

Shunt the trains carefully

March 1, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



Above: From Thairath, February 11, 2015

Top left, President Xi Jinping says: Provide a loan with high interest

Top right, President Obama says: Stop martial law

Bottom right, Japanese PM Abe says: Return democracy

Mouse man: True friends

Mouse: Shunt the trains carefully

You still need to ask this question?

March 2, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



06-02-58

From Manager, February 5, 2015

Police officer: Did you post the fake royal statement by yourself or is someone behind this?

Caption: You still need to ask this question?

Whose bombs???

March 2, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, February 6, 2015

Cartoon title: Whose bombs???

On bombs (left to right): Cyber law, martial law, constitution and reform, decline of agricultural products, US pressure, economy

On smoke: bombing at Siam

On hat: Farmers

On paper held by a woman: Freedom

On paper next to a man: Rubber farmers

Happy Anniversary Malaysians: 50 Years Ago Local Elections Were Banned

March 2, 2015

Categories: Malaysia

[The Snuffing Out of Local Democracy in Malaysia](#)

... Most Malaysians today are probably unaware that vibrant local level democracy existed in the 1950s and 1960s. We had 373 local authorities that had well over 3,000 elected representatives out of a total of some 4,223 local councillors. This number excluded those of the Kuala Lumpur municipality, which came under a separate jurisdiction because it was the federal capital.

The three most prominent municipalities were George Town, Ipoh and Malacca. Elsewhere, there were 37 town councils, 37 town boards, 289 local councils and 7 district councils. Penang and Malacca were the two states which had local councils state-wide and only Penang had fully elective councils throughout its territory on both the island and the mainland...

[Push for local elections](#) – thesundaily.my, December 30, 2013

...Eventually the right to elect leaders of local authorities was taken away when the Local Government Act 1976 was passed by the Parliament thus abolishing local government elections. It provides only for appointed councillors and mayors or presidents. The peoples' right to choose their leaders at the local authority level was taken away. Most Malaysians alive today have never cast the third vote...

[Parliament cannot abolish local government elections, Federal Court hears](#) – thestar.com.my, April 9, 2014

...The Pakatan Rakyat-led Penang government has been attempting to restore local government elections which were abolished 48 years ago, on March 1, 1965.

[Local government in Malaysia](#)

Overview of the Chinese tourist behavior problem in Thailand

March 2, 2015

Categories: China, Tourism



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=R2fbj3hepoE>



Alms bowl is full of legal charges

March 3, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Khaosod, February 13, 2015

Title: Alms bowl is full of charges.

In the alms bowl: Summons; case of 99; case

Thailand's time bomb: the new constitution

March 3, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, February 10, 2015

Title: Why do we need to reform... if there is nothing changed?

On the bomb: New conflicts... Bureaucracy

From left-right: Wissanu Krea-ngam, Borwornsak Uwan and Thienchay Kiranandana

Phi Nooring: Is it so many changes?

A mouse: Inheriting the power

Since 2009, 20 Western tourists in Thailand have died from phosphine gas poisoning

March 3, 2015

Categories: Tourism

[Phosphine gas likely cause of Thailand deaths of Quebec sisters: coroner](#) – cbc.ca, March 2, 2015

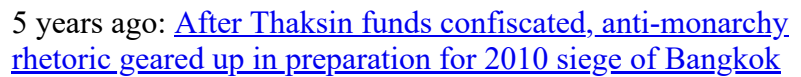
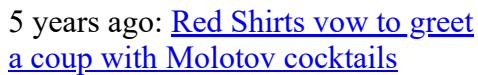
...She said the Quebec coroner's office redid all the work done by Thai medical examiners. She said her staff concluded that the DEET Thai examiners identified as the cause of death was not in concentrations high enough to kill the sisters.

Rather, Roussel said, it is likely that phosphine gas — a highly toxic pesticide used to kill bed bugs — was the culprit behind the deaths, even if it was not apparent in their blood.

Roussel said about 20 Western tourists in Thailand have died in similar circumstances since 2009...

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2 years ago: Polls & media insist Pheu Thai will win Bangkok Governor race, but Democrats win instead

March 3, 2015

Categories: Today in History



2 years ago: [Polls & media insist Pheu Thai will win the Bangkok Governor race, but the Democrats win instead](#)

Stop the presses! Prayut rides big bike wearing cap

March 3, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



[Prayut rides big bike wearing cap](#) – thaipbs.or.th, March 3, 2015

...Without telling anyone, he switched on the engine, pressed the horn and shouted jokingly for everybody surrounding him to keep off, or he would ram at them.

He then rode off without wearing a helmet except a red cap, forcing his body guards, media members to run after.

Gen Prayuth circled around the compound of the Government House for a few minutes and returned to the booth, smilingly said “the bike is powerful”...

It's not from a real Red Shirt!

March 4, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, February 8, 2015

Frog on the left: What did it say? So annoying!!

Frog on the right: It's not from a real Red Shirt! It's not a real Red Shirt! I'm not involved with it. Believe me!!

On the bomb: Destroy the Royal family.



From Thairath, February 10, 2015

Left: Now, a person who issued the fake royal statement is caught. He is the Red Shirt's provincial leader in Petchabun.

Middle: Red Shirt leader Thida: He's not a real Red Shirt.

Man: But he had his photo taken with Thaksin.

Right: Red Shirt leader Thida: It's not the real Thaksin.

Thailand: “large-scale violent protests may be seen as unavoidable in order to restore democracy”

March 4, 2015

Categories: 2014 Coup

[Post-Coup Thailand: Anxiety over the Royal Succession](#) – lse.ac.uk, March 4, 2015

...It is unlikely that these undertakings will stabilise Thai politics, and as voters become alienated in the political process à la Prayuth, large-scale violent protests may be seen as unavoidable in order to restore democracy.

Which sister did Thaksin love best?

March 5, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



11-02-58

From Manager, February 10, 2015

Left caption: Three years ago...

Left: Yingluck: Phee Sin loves Poo more than Phee Dang . So, he chooses me to be the PM.

Right caption: ...At present

Right: Yaowapa: Phee Sin loves me more than Nong Poo ... So, that is why that time he didn't choose me to be the PM.

On the newspaper: Poo faces a rice-pledging scheme charge.

Nine Years Ago: Govt Able to Suppress News of Protests Against It

March 5, 2015

Categories: Today in History

Nine Years Ago: [Marching to Government House](#)

Today there are dozens of Thai TV news channels as well as extensive tweeting and Facebooking of all things political as they happen. Thus, it is hard to imagine that just nine years ago the government was able to generally control the news and constrict information about protests seeking to topple it.

Ghosts of Thaksin and Yingluck

March 6, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



From Manager, February 16, 2015

In the black box: Monday long cartoon story by Bancha/Kamin

Title: Ghosts

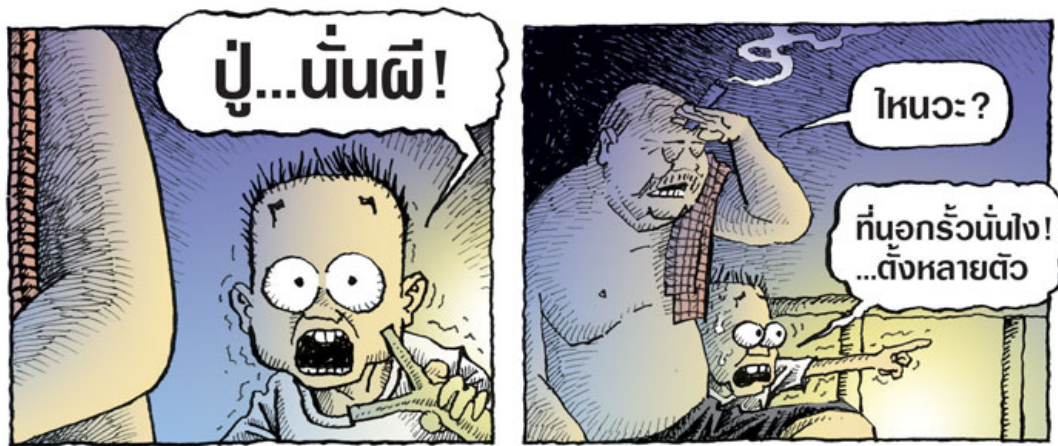


A house located at the center of... Suvarnabhumi

Sign on the house: Thailand



Above: There are a grandpa and his nephew sitting in the balcony.



Left, the boy says: Grandpa..It's a ghost!

Right, Grandpa: Where?

Boy: Outside our fence!... There are so many ghosts.

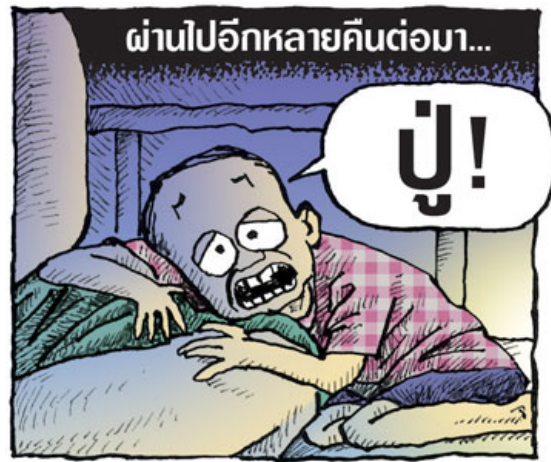


Um... Those ghosts.



Left: They're homeless ghosts.

Right: They like to drop by our fence... They want to come inside our house and scare people.



Left: But you don't need to be afraid. They can't come inside our house because we have a god who protects us.

Right: Many nights have passed
Boy: Grandpa!



Left: There is a new ghost. It's a female ghost.

Right: Oh... She's the new one.



Man: She just left our house and became a ghost a few days ago.

Nine Years Ago: The Gutting of iTV

March 6, 2015

Categories: Today in History



Nine Years Ago: [The Gutting of iTV](#)

10 years ago: Thaksin tries to buy jets with chickens & 2006 coup costs U.S. the chance to sell Thailand F-16s

March 6, 2015

Categories: Today in History

10 years ago: [Thaksin tries to buy jets with chickens & 2006 coup costs U.S. the chance to sell Thailand F-16s](#)

13 Years Ago: Nation employees fear closure

March 7, 2015

Categories: Today in History

13 Years Ago: [Nation employees fear closure](#)

10 Years Ago: Thaksin to give top priority to opening casinos

March 8, 2015

Categories: Today in History

10 Years Ago: [Thaksin to give top priority to opening casinos](#)

10 Years Ago: Thaksin Pledges to Use Absolute Power Wisely

March 9, 2015

Categories: Today in History

10 Years Ago: [Thaksin Pledges to Use Absolute Power Wisely](#).

We wish Yingluck to be punished

March 9, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



18-02-58

From Manager, February 17, 2015

Red Shirt leaders: Please... we wish Yingluck to be punished... We've run out of funds to support our demonstrations for so long.

Sign in the background: Latest victim of the elite.

Caption: Which group wants Yingluck to be punished the most?

Second tunnel under the Chao Phraya river begins today

March 9, 2015

Categories: Mass Transit

[Second under river tunnel boring starts today](#) – ThaiPBS, March 9, 2015

...the prime minister will preside over the launching ceremony of the tunnel boring machine of the second tunnel under the Chao Phraya river as part of the phase 2 expansion of the MRT Blue Line from Sanam Chai to Tha Phra...

7 Years Ago: Threats to Resume Thaksin's War on Drugs

March 10, 2015

Categories: Today in History

7 Years Ago: [Threats to Resume Thaksin's War on Drugs](#)

On 20 February, Interior Minister Chalerm Yubamrung, told parliament that "For drug dealers if they do not want to die, they had better quit staying on that road... drugs suppression in my time as Interior Minister will follow the approach of Thaksin. If that will lead to 3,000-4,000 deaths of those who break the law, then so be it. That has to be done ... For those of you from the opposition party, I will say you care more about human rights than drug problems in Thailand."

We can find our own happiness

March 11, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, February 18, 2015

Title: You guys don't understand... we're now returning happiness to Thai people.

A sign held by Obama: Return democracy to Thais

A sign held by EU representative: End martial law and have elections soon

On the wall: There is no dictator here.

Above the prison: Injustice, inequality, violate rights, no freedom

Phi Nooring: Return freedom.

A mouse: We can find our own happiness.

Ten Years Ago Today: Reporting on the new cabinet

วันนี้เมื่อ 10 ปีก่อน : การรายงานคณะรัฐมนตรีใหม่

March 12, 2015

Categories: Today in History

A tale of two newspapers from the Thaksin era: [Reporting on the new cabinet](#)

Opposing the concession

March 12, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



20-02-58

From Manager, February 19, 2015

Title: Energy war

Left: First round... the government's weapon

Right: Second round... the people's weapon

11 years ago: The Enforced Disappearance of Somchai Neelapaijit

March 12, 2015

Categories: Human Rights, The Thaksin Years



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=http://www.youtube.com/embed/jjbNU8k5yAs>



On Wikipedia: [Somchai Neelapaijit](#)

2013: [Angkhana Neelapaijit urges Prime Minister to not allow the culture of impunity in Thailand regarding Disappearance lawyer Somchai 9 years anniversary](#)

[Disappeared in Thailand: Somchai Neelapaijit](#)

From 2004: [Lawyer's Disappearance Darkens Rights Climate](#)

To help or destroy tourism?

March 13, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, February 19, 2015

Title: Tsunami... at Patong beach

On the wave: Return happiness

Phi Nooring: To help or destroy tourism?

A mouse: Heaven beach of Phuket

Remembering Thaksin as PM: Thaksin Clamps Down on the Media

March 14, 2015

Categories: Today in History

It was 13 years ago that Thaksin's "one-man democracy" really started to pressure the media.

The Bangkok Post editor was fired, webboards were flooded with pro-government posters and pressured to shut down, TV shows featuring political analysis were removed from the airways, polling organizations were raided, iTV's investigative reporting was silenced, and critical reporters found themselves on lists to be investigated for money laundering.

There was both paranoia and alarm at how fast Thai Rak Thai was consolidating media power in an attempt to create a one party juggernaut—probably in the mold of Malaysian or Singapore-style democracy.

[Thaksin and Absolute Power](#)

[The dark age of cowardly dumbled-down TV](#)

[The Nation's free press banner](#)

[Pantip.com boards down](#)

Anti-Dhammachayo posts

March 16, 2015

Categories: Buddhism



From a graphic circulate on social media:

A Criminal, A bad monk

You violate the 2nd commandment.

Steal money and shall be defrocked.

People shall condemn him.

Collect money

And being bitten by a venomous snake

Embezzle hundred millions from the temple

Sinfulness, need to be defrocked.



