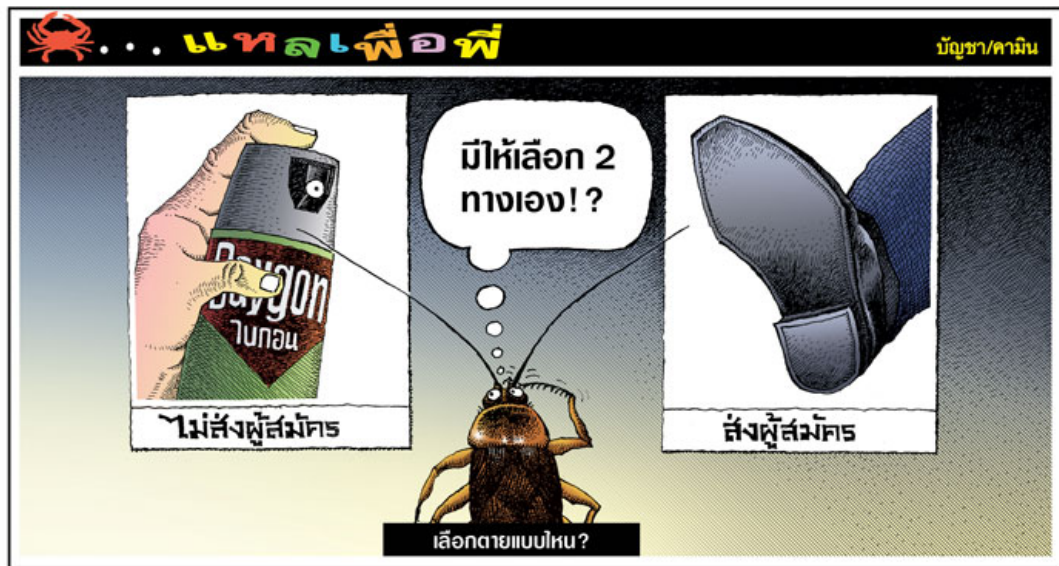
On the headband: Regain the country

On the shirt: Masses of people

# Which way does it choose to die?

January 9, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



20-12-56

From Manager, December 19, 2013

Left: Not running

Right: Running

The cockroach says: Are there two choices only?

Caption: Which way does it choose to die?

# Didn't say it all...

January 10, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, December 29, 2013

Cartoon title: Didn't say it all...

Top left: Soldiers don't take sides... but have to listen to the Defense Minister!

Top middle: The government isn't involved in the country's reform council... but are just being bossed around!

Top right: CAPO disperses the protest complying with the procedure... from stronger to less strong!

Bottom left: I'm willing to resign, but being caused by a person... via remote control!

Bottom middle: May the people uphold the constitution... which the government denies ruling.

Bottom right: Pol.Sen.Sgt.Maj. was shot with live bullets... which the forensic confirmed that they were shot from high angle.

# Weekly News Magazines, January 3, 2014

January 10, 2014

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, January 3, 2014

Cover reads: People of the Year



From Matichon Weekly, January 3, 2014

Cover reads: A 'Person' still standing tall 'Challenging'





From ASTV Manager Weekly, January 4, 2014

Cover reads: Shut down the city to drive me away, ask 'Chong Cao' yet?

# Whoever stops first loses

January 11, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, January 11, 2014

Cartoon title: Get tired first... stop first... lose

Caretaker Premier Yingluck Shinawatra running carrying a ballot box.

On the box: democracy

Chasing Yingluck is Election Committee member Somchai Srisutthiyakorn.

On his pants: EC

Paper in his hand reads: Postpone the election

Behind him is Suthep Thuagsuban, secretary-general of the People's Democratic Reform Committee (PDRC)

On Suthep's shirt: PDRC

Paper in his hands: For Thuag's appointment

Behind him is a hooded figure: On his robe: 100 dead bodies

On his hood: the Democrat Party

On paper attached to his hood: Cancel the election

On the soldier's helmet: Coup d'etat

Phi Nooring: Don't give up

Mouse: Feb. 2, 2014 go to the ballot

# Huge “Stop Suthep” Banner on Suthisarn Road

January 11, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News



These are two quick views of a huge banner that went up on Suthisarn Road. It reads: Stop Suthep (from) Shut(ting) Down Bangkok, the Country’s Disastrously Damaged





UPDATE January 18, 2014: The banner is gone and has reverted back to the original banner, an advertisement for [SC Asset](#).



# Painting red buffaloes white

January 12, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



13-01-57

From Manager, January 12, 2014

Man: This one completely painted, take a candle from Auntie Nok Saek

Caption: Dyed buffaloes for sale

# **DSI to terminate further investigation into the disappearance of human rights lawyer Somchai**

January 12, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[The Failure of Justice for Somchai Neelaphaijit](#) – AHRC, January 12, 2014

...The Asian Human Rights Commission is concerned that a decision to end the investigation will result not in simply another deferral of justice in this case, but will make it impossible. In the nearly ten years since Somchai was assaulted and abducted from his car on 12 March 2004, none of the perpetrators have been held to account. The DSI has often seemed to actively obstruct the struggle for justice in this case. This has included the mishandling of evidence, a lack of interest in pursuing the investigation, and the failure to provide proper witness protection to Angkhana Neelaphaijit, Somchai's wife...

# Don't let Thaksin's lackeys to rule the country

January 13, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Naewa, January 13, 2014

Cartoon title: Jan. 13, shut down Bangkok. It's enough. Don't let Thaksin's lackeys to rule the country

On the pant's leg: Massive number of people

# Weekly News Magazines, January 10, 2014

January 13, 2014

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, January 10, 2014

Cover reads: the ‘Person’ (who can) close the game still stands tall challenging



From Matichon Weekly, January 10, 2014  
Cover reads: Shut Down, an invitation for a 'coup'



From ASTV Manager Weekly, January 11, 2014  
Cover reads: Chong Cao, now what?

# **In Thailand's North, Support for Ruling Party Remains Strong**

January 14, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[In Thailand's North, Support for Ruling Party Remains Strong](#) – VOA, January 12, 2014

...But farmer San Chaivut says their support is about more than just policies, it's about sending a message to protest leaders who doubt their political judgment.

"They said people in the North have no idea about law. We want the election to take place and follow a democratic system and we can show them who people in North and North East will vote for to show them that people they insulted know democracy well," said San...



# Rethinking Thailand's war on methamphetamines

January 14, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Rethinking Thailand's war on methamphetamines](#) – IRIN, January 13, 2014

*...A 2013 report by the British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS found that drug abuse and corruption is also widespread among Thai police, and is affecting the country's war against drugs. Many drug users claim they have had drugs planted on them, have been beaten, or forced to take an unlawful urine test, or have had to pay a bribe to police officers, who have also been known to sexually assault female drug users, advocates claim...*

# **Cambodia Frees Russian Businessman Wanted by Moscow in Alleged Scam**

January 14, 2014

Categories: Cambodia

[Cambodia Frees Russian Businessman Wanted by Moscow in Alleged Scam](#) – VOA, January 13, 2014

# Thai laws on body armor put journalists at risk

January 14, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai laws on body armor put journalists at risk](#) – CPJ, January 14, 2014

...Yet my attempts to import proper body armor has been thwarted by bureaucracy and labyrinthine import controls. The Thai Customs Department advised that I would first need to acquire import licenses from three separate government agencies, including two different Ministry of Defense departments. Thailand's Arms Control Act stipulates that a permit is required to possess such items, with fines and imprisonment penalties for non-compliance...

# Corruption

January 14, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, January 3, 2014

The word on the constitution: Corruption

# Election poster of the Chartpattana Party

January 15, 2014

Categories: Elections

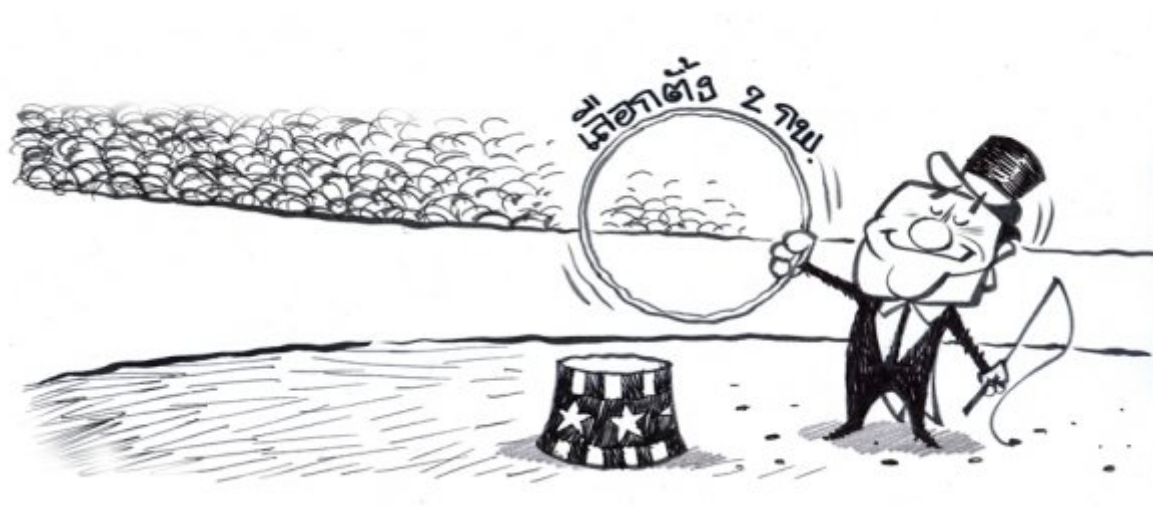


The poster, from top, reads: Please vote for Mr. Paradon Srichaphan, a candidate for the Dindaeng constituency 6, Phayathai and the Chartpattana Party. Mark number 1 on both ballots on the election day. Reform; transparent; Thailand (starts) counting from 1, vote for Chartpattana; MD. Wannarat Channukul, party leader.

# Jump through the hoop

January 15, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, January 3, 2014

Words above hoop: Election 2 February.



# Yingluck Shinawatra, the No. 1 candidate on the party list

January 16, 2014

Categories: Elections



The poster reads: Yingluck Shinawatra, the No. 1 candidate on the party list

Uphold the rules; maintain democracy; respect the people's decision; the Pheu Thai Party, vote for both our candidates and the party

# Red Shirt activist urges Thaksin supporters to kidnap and kill daughters of army commander

January 16, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Army slams red-shirt activist's abduction threat](#) – ThaiPBS, January 13, 2014

*The Thai Army strongly denounced a threat by a red-shirt activist and supporter of the deposed prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra urging red-shirt people to abduct the twin daughters of Thai Army commander-in-chief alive or dead to prevent him from staging a coup...*

*The red-shirt activist said on Facebook “taking them alive as hostages will be good, but catching them dead is also worth it. The army chief will know the taste of losing his loved ones.” His message was widely shared on the Internet among supporters and opponents of Thaksin.*

[A man who suggested the kidnap of General Prayuth's daughters apologises](#) – ThaiPBS, January 16, 2014

*...Mr Sudchai Boonchai, a core member of the Puen Taksin (Thaksin's Friends), posted the threatening message in the social media on January 10. The message reads: “Help kidnap the twin daughters to be held as hostages. They are protected by two guards who carry their Baretta (automatic pistols) on their waists. By the time, an eye for an eye. It will be just fine if they are held hostage. If they are dead, it is worth too. Prayuth (General Prayuth) should learn the lesson for losing the loved ones.”*

*...Six days afterward on January 16, Sudchai posted another message in the social media which reads: “Today I came with my wife and children to apologise and ask for forgiveness from General Prayuth because I felt uncomfortable for the infringement. I would like to thank General Prayuth for not taking action (against me). Honestly, the message came from somebody else and I shared it in the social media...”*

# No election posters for the Democrat Party

January 17, 2014

Categories: Elections



While there are no election posters for the Democrats, there are still new year's banners up. This one reads: Happy New Year 2014; the Democrats crush corruption, determines to reform; Abhisit Vejjajiva ; Thana Chiravinich, Bangkok Metropolitan Council's member  
Top, right: The Democrat Party

# Farewell to the Year of Small Snake

January 17, 2014

Categories: New Year's Cartoons



From Thairath, December 31, 2013

Cartoon title: Farewell to the Year of Small Snake

The poem:

Into the era of massive popular faith which will rid off all of the darkness.

The people are striving toward victory with mental strength.

They determine to confront everything to build their dream through new year.

Eventually, they'll put off fire that is burning their mother land.