From a graphic circulate on social media:

To fight against those who destroy

Country, religion and King

{At left is Phra Dhammachayo, abbot of the Dhammachayo sect, a Buddhist offshoot that supports Thaksin.

At right is Thaksin.]

At the corner on the left: If we can't suppress those two... see more

Nine Years Ago: Pro-Thaksin demonstrators at Chatuchak Park

March 17, 2015

Categories: Today in History



Nine Years Ago: [Pro-Thaksin demonstrators at Chatuchak Park](#)

Parts [One](#) – [Two](#) – [Three](#)

Junta denies taking medic from home

March 17, 2015

Categories: 2014 Coup

[Red Shirt lawyer claims he witnessed military taking medic from home](#) – Bangkok Post, March 17, 2015

...Despite this, Winyat Chartmontree, a red-shirt lawyer, called on the military to release Ms Nattatida immediately.

He claimed two soldiers in uniform and three plainclothes officers showed up at Ms Nattatida's house on Saturday and took her away.

These officers did not have a warrant and claimed to be acting under martial law, which allows the military to detain a person without charge for up to seven days...

Thailand warns women who post ‘underboob’ photos face five years in jail

March 17, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand warns women who post ‘underboob’ photos face five years in jail](#) – The Guradian, March 16, 2015

...Thailand’s computer crimes act 2007 bans material that causes “damage to the country’s security or causes public panic” or “any obscene computer data which is accessible to the public”.

The culture ministry said offenders faced up to five years in jail, but did not say how they would identify the culprits.

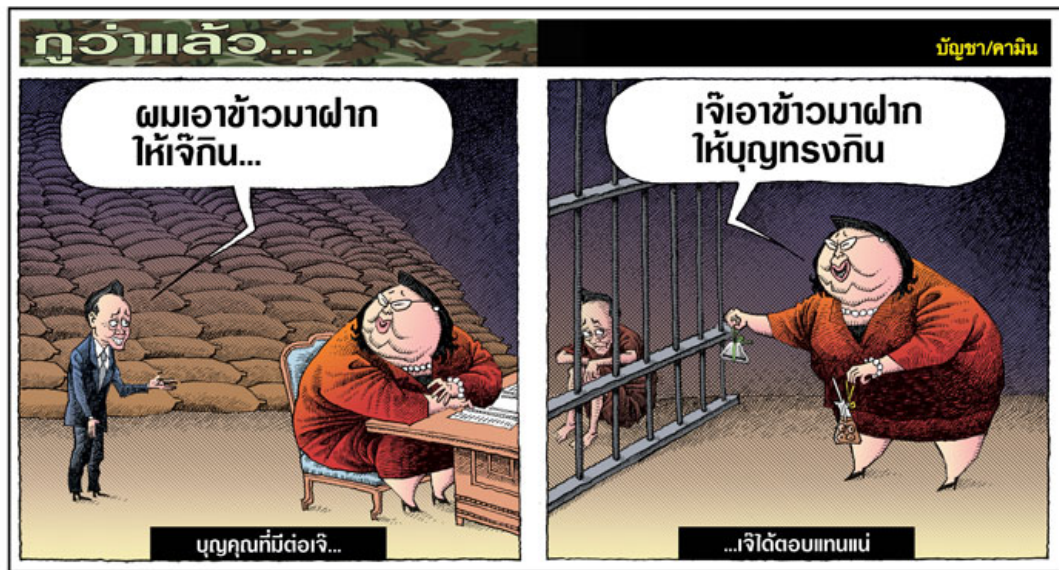
“When people take these ‘underboob selfies’ no one can see their faces,” ministry spokesman Anandha Chouchoti said. “So it’s like, we don’t know who these belong to, and it encourages others to do the same.

“We can only warn people to not take it up. They are inappropriate actions...”

I bring some rice for you to eat...

March 18, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



19-03-58

From Manager, March 18, 2015

Left: Boonsong: I bring some rice for you to eat...

Caption: All the good things you did for me...

Right: Yaowapa: I bring some rice for you, Boonsong, to eat...

Caption: ...I will pay you back

Calls for Thailand to end trials of civilians in military courts

March 18, 2015

Categories: 2014 Coup

[Four Thai activists to face military court in 'landmark case'](#) – businessinsider.com, March 16, 2015

...The four are Arnon Numpa, 30, a rights lawyer, Sirawith Seritiwat, 24, a student, Punsak Srithep, 48, an activist whose son was killed in a 2010 army crackdown on anti-government protesters and Wannakiet Choosuwan, 36, a taxi driver.

They held a pro-election demonstration in February and set up mock voting tables.

Arnon also faces additional charges under a tough computer crime laws for Facebook messages he posted...

Malaysia, Thailand, and now Indonesia: [Twisting rule of law mars the region](#) – March 17, 2015

...There are some larger regional consequences in all of this. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) has tenaciously fought for its place as the geopolitical hinge between East and South Asia, and an important player in Asia-Pacific economic and security diplomacy. In doing so, it has had to repeatedly finesse issues like Cambodia's authoritarian leadership, Myanmar's struggle with democratic transition, Vietnam's stubbornly anachronistic one-party state, and even impeccably incorruptible Singapore's regular misuse of defamation laws to neutralise political opponents...

[Thailand: Drop Charges Against Peaceful Critics – End Trials of Civilians in Military Courts](#) – hrw.org, March 17, 2015

...As a party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), Thailand is obligated to uphold and take measures to ensure basic fair trial rights. Governments are prohibited from using military courts to try civilians when civilian courts can still function. The Human Rights Committee, the international expert body that monitors state compliance with the ICCPR, has stated in its General Comment on the right to a fair trial that "the trial of civilians in military or special courts may raise serious problems as far as the equitable, impartial and independent administration of justice is concerned." This is particularly problematic in Thailand where every element of military courts functions within the Defense Ministry's chain of command, which has been controlled by the NCPO since the coup...

First Lady Michelle Obama to travel to Cambodia on March 20

March 18, 2015

Categories: Cambodia

[First Lady Michelle Obama to Travel to Japan and Cambodia March 18-22](#) – whitehouse.gov, March 17, 2015

[Cambodian Activists Urge U.S. First Lady to Seek Release of Jailed Land Defenders](#) -rfa.org, March 17, 2015

More than 50 activists gathered in front of the U.S embassy in Phnom Penh on Tuesday to request the intervention of First Lady Michelle Obama to press Cambodian authorities to release 11 jailed land rights defenders...

[First lady won't avoid Cambodia human rights concerns](#) – AP, March 16, 2015

...In Siem Reap, Cambodia, where Mrs. Obama is to arrive on Friday, she and her counterpart, Bun Rany, will meet with high school students participating in community-led education programs. Mrs. Obama will also meet with Peace Corps volunteers, and hold a round-table discussion with those volunteers, plus community and civic leaders who are working on projects to support girls' education in Cambodia. Before departing for Washington, Mrs. Obama plans to visit Angkor Wat, the ancient temple complex on UNESCO's list of World Heritage sites.

[After thirty years of Hun Sen, where is Cambodia now?](#) – eastasiaforum.org, March 18, 2015

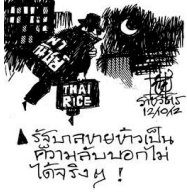
...It is essential to understand the national context to conduct a well-balanced assessment of Hun Sen's achievements and shortcomings. Cambodia is a fragile country after nearly three decades of war and conflict. Social and political distrust, a potential source of political instability, remain deeply embedded in Cambodian political culture and society.

For Hun Sen, peace and security and socio-economic development occupy centre stage in Cambodia's domestic politics, with democracy and human rights coming in second...

Fake rice deal with China comes home to roost for Boonsong

March 18, 2015

Categories: 2014 Coup, Analysis



[Left, from Thairath, October 14, 2012](#): Really, the government's rice trading deals are classified. We really cannot tell you!

[Thailand files charges against former commerce minister](#) – Reuters, March 17, 2015

...Boonsong Teriyapirom, a former commerce minister in the government of ousted Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra, and 20 others are accused of falsifying government-to-government rice deals between Thailand and China in 2013.

The Thai government said at the time it had sold 1.2 million tonnes of rice from its stockpiles to China to reduce stocks...

[Who really benefited from the rice scheme?](#) – Bangkok Post, June 18, 2013

...Commerce Minister Boonsong Teriyapirom, who chaired the NRPC meeting on Monday, said the adjustment of the rice pledging price was intended to maintain fiscal discipline so that the rice scheme would not place too great a burden on the state's coffers.

One might wonder why the minister had not felt a similar need for fiscal discipline several months ago, but instead had persistently shrugged off all criticism of the scheme and refused to come clean on almost everything about it — be it the amount of rice sold and still in stockpiles, the price of rice sold, the buyers, and the estimated losses so far...



29/10/55

Above: Boonsong is a Shinawatra loyalist who was thought to [owe his cabinet position directly to Thaksin's sister Yaowapha](#).



25/10/55

From Manager, October 25, 2012

Sign on building: National Broadcasting and Telecommunications

Yelling from left: They must have colluded!, Are they colluding?, Certainly colluding...

Caption: While everybody pays attention to 3G... 2G is getting off the hook.

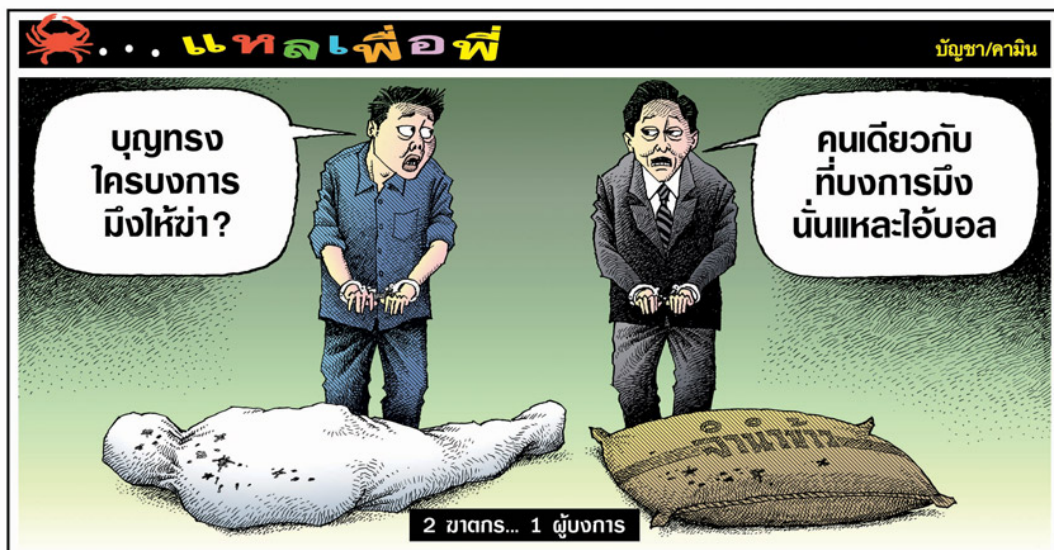
[China dashes Thai hopes of cutting huge rice stockpile](#) – gulfnews.com, October 11, 2013

...Chinese premier Li Keqiang said purchases over the next five years will be from private firms, making no mention of 1.2 million tonnes that had been flagged by the Thai government last month as sold in a government-to-government deal...

[Thailand Has No Easy Options to Pay for Rice Subsidy](#) – WSJ, October 7, 2013

...Since the Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra launched the rice subsidy program in 2011 – a populist campaign to help local farmers by buying rice at as much as 50% above market price – the Cabinet has approved a total budget of \$16 billion, taken from a state-run bank, to fund the program.

But the government has already spent about \$21.4 billion in total since then, Commerce Minister Niwatthamrong Boonsongpaisal told reporters last month...



17/06/56

From Manager, June 17, 2013

Caption: 2 murderers... 1 mastermind

Left cuffed man: Boonsong, who ordered you to kill?

Right cuffed man: The same person who gave you the order, Ai Ball.

On jute sack: Rice mortgage

Here is another cartoon [comparing the murder of Ekkayuth with Boonsong's management of the rice payments](#)



From Thairath, November 25, 2012

Cartoon title: Thailand, the land of smiles

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

Full cartoon is [here](#)

Even a pro-Thaksin cartoonist seems to [suspect the Boonsong and the rice pledging scheme would expose the government to trouble](#).



11/01/55

From Manager, October 11, 2012

Commerce Minister Boonsong Teriyapirom: G to G in my sense is Gai to Gai .

The caption reads: Who said Boonsong lied about G to G?

Thailand in decline

March 19, 2015

Categories: Economy

[Thailand's outdated tech sector casts cloud over economy](#) – Reuters, March 18, 2015

...In 2009, Vietnam's electronics exports were worth \$2.8 billion, a tenth of the size of Thailand's. Last year they had reached \$37.3 billion, compared with Thailand's \$33 billion.

Vietnam's lower wage costs – the minimum wage there is around \$6.35 a day compared with \$9.14 in Thailand, according to the Kasikorn Research Center – and the government incentives to lure producers are behind its appeal. Microsoft Corp, Canon Inc and Intel Corp have all set up facilities there in recent years...

[Old Man Thailand Feels Pain of Economic Arthritis](#) – Bloomberg, March 18, 2015

...Thailand's working-age population is forecast to peak in 2017, a year after South Korea, according to estimates by Bank of America Merrill Lynch based on UN data. Indonesia won't get there till 2058 and the Philippines not until 2085. In China, which adopted a one-child policy in the 1980s, the decline began in 2012.

Thailand's pool of workers is shrinking as it tries to regain its position as a regional powerhouse for manufacturing and exports after floods inundated its industrial heartland in 2011 and years of political impasse ended in a military coup last year...

62 Years Ago: Bangkok in 1953

March 20, 2015

Categories: Today in History



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"THE TRADE ROUTE OF THE ORIENT"

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to Tokyo only tcs. 4590.-

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to Taipoh only tcs. 2700.-

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SERVICES TO MEDAN
VIA PENANG

THAI AIRWAYS CO., LTD.
Cables: THAIAIR. Bangkok, Ph. 24611/2

(Source: *Bangkok by Week*, Vol. 7, No. 8, March 20, 1953)

62 Years Ago: [Bangkok in 1953](#)

12 Years Ago: Is there SARS in Thailand?

March 20, 2015

Categories: Today in History

12 Years Ago: [Is there SARS in Thailand?](#)

12 Years Ago: Thaksin and Bush – Thailand one of 15 “silent partners” in the US-led coalition?

March 20, 2015

Categories: Today in History

12 Years Ago: [Thaksin and Bush – Thailand one of 15 “silent partners” in the US-led coalition?](#)

Uncle Sam's Hunger

March 20, 2015

Categories: Analysis, Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, February 22, 2015

On the plate cover: Petroleum concession

Eight Years Ago: CNS not internet savvy

March 21, 2015

Categories: Today in History



Above: September 24 – Header from the original junta website



Above: September 28 – Next header from a new website



Above: October 8 – Last header from their website

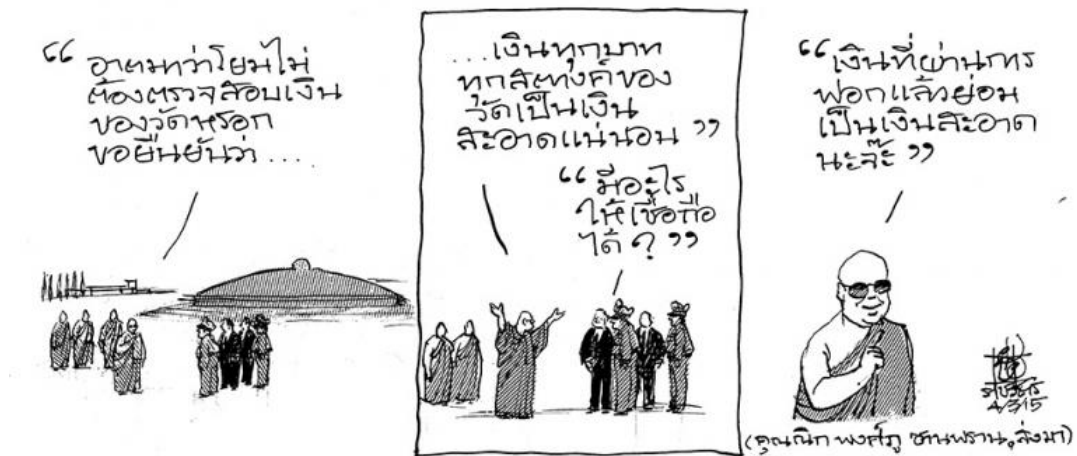
The military was caught off guard by foreign interpretations of what “Constitutional Monarchy” implied in the junta’s title and ended up changing their name several times.

Eight Years Ago: [CNS not internet savvy](#)

Laundering

March 21, 2015

Categories: Buddhism, Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, March 6, 2015

Left: I think you don't need to investigate the donation. I confirm that...

Middle: Dhammachayo: Every baht of donation is clean money.

A police: What can make us believe that?

Right: This money has already been laundered. Therefore, it can be clean naja.

Five Years Ago: Red Shirt Protests

March 21, 2015

Categories: Today in History



(Source: CNN International screen grab)

Above: As usual, CNN had nothing constructive to add – March 19, 2010

Five Years Ago: [Red Shirt Protests – March 1-31, 2010](#)

It was five years ago this month that the second Red Shirt siege of Bangkok was revving up. The first indication, as always, was that Shinawatra family members were fleeing the country to wait out the protests while shopping in London.

Meanwhile, Red Shirt leaders claimed a people's force was rebelling against the military and dared the state to act against them. However, instead of the pure revolution for Thaksin's sake that the 2009 protests called for, in 2010 they called for democracy and new elections.

Real or Fake Buddhists?

March 23, 2015

Categories: Buddhism, Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, February 25, 2015

Left: There is good and bad news. The good news is no more conflict among people in different religions.

Middle: Man: They live peacefully in the society.

Arab man: Then, what is the bad news?

Right: There is a conflict among Buddhists as to whether they are real or fake Buddhists.

The Guardian: The surreal rise of his despotic regime

March 23, 2015

Categories: 2014 Coup

[Bangkok's Big Brother is watching you](#) – theguardian.com, March 22, 2015

...But still, the doublethink pronouncements are relentless. "If people want to do polls, they are free to do so," said Prayuth at Government House last month. "But if the polls oppose the NCPO, that is not allowed," he added. A few days later an "independent" poll was published giving the regime a public approval rating of more than 80%. Earlier the junta had outlined its position on media censorship in a similar fashion. After summoning editors from Thailand's mainstream media to a meeting, the appointee in charge of media monitoring, Lt Gen Suchai Pongput, explained: "We do not limit media freedom, but freedom must be within limits..."

[Nothing will silence anti-coup Thais in Japan](#) – japantimes.co.jp, March 23, 2015

...Some informed me that the real turning point for them came in the aftermath of the military's suppression of the red shirts in 2010. The rise of political violence and the military's relentless interference in politics have compelled Thais in Japan to become politically enthusiastic. This has proven to be a common motive among anti-junta Thais in other parts of the world.

...But with Prayuth visiting Japan twice in less than two months, anti-coup Thais are wondering if anyone in Japan has heard their pleas.

[Junta Leader Blames Thai Crisis on 'Too Much Democracy'](#) – khaosodenglish.com, March 23, 2015

..."Our country has seen so much trouble because we have had too much democracy, unlike other countries where the government has more power to restrict freedoms," Gen. Prayuth, who is now chairman of the ruling junta and Prime Minister, told investors and businessmen at a conference in Bangkok today. "Even the media can't criticize, like they do here. I insist that today, we are 99 percent democratic, because I didn't overthrow democracy at all..."

[Stop intimidating the members of Southern Peasants' Federation of Thailand](#) – spyghana.com, March 22, 2015

...Reportedly, on 12 March 2015, the Sub-Committee on Land Rights and Forestry of the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand initiated an inquiry into the actions of authorities of Surat Thani Province, following the complaint submitted by members of SPFT regarding acts of intimidation, forced evictions and killing of four land rights activists in late February 2015, including Mr Chai Bunthonglek. Previously, Pianrat Boonrit was detained for two days after presenting himself to the military on 3 February 2015. He had received a letter summoning him to appear at the Vibhavadi Rangsit Military Camp in order to attend an "attitude adjustment camp" for three days...

Lee Kuan Yew: Death of a Giant

March 23, 2015

Categories: Singapore

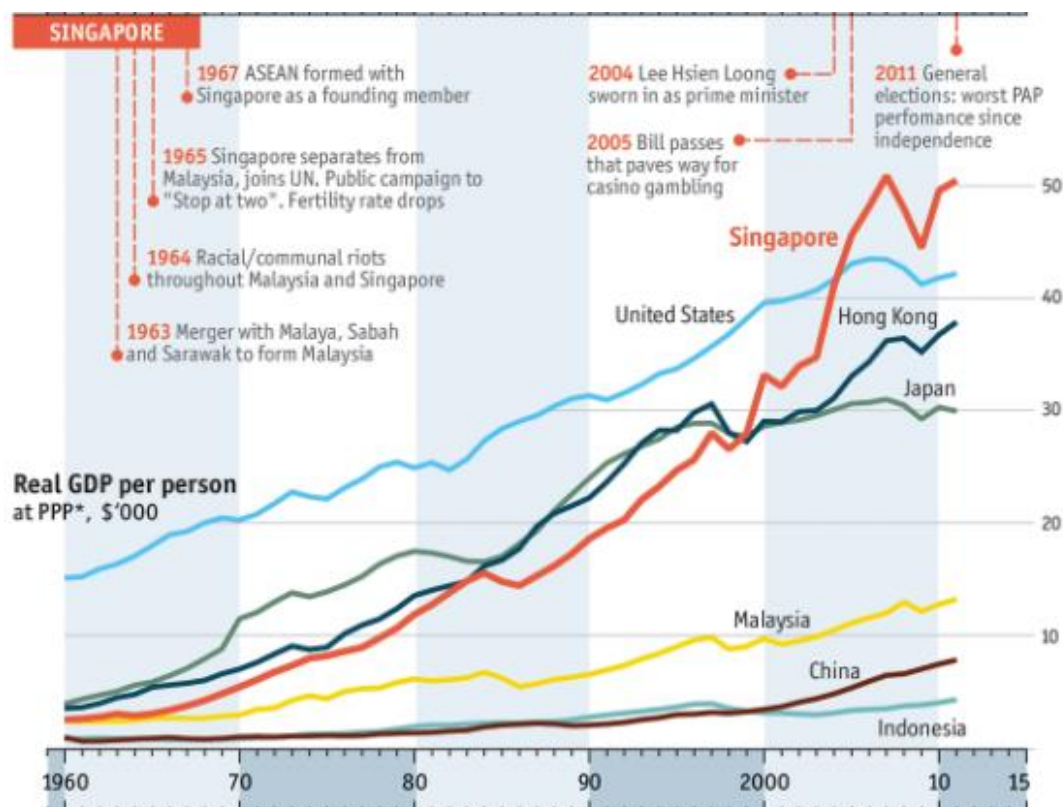


NYT: [Lee Kuan Yew, Founding Father and First Premier of Singapore, Dies at 91](#)

BBC: [Singapore's founding father Lee Kuan Yew dies at 91](#)

The Guardian: [Lee Kuan Yew obituary](#)

As first prime minister of Singapore, serving for three decades until 1990, and a continuing cabinet presence for the two that followed, Lee Kuan Yew, who has died aged 91, was a man whose story reflected his times. A relentless nation-builder like Tito, an instantly identifiable symbol like Haile Selassie, Lee also had a third dimension, especially in western eyes – statesman, philosopher king, embodiment of the wisdom of the east...



The Economist: [Lee Kuan Yew's Singapore: An astonishing record](#)

The Atlantic: [Lee Kuan Yew's Giant Legacy](#)

...Singapore's success, however, has come at significant cost to human rights. Lee tolerated no dissent and jailed regime critics without trial, and despite their wealth, Singaporeans do not enjoy a free press, freedom of speech, or freedom of assembly. Critics have also accused Lee of nepotism. In addition to his son Lee Hsieng Loong, Singapore's current prime minister, other children and close family members occupy powerful positions within the country. Members of Singapore's Malay and Indian populations have accused Lee, who was of Chinese descent, of failing to share political and economic spoils with other ethnic groups...

[13 Controversies Of Lee Kuan Yew](#) – mustsharenews.com, March 10, 2015

Bangkok Post: [Lee Kuan Yew's views on Thailand](#)

Roundup of editorial cartoons on Dhammakaya

March 24, 2015

Categories: Dhammakaya Movement, Editorial Cartoons

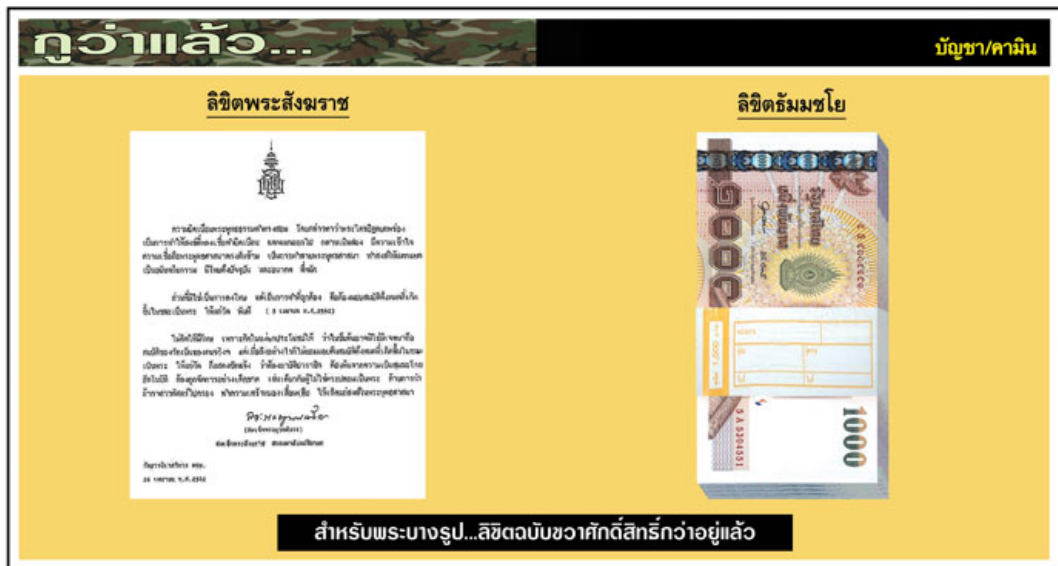


23-02-58

From Manager, February 22, 2015

A sign on the temple: Sangha Supreme Council

Caption: Naja!!



27-02-58

From Manager, February 26, 2015

Left: A letter from the Supreme Patriarch

Right: A letter from Dhammachayo

Caption: For some monks, the letter on the right is more powerful.



From Arun, February 27, 2015



24-02-58

From Manager, February 23, 2015

Left: Thaksin: Don't worry, the ECT belongs to us.

Caption: A follower used to say like this.

Right: Phra Dhammachayo: Don't worry, the SSC belongs to us... naja.

Caption: Today, the master may say the same.



25-02-58

From Manager, February 24, 2015

Left: Red Shirt leader Nattawut Tu, we should have become a monk.

On the wall: A water pipe from Dubai

Caption: While this water pipe is drying...

Right: On the wall: Water pipe from Dhammakaya

Caption: Another water pipe is full of water.



From Thairath, February 24, 2015

Title: Food offered by the enlightened monk

Phi Nooring: A monk who has the military as his security guard

Mouse: Stay above the martial law



From Manager, February 26, 2015

Top left: Phra Dhammachayo: Ok... Deal naja!

Man: Wow!... The master shows his supernatural power again.

Top right: Last time you had an out-of-body experience you talked with Steve Jobs. Who did you talk with this time?

Left: Phra Dhammachayo: Nen Kham

A man: Nen Kham... Why?

Right: I asked him to provide me with a place to escape when I have to fly my mothership and leave the country.

USA and the Red Shirts

March 24, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchadluek, March 24, 2015

Toad: The constitution is unfair. The constitution is unfair.

9 years ago: The Destruction of the Phra Prom Statue by a Deranged Man

March 24, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



9 years ago: [The Destruction of the Phra Prom Statue by a Deranged Man](#)

Bangkok's Central Park

March 24, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



2015: [Gallery: Can Makkasan become Bangkok's version of Central Park?](#)

[Support this project on Facebook](#)

2013: [Concert to save Bangkok's last green space from the developers](#)

2013: [Makkasan 'landmark' concept stalls under fierce opposition](#)

... "I want to ask what countries or cities use a luxurious condominium and a shopping mall as their landmarks," he said, pointing to well-known icons such as the Eiffel Tower in Paris and the Statue of Liberty in New York which have nothing to do with elegant residences or department stores featuring high-end products...

2003: Bangkok came up with this idea way back in 2003: [Idea for a Bangkok Central Park](#)

Also: [Makkasan Depot](#)

Tug-of-war between China, Turkey over suspected Uighurs in Thailand

March 24, 2015

Categories: Refugees and Migrants

[Tug-of-war between China, Turkey over suspected Uighurs in Thailand](#) – Reuters, March 24, 2015

...The family, who use the name Teklimakan, have spent most of the past year in the main police immigration detention centre in Bangkok.