Composed by Charoenkwan Blacharski

On the left from top: Rice farmers get poorer from the government's rice mortgage project; entrepreneurs are out of businesses; and the parliament is full of Red Shirt mongers who are supporters of Thaksin Shinawatra. These people are dubbed red buffaloes.

On the right from top: Suthep Thuagsuban is arm-wrestling with Surapong Towichakchaikul. ; the people demand postponement of the February 2 election which is supported by the U.S. government; children today will be indebted for the next 50 years because of the government's 2.2-trillion baht borrowing project.

Whistles at the bottom are a symbol the anti-government movement uses in demonstrating their awareness of the government's corrupt schemes.

# **Amid Bangkok's protests, a smattering of foreigners**

January 17, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Amid Bangkok's protests, a smattering of foreigners](#) – bworldonline.com, January 16, 2014

...“ have nothing to do with this. This is about our country, it's about Thailand. The foreigners I've met at the rallies are completely clueless,” said Anchalee Mekloy, 59, a housewife from Bangkok.

# **New Film Explores Cambodia's Forgotten 1960s Rock Scene**

January 17, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[New Film Explores Cambodia's Forgotten 1960s Rock Scene](#) – VOA, January 16, 2014

Musicians who survived Cambodia's murderous Khmer Rouge regime reunited over the weekend, playing onstage again for fans old and new. The open-air concert at Phnom Penh's Chaktomuk Theater followed a private screening of Don't Think I've Forgotten, a documentary about Cambodia's rock 'n' roll scene from the 1960s...



# **We don't mind if we lose 'fair elections': Abhisit**

January 17, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[We don't mind if we lose 'fair elections': Abhisit](#) – CNBC, January 16, 2014

... Abhisit wanted to be clear his party's decision to boycott the election, set for February 2 in an unsuccessful effort by Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra to defuse the street protests, was not due to widely held expectations she and her party will be swept back into power.

"Even their private polling showed they were slipping. In fact, one poll that was released before dissolution (of parliament) had us ahead. But that's not the point," he said. "The problem occurred because the government betrayed the trust of the people," he said, citing the amnesty bill...

# The Bhumchai Thai Party increase incomes and reduce expenses of every Thai person

January 18, 2014

Categories: Elections



The poster reads: The Bhumchai Thai Party increase incomes and reduce expenses of every Thai person

Upper-left corner: Anuthin Chanvirakul, the party's leader

Bill on agro-product price guarantee: 20,000 baht per ton for rice; para-rubber 90 baht per kilo; cassava 3 baht per; sugar cane 1200 baht per; palm oil 5 baht per

Jirachyu Rattanaphan, Bangkok candidate for the constituency 6 (Dindaeng, Phayathai); please vote for both the party and the candidate

# Cambodia Celebrates First Oscar Nomination

January 18, 2014

Categories: Cambodia, Film and TV

[Cambodia Celebrates First Oscar Nomination](#) – hollywoodreporter.com, January 17, 2014

...Panh's *The Missing Picture*, which also won the Prize Un Certain Regard at Cannes last year, is Cambodia's first film to be nominated for an Oscar. An inventive and profoundly personal piece of work, the film mixes archival war footage with set pieces constructed from intricate clay figurines depicting Panh and his family's plight during the 1970s Khmer Rouge genocide in Cambodia, which claimed the lives of the director's entire family before he narrowly escaped to Thailand, and later France, where he discovered filmmaking...

# **American who made humorous video about Dubai held in maximum-security prison in Abu Dhabi for 9 months**

January 18, 2014

Categories: Nothing to do with Thailand, but Interesting

[American recounts experiences of UAE prison](#) – AP, January 17, 2014

...Cassim said outside the jail, where detainees were listed alongside their alleged crimes, the entry next to his name said “under investigation...”

# **Alien incident from 2005: The Rice Field ‘Scarecrow’ Encounter**

January 18, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[The Rice Field ‘Scarecrow’ Encounter](#) – phantomsandmonsters.com, January 16, 2014

On September 9, 2005 villagers in Huay Nam Rak in Mae Jan district’s Tambon Janjawa, Thailand claimed they witnessed an “alien” or extra-terrestrial being which appeared like a small-body man with large head and about 70 centimetres tall. Over 10 residents said they saw the being during the morning in a rice field outside the village...

# Thai Default Risk Soars as Funds Pull \$4 Billion

January 20, 2014

Categories: Economy

[Thai Default Risk Soars as Funds Pull \\$4 Billion](#) – businessweek.com, January 19, 2014

...Credit-default swaps insuring Thai debt against non-payment for five years rose to 153 on Jan. 14 in New York, the highest level since Aug. 28, according to CMA prices. The spread has widened 42 basis points since anti-government protest broke out on Oct. 31, compared with increases of 22 basis points for Indonesia and 17 basis points for the Philippines.

The cost of protecting Thailand's debt may reach 200, the highest since November 2011, from 148 on Jan. 16, according to Nordea Markets, a unit of northern Europe's biggest financial group, which had about 228 billion euros (\$310 billion) of assets under management as of Sept. 30...



# Weekly News Magazines, January 17, 2014

January 20, 2014

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, January 17, 2014



From Matichon Weekly, January 17, 2014  
Cover reads: Bangkok = Thailand?



From ASTV Manager Weekly, January 18, 2014

# Enough...!

January 20, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From ThaiRath, January 5, 2014

Cartoon title: Enough...!

The man is Suthep Thuangsuban, secretary-general of the People's Democratic Reform Committee (PDRC).

Banner on Suthep's arm: PDRC

On shirt of dead man on left: Khor. Por. Thor.

Signs from left: Rajamangala Stadium, in front of Ram Khamhaeng University ; dispersing the UDD's protest Apr.-May 2010

Mouse: We're going to go for the election.

# Sunday bomb suspect video released

January 20, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News



[https://youtube.com/watch?v=http://www.youtube.com/embed/MUtrrlyNU\\_Y](https://youtube.com/watch?v=http://www.youtube.com/embed/MUtrrlyNU_Y)



[Sunday bomb suspect video released](#) – Bangkok Post, January 20, 2014

# Human bridge... massive number of people

January 21, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From ThaiRath, January 6, 2014

Cartoon title: Human bridge... massive number of people

In Suthep's hand, from top to bottom: Call to -help topple the government; -to help topple the Pheu Thai Party; -to help making Mark-Thuag cases disappear

On the hooded figure's robe: 100 dead bodies

On the right cliff: Coup d'etat

Mouse: Feb. 2, we're going to the ballot.

# Mobs of the rich and the poor

January 21, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, January 7, 2014

Left: Conflicts in Thai society occur from mobs of the rich and the poor.

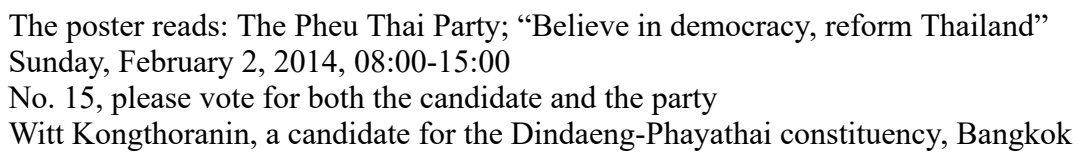
Middle, man with glasses: How do you know?

Man wearing hat: Mob of the poor of Lung Kamnan march along the streets for donations...

Right: ...but mob of the rich has a feeding tube from the rich to fight so that the rich is dismissed from all legal charges.



January 21, 2014  
Categories: Elections





# Debt headache for Thai tycoon as protests bruise baht

January 22, 2014

Categories: Economy

[Debt headache for Thai tycoon as protests bruise baht](#) – Reuters, January 21, 2014

...”There would be three risks,” said Nirgunan Tiruchelvam, a Singapore-based analyst for Standard Chartered, who rates CP ALL stock as ‘underperform’. “One is the depreciation of the currency; second is the roll-out of new stores may not be as aggressive; and finally, whether same-store sales will measure up to the valuation that the company has...”

# Fuel filmed pouring from Dreamliner wing at Bangkok airport

January 22, 2014

Categories: Airports and Airlines

[Fuel filmed pouring from Dreamliner wing](#) – thelocal.no, January 21, 2014

... Norwegian's press spokesman Charlotte Holmbergh Jacobsson confirmed the leak to Norway's Nordlys newspaper, but stressed that the passengers had never been in any danger, and that the pilot would have been aware of the leak from his instruments.

"Yes, it is leaking fuel and it was noticed very soon after the aircraft starting taxiing out," she said of the photographs. "There was never any danger to the passengers..."

# Anti-Suthep sign

January 23, 2014

Categories: Signs and Billboards



The sign reads: Should we appoint or election?

Another one: [Huge “Stop Suthep” Banner on Suthisarn Road](#)

# Hard to carry away the constitution

January 24, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, January 13, 2014

On whistle: PDRC

Trying to carry away the Democracy Monument, representing the constitution, is Thaksin Shinawatra. The Pheu Thai-led government, as well as previous Thaksin-directed governments have repeated promised to rewrite the constitution to eliminate independent checks on the elected government.

# Stop poking the tiger

January 24, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Post Today, January 13, 2014

Hands poking the tiger, from left: Coup d'état; be on my side; Emergency Act; Stop poking...

# Thai police: US tourist likely killed by elephants

January 24, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai police: US tourist likely killed by elephants](#) – AP, January 24, 2014

Park rangers in Thailand have found the body of an American tourist who was apparently trampled to death by elephants in a reserve outside Bangkok, police said Thursday...

# More mentions of the secret CIA prison in Thailand

January 24, 2014

Categories: Thai Secret Prison, The Thaksin Years

[The hidden history of the CIA's prison in Poland](#) – Washington Post, January, 2014

...With the prospect of holding more and more captives, the CIA required a better location. “It was just a chicken coop we remodeled,” a former senior CIA official said of the facility in Thailand.

...Officials then began shutting down the prison in Thailand, eliminating all traces that the CIA had been there.

[More mentions of the secret CIA prison in Thailand](#)



# Poor leadership: Thailand Is Only the Tip of Asia's Iceberg

January 24, 2014

Categories: Economy

[Thailand Is Only the Tip of Asia's Iceberg](#) – Bloomberg, January 23, 2014

...The common denominator in all these countries is weak leadership, and it's appearing at the worst possible moment. The rapid growth Asia has enjoyed since the 2008 global crisis had more to do with Ben Bernanke than we like to admit. All that hot money pumped up gross domestic product, boosted asset prices and pushed yields lower to make government debt loads appear manageable...

[Why Singapore's Economy Is Heading For An Iceland-Style Meltdown](#) – Forbes, January 13, 2014

[Why Southeast Asia's Boom Is A Bubble-Driven Illusion](#) – Forbes, January 23, 2014

# **The Economist: Thailand's very unity is now under threat**

January 24, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[You go your way, I'll go mine](#) – The Economist, January 25, 2014

...Thus most red shirts in the north and north-east now contemplate—indeed they seem to be preparing for—a political separation from Bangkok and the south. Some can barely wait. In Chiang Mai a former classmate of Mr Thaksin's says that in the event of a coup "the prime minister can come here and we will look after her. If...we have to fight, we will. We want our separate state and the majority of red shirts would welcome the division." Be afraid for Thailand as the political system breaks down.

# Thai Protesters Create Mercedes Logo Instead of Peace Symbol

January 25, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai Protesters Create Mercedes Logo Instead of Peace Symbol](#) – UPI, January 23, 2014

A group of Thai protesters tried to use candles to create a peace sign from the small flames, but instead created the logo of German auto maker Mercedes-Benz...

# Why do they all run... when we light candles?

January 25, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, January 14, 2014

Left, Nutthawut Saikua: Why do they all run... when we light candles?

Right, Jatuporn Phromphan: They thought we're to start burning it up!

Caption: For some... don't play with fire.

# Thai anti-government protest leader shot dead in Bangkok violence

January 26, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News



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



[Thai anti-government protest leader shot dead in Bangkok violence: police](#) – Reuters, January 26, 2014

# Cambodia: Deportation, Jail Threatened if Film Screened

January 26, 2014

Categories: Cambodia

[Deportation, Jail Threatened if Film Screened](#) – cambodiadaily.com, January 24, 2014

...“If you defy the ban, we kick you out,” Council of Ministers spokesman Phay Siphon said.

“If you are Cambodian, we throw you in jail,” he said.

The Cambodian Center for Human Rights (CCHR) had planned to show the film, “Who Killed Chea Vichea?” at the offices of Sithi Hub, a meeting space for bloggers and activists...

[Film Screening Canceled After Government Threatens Jail](#) – cambodiadaily.com, January 24, 2014

# Brother! I want to resign.

January 27, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, January 15, 2014

From baby stroller: Brother! I want to resign.

On the stroller's side: The Authority



# Cornered rhino...

January 27, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



21-01-57

From Manager, January 20, 2014

Caption: Cornered rhino... is scarier than a dog

# **Thai Rice Subsidies: Damned If You Do, And Don't**

January 27, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai Rice Subsidies: Damned If You Do, And Don't](#) – malaysiandigest.com, January 24, 2014

By any measure, Thailand's rice subsidy program has been an expensive boondoggle – and a big driver of the current political unrest – but ending it will bring its own troubles...

# Weekly News Magazines, January 24, 2014

January 27, 2014

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, January 24, 2014

Cover reads: 'Vinai Klomin', the King's soldier



From Matichon Weekly, January 24, 2014



From ASTV Manager Weekly, January 25, 2014  
Cover reads: The Princess of the people

# Thai red-shirt heartland backs government despite rice fiasco

January 27, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

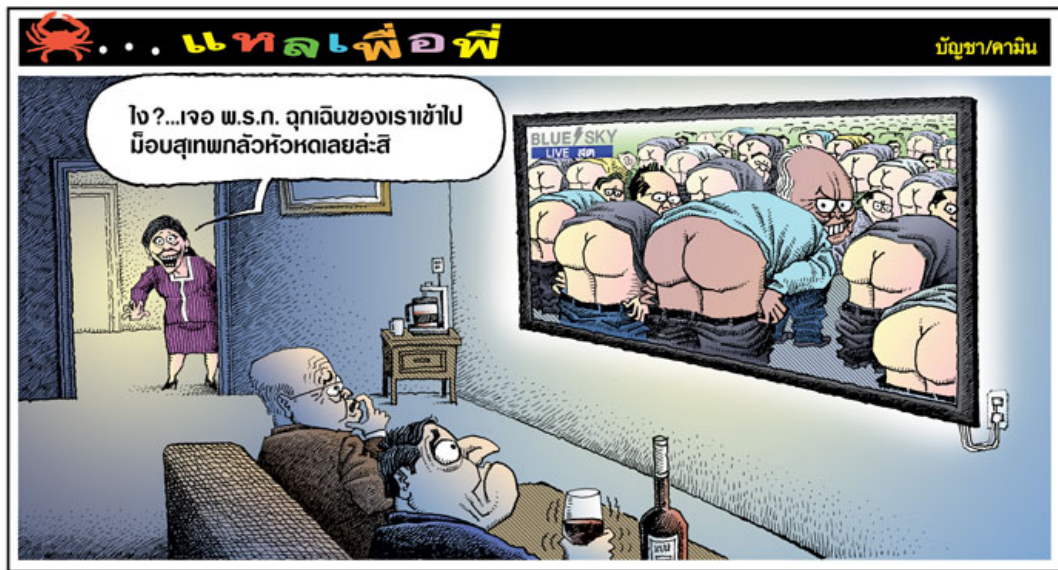
[Thai red-shirt heartland backs government despite rice fiasco](#) – Reuters, January 27, 2013

Rice farmer Thiwakorn Chomchan hasn't been paid in 2 months, but he is not angry with Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra, whose flagship policy is meant to guarantee him an above-market price. Instead, he blames anti-government protesters in Bangkok...

# Suthep's mob is scared to death

January 28, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



23-01-57

From Manager, January 22, 2014

Caretaker Premier Yingluck Shinawatra: Alright?... Facing our emergency decree, Suthep's mob is scared to death, right?



# Thaksin, respect my vote!

January 28, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



17-01-57

From Manager, January 16, 2014

Ake Uttagorn: We voted for your government to run the country... instead, you committed huge corruptions... selected a stupid person to be our premier, manipulating the authority we put in your hands to issue an act to whitewash yourself... don't respect the voted we cast for you at all.....

Caption: Showing the signs to this one... seems to be more like it.



# Protecting the system

January 28, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, January 23, 2014

Caretaker Premier Yingluck Shinawatra: It's necessary that I remain in the office to safeguard democracy.

# **Bible-Thumping Bumpkins Make Buddhist's Life Hell at La. Public School**

January 28, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Bible-Thumping Bumpkins Make Buddhist's Life Hell at La. Public School](#) – gawker.com, January 28, 2014

...The ACLU is suing the parish school superintendent, as well as a principal and teacher at Negreet High School, alleging that they essentially turned the K-through-12 school into a Christian theocracy that tormented a Thai-born Buddhist child at every opportunity...

# Some Thais Want Their Political Rivals to Stop Playing the Royal Card

January 28, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Some Thais Want Their Political Rivals to Stop Playing the Royal Card](#) – Wall Street Journal, January 27, 2013

...”We’re not really supposed to talk about these things in Thailand,” says Wutthipong Kotchathammakun, a leader of a pro-government “Red Shirt” splinter group here, just north of Bangkok. “But we want people to understand how the establishment is using ‘the sky’ to grab power for itself,” he says, using a common term to refer to the royal family...

# Thaksin Shinawatra presence felt even in absence as poll looms

January 28, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thaksin Shinawatra presence felt even in absence as poll looms](#) – FT, January 28, 2014

He has not posted on his official Facebook or Twitter accounts for more than a month and was last sighted on Webstagram posing with his daughters at the end of the trans-Siberian railway in December.

Yet, nine years since Thaksin Shinawatra won a contested election in Thailand and more than five years since he set foot in the country, his is still the name on many people's lips in the run-up to fresh polls on Sunday – if they go ahead...

# Big, fat wife

January 29, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



24-01-57

From Manager, January 23, 2014

Left caption: Wife thinking

Wife: It's good having a skinny husband who follows me obediently.

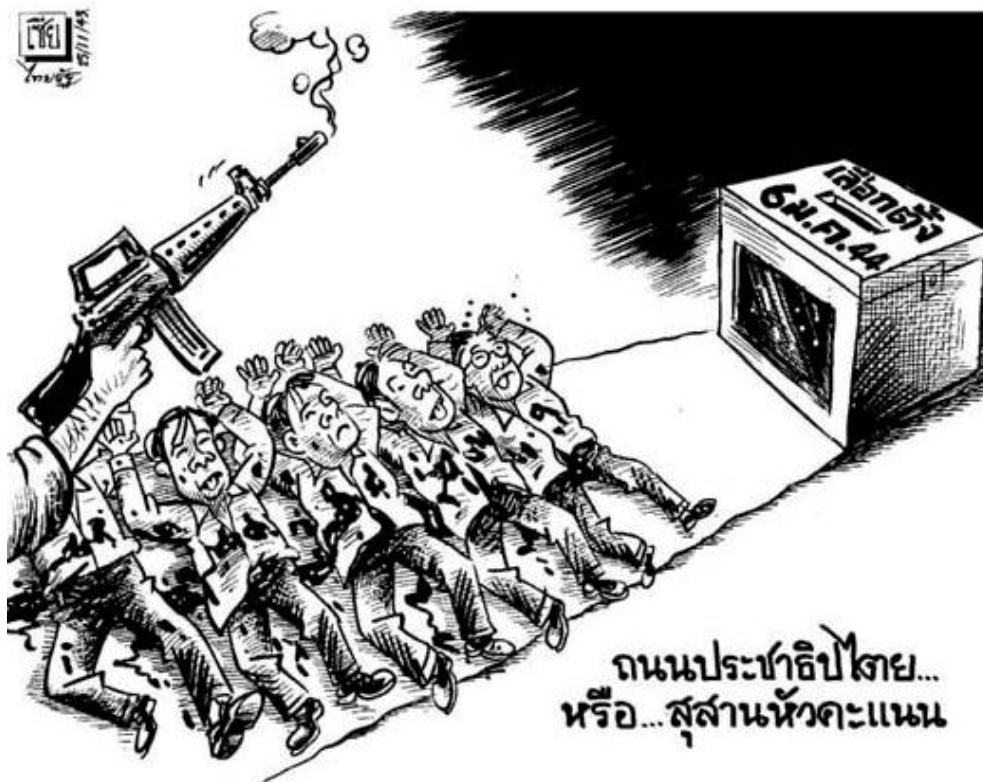
Right caption: Husband thinking

Husband: It's good having a big, fat wife walking in front of me protecting me from bullets.

# Remembering the Thaksin Years: A cemetery of election canvassers

January 29, 2014

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



From Thairath, November 15, 2000

On the box: The general election on 6 January 2001

Caption: The road to democracy... or a cemetery of election canvassers

# NYT: Thai Aristocrat Joins Political Fray, Backing Elections

January 29, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai Aristocrat Joins Political Fray, Backing Elections](#) – NYT, January 29, 2014

...Ms. Malinee remains firmly embedded in the aristocracy in some ways. She speaks glowingly about the king, and is a strong supporter of Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn. Her daughter, who works at the company that imports Ferrari cars into Thailand, married into the Bhirombhakdi family, which owns the country's oldest brewery and has many connections to the palace. One member of the Bhirombhakdi family is a protest leader...



# Controversial monk at vanguard of Thai street protests

January 29, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Controversial monk at vanguard of Thai street protests](#) – AFP, January 28, 2014

...”The government, which is run by the Shinawatra family — the brother and sister — has no morality or ethics. They are corrupt and they allow corruption to happen. They lie everyday,” said the 58-year-old, who has also been outspoken about scandals involving the bad behaviour and lavish lifestyles of some clerics. “The religious domain has a duty to tell the secular domain what to do — and what not to do,” he told AFP, justifying his role at the vanguard of the protest movement...

# **Are you happy you live in Thailand? U.S. snakebite victim charged \$89,000 for 18-hour hospital stay**

January 29, 2014

Categories: Health

[U.S. snakebite victim charged \\$89,000 for 18-hour hospital stay](#) – Yahoo News, January 29, 2014

...The hospital defended its prices, saying it has to charge prices higher than retail because of the various discounts it is required to give insurers...

# **The Economist: Elections in Thailand – The show must go on**

January 29, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Elections in Thailand – The show must go on](#) – The Economist, January 29, 2014

...There was already a stink of testosterone and aggression in the air. Young men, new veterans of a three-month-long protest against the government, were perched on lorries. They threatened by megaphone to storm the club and rid Thailand of the influence of the “Thaksin regime”, meaning Yingluck Shinawatra, the prime minister (pictured above); as well as her brother, the former prime minister, Thaksin, whom they see as pulling the strings from his refuge in Dubai; and everyone close to them. The protesters are calling their own movement “The People’s Committee for Absolute Democracy with the King as Head of State”. Here at the army club, miles away from the shopping malls and offices in the heart of Bangkok, Mr Suthep’s insurrection has to make do without the benefit of its more well-heeled supporters, the ones who post their revolutionary slogans on the walls of Facebook...

# Presently, Thai people like to use equivalent objects

January 30, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Manager, January 23, 2014

Cartoon title: Presently, Thai people like to use equivalent objects

Top, left: Weapon-equivalent objects

Top right: Prime Minister-equivalent person

Sign on table: Prime Minister

Bottom left: Democracy-equivalent thing

Men in white: Go to the ballot on Feb. 2!... Go to the ballot on Feb. 2!...

Bottom right: The emergency-equivalent thing

# **BBC: Thai rice row sparks rural discontent**

January 30, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai rice row sparks rural discontent](#) – BBC, January 28, 2014

# Reuters: Thailand braces for violence as PM Yingluck's charm runs out

January 30, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Insight: Thailand braces for violence as PM Yingluck's charm runs out](#) – Reuters, January 29, 2014

...That Yingluck's convoy is now so keen to avoid attention – it even stopped at some red lights – is a small victory for the thousands of protesters who first poured onto Bangkok's streets three months ago to try to topple her government...

For her supporters, however, Yingluck's low-key convoy shows the tactical brain of a former business executive who had proved surprisingly adept at negotiating Thailand's cut-throat politics until anti-government protests erupted in November...

# Travel Agency Launches Overland Trips Between Rangoon and Bangkok

January 30, 2014

Categories: Myanmar/Burma, Tourism

[Travel Agency Launches Overland Trips Between Rangoon and Bangkok](#) – The Irrawaddy, January 30, 2014

...Passengers will need to book tickets two days in advance. Vega Travel can assist with Thai visa applications for a 5,000 kyats fee (US\$5), in addition to the visa cost of \$40. Passengers to Cambodia can apply for a visa on arrival.

A ticket to Rangoon from Bangkok will cost 1,500 baht (\$45). From Burma, tickets to Bangkok will cost 55,000 kyats from Rangoon, 45,000 kyats from Pa-an, and 40,000 kyats from Moulmein. The trip from Rangoon to Siem Reap will cost 60,000 kyats.