The group claimed to be Turkish and, while still in detention, were issued with passports by the Turkish Embassy and granted permission to travel to Turkey.

China insists the 17 detainees are Chinese Uighurs who should be returned to the northwest Chinese region of Xinjiang, according to court documents seen by Reuters...

10 Years Ago: The Luang Sathorn Mansion/Russian Embassy

March 25, 2015

Categories: Today in History



Above: The stairs to nowhere

10 Years Ago: [The Luang Sathorn Mansion/Russian Embassy](#)

Clones

March 25, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



02-03-58

From Manager, March 2, 2015

Left: Thaksin: Khun Poo... is a clone of mine.

Caption: Incorrect...

Right: Dharmachayo: Thaksin... is a clone of mine naja!

Caption: Correct

9 years ago: Anti-Thaksin protest at Rajaprasong

March 25, 2015

Categories: Today in History



Above: The multi-billion dollar sale of Thaksin assets to a Singapore holding company finally sparked mass protests against Thaksin rule.

9 years ago: [Anti-Thaksin protest at Rajaprasong](#)

Falling Sales Threaten Thailand's Car-Making Supremacy in Southeast Asia

March 25, 2015

Categories: Economy

[Falling Sales Threaten Thailand's Car-Making Supremacy in Southeast Asia](#) – Wall Street Journal, March 24, 2015

Falling car sales and political uncertainty in Thailand are raising concerns that Southeast Asia's leading car-manufacturing nation could lose out to competitors in the region, especially Indonesia...

[Could Thailand Become the Transport Hub of Indochina?](#) – The Diplomat, March 24, 2015

Thailand has signed bilateral agreements with China and Japan to build two railway trunk lines across the country. One line, to be built with Chinese loans and technology, will link Bangkok and Map Ta Phut in the south through Laos to Kunming, Yunnan, in the north. The second line, to be built with Japanese capital and technology, will cross several countries on the west to east axis, from Dawei in Myanmar through Bangkok to Phnom Penh in Cambodia and possibly Ho Chi Minh City and Vung Tau in Vietnam...

[Thailand's Industrial Sentiment Still Under Pressure](#) – nasdaq.com, March 24, 2015

Confidence among Thailand's industrial operators dropped for the second consecutive month in February as a sluggish domestic economy squeezed spending in the country...

This big fat pig blocks the drainage pipe

March 25, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, March 25, 2015

Sign on the left: Bangkok drainage tunnel

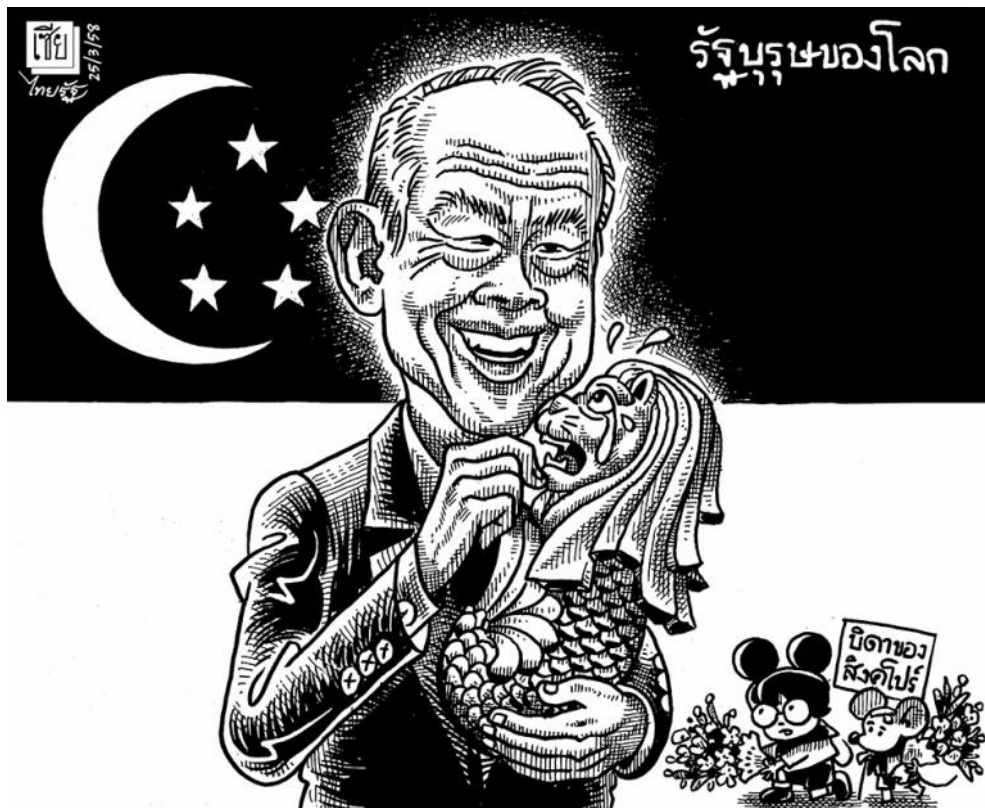
Man: This big fat pig blocks the drainage pipe.

Caption: It's not surprising why Bangkok is flooded when it is raining.

Father of Singapore

March 25, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, March 25, 2015

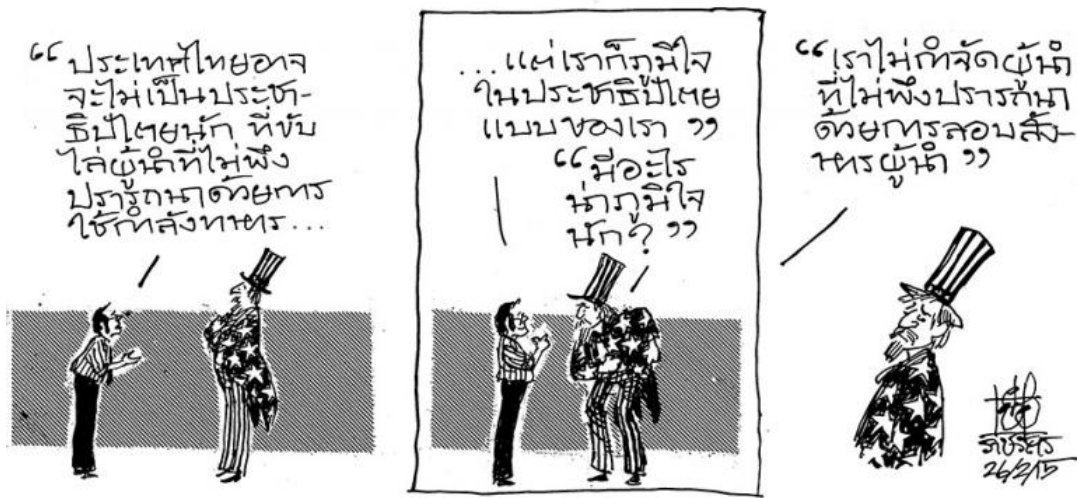
Title: World's statesman

On a sign held by the mouse: Father of Singapore

Coup or Assassination?

March 25, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, March 3, 2015

Left: Thailand may not be a democracy, because we overthrow an undesirable leader with a coup...

Middle: Man: But we're proud of our way of democracy.

Uncle Sam: What's the thing that made you so proud?

Right: We never get rid of our undesirable leaders by assassination.

Lee Kuan Yew: leader eulogized by Obama as a ‘giant of history’ is being used to re-legitimize tyranny

March 25, 2015

Categories: Singapore

[The Curse of Lee Kuan Yew](#) – politico.com, March, 2015

...since the early 2000s the cult of Lee Kuan Yew has been an unmitigated disaster in Eastern Europe, where the example set by Singapore's unapologetic autocrat has helped to rehabilitate and legitimize authoritarianism.

Vladimir Putin is a greater admirer of Lee, whom he awarded Russia's prestigious "Order of Honor." In Georgia, Mikhail Saakashvili has been under Lee's charismatic spell, passing his books around like bibles. The Ukrainian government, when ruled by Putin puppet Viktor Yanukovich, would disguise its kleptocracy by likening its governance to Singapore. Today, the cult is so widespread that even the Russian minister directing Crimea points to Lee Kuan Yew as a mentor...

NYT: [Singapore, the Nation That Lee Kuan Yew Built, Questions Its Direction](#)

Channel News Asia: [Books by Lee Kuan Yew flying off the shelves in Malaysia](#)

Earlier: [Lee Kuan Yew: Death of a Giant](#)

One year ago: [Singapore: lowest crime, healthiest people, easiest place to do business](#)

The Lee Kuan Yew-Thaksin Connection

March 25, 2015

Categories: Analysis, Singapore, Thai Politics, The Thaksin Years

In 2006, the multi-billion dollar sale of Thaksin's businesses to a Singaporean holding company finally sparked mass protests against him. Before this, Thaksin has long looked to the Singaporean success story as a model for his own reshaping of Thai politics.

During his time in power, Thaksin was viewed as an emerging regional leader when both Lee Kuan Yew and Mahatir were fading from the political scene.

Thaksin sent troops to Iraq and also assisted in the U.S. rendition of suspected terror suspects. This bolder and more visible foreign activity marked a switch from the disinterested foreign policy Thais had traditionally practiced for self-preservation.

Thaksin state visits to Singapore or Malaysia often resulted in edicts related to what he had seen there—Thailand must build the highest airport control tower in the world or look into Singaporean-style road toll systems for the inner city.

The Singaporean election model was also defended several times by Thaksin-directed political parties. This is the idea that ["provinces which vote for the Thai Rak Thai party will be taken good care of first."](#)

Thaksin defended his absorption of existing political parties and [pressure on the media](#) by noting that [Singapore was successful and did not need a strong opposition](#). The desire for Thailand to reach Singaporean levels of development [was part of Thai Rak Thai Party dogma](#).

After his ouster, Thaksin continued to meet with the [prime minister of Singapore and was treated as if he were still the Thai prime minister](#).

Lee Kuan Yew was apparently a Thaksin admirer and explained the Thai political situation on Thaksin terms—Thaksin was a reformer who wanted only to help the poor, the army upset his good work, and Thaksin was destined to return ([here](#) and [here](#)).

It should not be hard to understand Thaksin's (and his peers') adoration of Singapore. Traveling from a nation like Thailand into Singapore or Malaysia presents an obvious contrast of development. The rule of Thailand is that no new law is ever enforced for long and everything always reverts back to an equilibrium all sides can accept without losing face. In other words, nothing can ever really be changed in the Thai world. Political parties traditionally formed broad fragile coalitions with little chance of reforming anything.

Compare this to Singapore. There a single party yokes all parts of the state, along with the business world and the media, to ensure that it can nimbly enact whatever is needed without facing the petrification that exists in the Thai world.

The reality may be that the Singaporean system may only work so well because of nation-state's small size (it is really a small city, rather than a country) as well as its strategic location. However, the contrast between authoritarian Singaporean and laissez-faire Thailand are noted throughout the region (for instance, [Rangoon's Future: Orderly Singapore or Disorderly Bangkok?](#)).

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

Below are some mentions of Thaksin's connection to Lee Kuan Yew and the Singapore miracle:

2004: [New York Times: Thaksin is riding high — maybe too high](#)

...Thaksin sees himself as a successor to Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore, Suharto of Indonesia and Mahathir bin Mohamad of Malaysia, renowned for their authoritarian tendencies as well as their long periods in office.

This makes a large minority of Thais nervous that Thai democracy, which evolved painfully in the 20 years after the 1973 revolt against military strongmen, will be in sustained retreat against the forces of populist authoritarianism, a common enough phenomenon in the region and often accompanied by a large measure of cronyism and bypassing of judicial processes.

... The long-established pluralism of Thai politics, however, makes it unlikely that Thaksin can replicate the Malaysian or Singaporean systems of one-party dominance. His party is based on his personality, while the main opposition Democrat Party has an institutional base — and strength in liberal Bangkok, where a governorship election this year will test the depth of support for Thaksin's party.

State powers of patronage are also much less in Thailand than elsewhere in the region and the diversity of business interests has its counterpart in politics. The press has been partly brought to heel by Thaksin's use of commercial pressures, but the Thai news media is seldom cowed for long. Even when the generals ruled, the Thai press was freer than its counterparts in "democratic" Malaysia and Singapore...

2010: [Book Review: Thaksin and Thailand's Contentious Foreign Policy](#)

...With the old guard going into retirement — Kuan Yew in Singapore, Mahathir in Malaysia, Suharto falling from power in Indonesia — Thaksin began to look like the next architect of a dynamic, emerging Southeast Asia, no matter how much the hackles were rising on the back of the necks of both his domestic and foreign policy establishment in Thailand.

Unfortunately, it began to appear that his business interests, with the sale of his Shin Corp to Singapore's Temasek sovereign wealth fund, and his machinations with providing communications infrastructure to the Burmese, were paramount, and they played a major role in providing the excuse for his ouster...

2012: Lee Kuan Yew writes ["Socialism or Free Markets? Consider Myanmar and Thailand"](#)

...The most recent was the ouster of prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra in September 2006. The military's interference has resulted in a perpetual state of political uncertainty and has shaken investor confidence. Both countries' governments would do well to remember that it was the open-door policies of free trade and investment that made Thailand prosperous and the passive closed-door policies that held Myanmar back for 50 years...

2013: [Singapore's iconic figure, Lee Kuan Yew, on Thaksin](#)

...The military leaders will continue to insist on privileges and will not be content with being reduced to an ordinary army. But they will also learn to live with a government made up of Thaksin's allies. It may even be possible for the army to accept Thaksin's eventual return to Thailand, if he can promise to get along with them and not pursue any vendettas.

There can be no reverting to Thailand's old politics, to the pre-Thaksin era when the Bangkok elite had a monopoly on power. Thailand will continue moving along the path that Thaksin first steered the country onto. The gap in living standards across the country will narrow. Many peasants will be lifted into the middle class and will help drive the country's domestic consumption. Thailand will do well...

2015: [In praising the Lee model, PM could be endorsing Thaksin model](#)

...Lee Kuan Yew and the Singapore model was indeed Thaksin's role model for nation building when the ex-PM was in office before the 2006 coup. Lee criticised leaders around the world, including many Thai elite, for mishandling their countries, but he praised Thaksin for visionary leadership and economic management. Lee has run Singapore like his company and hence the world knows the country as 'Singapore Inc', so did Thaksin who tried to make the Kingdom "Thailand Inc"...

Thai PM Prayuth lashes out at media, implies govt has power to execute reporters

March 25, 2015

Categories: 2014 Coup

[Thai PM Prayuth warns media, says has power to execute reporters](#) – Reuters, March 25, 2015

...Last month Prayuth said he had the power to shut down news outlets. On Wednesday, he took an even harsher line.