The journey from Rangoon to Bangkok will take about 24 hours. Travelers will depart Rangoon at 6 am and arrive at the Burmese border town of Myawaddy at about 4 pm or 5 pm. After checking in with immigration across the border in Mae Sot, a double-decker bus will depart about three hours later, at 7 pm or 8 pm, and arrive in Bangkok the next morning. From there, travelers can continue on for another eight or nine hours to Siem Reap...



# Toilet paper

January 31, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, January 24, 2014

Left, Phoo Yai : Ai Joi, there is no toilet paper to wipe my ass in here.

Ai Joi: There is not any either out here, Phoo Yai.

Middle: Phoo Yai: Find some. What are you doing?

Ai Joi: Reading the emergency decree.

Right, Phoo Yai: Uh... pass it to me now.

# Thai red shirts leader says ‘It’s time to get rid of the elite’

January 31, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai red shirts leader says ‘It’s time to get rid of the elite’](#) – Telegraph, January 30, 2014

...”If there is a coup, of course I’ll go to Bangkok and fight,” said Phutthiphong Khamhaengphon, the head of security for Khon Kaen’s red shirts. “Millions of us will go. We’ll fight in many different ways. If necessary, it will be like the Vietcong fighting the Americans in Vietnam: a guerrilla war...”

# Purging the Shinawatras

January 31, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[No deal behind Thailand's polls](#) – atimes, January 30, 2014

...Establishment negotiators have offered in exchange to suspend scrutiny of Thaksin's and his family's assets for one year, a delay that would allow Thaksin's and his former wife Pojaman's Damapong family members to liquidate their assets before fleeing into exile, informed sources claim. An establishment overture conveyed by intermediary former deputy prime minister Suwat Liptapanlop offered Thaksin discretion over a minority of the proposed council's appointments. That offer was rescinded in the wake of the January 17 grenade attack on a PDRC march, according to a mediator familiar with the situation. Unlike the deal before the 2011 elections, the now military-led establishment is offering Thaksin only lose-lose propositions...

# Wall Street Journal: Red Shirts a Wild Card in Thailand's Political Drama

January 31, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Red Shirts a Wild Card in Thailand's Political Drama](#) – WSJ, January 30, 2014

...Even in Roi Et, which is largely peaceful, the sense of foreboding is growing. During a recent visit, Mr. Prapai quickly scribbled out a poem circulated in Red Shirt circles:

*The country will catch fire,*

*Thais will kill each other.*

*Spread of blood and tears,*

*Chao Phraya and Mekong rivers turn red...*

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64 percent confirmed they needed a political reform for the country prior to an election, whereas 24 percent said they opted for the reform after the polls.

An overwhelming 71 percent of respondents believed that a postponement of the general election was needed and that the current government should resign to make way for another caretaker government.

# White girl wants to be Chinese

January 31, 2014

Categories: Signs and Billboards



“Good to be Chinese” – Chinese New Year promotion at Central Plaza Grand Rama 9

Update: [Thai retailer apology for controversial Chinese New Year ad](#) – AFP, February 1, 2014

# Thai Government 'Lacks Interest' in Solving Burma Migrant Labor Abuse

February 1, 2014

Categories: Refugees and Migrants

[Thai Government 'Lacks Interest' in Solving Burma Migrant Labor Abuse](#) – The Irrawaddy, January 31, 2014

...Finnwatch said its primary objective was to persuade Finnish retail supermarket companies not to do business with the Thai firms, or else to bring pressure on them to treat their migrant workers properly. Despite the scale of the rights problem and the broad international trade implications, Vartiala said there had been no response from the Thai government...



# **The Economist: Thailand's economy – The colour of GDP**

February 1, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand's economy – The colour of GDP](#) – Economist, January 31, 2014

...In the last general election in 2011, Pheu Thai won 48% of the votes cast for the national political parties\*. They were the leading party in 46 of Thailand's 76 provinces, helping the party and its allies take control of Thailand's National Assembly. But, according to calculations by The Economist, the party's political strongholds account for only 38% of Thailand's GDP.

The opposition Democrats, by contrast, polled 35% of the party votes. They were the leading party in 30 of Thailand's 76 provinces and also its capital city. Added together, these territories account for 62% of the nation's GDP. Bangkok and its vicinity alone account for more than 40%. In Thailand, in short, domestic power and domestic product reside in different parts of the country...

# **AFP: Thai northeast vows poll payback to Shinawatra clan**

February 1, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai northeast vows poll payback to Shinawatra clan](#) – AFP, February 1, 2014

In Thailand's wealthy capital, embattled Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra rarely ventures out in public because of fears for her safety. But in much of the vast rural northeast, her billionaire family are heroes...

# Saturday clash at Lak Si

February 1, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News



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



[Soldiers deployed to help police handle clashes](#) – The Nation, February 1, 2014



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



# Election Posters for February 2

February 1, 2014

Categories: Elections



From top: The People Network Power Party; worthwhile..., protect..., prevent; pushing the consumer protection ministry (the direct-sale department);  
Handwritten next to the face: If we don't help each other, then who... will help us?  
Krish-anong Suwannawong, leader of the People Network Power Party, the 1st candidate on the party list;  
Vote for the People Network Power Party; number 17

More posters from the February 2 election

[The Pheu Thai Party; “Believe in democracy, reform Thailand”](#)

[The Bhumchai Thai Party increase incomes to and reduce expenses of every Thai person](#)

[No election posters for the Democrat Party](#)

[Yingluck Shinawatra, the No. 1 candidate on the party list](#)

[Election poster of the Chartpattana Party](#)



From top: The Chat Thai Pattana Party; Banharn Silpa-acha, the 21st prime minister  
Handwriting: Move past the conflict, joining forces in reforming Thailand; Vote for Banharn, the person who works with his heart; reform Thailand, can really be done



From top: The Chart Pattana Party; Mr. Suwat Lippataphanlop; BKK, the city of sports; centers for all kinds of sports; On the election date, go to the ballot and vote for Number 1 on both tickets ; Reform, transparent; Start Thailand from one, vote for the Chart pattana; Med. Dr. Wannarat Charnveerakul, the party's leader

# Reuters: How Thaksin's meddling sparked a new Thai crisis for PM sister

February 1, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[How Thaksin's meddling sparked a new Thai crisis for PM sister](#) – Reuters, January 31, 2014

...More than half of Puea Thai MPs disagreed with the bill, but few dared to speak up, said a senior Puea Thai MP who spoke on condition of anonymity. "The way they put it, if you want to help Thaksin, support the bill. If you don't support the bill, you don't want to help Thaksin..."

# Weekly News Magazines, January 31, 2014

February 1, 2014

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, January 31, 2014  
Cover reads: Stars of faith still shine above.



From Matichon Weekly, January 31, 2014  
Cover reads: The “Don’t Want to ‘Elect’” Committee; D.W.E.C.





From ASTV Manager Weekly, February 1, 2014

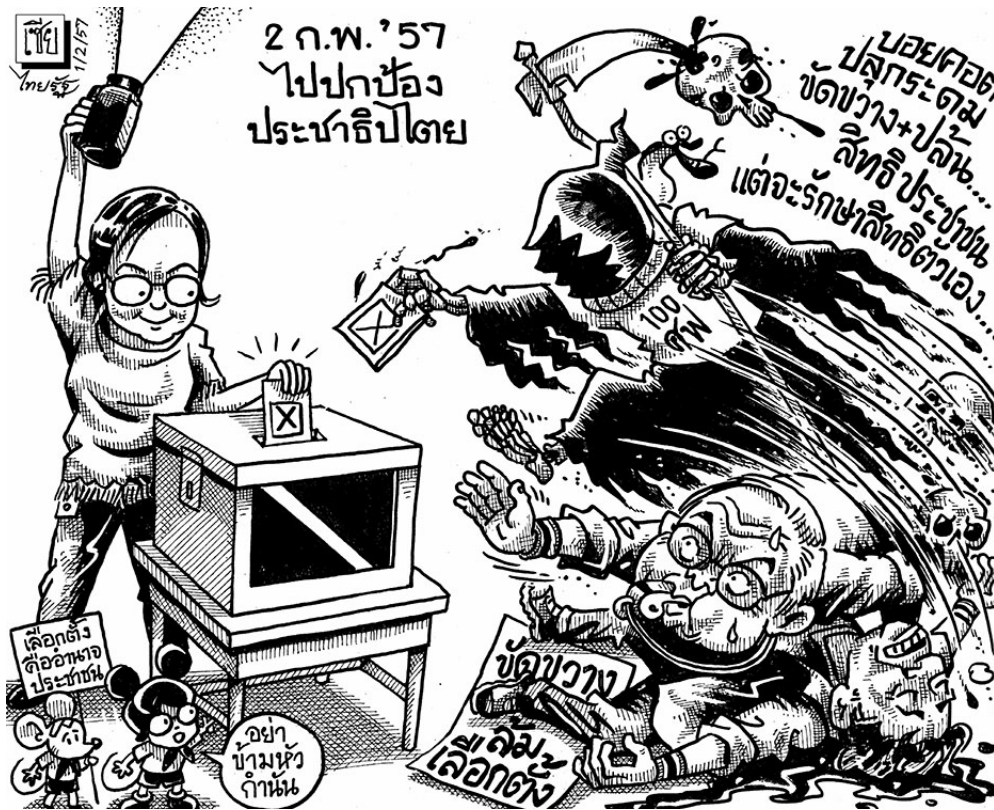
On the cover Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha says: The only thing I ask for is there not be violence. Whoever triggers such violence, the person must take responsibility. Mark my words. No matter which group, if you come out and people fight against each other, and there occur injuries and deaths, or chaos, the government will have to take responsibility in principle.

Suthep, and the protesters below, say: Fart by your mother.

# Go to the polls to protect democracy

February 1, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, February 1, 2014

Cartoon title: On February 2, go to protect democracy

On the hooded figure's robe: 100 dead bodies

Above the hooded figure: Boycott; incite; obstruct + rob... the people's rights, but going to protect his own rights

Man blowing whistle is leader of the People's Democratic Reform Committee, Suthep Thuangsuban

On paper on the floor: Obstruct, overturn the election

Phi Nooring: Don't step over the Kamnan's head

Mouse: Election, return power to the people

# Step over fear, move forward to the election

February 2, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, January 24, 2014

Cartoon title: Step over fear, move forward to the election

Woman holding up a torchlight is Phijarinee Rattanachamnong, a voter who tried to get through the anti-election protesters to vote on the pre-election date of January 26.

Phi Nooring: Heroine of election

Mouse: Bring back Bangkok



From Arun, January 28, 2014

# New York Times: Thailand's Democratic Way Out

February 2, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand's Democratic Way Out](#) – New York Times, February 1, 2014

...The only way forward for Thailand is to hold reforms in order to strike a more viable balance between the majority and the minority. The Yingluck administration has deployed its unassailable parliamentary majority to ram through disastrous policies, such as an amnesty bill that would have absolved Thaksin of corruption charges. But electoral winners cannot do as they please after scoring at the ballot box; they must accommodate the interests of the losers more openly and more systematically.

On the other hand, the electoral minority should not hold the country hostage to get its way. Mr. Suthep's camp has blocked parts of central Bangkok, obstructed advance voting and called for overthrowing Ms. Yingluck — all in the name of creating a “people's council” to spearhead reforms. His attempt at such a citizens' coup has polarized Thailand and put off foreign investors, diplomats and tourists...

# Sydney Morning Herald's error-ridden graphic about recent Thai political events

February 2, 2014  
Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand's gathering storm](#) – Sydney Morning Herald, February 2, 2014

*...A few kilometres away, former police senior sergeant Pichit Tamoon sips coffee outside the red-painted headquarters of the city's red taxis and reveals plans for the mobilisation of 500,000 red shirt supporters who until now have largely remained quiet as anti-government protests have crippled Yingluck's government and shut down parts of Bangkok ahead of Sunday's national elections, which authorities fear could turn violent...*

## Events so far

- **Sept 2006** Army seizes power in bloodless coup while PM Thaksin Shinawatra is in New York
- **June 2007** Thaksin allies win election and form government
- **May 2008** Thaksin stripped of power by Constitution Court, street clashes follow
- **Dec 2008** Constitution Court dissolves Thaksin party and Democrat party takes power on vote of parliament with army's backing
- **April-May 2010** Street clashes leave at least 90 people dead
- **July 2011** Thaksin's sister Yingluck Shinawatra swept into power on a wave of red-shirt votes
- **Oct 2013** Move for amnesty bill to clear Thaksin sparks anti-government protests
- **Jan 2014** Protesters storm government buildings

(Source: Sydney Morning Herald)

# Fatty carrying the box

February 3, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Khaosod, January 29, 2014

Above the Bangkok Governor's head: Fatty carrying the box

On his shirt: BKK & Football

Sign on small building: Electoral district



# Remembering the Thaksin Years: Free Coffins for Drug Dealers

February 3, 2014

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



From Thairath, February 3, 2003

Title: 3-month campaign

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra stands over a coffin that reads: Free for drug-dealers

Sign held by kids: Join hands to eliminate drugs from Thailand



# Targeting Suthin

February 3, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



28-01-57

From Manager, January 28, 2014

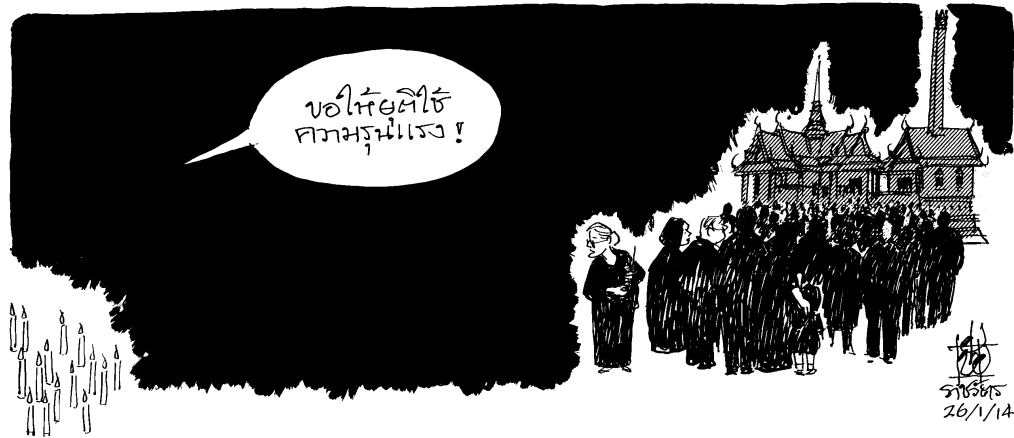
Police commander: Kill them. Don't worry about the armed forces. Boss said... he trusted in Ai Too.

On the side of the truck: PTT robs the country

# White and Black

February 4, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, January 28, 2014

From the white candles: Stop using violence!

# Forbes op-ed: “Yellow Shirt” Protestors Act Like Mussolini’s Black Shirts

February 4, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[In Thailand Opposition Assaults Democracy As Voters Reelect Government: “Yellow Shirt” Protestors Act Like Mussolini’s Black Shirts](#) – Forbes, February 3, 2014

...Thaksin may be a blight upon Thai politics, but Suthep and his allies are a cancer. Unfortunately, in Thailand democracy does not guarantee good government. However, authoritarian, undemocratic rule would be far worse.

There is no easy answer to Thailand’s problems. But Suthep’s Black Shirts will bear the primary blame if their nation descends further into violence and disorder.

# Remembering the Thaksin Years: Sex in the Party

February 5, 2014

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



From Thairath, September 9, 2002

Title: Don't be scared, babe... Come and have fun with me.

Former Democrat Party secretary-general Mr. Sanan Kachornprasart is holding a glass with a bottle of wine labeled "to have sex."

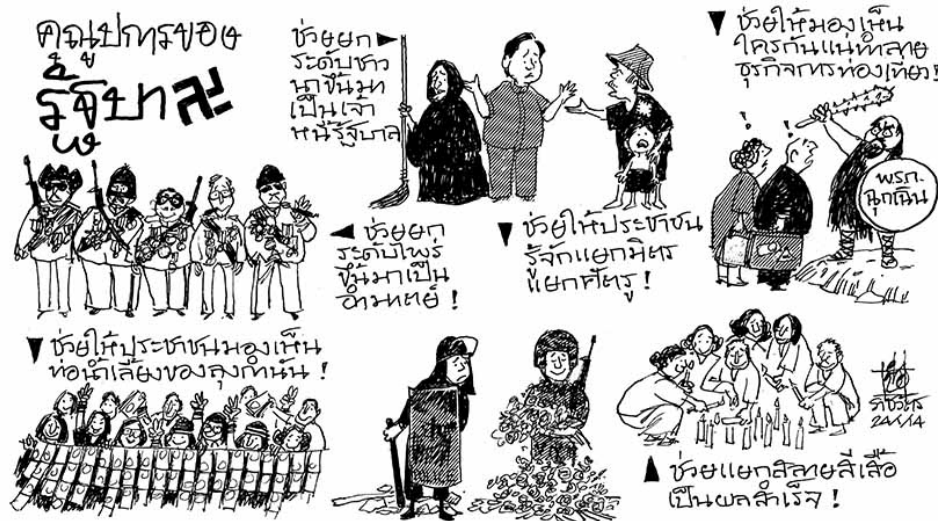
A female reporter is running from a hotel room and her notebook says "seeking news"

Poster in the room: "having an affair with whom isn't his wife is immoral"

# Benefactions from the government

February 5, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, January 26, 2014

Cartoon title: Benefactions from the government

Top left: Heightening peasants' status to being aristocrats

Top middle: Heightening rice farmers' status to be lenders of the government

Top right: Making it become clear who damages the country's tourism industry  
On the caveman's shield: the emergency decree

Top left: Making people see the feeding tube of Lung Kamnan

Bottom middle: Helping people to be able to separate friends from enemies

Bottom right: Help neutralize factions by shirt colors

# **Burmese smugglers get rich on Yingluck Shinawatra's £13 billion Thai rice subsidies**

February 5, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Burmese smugglers get rich on Yingluck Shinawatra's £13 billion Thai rice subsidies](#) – Telegraph, February 4, 2014

...On the outskirts of Myawaddy, The Telegraph watched as lorries pulled into a compound close to the river bank guarded by Burmese soldiers. Sacks of rice were swiftly unloaded and transferred to waiting boats. "We started sending 'chicken feed' to Thailand in big quantities a couple of years ago," said the officer in charge of the soldiers. "It's transported mostly at night. Generally, we'll send 100 sacks at a time.

...the policy has come to symbolise what the anti-government protesters regard as Pheu Thai's abuse of power. "People see rice-smuggling as a victimless crime," said Dr Nipon. "But it's the Thai taxpayers who are suffering..."

# The Economist: Network Shinawatra

February 5, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Network Shinawatra](#) – The Economist, February 4, 2014

...After so many generations of success in local business, along with the attendant patronage and political power, it's hardly surprising that many people in the region should be fiercely protective of Ms Yingluck, the embattled prime minister. They insist that the anti-government protests in Bangkok must be opposed. If the situation there spirals out of control and Ms Yingluck is overthrown, by the army, say, or by Mr Suthep or even the courts, they say they will bring her back to Chiang Mai, the Shinawatra fief, and protect her here...

# Hanging Academics

February 6, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons – Arun



From Arun, January 29, 2014

Cartoon title: Academics

On backs of the men, left to right: A Ca De Mics



# **Bangkok art installation replaces floor with miniature skulls you walk on with bare feet**

February 6, 2014

Categories: Art

[Gallery show floor replaced with 100K miniature skulls you walk on with bare feet](#) – BoingBoing, February 5, 2014

“What Will You Leave Behind?”, Nino Sarabutra’s installation at the Ardel Gallery in Bangkok, includes of 100,000 tiny porcelain skulls that line the floor. You walk on with your bare or stockinged feet as you traverse the gallery, looking at the rest of the show.

[WHAT WILL YOU LEAVE BEHIND? 24 January – 3 March, 2013 ARDEL Third Place Gallery, Thonglor Soi 10, Bangkok](#)

# Chalerm says he will disguise himself to arrest Suthep

February 6, 2014

Categories: Chalerm Yubamrung

[Chalerm says he will disguise himself to arrest Suthep](#) – Thai PBS, February 6, 2014

...The labour minister said he would wear moustache, sun glasses and a hat to prevent protesters from recognizing him when he would venture in disguise into the protest site together with a special police team tasked with arresting Mr Suthep...

# Philippine Daily Inquirer: Through the prism of Thai politics

February 6, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Through the prism of Thai politics](#) – Philippine Daily Inquirer, February 5, 2014

...As in the Philippines, Thai voters are attracted to populist leaders with whom they can identify and who pledge to look after them. Released from the hierarchical ties of traditional society, they are no longer in awe of the old signifiers of the elite's right to rule—cultural sophistication, high education, rhetorical ability, pedigree, etc. Indeed their choices for leaders may often prove disappointing, but this is no less true for leaders chosen by the elites.

Thailand has to go back to elections sooner or later. But the terms of those elections must be defined in such a way that their outcomes are not predetermined. The voting masses must learn to vote intelligently, and the middle classes must learn to win elections by serving the people. Only then can elections be a source of legitimacy.

# **Pheu Thai threatens to petition UN if election is nullified**

February 6, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Pheu Thai threatens to petition UN if election is nullified](#) – Thai PBS, February 6, 2014

...The party blamed the Election Commission for its failure to stage election in 28 constituencies in the South. It also blamed the protesters which it called anarchists for disrupting election in many polling stations rendering voting impossible.

# PM Yingluck Defends Controversial Rice Program

February 6, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[PM Yingluck Defends Controversial Rice Program](#) – Khaosod, February 6, 2014

...The rice mortgage scheme is “similar to agricultural subsidisation policies in many other countries,” Ms. Yingluck wrote in a Facebook post, “We have seen the success of this policy in its first two terms...”

# The armed forces' commanders are all gentlemen

February 7, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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From Manager, January 29, 2014

Caption: The armed forces' commanders are all gentlemen

The commanders' thought: We must not point it out...or pretend not to see that the Prime Minister's hands are stained with blood. It's not polite...It could make a lady like her shy.

From left: the Navy commander-in-chief, Admeral Kamthorn Pumhiran; the Army commander-in-chief, Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha; the Caretaker Prime Minister, Yingluck Shinawatra; commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces, Gen. Thanasak Patimaprakorn; and the Air Force commander-in-chief, ACM Prachin Chantong

# Yingluck says ulterior power obstructs govt, rice subsidies

February 7, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Yingluck says ulterior power obstructs govt, rice subsidies](#) – Thai PBS, January 7, 2014

... There are unconventional and undemocratic political games with the objectives of removing the government and obstructing the present administration from successively working for the people's well-being despite the fact that farmers themselves have been in favour of rice subsidies, she said. She said related government agencies were instructed to solve problems which impeded payments to farmers.

Claiming that the government's policy has been accepted by farmers and has been successful in increasing farmers' income in the last two years, she vowed to work with her Cabinet for the success of the project...

# Peasants and the redshirt movement in Thailand: some dissenting voices

February 7, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Peasants and the redshirt movement in Thailand: some dissenting voices](#) – The Journal of Peasant Studies, January 30, 2014

...Atayasai revealed that five of his neighbours, all peasants over the age of 60, joined the redshirt protest in Bangkok in April 2010 in return for 500 baht/day. According to him, they did so not because they were redshirt supporters, but simply because they had 'free time' and wanted to contribute to their households' incomes. Atayasai fumed: 'This is what redshirt protesters are – jobless people looking for short-term employment. They're not different from workers who migrate to Bangkok and return after a few months'. He continued with an unconfirmed yet widespread rumour that once his neighbours reached Bangkok, their ID cards were confiscated by their leader. If they returned home without permission, they would not get their ID cards back. 'They were like slaves', sympathised Atayasai (16 May 2010). Playing the devil's advocate, I commented that the few protesters I interviewed in Bangkok emphasised their 'voluntary' participation. Atayasai replied: Don't believe that. That's what they're instructed to say if outsiders like you approach them. That's part of the conditions for employment. ... Just think. are poor. One cannot pay land rent. Another is struggling to pay for his kid's education. ... Would these people go to Bangkok just to protest?...



# Thai Culture Ministry to tackle offensive underwear with prints of Thai flag and map

February 7, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Undergarments being sold with prints of Thai flag and map](#) – The Nation, February 7, 2014

...Urging people to report cultural offences via 1765, he said the ministry had produced a handbook [“Do’s and Don’ts According to Thai Culture”](#), which can be downloaded via [www.m-culture.go.th](#), [www.culture.go.th](#) and [www.c-me.go.th](#).

[Cafe Press Thai flag underwear](#)

# Remembering the Thaksin Years: Trying to avoid a crash

February 8, 2014

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



From Thairath, February 8, 2003

Left train with the face Jaturong Chaisang, Minister of Education: Ministers

Right train: Governmental officers

On the station: Justice Station

Flag: TRT

Caption: Expert on shunting the deadly tracks.