“We’ll probably just execute them,” said Prayuth, without a trace of a smile, when asked by reporters how the government would deal with those that do not adhere to the official line.

“You don’t have to support the government, but you should report the truth,” the former army chief said, telling reporters to write in a way that bolsters national reconciliation in the kingdom...

Khaosod: [Thai Junta Leader Unleashes Fury on Reporters](#)

Earlier: [Thai Junta Warns Media Against Reporting on Human Trafficking](#)

Earlier: [The surreal rise of his despotic regime](#)

Shameless parliament

March 26, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, March 5, 2015

Title: Shameless parliament

On left chair: Dominated NLA

On the Prayuth's chair: Power received by special means.

On left chair: NLA's son

On 2nd left chair: NLA's wife

On 3rd left chair: NLA's wife

On right chair: Dominated NRC

A paper held by the man: We are good people.

Phi Nooring: Special person society

A mouse: A dominant group

PM Prayuth continues to mimic PM Thaksin

March 26, 2015

Categories: 2014 Coup, The Thaksin Years

[Prayut slams reporter for damaging news](#) – Bangkok Post, March 25, 2015

... "But you reporters should not elaborate on this. You need to consider the damage to the country, including security issues.

... "This is an ongoing effort. What will happen if we report this in a big way, telling the world about our trafficking and illegal fishing problems? What if they stop buying fish worth 200 billion baht from us? Will you take the responsibility?..."

From 2014: [Avoid reporting on Thaksin, PM Prayuth tells media](#)

[Remembering Thaksin as PM: Thaksin Clamps Down on the Media](#)

[Thaksin's most famous claim: If You Don't Like Thaksin, You Don't Love the Country](#)

At the very height of his powers and hubris, Thaksin made his famous declaration that reporters who criticize him do not love the nation.

[Remembering Thaksin as PM: Thaksin surprises reporters with X sign](#)

And from 2013: [PM Yingluck gives Thaksin-like speech calling on media to balance free speech with news that creates mutual understanding](#)



09-06-57

From Manager, June 8, 2014

Thaksin Shinawatra: I've tried to shut down this TV channel, but never succeeded... Thanks Prayuth!

The Decline of Muay Thai: gambling and pressure to throw matches killing the sport

March 26, 2015

Categories: Sports

[The Decline of Muay Thai](#) – mymuaythai.com, March 24, 2015

...Interviewer: bad decisions, poor attendance, fighters throwing fights... these things are all a result of gambling if this is the case, then it's going to be hard to fix it.?

it's up to the judges if the judges affect the bosses, the stadium suffers.. gamblers wont come, the stadium loses. stadium loses tickets sales stadiums go out of business... it's all in the hands of the gambling bosses that's it...

Thai junta chief threatens to hold onto power

March 26, 2015

Categories: 2014 Coup

[Thai junta chief threatens to hold onto power](#) – AFP, March 25, 2015

... *“If the situation remains like this I can tell you that I will hold on to power for a long time,” he said after denouncing those who criticise the country’s lack of democratic progress.*

“Why is there all this fuss about elections?” he asked. “ will anyone die?”...

We are 99.99% democratic

March 26, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, March 26, 2015

Title: Why do you catch me... These handbills support the government.

PM Prayuth: We are 99.99% democratic.

Phi Nooring: But we don't allow people to oppose us

A mouse: May the country be peaceful.

On the paper held by PM Prayuth: Dictator will end and democracy will rise.

On the papers: Handbills

Nine Years Ago: March on Govt House, Thaksin files lawsuits against press and politicians

March 26, 2015

Categories: Today in History

Nine Years Ago in March: [March on Government House, Thaksin files lawsuits against press and politicians, reporters fired for interviewing the opposition, and, of course, CNN ponders Thailand's "presidential crisis"](#)

Nine Years Ago: Election posters

March 27, 2015

Categories: Today in History



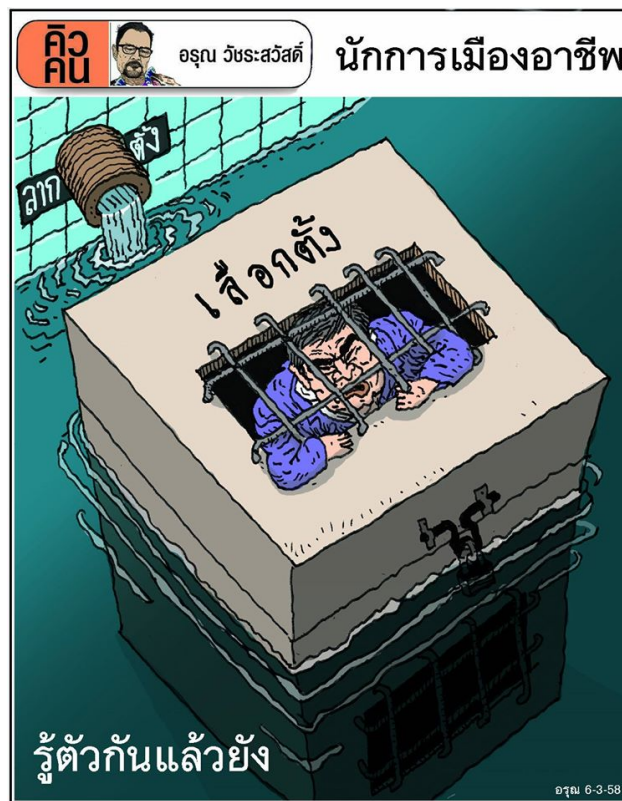
The poster reads: Forward to reform Thai politics for a new round. Amend the constitution by using neutral persons from all sides to participate. Vote TRT. Vote Thaksin to be P.M. No. 2

Nine Years Ago: [Election posters](#)

The Coming Elections

March 27, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons – Arun



From Arun, March 6, 2015

Title: Professional politicians

On the ballot box: Election

Sign close to the pipe: Dominated election.

Caption: Do they realize this?

Thai deputy PM: Threat to execute journalists ‘not serious’

March 27, 2015

Categories: 2014 Coup

[U.S. ‘troubled’ by Thai leader’s threat to execute journalists](#) – Reuters, March 26, 2015

...He may have meant the comments in jest, but according to journalists present, he delivered them without a smile. Last month Prayuth said he had the power to shut down news outlets.

“We are of course troubled by reports that General Prayuth said that he would ‘execute’ journalists who do not report the ‘truth,’” a representative of the U.S. State Department said.

“We sincerely hope that this threat was not a serious one ... Statements like this, even if not serious, contribute to an atmosphere where ... freedoms are suppressed...”

[Thai deputy PM: Journalists threat ‘not serious’](#) – NBC, March 25, 2015

...”He military from the barracks. He is not used to provocative questions like me... sometimes he cannot control his emotions, but it’s nothing that serious,” Pridiyathorn Devakula told CNBC at the 18th annual Credit Suisse Asian Investment Conference in Hong Kong on Thursday...

[Thai junta targets dissent with visits to student activist homes](#) – Reuters, March 26, 2015

Plainclothes police and military officers have visited the homes of at least 20 student protesters across Thailand in the past week, activists said, in the toughest response to dissent since the days after last year’s coup that ushered in army rule.

Amid signs of simmering dissatisfaction with the leadership of Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha, who seized power in May, the military junta appears to be running out of patience...

[The pen and the sword](#) – The Economist, March 27, 2015

Ten months after seizing power in a coup, Thailand’s junta chafes at still having to defend its record...

Earlier: [Thai PM Prayuth lashes out at media, implies govt has power to execute reporters](#)

Earlier: [PM Prayuth continues to mimic PM Thaksin](#)

Rev up those torrents, Thailand: “Fast and Furious 7” banned until further notice

March 27, 2015

Categories: Film and TV

[“Fast and Furious 7” showing suspended until further notice](#) – ThaiPBS, March 27, 2015

...Saha Mongkol said that Ja Phanom was still in contract with the company but had worked for Universal Pictures in the shooting of “Fast and Furious 7” amounting to breach of contract.

The company has demanded 1.6 billion baht in compensation from the three defendants.

Two Years Ago: Controversy over TV show discussing the Thai monarchy

March 28, 2015

Categories: Today in History



Two Years Ago: [Controversy over TV show discussing the Thai monarchy](#)

Airlines in Thailand face bans over “significant concerns about the country’s aviation safety”

March 28, 2015

Categories: Airports and Airlines

[Airlines in Thailand Face Bans Over Safety Concerns](#) – NYT, March 27, 2015

Thailand’s airlines are facing bans on new international flights and more inspections after the International Civil Aviation Organization flagged significant concerns about the country’s aviation safety, officials said on Friday.

The designation of Thailand as a “significant safety concern” has not been announced publicly by the aviation group, a United Nations agency, but governments were informed last week.

Japan has blocked new flights from Thailand since the decision, and South Korea is considering similar measures, officials said. Existing flights are not affected...

Seven Years Ago: Thaksin – The New Pragmatist

March 28, 2015

Categories: Today in History



Seven Years Ago: [Thaksin – The New Pragmatist](#)

Mercurial Thai junta ruler becoming well-known for his poorly-chosen words

March 30, 2015

Categories: 2014 Coup

[Mercurial Thai junta ruler becoming well-known for his poorly-chosen words](#) – AP, March 29, 2014

Ear tugs. A flying banana peel. Sarcastic remarks about getting smacked, or punched – or even executed. Such is life for members of the press covering Thailand's notoriously testy military ruler.

Since leading a coup that ousted Thailand's elected government last May, general-turned-prime minister Prayuth Chan-ocha has been thrust from the relative privacy of army life into the public arena of politics. He has pounded on the podium during news conferences, lambasted his questioners, and simply stamped away. In one case, he summoned two journalists for asking "inappropriate" questions about when and whether elections would be held. His government, meanwhile, has engaged in censorship and put pressure on media outlets to censor themselves...

Understanding the Thai syndrome that causes this behavior: Download a free chapter from [The Thai Book, A Field Guide to Thai Political Motivations: "Big Men Always Go Too Far" \(pdf\)](#).

Earlier: [Thai deputy PM: Threat to execute journalists 'not serious'](#)

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Thailand ponders digging Kra Isthmus – again!

March 30, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized

[Thailand ponders digging Kra Isthmus – again!](#) – The Nation, March 30, 2015

...Since then it has become one of the most dominant topics but it has been discreetly discussed and heavily lobbied by influential people in and outside the government. One of the 18 NRC committees which oversee the strategies related to agriculture, industry, service, tourism and connectivity is likely to give the green light for the proposed study, which is expected to be completed in just 10 months...

Earlier: [Kra Isthmus Canal News 2001-2003](#)

Remembering the Thaksin years: Thaksin Is Taking Over

March 31, 2015

Categories: The Thaksin Years



From Thairath, December 26, 2003

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra: Banharn brother, you've been in this political world so long so you'd better understand this situation.

The vacuum cleaner has the a logo of Thai Rak Thai Party on it.

The sign post reads: Thai Nation Party

The party's leader Banhanrn Silpa-arch is holding on to the signpost.

Lee Kuan Yew's passing generates huge media interest in Thailand

March 31, 2015

Categories: Singapore

[Lee Kuan Yew's passing generates huge media interest in Thailand](#) – Channel NewsAsia, march 28, 2015
... *"He was the statesman, the legend and my true friend": Thai Privy Council President and former Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda...*

Analysis: [The Lee Kuan Yew-Thaksin Connection](#)

Time to Fight Prayuth

March 31, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath. March 31, 2015

Title: Come on... let's fight!

On PM Prayuth's hand: Section 44

On a book: Oppose

Phi Nooring: Three fingers faces with four fingers

A mouse: No violence

More than 100 flights cancelled over Thai airlines safety concerns

March 31, 2015

Categories: Airports and Airlines

[More than 100 flights cancelled over Thai airlines safety concerns](#) – themalaymailonline.com, March 31, 2015

...The halt is disrupting the peak travel season around the Thai new year in April. About 100 charter flights to Japan alone have been cancelled and some 30,000 tickets either refunded or modified, the director general of Thailand's Department of Civil Aviation (DCA) Somchai Piputwat told reporters yesterday. Budget carriers have been worst hit though national carrier Thai Airways International, which is in the midst of a major restructuring, has also been prevented from expanding because of the halt, Thai officials said...

[Passengers Fear for their Lives after Orient Thai Airlines Flight Falls from Sky](#) – Chiangmaicitylife.com, March 31, 2015

The first time the Royal Thai Police solved a political bombing!

March 31, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



10-03-58

From Manager, March 10, 2015

Police: This is a first and the only one time that we, the Thai police, can catch the bombing suspects related to politics!!

A sign on a cage: Bombing suspects

Caption: The whole country has to celebrate.

You can bomb and kill in the Human Right Watch offices

April 1, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



20-03-58

From Manager, March 19, 2015

Army spokesman Col. Vintai Svai: You can do whatever you want here, bombing or killing. Mr. Brad understands you well.

Caption: Mr. Vintai, please do them a favor.

A suggestion to get Dhammachayo to go to the DSI

April 1, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, March 11, 2015

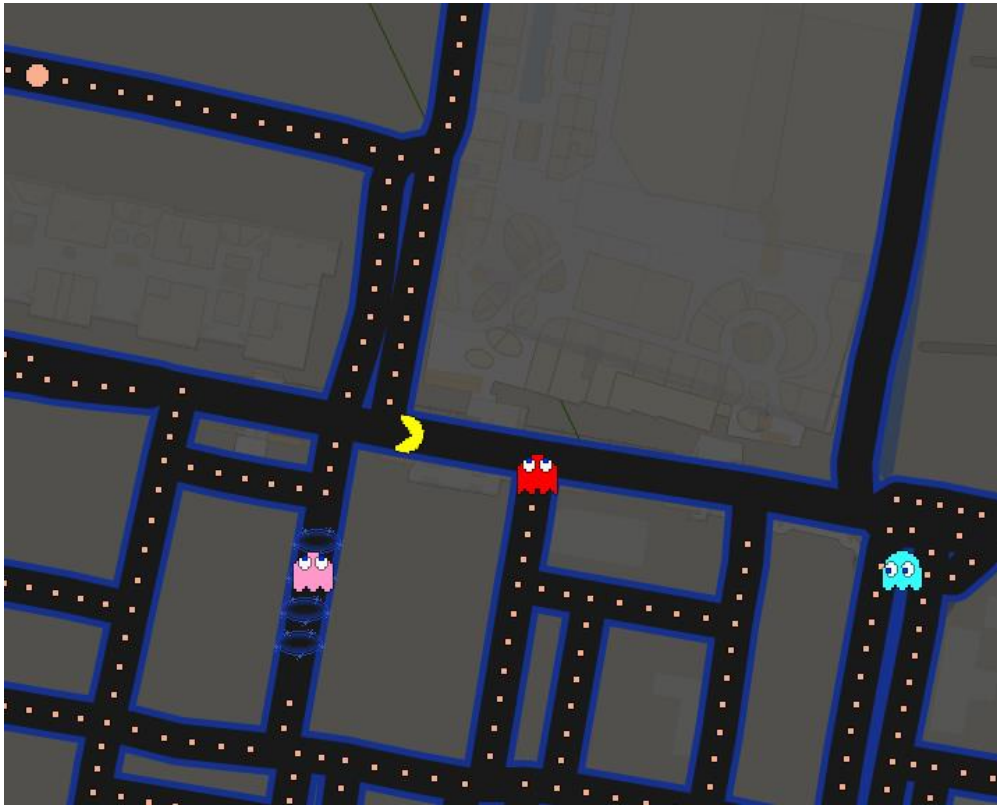
A woman: Follow this way, sir!