# First Thai song to pass 100 million views on YouTube

February 8, 2014

Categories: Music



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=http://www.youtube.com/embed/HZV-ggoTQ7s>



[Thai song hits 100m views](#) – Bangkok Post, February 7, 2014

# **NYT: “Shallow News in Depth,” Thailand’s satirical news show**

February 10, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Taking On Thailand’s Crisis With a Bit of Western Bite](#) – New York Times, February 8, 2014

Website for [“Shallow News in Depth”](#)

# **The Independent: Thailand protests: Meet the ‘Red Shirts’, the pro-government Shinawatra supporters of the north**

February 10, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand protests: Meet the ‘Red Shirts’, the pro-government Shinawatra supporters of the north](#) – The Independent, February 6, 2014

...He said the numbers of anti-government protesters were dwindling and their funds running low. Yet if the Red Shirts went there, he said, emotions might run too high to control. “In our houses, we want to have them beheaded...”

# **Christian Science Monitor: Thai politician turned protest leader follows own script in political drama**

February 10, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai politician turned protest leader follows own script in political drama](#) – Christian Science Monitor, February 7, 2013

...Ansari Mansuri, the head of the Yameay Mosque in Phuket, which has a large Muslim minority, says that protesters are well aware of Suthep's checkered past. But he insists that the charges pale in comparison to what they see as the corruption and thuggery of pro-Thaksin governments.

"Thaksin killed too many Muslims in the south," he says, referring to security force massacres in Thailand's southernmost provinces, where a shadowy war fought between insurgents and security forces has resulted in the killing of almost 6,000 people in the last decade.

By contrast, says Mr. Ansari, "Mr Suthep is a good man. He had a little problem with corruption before, a long time ago, but not like the Thaksin regime."

# **Financial Times: Democracy can save Thais from political free-fall**

February 11, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Democracy can save Thais from political free-fall](#) – Financial Times, February 8, 2014

...Either way, the election has shown Thaksin can be beaten at the polls. Thailand's best way forward is to stay within the democratic system, enticing the protesters to disband, the Democrats to rejoin the electoral fray, and the Yingluck government to agree to reforms supervised by a neutral third party...

# **Australian journalist faces up to seven years' jail in Thailand if found guilty of defamation against the Royal Thai Navy**

February 11, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Aust journalist faces jail in Thailand](#) – AAP, February 9, 2014

...”This is an abuse of military power and it is aimed directly at the freedom of the media in Thailand,” Morison said on the Phuket-wan website.

“If the prosecutor requests that we must provide bail next week, we intend to go straight to jail,” he said.

“Laws like these shouldn’t be a part of modern democracy...”



# Thai cheaters: University throws out a quarter of the applications from Thailand for suspected false claims and accomplishments

February 11, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[‘But you don’t like to read. Why do you want to go to Harvard?’](#) – Fortune Magazine, February 6, 2014

...Daniel Grayson thought there was probably something fishy about the kid who said his childhood friend died from a procedure in a back-alley abortion clinic in Bangkok. Grayson, an associate director of admissions at Tufts University who recruits students and reviews applications from Southeast Asia, had been warned about too-good-to-be-true applications from Thailand. This one, from a student who claimed to have been so inspired by his friend’s plight that he made a documentary on illegal abortion and promoted it with great success on the Internet, got him wondering. Grayson emailed the applicant, a senior at a Thai international school, asking to see the film. He heard back several weeks later from the student, who sent a link to a video posted to YouTube the day before by another person. The “documentary” — a three-minute reel of stock photo images accompanied by a student reading a bland script on abortion — looked hastily thrown together.

Tufts denied the applicant. In fact, during the 2013 admissions season, Grayson threw out a quarter of the applications from Thailand for suspected cheating. The applicants, he says, had offered impressive stories of enterprising (but fictitious) extracurricular projects, like the student who said he had invented an elephant motion detector to help protect agricultural fields in rural Thailand...

# **Thai police reshuffle confirms Thaksin Shinawatra's inner circle retain a firm grip on key posts**

February 11, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News, Kamronwit Thoopkrachang, Thai Police

[Police shake-up smacks of Thaksin – Investigators with govt links receive promotions in Pheu Thai](#) –

Bangkok Post, February 10, 2014

...Metropolitan Police Bureau (MPB) commissioner Kamronwit Thoopkrachang was given the nod from Thaksin to compile the reshuffle list himself, a police source said.

Despite strong reservations from politicians, Pol Lt Gen Kamronwit's line-up appeared to have taken place without a hitch. It is believed he keeps in direct contact with Thaksin...

# **English transcript of Dr. Somkiat Onwimon's speech on Pathumwan stage tonight**

February 11, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[English transcript of Dr. Somkiat Onwimon's speech on Pathumwan stage tonight](#) – February 11, 2014

# Remembering the Thaksin Years: Let them flight... continue moving on!

February 12, 2014

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



From Thairath, October 2, 2002

Title: Let them flight... continue moving on!

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra is carrying books reading 'reform' and 'Thailand'

The papers he steps on: reviving the upstream, strengthening the economy and better quality of farmers' lives, reforming education, catching up with the world

Members of Parliaments including the Opposition from Democrat party leader Chuan Leekpai are fighting each other with a paper that says "to interpret a law." This illustrates the idea that energetic reform should take precedence over the strict legality of the reforms being undertaken.

# Weekly News Magazines, February 8, 2014

February 13, 2014

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Nation Weekend, February 8, 2014

Cover reads: Side-taking battlefield; Ahingsuan...now what?



From Matichon Weekly, February 8, 2014

Cover reads: Downward, leading by monk

At bottom-right corner: By elevator or stairs? Heh heh



From ASTV Manager Weekly, February 9, 2014  
Cover reads: Itipisuan

# **Time: Thailand Was Never the Land of Smiles, Whatever the Guidebooks May Have Told You**

February 13, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand Was Never the Land of Smiles, Whatever the Guidebooks May Have Told You](#) – Time, February 12, 2014

...The current crisis has tarnished the notion of Thailand as the “Land of Smiles” portrayed in tourist guides. But while the Lonely Planet may eulogize this “friendly and fun-loving, exotic and tropical, cultured and historic” land with its “ever-comforting Thai smile,” it is a pure fabrication to pretend the country was ever a bastion of happiness and unity...

# Thaksin's former wife visits Burmese astrologer to ask advice on Thaksin's return to Thailand

February 14, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thaksin's Former Wife Visits Burmese Astrologer](#) – The Irrawaddy, February 14, 2014

...“The political situation is not good in their country, so they wanted to do some yadaya for internal peace and Thaksin's return to the country,” a source close to the matter told The Irrawaddy on Friday. Yadaya is a form of magic practiced in Burma to ward off evil spirits and weaken one's enemies. “She also asked about their oil-related business concessions in Burma's Tanintharyi Division...”

[Thaksin's son says Pojaman has never been to Myanmar](#) – Bangkok Post, February 16, 2014

[Noppadon denies Pojaman visited astrologer in Myanmar](#) – The Nation, February 15, 2014



# Remembering the Thaksin Years: Littering in Thailand

February 15, 2014

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



From Thairath, February 15, 2003

Title: Gentleman... but having a malicious intention

On the box: Hazardous waste

Small sign boards: Don't litter; Thailand.

# Crying crocodile

February 15, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, February 1, 2014

Crying crocodile: Please sympathize with the rice farmers. Because of protests, rice farmers are not able to be paid for their mortgaged rice. Please sympathize the with rice farmers.

# Died with a number of ballots

February 15, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, February 3, 2014

Title: Died with a number of ballots

On top of the ballot box: The election was completed. Almost 90% go for voting.

On the front of the ballot box: People who love democracy. Don't want PCAD.

Phi Nooring: Please help send Kamnan back home.

A mouse: Good will triumph over evil.

# Thailand's Andrew Jackson Moment

February 15, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand's Andrew Jackson Moment](#) – huffingtonpost.com, February 14, 2014

..."In keeping with the Middle Way, political figures have been moderately corrupt but with sensitivity to the transience of life. No one until recently attempted to dominate either the state or the economy." Thaksin, Race notes, has amassed billions by consistently choosing "My Way" over the modest "Middle Way." "This is not elite against poor," the strategic consultant Joe Horn says to me. "This is elite revolting against uber-elite. It all had to do with Thaksin's monopolizing power..."

# **Time: Thailand Sends 1,300 Rohingya Back to Hell**

February 15, 2014

Categories: Refugees and Migrants

[Thailand Sends 1,300 Rohingya Back to Hell](#) – Time, February 14, 2014

...“The Thai government has consistently failed to respect the rights of Rohingya asylum seekers,” says Matthew Smith, executive director of the Fortify Rights NGO. “It’s an appalling response to serious human rights violations...”

# Thai mobile phone app makes flood safety child's play

February 15, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Game on: Thai mobile phone app makes flood safety child's play](#) – The Guardian, February 14, 2014

...the UN agency Unesco's Bangkok office has teamed up with software developers OpenDream to create Sai Fah: The Flood Fighter. Players can follow the cartoon hero Sai Fah as he battles a flood on his way to meet his mother, with each level of the game offering a lesson in flood safety.

Gaming is hugely popular among Thai youth. A recent study found that 72% of youngsters own a mobile phone and 49% use their device for gaming...

# Peace and non-violence

February 16, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Khaosod, February 4, 2014

The words read: Peace and non-violence

# I sympathize with the farmers

February 17, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Komchadluek, February 3, 2014

Yingluck: I sympathize with the farmers.



# Bangkok's Eerie 'Ghost Tower', The Sathorn Unique

February 17, 2014

Categories: Buildings

[Bangkok's Eerie 'Ghost Tower', The Sathorn Unique](#) – February 12, 2014

...While entering the building is forbidden, viewing it from afar is still a creepy experience. The gray tower stands empty and desolate — its incomplete upper levels beg you to wonder what's up there...

# Remembering the Thaksin Years: Kill the drug dealers

February 17, 2014

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



From Thairath, February 17, 2003

On the man's mobile phone: Hey...! Deliver the drugs quickly.

On the woman's mobile phone: Mom, come home quickly. I'm hungry.

On the packs around the dead bodies: Drugs

Caption: No chance to say the last word

# Stop robbing the nation

February 17, 2014

Categories: Signs and Billboards



The protest sign reads: Stop robbing the nation – Cut the oil price by 5 baht immediately – Give back the country's treasury – The People's Army and the Network for Thai Energy Reform (PANTER)

# Urban hiking up the 650 meter Shanghai Tower

February 17, 2014

Categories: Nothing to do with Thailand, but Interesting



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=http://www.youtube.com/embed/gLDYtH1RH-U>



# **Run on Government Saving Bank in Krabi and Satun**

February 17, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Customers flock to withdraw from GSB branches in Krabi](#) – The Nation, February 17, 2014

[Satun people withdraw savings from GSB ahead of reported loans to government](#) – The Nation, February 17, 2014

# Myanmar journalists on trial for reporting alleged chemical weapons factory

February 17, 2014

Categories: Myanmar/Burma

[Myanmar journalists on trial for reporting alleged chemical weapons factory](#) – Reuters, February 16, 2014  
Myanmar police have charged five journalists with “disclosing state secrets” after their newspaper carried a story about an alleged chemical weapons factory, state media reported Sunday...

# **Buddhist cave temples are jaw-droppingly gorgeous**

February 17, 2014

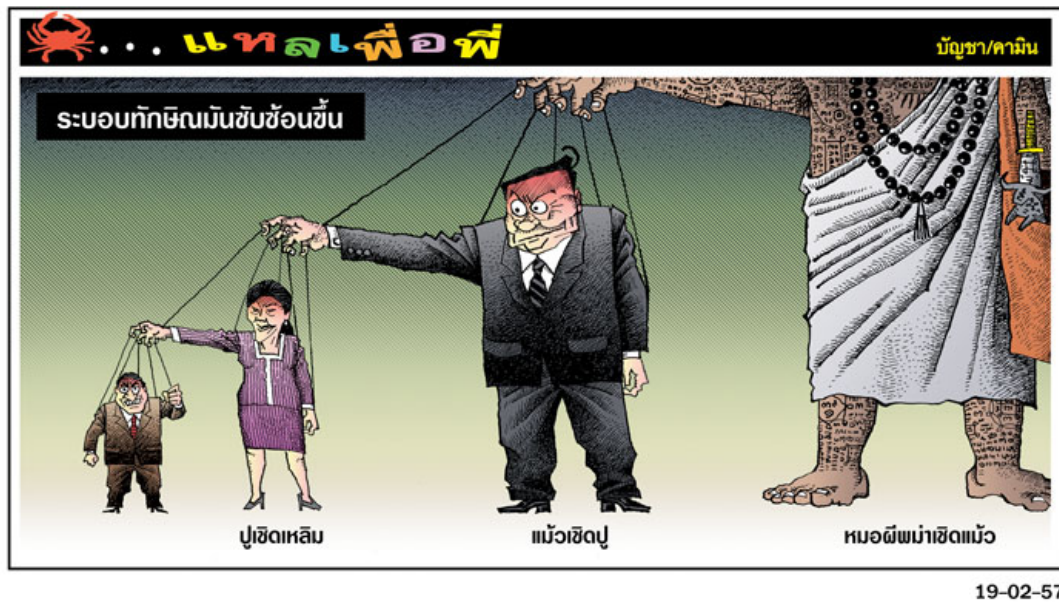
Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Buddhist cave temples are jaw-droppingly gorgeous](#) – Huffington Post, February 15, 2014

# Thaksin's regime is getting more complicated

February 18, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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From Manager, February 18, 2014

Title: Thaksin's regime is getting more complicated.