Caption: A suggestion to get Dhammachayo to go to the DSI.

Not an April Fool's Joke: Play Pac-Man in Google Maps

April 1, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News



Above: Pac-Man at Siam Paragon in Bangkok.

This is real: You can play Pac-Man in Google Maps.

Open [Google Maps](https://www.google.com/maps) (not Google Earth), and click on the Pac-Man graphic in the lower left corner of the screen.



Destroy only Shinawatra

April 2, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, March 11, 2015

Title: They haven't died yet. We have to continue killing them.

On the hanging people: MPs and PTP

Paper held by man: Extending dates for killing

On man's coat: NACC

On baton: Section 44

On table: NCPO

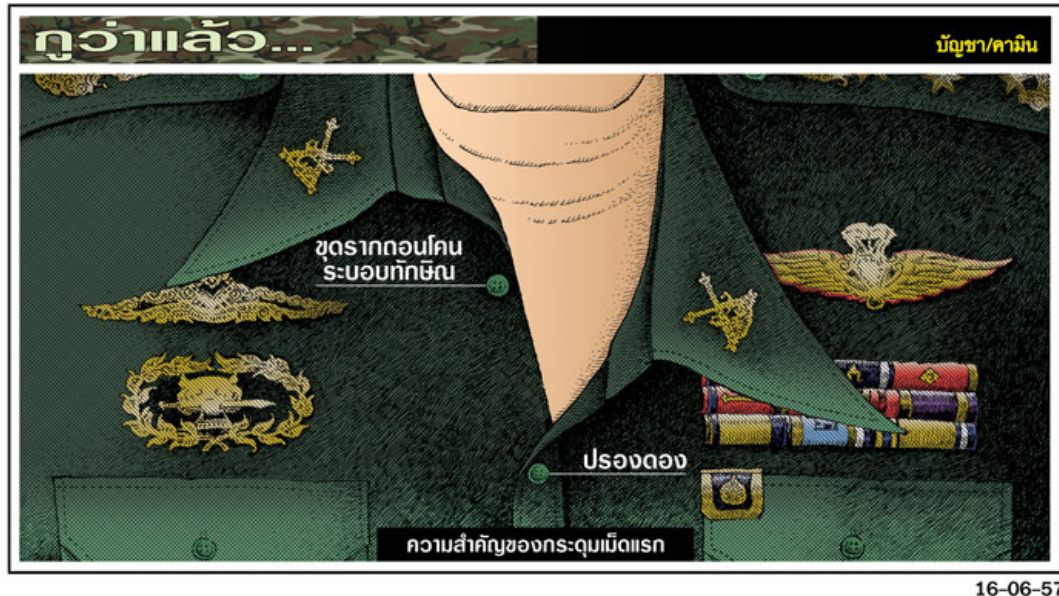
Phi Nooring: Destroy only Shinawatra

A mouse: injustice

Was Gen. Prayuth really unable to answer a “gutsy” foreign reporter?

April 2, 2015

Categories: 2014 Coup, Analysis



Above: Related to Prayuth's [shirt-button example](#)

[What happens when a foreign journalist challenges the Thai PM over his dictatorship?](#) – abc.net.au, April 1, 2015

Transcript: [What happens when a foreign journalist challenges the Thai PM over his dictatorship?](#) – abc.net.au, April 1, 2015

Video: [What happens when a foreign journalist challenges the Thai PM over his dictatorship?](#)

Hawley's report: [Thailand's former army chief, Prayuth Chan-ocha, calls for understanding of his democracy style](#)

[Thai democracy: 'wrong buttons in wrong holes'](#) – The Nation, April 1, 2015

...The reporter asked if he knew that the foreign community feared Thailand would not achieve a true democracy under the new charter, which is being drafted.

Prayut asked what democracy was in her view. If it was about having freedom, then today people can go around freely, he said, adding Thailand must reform its charter.

As an analogy, he undid some buttons of his shirt to explain to the reporter in English that Thai democracy was a case of wrong buttons in the wrong holes. He said the result was not only the shirt looks wrinkled but even the trouser looks untidy...

[I'm not a 'ruthless person': Thai PM Prayuth Chan-ocha rejects dictatorship innuendo](#) – smh.com.au, April 2, 2015

...He undid some buttons of his shirt to explain to ABC reporter Samantha Hawley that Thai democracy was a case of wrong buttons in the wrong holes...

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

Earlier: [Four years for Prayuth?](#)

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

Death and Thaksin

April 2, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News



01-04-58

From Manager, April 1, 2015

A man with glasses: Even if the queue is very long, I'll wait... I want to see with my eyes that he's already died.

A man close to him: Me, too.

A man on the right corner: I want to make sure that he's died

Three men on the top-left: Hey!! He's already died!!

The picture: Thaksin

Caption: If this man dies... the queue will be longer than Mr. Lee Kuan Yew's



From an image circulated on social media
Shoot straight...
Then, it will end.



From an image circulated on social media
If we don't have this 'monitor' born in Thailand,
People in the southernmost and protesters... will not die.
Thai people will not divided.
The King will not be insulted.
National treasures will not be corrupted.
Are you a 'human' or 'animal'???

65 years ago: The Return of the King

April 3, 2015

Categories: Today in History

65 years ago: [The Return of the King](#)

Prayuth and the Property Tax

April 3, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, March 12, 2015

Title: Father with many kids

PM Prayuth: I know... Let daddy make money for you.

On the piggy bank: Property tax

On paper held by the sleeping man: Economic problems

Babies: Jak... Nge

On kids' and woman shirts: Increase civil officers' salaries, development budget, budget, military, finance, 3 trillion, education, pay debts

Phi Nooring: Governing the country is not difficult.

A mouse: Don't hurt people anymore.



From Komchadluek, March 13, 2015

Above bag: Corruption

Below bag: people

Holding elections hostage

April 3, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, March 13, 2015

Title: Stop! Or it will die.

On the ballot box: Election

On sign held by man: Creating disorder

On a man with cap: Riot

On a man with sunglasses: Creating violence

Phi Nooring: Using the ballot box as a hostage

A mouse: Can you control this?

Guns in the temple

April 3, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, March 20, 2015

Title: The temple today...

Left: Do you want an amulet? You made a good choice to come here.

Middle: Monk: I have many kinds of amulets for you to use to protect you from your enemy.

Man: What kind of amulets do you have?

Right: There are many kind of guns you can choose from.

Three Years Ago: Selling Shin Corp via Ample Rich – The Politics of Tax

April 3, 2015

Categories: Today in History

Three Years Ago: [Selling Shin Corp via Ample Rich – The Politics of Tax](#)

...the shares in Shin Corp were firstly transferred from Ample Rich to individuals in Thailand and then from the individuals in Thailand to Temasek Holdings on the Thai Stock Exchange, as follows:

Ample Rich sold 329.2 million shares in Shin Corp to individuals in Thailand at a price of Bt 1 per share.

On the following business day, the individuals in Thailand sold the 329.2 million shares in Shin Corp to Temasek Holdings on the Thailand Stock Exchange at a price of Bt 49.25 per share.

From these transactions, the individuals in Thailand earned capital gains income in the order of Bt 15.8 billion, but did not file any tax returns or pay any tax on the capital gains income...

Thai govt taking no action against female genital mutilation in the south?

April 3, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[In Thailand's Muslim south, authorities turn a blind eye to female genital mutilation](#) – The Guardian, April 1, 2015

...Sudarat says FGM isn't on the health ministry's agenda – though according to her, almost every Muslim baby girl in the south is cut.

“There are no laws about it because there are not many health consequences, and it's a cultural practice,” she says.

Thai health authorities have taken a pragmatic approach, apparently turning a blind eye...

Shadows behind PM Prayuth

April 4, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, March 18, 2015

Title: Don't stay amid fear.

Paper help by PM Prayuth: Need time for returning happiness

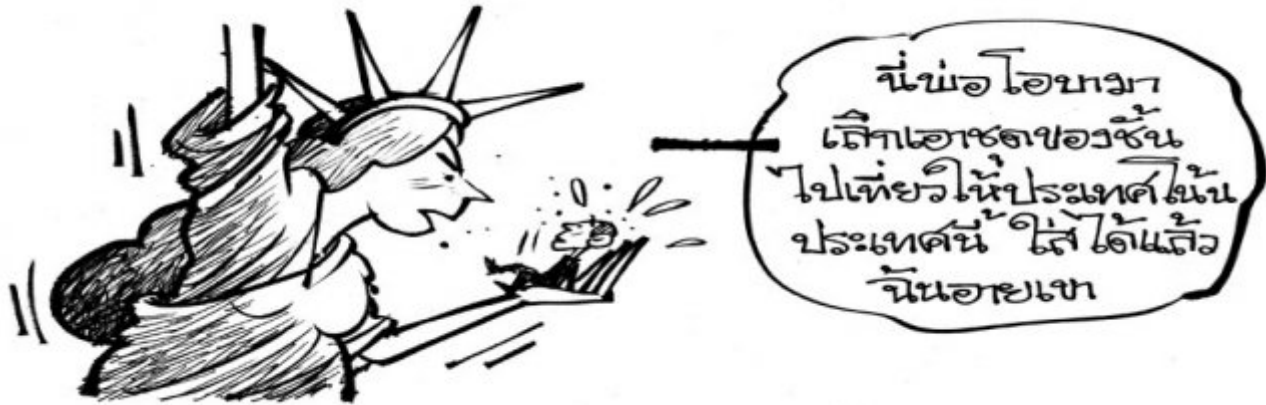
On the shadows: Martial law; Violating human rights

On signs held by people: Social and political problems; tax problems; safety in everyday life; economic problems

Statue of Liberty ashamed

April 5, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Komchadluek



From Komchaldeuk, March 17, 2015

Statue of Liberty: Obama, my dear, stop pushing all countries to wear my dress. I feel so ashamed.

Clear all red buffaloes out...

April 6, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



07-04-58

From Manager, April 6, 2015

Left: Clear all homeless dogs out... The PM will visit our province tomorrow.

Caption: When the PM visits other provinces.

Right: Clear all red buffaloes out... The PM will visit our province tomorrow.

Caption: ...visit Chiang Mai

‘Checkbook Buddhism’ offers Thais a stairway to heaven but brings corruption to temples

April 6, 2015

Categories: Buddhism

[‘Checkbook Buddhism’ offers Thais a stairway to heaven but brings corruption to temples](#) – AFP, April 5, 2015

...But last year the National Institute of Development Administration estimated the country's 38,000-odd temples receive between 100 billion and 120 billion baht (\$3.07 billion to \$3.62 billion) in donations every year... ”

Same cartoon from pro- and anti-Thaksin cartoonists

April 7, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Manager, March 15, 2015

PM Prayuth: I order to both of you... to take off your shirt and wear this one... now!!!

On shirt held by PM Prayuth: Harmony

Shirt on the left: We love Thaksin.

Shirt on the right: We love Thailand.

Caption: I agree with you, Sir... we shouldn't have a one-size-fits-all shirt.



From Thairath, March 16, 2015

Title: Don't push a one-size-fits-all shirt for all people.

On shirt held by Uncle Sam: Democracy, Rights + Freedom
Gen. Prayuth is forcing a boy to put on a shirt that reads: Return happiness
Phi Nooring: Must wear “return-happiness shirt”
Mouse: Can wear only military-style camouflage.

Another one from October 30, 2014: [Expensive government microphones](#)

Another one from July 2, 2014: [Thaksin cronies flee state boards after the military takes power](#)

The world has no lack of wars

April 7, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons – Arun



From Arun, March 22, 2015

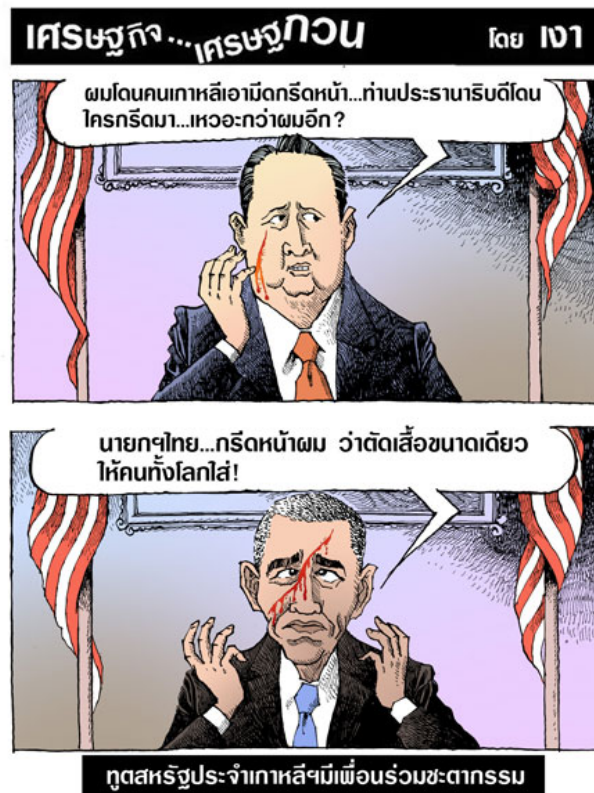
World never runs out of war, we have to accept that War is the oldest invention of mankind, but peace is the new invention instead.

Deputy Professor Dr Surachai Bumrunsuk, Political Science Dept, Chulalongkorn University

Who attacked you, President Obama?

April 8, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, March 15, 2015

Above: U.S. Ambassador Lippert: I was slashed by a Korean man... Your face is also slashed. Who attacked you, Mr. President?

Below: President Obama: The Thai PM slashed my face because he said I'm trying to push a one-size-fits-all shirt for people.

Caption: The U.S. Ambassador to South Korea has a friend who has the same experience as him.

2009: The Forgotten Siege of Bangkok

April 8, 2015

Categories: Analysis, Today in History



(Source: DTV)

2009: [The Forgotten Red Shirt Siege of Bangkok](#)

The 2009 Red Shirt siege of Bangkok, which brought the city to a halt, was largely overshadowed by the events of 2010 and Pheu Thai's subsequent election win. Without any protester deaths, and with the protest site off-limits to the media and foreign bloggers, there was little international awareness of the events after the collapse of the ASEAN summit in Pattaya.

The 2009 protest was designed to be quick and surgical with small numbers of highly organized men committing acts to shake the resolve of the government.

The overall message was revolution. Thaksin openly cheered on protesters in video linkups. Revolutionary decrees were read from the stage such as one assuring the populace that any law could be broken in the effort of the people to take back the country.

Besides overrunning the ASEAN summit and causing foreign leaders to flee, the Prime Minister's car was attacked in Pattaya and later in Bangkok, and hostages were taken and displayed on the Red Shirt stage. The Red Shirt leaders repeatedly emphasized that the people were so angry that they could take out their frustration on any interlopers so foreigners and reporters were warned to stay away from the protest site. This limited international coverage and sympathy for the protest.



Above: *Daily News*, April 14, 2009 – The Prime Minister’s secretary taken hostage by Red Shirts

While some of the events took place around Victory Monument and there were other scattered incidents around town, the main protest area settled in the traditional protest spot at Government House far downtown. Scattered burning buses carried out by small bands of highly organized men and the gas trucks rigged to explode near the Huay Kwang flats had little impact in winning the hearts and minds of the public. What the “protest” actually was for was very clear—it was direct force exerted by a disgruntled politician against the government. In the past, such action had been threatened by political figures such as former PM Chavalit Yongchaiyudh and Democrat Suthep Thaugsuban, but Thaksin finally made it a reality.



(Source: NBT)

Above: Buses being burned in 2009

The deaths the protest were supposed to produce—to invoke the Thai convention that a government that kills people must step aside—did not materialize. This did not stop Thaksin from afterwards insisting to perplexed

Western reporters there were many deaths at the hands of the military.

The Red Shirt protests the following year in 2010 displayed a bottom-up rethinking of the entire event and ended up being more successful.

First, Thaksin kept his distance. Notwithstanding fiery rhetoric from the stage and some violent threats from Seh Daeng, the 2010 protests were not overtly revolutionary, but emphasized the call for new democratic elections instead.

In 2009 the protesters were made up of cells of organized men—with older women making up most of the protesters at the main protest site at Government House. In contrast, the 2010 protests were massive and diverse to drive home the idea that all the people wanted new elections. Instead of holding the protests far downtown, they ended up being centered in Rajaprasong where they could not be ignored.

Most importantly, in 2010 the Red Shirts welcomed the press and foreigners and attempted to maintain a friendly and non-violent image towards them on the ground. This resulted in an extraordinary amount of foreign press coverage in the midst of smiling and cheering Red Shirts—a compelling image for the international media. Bloggers, this time being welcome, dutifully posted photos and comments and put a human rural face on the event.

4 years ago: Thaksin to play key role in Pheu Thai govt, will cut taxes & push for amnesty

April 8, 2015

Categories: Today in History

Wall Street Journal: [Ousted Thai Minister Vows to Play Role after Elections](#)

...His immediate goals include slashing corporate-tax rates and pushing for an amnesty for everybody charged with politically linked offenses in the tumultuous four-plus years since a military coup in Bangkok swept him from power.

...Now, Mr. Thaksin says he is reinvigorated by the wave of uprisings sweeping the Middle East and North Africa, and buoyed by the prospect of new elections that could be held as soon as the end of June. His renewed engagement in Thai politics is an indication that the opposition party is preparing to vigorously enter the campaign. It also appears to provide some evidence that Mr. Thaksin plays a hand in directing what happens in the country, just as the country's political and military establishment accuse him of doing...

Thai Tools

April 9, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, March 15, 2015

Title: Supporting tools

Top left: A device for solving the expensive lottery tickets

On the machine: Online lottery

Top middle left: A tool for protest

Top middle right: A tool for money-laundering

Top right: A tool for stop Bhuddha Isara

Middle right (the rug): A tool for coalition

Bottom left: A tool for ordering bombs and a tool for seeking victims

Bottom middle left: A tool for identifying stalls.

Bottom middle: A tool of 5th basic human need

Bottom middle right: A tool for taking advantage of the country by politicians

Bottom right: A tool for calling for the establishment of a republic.

The First Siege of Bangkok: Thaksin Tells Protesters Not to Leave Bangkok Empty-Handed

April 9, 2015

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The most interesting part of the 2009 siege of Bangkok ([largely forgotten in subsequent years](#)) was that Thaksin himself narrated it.

With Shinawatra family members safely out of the country, Thaksin denounced Privy Councillor Prem as the “influential person” behind his ousting and insisted that the Red Shirts must not leave Bangkok “empty-handed.” Later he brought up what is now Red Shirt dogma—that the UDD is achieving “true democracy.”

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

The Royal Thai Police sent their message of loyalty to Thaksin as well, allowing the lone suspect captured after the attack on the prime minister’s car to “go outside for a cigarette.” He never returned.

[Red Shirt Protests – March 27-April 9, 2009](#)



5 Years Ago: Red Shirt Pressure Builds on the Government

April 9, 2015

Categories: Today in History



5 Years Ago: [Red Shirt Pressure Builds on the Government](#)

Being isolated was not a problem for Lee Kuan Yew

April 10, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons – Arun



From Arun, March 24, 2015

Title: Being isolated on an island was not a problem for Mr. Lee Kuan Yew.

On the mountain: Altai

In the sea: A gag about being isolated on an island.

Five Years Ago: Clash at Kok Wua Intersection

April 10, 2015

Categories: Red Shirt Protest 2010, Today in History



From Komchadluek, April 11, 2010

The headline reads: Tragedy of the Bloody April – Thais kill each other – 2 sides clash in grudge – Government and UDD negotiation remains silent – Prayuth's dissatisfaction on shooting injury of soldiers – Death of 8 UDD/soldiers/journalists in the clash – Injury of more than 500 – Who is to take responsibility?

[Thai-language newspapers reporting on the events of Saturday, April 10, 2010](#)

[More on the aftermath: Red Protests](#) – April 10-15, 2010

[Thai-language newspapers reporting on the events of Friday, April 9, 2010](#)

5 Years Ago: Red Shirts Attempt to Seize Satellite TV Site

April 10, 2015

Categories: Today in History



5 Years Ago: [Red Shirts Attempt to Seize Satellite TV Site](#)

Charter drafters firm on preventing ‘one-man rule’

April 10, 2015

Categories: Analysis, Thai Politics, The Thaksin Years

[Charter drafters firm on preventing ‘one-man rule’](#) – The Nation, April 10, 2015

... ”It’s a fair system. It will pave the way for a coalition government to prevent ‘one-man rule’ in the country and ensure no ‘winner takes all’, ” he said.

“We need reconciliation now, don’t we? Otherwise the same political disputes will repeat themselves again when the election winner forms the government and the runner-up stages protests,” he said...

2013: [Bloomberg: “Welcome to the Republic of Thaksin”](#)

2008: [Inoculating Thailand against one-man rule](#)

2005: [Thaksin pledges to use absolute power wisely](#)

2005: [Arrogance of power breeds discontent](#)

2005: [The takeover of Matichon and the Bangkok Post](#)

2004: [Do we have another “indispensable man”?](#)

2002: [Thaksin and Absolute Power](#)

2002: [The dark age of cowardly dumbled-down TV](#)

2001: [New Rule of Law in Thailand May Be a Leader’s Downfall](#)

And: [Absolute power in 1973](#)

Also: [The Roots of the Thai Political Crisis: Thaksin as Prime Minister](#)

11 Years Ago: The Absolute Power of the Thai Police

April 11, 2015

Categories: Today in History

11 Years Ago: [The Absolute Power of the Thai Police](#)

One year ago: Thaksin warns Thais of Rwandan genocide

April 12, 2015

Categories: Today in History

One year ago: [Thaksin's Songkran message: Let's forgive and forget](#)

... "In every country plagued by conflicts, people try to avoid inciting hatred using false information. They don't want the repeat of what happened in Rwanda, when two radio DJs whipped up malice between two tribes. Eventually, genocide led to 800,000 deaths. The DJs were sentenced to life in prison. What they did achieved nothing except mountains of bodies..."

Four years ago: Somchai unveils Pheu Thai's slogan: “Thaksin thinks, Pheu Thai acts”

April 12, 2015

Categories: Today in History



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

The sign reads: Thaksin thinks, Pheu Thai takes action – “The experienced doers” support – Pheu Thai Party

Four years ago: [Somchai unveils Pheu Thai's slogan: “Thaksin thinks, Pheu Thai acts”](#)

“Part of a Songkran Procession, Bangkok”

April 13, 2015

Categories: Songkran



From an undated postcard: “Part of a Songkran Procession, Bangkok”

So, what is this custom and when does it date from???

Triumph of the Five Rivers

April 16, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, March 19, 2015

Title: Three-sided bombers

On the constitution: Success of power, 5 rivers

Near PM Prayuth's bomb: Stop the draft constitution

On the man's jacket: Politicians

On bomb held by politician: No constitution

Phi Nooring: Facing both thrown and time-bombs.

Mouse: No respect and no peace

Thaksin tells Suthep to stop lying about Samui bombing

April 16, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thaksin tells Phra Suthep to stop lying](#) – Thai PBS, April 15, 2015

...Phra Suthep allegedly said at a merit-making ceremony at Wat Railarnng temple in Sawi district of Chumphon on April 13 that the unrest situation was believed to link to the former regime which had lost its power.

Phra Suthep was reported to urge people to be prepared and rise against the attempt.

In another tweet, Thaksin wrote “To Phra Suthep, I have stopped long ago, but you still won’t. You said you have ordained in monkhood for nine months now. So don’t just only wear the yellow robe and shave your hair. Get your heart to ordain because you always lie. Or you think wearing yellow robe could stop lying, we know each other pretty well, OK.”

40 Years Ago: The Fall of Phnom Penh

April 16, 2015

Categories: Today in History

[illegible]

(Source: *Bangkok World*, April 17, 1975)

The Fall of Phnom Penh

Red Shirt Rambo

April 17, 2015

Categories: Chuwit Kamolvisit



From Chuwit, March, 2015

Above: Arisaman said, "fight for democracy, sometimes it may hurt."

Excuse me, "democracy" is not invading a hotel and stopping a meeting.

Using majority rule rather than respecting the national law. Claiming it as "democracy."

It's different.

Eight Years Ago: Thaksin Populist Schemes In Trouble

April 17, 2015

Categories: Today in History

[Thai Rak Thai's farming projects 'struggling'](#)

[Thaksin's pet project scrutinized](#)

[Fiscal policy may end Thai 'chaos'](#)

Exposé on working at the Bangkok Post

April 17, 2015

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines

UPDATE: [Bangkok Post rebuts CJR falsehoods](#) – Bangkok Post, April 17, 2015

...Heifetz, 28, presents himself as a courageous reporter battling the military and under constant threat, while failing to get support from unsympathetic editors and management. He thematically argues that this constant stress and harassment led to his “trauma” and flight from Bangkok. Nothing could be further from the truth...

Update: May, 2015 [CJR conducts “a broad review” of Justin Heifetz’s article, changes title](#)

The original article: [Pork, bullets, and the dismal state of journalism in Thailand](#) – cjr.org, April 15, 2015

...Being the only non-national reporter in a newsroom like the Post’s is terrifying. It creates friction with Western copy editors who want bylines and invites animosity from Thai reporters covering the same scoops for a fraction of the salary. And upper management expects you to catch controversial stories, just like foreign correspondents for wires or big international media organizations. But you’re without any legal protection because you’re illegal. You’re disposable, expendable, a one-man team, and you’ll never forget it. ...Fry wrote in 2011 that she was infuriated that nothing had changed. The government official who had plagiarized his dissertation kept his job, and the Post still pretended to stand by its reporters. All these years later, I watch with frustration as the words of the military regime are reported without a filter on the front page of the Post—and Morison and Chutima prepare, again, for court in July.

The initial Post response: [Bangkok Post statement](#) – Bangkok Post, April 16, 2015

...What amazes us is that the editors of the CJR did not make any effort to contact us to verify this story. To obtain comment, they instead relied solely on the writer, who was going to write a story against this newspaper.

If this is the standard to which the CJR adheres, then I believe the CJR’s Board of Overseers needs to be made aware of the dismal state of how the CJR operates. The CJR should retract this story and issue an official apology to the Bangkok Post, Mr Heifetz’s former colleagues at the newspaper and indeed, to the Thai media, many of whom do in fact take considerable risk in the performance of their professional duties...

Also: [Thailand: Drop Charges Against Phuket Journalists](#)

... “The Phuketwan journalists are among the few who are still regularly reporting on the pervasive human trafficking of Rohingya in Thailand...”

The Downfall of Tharit the Chameleon

April 19, 2015

Categories: Analysis, Thai Police, Thai Politics, Tharit Pengdit



Above: From Manager, December 12, 2012

[*DSI Chief Tharit and a prostitute—the similarity and difference between two careers...*](#)

News that former DSI chief Tharit has had his assets seized ([NACC seizes assets of ex-DSI chief](#) and [Tarit confident he can defend assets](#)) may signal the end of the career of one of the most openly opportunistic functionaries in recent Thai political history.

The Department of Special Investigation (DSI) was conceived in the 1997 constitution as an independent organization to get around the Royal Thai Police's institutionalized corruption. The Thai police's politicization strangled the fair filing of cases and influenced decisions about what would be investigated as a crime.

Thaksin's era as prime minister, in particular, demonstrated how control of the police force by one of his relatives or other cronies was key to wielding political power without legal repercussions.

Tharit Pengdit, as director of the Department Special Investigation, remains a symbol of how politics ate away at hopes that any Thai organization could remain impartial.

Tharit is known for dramatically changing according to the political wind—[aggressively bringing cases against the Red Shirts during one government](#) and then dropping them to go after Democrat Party leaders in another. He even personally cleared Thaksin's hand-picked candidate for Bangkok Governor in an unusual Sunday press conference.

In many cases, the charges brought by the DSI were timed for political leverage. For instance, the opposition was obliquely warned in 2012 that they risked being charged as revenge for blocking Thaksin amnesty. After refusing to lift their objections, Democrat Party leaders were harried with charge after charge including long-dormant questions about Abhisit's nationality.

This was a signal to all that a sitting government could still use investigations and criminal charges—as Thaksin was renowned for doing—to influence and punish its enemies.

Tharit's fawning conduct towards whoever was in power marked the DSI as yet another political weapon to wield against whoever was in the opposition.