Under Yingluck: Manipulating Chalerm

Under Thaksin: Manipulating Poo

Under astrologer: Manipulating Thaksin



# Spying in the toilet

February 18, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, February 2, 2014

Title: We take care of you (even when you're in a toilet).

On the wall: Bangkok's mobile restroom trailers.

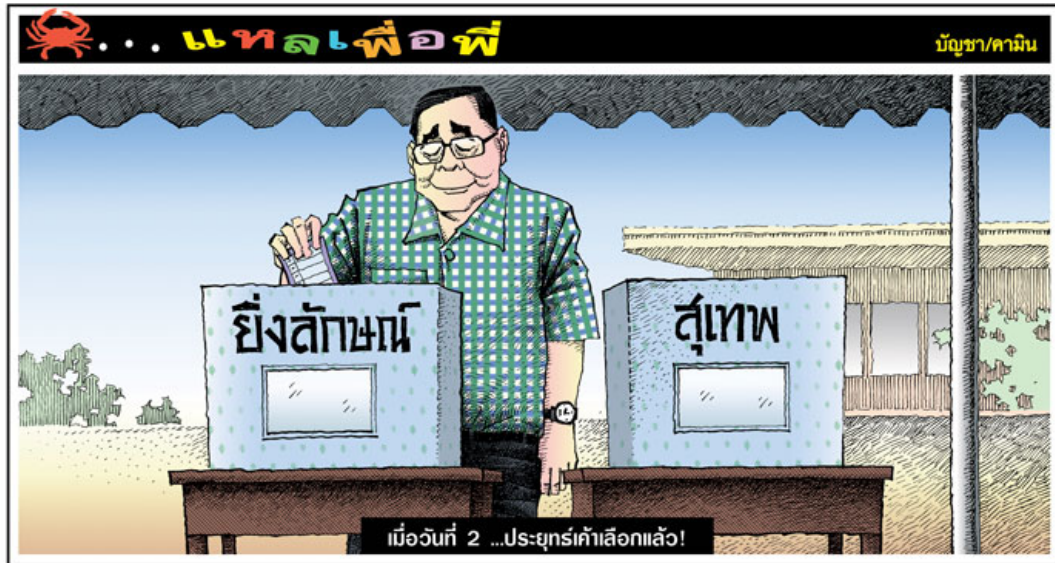
Phi nooring: The Government is a stalker.

A mouse: Violate our rights.

# Prayuth has already chosen!

February 18, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



04-02-57

From Manager, February 3, 2014

Ballot box on the left: Yingluck

Ballot box on the right: Suthep

Caption: On Feb.2... Prayuth has already chosen!

# Krungthai Bank resists

February 18, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



05-02-57

Krungthai Bank resists

From Manager, February 4, 2014

Sign on the wall: Krung Thai Bank

The Bird: Ai Tong is coming to pester about borrowing again!!!

Caption: The Bird of Paradise is damned.

# Chuwit Poster, 2014

February 18, 2014

Categories: Chuwit Kamolvisit, Elections



On the poster: Stand firm on opposing rationally, Chuwit Kamolwisit, the Love Thailand Party

# Temasek seeks to sell \$3.1 bln stake in Thailand's Shin Corp to SingTel

February 18, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Temasek seeks to sell \\$3.1 bln stake in Thailand's Shin Corp to SingTel](#) – Reuters, February 17, 2014

...Temasek owns 52 percent of SingTel and a successful acquisition by the latter of the Shin Corp stake would help SingTel to boost its exposure to a relatively bigger market and offset sluggish growth in mature economies.

Shin Corp controls the biggest Thai mobile phone operator, and has interests in several telecommunications businesses, including Advanced Info Service Pcl, Thailand's largest mobile phone operator, and satellite firm Thaicom Pcl . SingTel already owns 23 percent of AIS.

Along with Thai investors, Temasek and Surin Upatkoon bought the 96 percent Shin Corp holding in 2006 through a vehicle known as Cedar Holdings Ltd. While Cedar has since sold most of its ownership, Temasek remains a Shin Corp shareholder through a subsidiary called Aspen...

# The famous Mrs Balbir's Restaurant in Bangkok

February 19, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News, Malaysia

[Entrepreneur finds success with F&B business in Bangkok](#) – The Star, February 13, 2013

Many of the tourist and locals that wander through the doors of the famous Mrs Balbir's Restaurant in Bangkok do not know that it is run by a Malaysian.

Having been in business in Bangkok for close to 40 years, the restaurant is practically an institution. The first Mrs Balbir's was set up in 1975 by Harvinder Kaur on Sukhumvit Soi 11. Today, there are six outlets located across the city...

# Who? sign

February 19, 2014

Categories: Signs and Billboards



Billboard, just south of the Don Muang Toll plaza south bound:

Who? Topples democracy, opposes the election, obstructs payments to rice farmers

# **David Walker, co-author of the book “Hello My Big Big Honey,” missing in Cambodia**

February 19, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Canadian author missing in Cambodia](#) – phnompenhpost.com, February 19, 2014

...Siem Reap provincial Immigration Police officer Yut Sinin said that Walker had left his room at the Green Village Angkor guesthouse on the afternoon of the 14th, leaving behind his phone, laptop, passport and belongings – and little indication of where he might have gone....



# Chinese netizens shocked by drawings of North Korean horrors

February 19, 2014

Categories: North Korea

[Can Cartoons Explain the Horror of North Korea to the Chinese?](#) – Time, February 18, 2014

...So how did Chinese — living in a country that has in its own history of human-rights abuses committed in the name of a twisted socialist ideology — react to the graphic drawings posted on Weibo? (The microblogging platform is popular in part because Twitter is blocked in China.) Opinion, as so often happens on social media, was divided...

# VOA: Thai Rice to Flood Global Markets as Subsidy Ends

February 19, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai Rice to Flood Global Markets as Subsidy Ends](#) – VOA, February 18, 2014

...That will force farmers to offload the March harvest into a market currently dominated by India and Vietnam. With Bangkok already shifting grain from record government stockpiles, the sales threaten to worsen a supply glut that has dragged on international prices...

# CSM: Walls close in on Thailand's Yingluck

February 19, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Walls close in on Thailand's Yingluck](#) – CSM, February 18, 2014

# Election

February 19, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



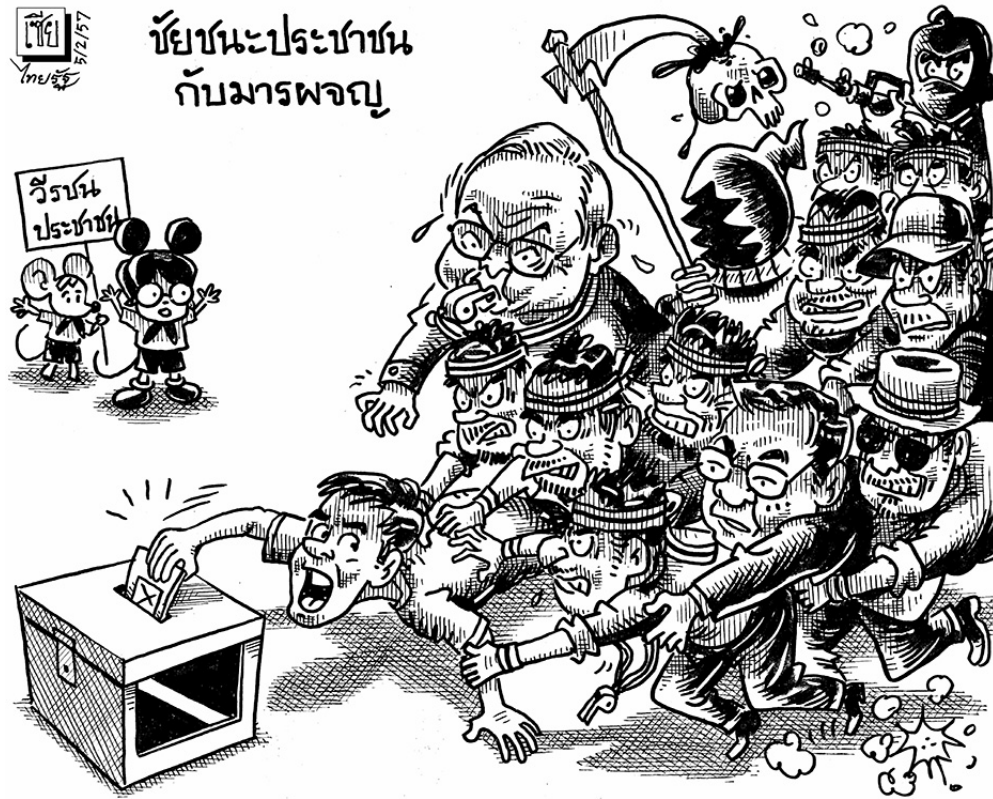
From Komchadluek, February 6, 2014

Election

# People's victory and the fiend's obstruction

February 19, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, February 4, 2014

Cartoon title: People's victory and the fiend's obstruction

On the mouse's sign: Heroic people

# Chalerm getting mad

February 20, 2014

Categories: Chalerm Yubamrung, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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From Manager, February 5, 2014

Messenger of Death: The vein at his brain stem is utterly ballooning... let Kamnan provoke him just a little bit more... and he's ours.





Left column, from top: Rising costs – fertilizer, insecticide, fuel; Cheated by rice millers/government – 15,000 baht payment delayed by 6 months, cheating scales, price deduction for dampness, buying for 5,000-6,000 baht/ton (still unpaid); BAAC doesn't have money – the government hasn't paid yet, commerce ministry hasn't sold the rice, 19 million tons remain in stock, G-to-G with China is fake; Thaksin thinks, Poo gets it done, the sister becomes rich, Ame, Ung Ing travel abroad.

Right column, from top: No banks lend because of: the government's incredible status; no trustworthiness, customers flock for withdrawal; new round of economic crisis; Solutions: borrow from loan sharks with 20% interest rates; sell property – rice fields, buffaloes, tractors; committing suicide (10 did so far): The government's devilish plots and plans – set rice warehouses on fire, divide the rice farmers, blame the protesters and banks, conspire with the Krung Thai Bank to grant loans to rice millers and traders



# Please make the election void

February 20, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, February 6, 2014

Cartoon title: The wrongdoer asking for reward

In the hooded figure's hand: Please make the election void

Sign on podium: Sloppy

On the bench is Mr. Jaran Pukditanakul, Justice of the Constitutional Court.

Man with cross mark on forehead is the People's Democratic Reform Committee's secretary-general, Suthep Thuaagsuban.

Phi Nooring: The election obstructing group

Mouse: Destroying democracy

# **EC Member Accuses Facebook Page Of Libel**

February 20, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[EC Member Accuses Facebook Page Of Libel](#) – Khaosod, February 20, 2014

# Where is the Thai government's secret meeting location?

February 20, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[New secret hideaway for cabinet](#) – Bangkok Post, February 20, 2014

A new temporary office has been prepared in Bangkok for caretaker Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and her cabinet, but its location is being kept secret...

# **Bloomberg: Thai Court Bans Use of Violence Against Protesters After Clashes**

February 20, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai Court Bans Use of Violence Against Protesters After Clashes](#) – Bloomberg, February 20, 2014

[Chalerm asks Civil Court judges to clarify ruling](#) – ThaiPBS, February 20, 2014

...He then recalled the days when he was justice minister and had done many things beneficial to the judges. He said he was not asking for a debt of gratitude from the court but he just wanted to have clarification. He also said that this country does not belong only to the court but all the people and that the people should know equally.

# Thai govt claims it sold 600,000 metric tons of rice

February 20, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai government sells 600,000 metric tons rice after special allocation](#) – Reuters, February 19, 2014

...”There were two leading exporters who had overseas orders and needed rice to be delivered immediately so we agreed to award an additional 200,000 metric tons to help support them,” Surasak Riengkul, director-general of the Commerce Ministry’s Foreign Trade Department, told Reuters...

# Waste of money

February 20, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, February 5, 2014

Caretaker Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra: I just want to test the water... that's all.

On the bag: 3,800 million baht

# **Thai protests are often overshadowed by events elsewhere: 100 have died in Ukraine today & at least 500 injured**

February 20, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Truce crumbles amid gunfire in Ukraine, dozens dead](#) – CNN, February 20, 2014

...At least 100 people have died and 500 have been injured since Thursday morning, the head of the protesters' medical service told CNN...

# Parkinson Man of the State

February 21, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Khaosod, February 7, 2014

On top: Oldie Persons

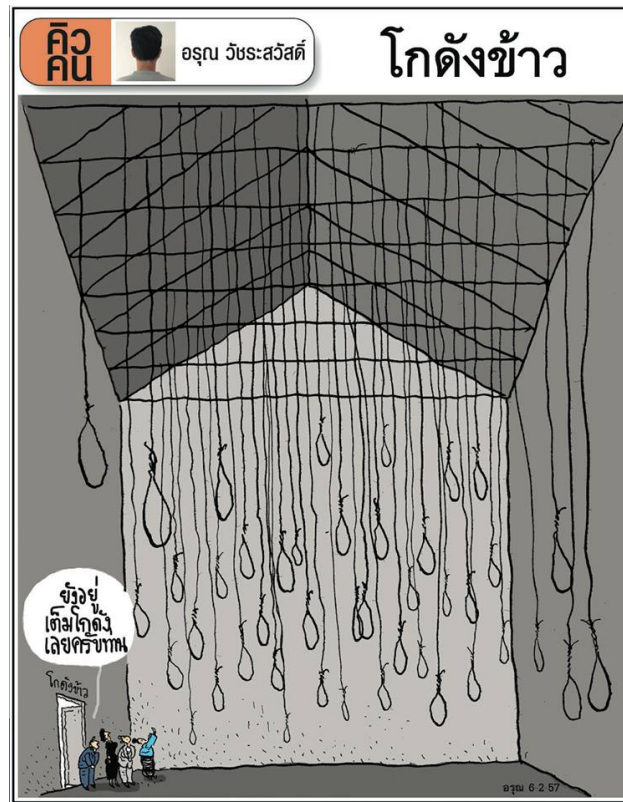
Girl: Oh, my grandpa.



# Ready to hang

February 21, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons – Arun



From Arun, February 7, 2014

Cartoon title: Rice warehouse

Sign above the entrance: Rice warehouse

Man in grey suit: The warehouse is still full, Mam.

# It should not be a big deal to help the farmers

February 21, 2014

Categories: Signs and Billboards



The sign reads: Who?

Helps the rich: Lost 800 billion baht from FSRA

Blocks helping the poor: 130 billion baht for the rice farmers

# Suicides of farmers

February 21, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons – Arun



From Arun, February 7, 2014

Cartoon title: Rice plants of rice farmers

# Creaky Trains Made of Bamboo Still Rule the Rails in Cambodia

February 21, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Creaky Trains Made of Bamboo Still Rule the Rails in Cambodia](#) – WSJ, February 19, 2014

...The wiggly old tracks stretched into the distance like two wet noodles. The bamboo train—just a platform the size of a bed, really—gained speed and began shuddering.

Weeds lining the tracks whipped at passengers' thighs. Someone on board casually started swinging a machete off the side, hacking at the underbrush. A chicken flapped out of the way...

# The courts destroy the country

February 22, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, February 22, 2014

Title: The tragedy of the country.

On a gavel: Injustice

Phi Nooring: Hands which destroy the country

Mouse: Peace for Thailand

# Reuters: Thai government supporters vow to “deal with” Bangkok protesters

February 23, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai government supporters vow to “deal with” Bangkok protesters](#) – Reuters, February 23, 2014

...”This fight will be harder than any other ... You must think how we can deal with Suthep and those supporting him,” Jatuporn Prompan, a UDD leader and senior member of the ruling Puea Thai Party, told thousands of cheering supporters in Nakhon Ratchasima, northeast of the capital...

[UDD “war drum” meeting begins](#) – Bangkok Post, February 23, 2014

The United Front for Democracy against Dictatorship (UDD) has begun with its “war drum” meeting at the Liptapanlop Hall of the Chalerm Phra Kiat sports stadium in Muang district of Nakhon Ratchasima province...

[UDD targets PDRC, independent agencies](#) – Bangkok Post, February 23, 2014

...Mr Jatuporn said the problem facing the UDD was not only Mr Suthep, but also the network of ammart or aristocratic elites – the same group of people behind the Sept 19, 2006 coup and the 2010 polical violence. “From today we will have to fight until victory. We have two choices – to win or get killed. We have to teach Suthep a lesson for challenging the UDD,” he said.

# Fatal Violence Strikes Antigovernment Rallies in Thailand

February 23, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Fatal Violence Strikes Antigovernment Rallies in Thailand](#) – NYT, February 23, 2014

*...Suthep Thaugsuban, the main leader of the protest movement, warned the Red Shirts that they would be “served popcorn” if they came too close to protesters, a reference to a gunman allied with the protest movement who this month fired an assault weapon at government supporters and partly concealed the weapon inside a bag of corn seed.*

*Charupong Ruangsuwan, the leader of Pheu Thai, the governing party, told the gathering of Red Shirts on Sunday that in the “fight this time death will be real.”*

*Mr. Charupong, who is also the interior minister, said 10 million guns were registered in Thailand. “These are guns for self-defense,” he said. “If anyone underestimates the power of the people, you’ll know about it. I believe that we must be prepared to enter a decisive situation.”*

# Respect my speech

February 23, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, February 23, 2014

Title: Respect my speech

General Prayuth Chan-ocha: Adhere to the constitution, respect the law and no coup d'état.

On a shield hold by Yingluck: Government will protect democracy.

Phi Nooring: respect P Tu's speech.

A mouse: Bring the happiness back to Bangkok.

At left, on the the judge's cloak: Injustice, support a mob

Suthep is on his shoulders and on his shoulders is the monk Luang Pu Buddha Issara holding bag on which is written: compensation

On the gun is a bag on which is written: Popcorn



# Borrow a sickle to take out her heart

February 24, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, February 7, 2014

Cartoon title: Borrow a sickle to take out her heart

On the pole: The Caretaker Government

Man hiding behind the pole: Rice traders

Man blowing whistle is the People's Democratic Reform Committee's secretary-general Suthep Thuagsuban, leader of the anti-government protesters.

Paper in Suthep's hand: Money for rice pledging

Paper in hooded figure's hand: Stop the rice pledging scheme

Phi Nooring: Don't be fooled.

Mouse: Cruel plan

# March to save the country... march to borrow from banks!

February 25, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, February 10, 2014

Left: March to save the country...

Right: ...March to borrow from banks!

Signs on building from left: BAAC ; Government Saving Bank; Krung Thai Bank Plc.

Woman on the street is the Caretaker Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and the man is Caretaker Deputy Prime Minister and the Caretaker Finance Minister Kittirat Na Ranong.

# Rice farmer and the cobra

February 25, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, February 8, 2014

Cartoon title: Rice farmer and the cobra (the abnormal version)

Head of cobra is Suthep Thaugsuban, secretary-general of the People's Democratic Reform Committee (PDRC).

Suthep: Tweet, tweet... Love rice farmers so much.

On cobra: PDRC obstructing the rice pledging project expecting to topple the government

On bags, front to hind: Preventing the government from borrowing from banks to pay the rice farmers; Obstructing rice trade

On paper behind rice farmer: Asking for money from rice pledging project

Phi Nooring: Hypnotizing tweet.

Mouse: Hurting rice farmers

# If this woman alone donates... it could save every rice farmer in the whole country

February 26, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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From Manager, February 11, 2014

Suthep Thuagsuban: Please donate the chair to help the rice farmers.

Caption: If this woman alone donates... it could save every rice farmer in the whole country.

# Ten years without justice for noted lawyer and human rights defender Somchai Neelaphaijit

February 26, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News, Human Rights, The Thaksin Years

[Ten years without justice for Somchai Neelaphaijit](#) – humanrights.asia, February 26, 2014

...In the case of the disappearance of Somchai Neelaphaijit, at every stage of the investigation, there was obfuscation by police officers, a lack of will by many inside the state (including at the highest level of the then-prime minister, Thaksin Shinawatra) to cooperate, and mishandling of evidence. After a labyrinthine legal case and courageous struggle by his wife, Angkhana Neelaphaijit, his children, and many human rights activists, the five police officers who pulled him from his car ten years ago have no charges outstanding against them. Four of them are known to be living outside prison. Uncertainty surrounds the whereabouts of Police Major Ngern Thongsuk, the only one of the five to be convicted (of coercion) by the Court of First Instance on January 12, 2006. He was immediately granted bail for the term of the appeal. Under conditions which remain unclear, he allegedly disappeared following a mudslide in September 2008. On March 11, 2011, the conviction of Police Major Ngern Thongsuk was overturned and the judgment of innocence of the four other involved police officers was upheld by the Appeal Court...

# New moms for Oak

February 27, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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From Manager, February 9, 2014

Women around Phanthongtae: Hi!...Hello son Oak

Caption: This young man...his father keep finding him new moms.



# White lie

February 27, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Manager, February 12, 2014

Top: Khun Tong... when we said we're happy to grant you loans to pay off the pledged rice...

Bottom: ...we're white-lying!

Caption: Voices from banks' CEOs to the Finance Minister

# Thaksin's ex-wife Pojaman faces whistle blowing at Emporium

February 27, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=http://www.youtube.com/embed/BfPHhwp8AgA>



Also: [Pipe bomb for couple who blew whistles at Pojaman](#)



# Rice farmers became extinct

February 28, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Manager, February 13, 2014

Title: This is a story that will happen 10 years from today.

Top left, teacher: These people you see are rice farmers who grow rice...

Top right, teacher: There used to be millions of them. But they became extinct from Thailand... since 2014, or 10 years ago.

Bottom left, student: What the cause of their extinction, Mam?

Bottom right, teacher: ...The Yingluck government conned them by telling them to pledge their rice, but then didn't pay them. Many hung themselves, the rest just starved to death.

Student: Ho!

# Farmers have already hanged themselves so they cannot support the government

February 28, 2014

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, February 13, 2014

Farmer: Good news!!... Phi Ten want us to join a mob to support the government about that rice stuff in Bangkok!!... We'll get paid 200 baht each!

# Whistle blowers to face sedition charges, separatism and Yingluck will to die for democracy

February 28, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Whistle blowers against Potjamarn at Emporium to face summonses for sedition](#)

[Auditor General finds rotten rice from 2011-12 harvest in warehouse](#)

[In Facebook post, Yingluck vows to “die in the battlefield” to protect democracy](#)

[Thai army chief says he will not tolerate separatism](#)

[“Let’s divide and establish Lanna state”: Phayao and Chiang Rai police remove “secession” banners](#)

[Anti “secession” banner appears in Phitsanulok](#)

[Pipe bomb for couple who blew whistles at Pojaman](#)

[Red Shirt hardliner seeks 600,000 men for pro-govt democracy protection force raising concerns of civil war](#)

[Silencing the civil-warmongers](#)

# Welcome to the “Democratic Republic of Lanna People”

February 28, 2014

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Red shirts wear rebellion headbands to welcome Yingluck](#) – TPBS, February 28, 2014

...The headbands and banners bearing the sor por por Lanna acronym are part of the increasing sign of dissent of the red-shirt followers against what they claimed as the ammart class in Bangkok for their alleged bias against the Pheu Thai government and increasing talk of separatism.

*Red shirts wear rebellion headbands to welcome Yingluck  
in Breaking News | February 28, 2014*

*Red-shirt followers wore white headbands bearing the acronym “sor por por Lanna” (the Democratic Republic of Lanna People) to welcome caretaker Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra during her visit to an OTOP trade fair held in Sankamphaeng district of Chiang Mai today (Friday).*

*Some of the red shirts also carried little red and white flags as they cruised around the district in motorcycles to give morale support to Ms Yingluck.*

*The headbands and banners bearing the sor por por Lanna acronym are part of the increasing sign of dissent of the red-shirt followers against what they claimed as the ammart class in Bangkok for their alleged bias against the Pheu Thai government and increasing talk of separatism.*