Tharit was an easy target for cartoonists and was often referenced in Thai-language political cartoons:

2014: [Tharit the Chameleon](#)

2013: [Kick the Pig into the Poodle's Mouth](#)

2013: [Thanks, Tharit...](#)

2013: [Chalerm's Rolls Royce](#)

2013: [DSI Clears the Pheu Thai Candidate](#)

2012: [It is All a Conspiracy](#)

2012: [The Difference Between the DSI Chief and a Prostitute](#)

2010: [Tharit vs Jatuporn](#)

2010: [Tharit shoots his Mouth Off About Cambodia](#)

More: [DSI chief is proving to be a powerful political tool](#)

During the time of the Democrat-led government, Department of Special Investigation (DSI) chief Tarit Pengdith was seen as a lackey of then-deputy premier Suthep Thaugsuban for his role in helping the government fight against the red shirts.

Now, during the time of this government, under Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra, this very same Tarit is doing his best to crusade against the opposition Democrat Party...

Also: [Two Years After Crackdown, Still No Justice](#)

...The Abhisit government charged UDD leaders and hundreds of UDD protesters with serious criminal offenses, but did not file charges against any government officials or military personnel. Since the government of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra took office in August 2011, the focus of criminal investigations has shifted entirely to cases in which soldiers were implicated, while ignoring those involving UDD violence...

The constitution will be how I want it!

April 20, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



27-03-58

From Manager, March 26, 2015

On the sign: Labor room for the constitution

Gen. Prayuth: If the baby is not like what I want... I will kill it.

Caption: A cruel daddy.

Remembering the Thaksin Years: 2003, Not Afraid to Die

April 20, 2015

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



From Thairath, April 20, 2003

Title: Take the same side with the people... not afraid to die

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra is surrounded by the people holding signs that read: poor farmer, poor people, government projects, must receive it, people's support

At right opposition leader Chuan Leekpai and others hold items that read: debating the government, foreign capital, media, suing the government for compensation

The new constitution is a crisis

April 20, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, March 24, 2015

Title: Planting the lime tree... isn't it easier, uncle?

On the plant with teeth: New crisis for the country

Words on the sign at right: Uncle Tu's lime tree

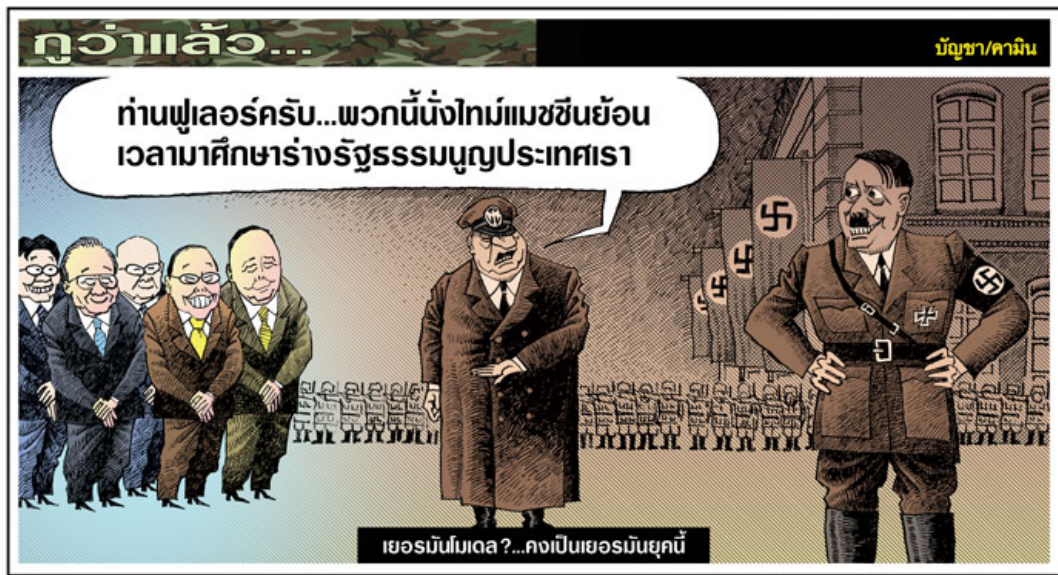
Phi Nooring: Plant the devil tree

Mouse: The constitution has a problem.

Learning from Hitler's Constitution

April 21, 2015

Categories: 2014 Coup, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



24-03-58

From Manager, March 24, 2015

Soldier: Dear Fuhrer, those people took a time machine back to learn about our draft constitution.

The men in the suits on the left is are NLA members led by Mr. Borwornsak Uwan.

Caption: German model? It may be from this era.

German Election Standard

April 21, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons – Arun



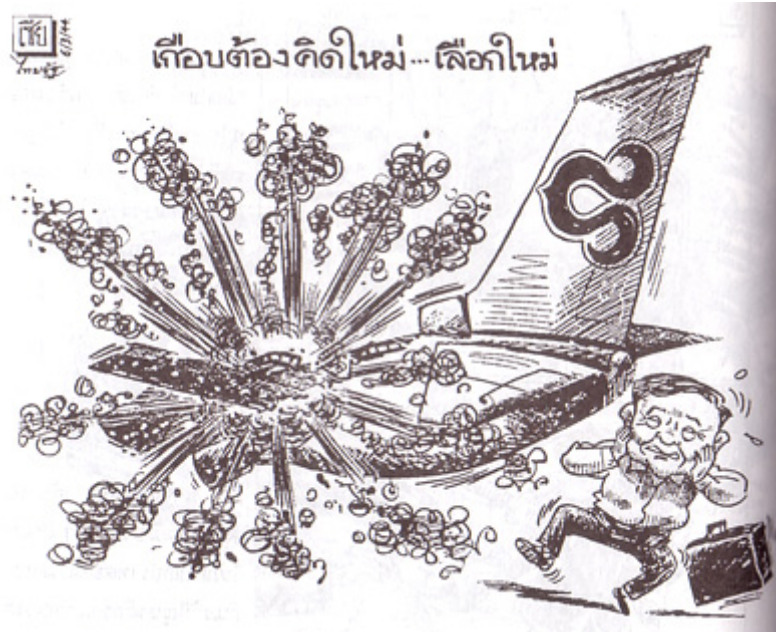
From Arun, March 26, 2015

Title: German model, Solution to the Thai election system

13 years ago: Thaksin's airplane blown up and Chalerm's drunken fighting sons

April 21, 2015

Categories: Today in History



[Thaksin's airplane blown up and Chalerm's drunken fighting sons](#)

Stop the railway transport department

April 22, 2015

Categories: Thai Railroads



Banner on the left: Railway people join hands against the establishment of a railway transport department. Stop! The Act of transport management year...

A sign on the far right: Wichianburi grilled chicken

Genie Crushes the Democrats

April 22, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



From Arun, April 9, 2015

Top right corner: Democrat warns 'Big Tu' not to stay a power following the fortune-teller's prediction.

Top-left corner: Q-Kon, Arun Watcharasawat

Title: Aladdin and genie in the lamp.

Early Thai Media Censorship

April 23, 2015

Categories: Today in History

[100 FIRSTS: The media lose freedom](#) – *The Nation*, December 26, 2004

...In the 1940s, it was common for editorial and printing-house staff to be kicked and punched by a squad of uniformed men invading their premises, and for their presses and other equipment to be destroyed...

How many times has Thaksin quit politics?

April 23, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News



Above: April 4, 2006

2014

[Thaksin 'ready to sacrifice family' but...](#) – The Nation, April 22, 2014

[Yingluck says she is ready to quit politics if it's the need of majority](#) – thaipbs.or.th, April 22, 2014

2011

[Torch has passed on, says Thaksin](#) – Bangkok Post, October 17, 2011

... "Yingluck, the youngest sister of our family, is now the prime minister.

"It has passed my generation already, so my generation should not return to politics," said Thaksin in a recent exclusive interview with the Bangkok Post in this Middle Eastern state.

He noted he was "misquoted" by some international news outlets that he would return to lead the country again...



From Red Power, October, 2011

Cover: You don't want to , but history will force being a leader upon you. Why Thaksin must return to be PM again?

Jakrapob Penkair opens his heart in writing to Lt-Colonel Thaksin Shinawatra: “The heart lies far from home.”

5 years – September 19 – Open your eyes – The problem is not Thaksin – It's ..?

2009

[An Interview with Ex-Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra](#) – Time, March 6, 2009

...Last time you spoke with TIME in January 2007, you said you were finished with politics and that you would retire. What changed?

have been bullying me politically nonstop since then. I already declared that I wanted to retire. I wanted to spend my life with my family. But they were bullying me. The rule of law is not there . The democratic process is not there. That is too much. All of my supporters urged me: 'you have to come and fight back politically.' They want to come back to a mature democracy...

2008

[Ousted Thai leader confirms his return on Feb 28 but forgo politics](#) – TNA, February 27, 2008

Deposed prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra confirmed on Wednesday his return to Thailand on Thursday morning from self-imposed exile overseas to fight his corruption charges, but that he would stay out of politics...

[Transcript: Thaksin Shinawatra](#) – FT, June 21, 2007

...FT: Am I right in saying that you said after September that you had retired from Thai politics?

TS: Yes, yes.

FT: And is that still the case?

TS: Yes, yes. I retire already, completely. Even they are not sure I am retired, they ban me from politics for five years. So don't worry, I am retired already. Now I find myself a job as a chairman. .

FT: So you obviously have a desire to return, but you want to return as a private citizen?

TS: As a private citizen under a democracy...

[“I’m Calling It Quits”](#) – Time, February 1, 2007

...Will you return to politics?

Right after I was ousted by the coup, I had mixed feelings. The negative feeling was that this was unfortunate for Thailand and its democracy, that the confidence I tried very hard to restore after the 1997 financial crisis

would be lost. The positive part was, oh, I can retire now, I can have time for myself, for my family, I can meet friends and relax. Life is not that long, so if you can bring some happiness to yourself and your family, that's good ... I'm quite confident that if I ran today, I would win, I have no political ambitions. I am calling it quits...

2007

[Deposed Thai PM Thaksin quits politics – lawyer](#) – Reuters, January 10, 2007

...The announcement by lawyer Noppadon Patama came just hours after coup leaders summoned radio and television broadcasters, all of whom have to rent air time from the government, not to carry any statements from Thaksin...

2006

[I will not accept post of premier in the next government : Thaksin](#) – The Nation, April 4, 2006

[Thai premier to take “political break”](#) – Reuters, April 4, 2006

Thai hairstyles of the past

April 24, 2015

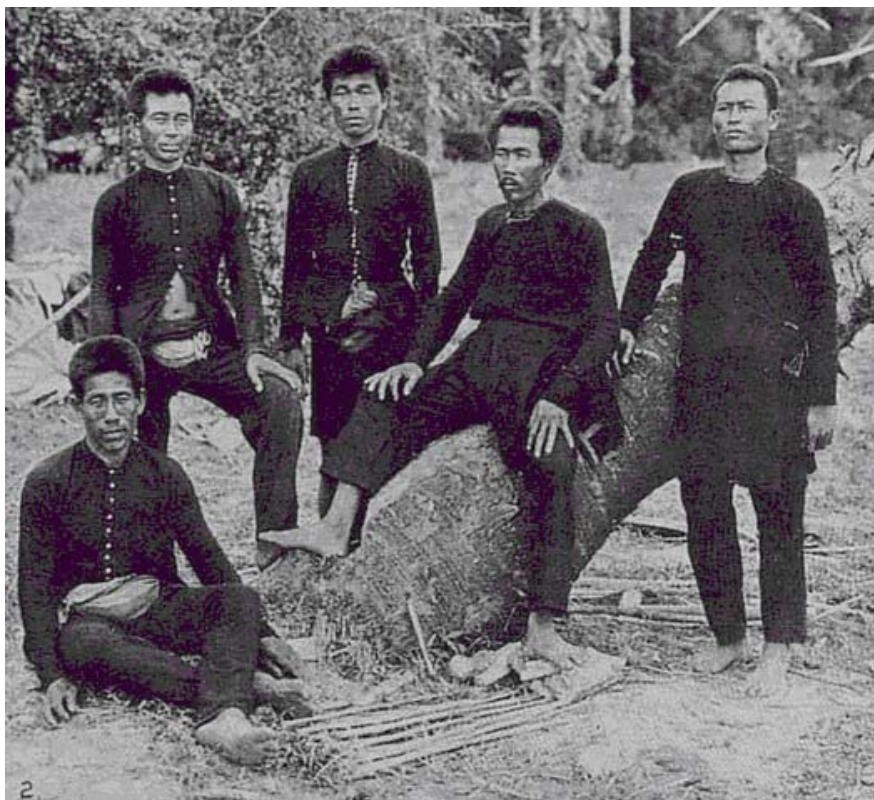
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Thai hairstyles – April 25, 2009

Thread about Thai hairstyles on this [2Bangkok Forum thread](#)



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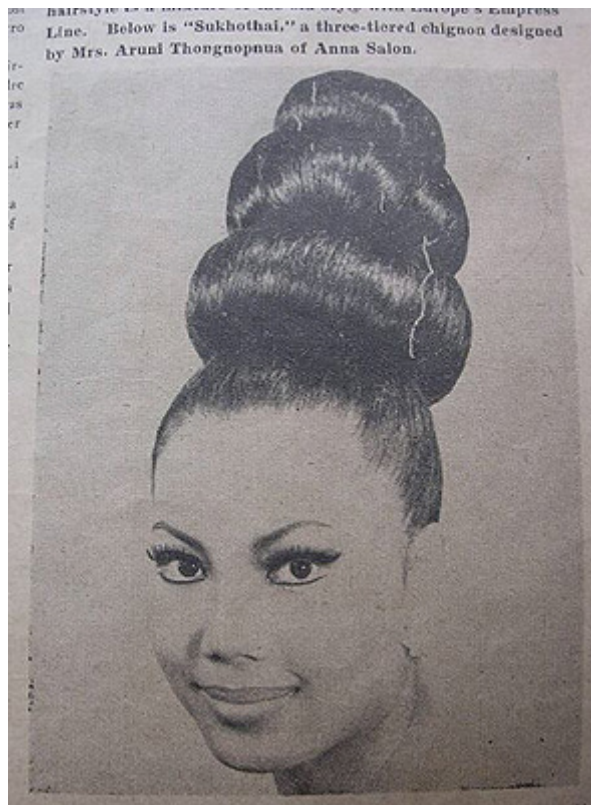
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Above and right: *Bangkok Post*, November 10, 1968

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Above: *Bangkok Post*, November 10, 1968

Seven years ago: Fighting the People Power Party

April 24, 2015

Categories: Today in History

From *Matichon*: [People Power Party does what CNS did before](#)

Thaksin party rush to amend two articles of the charter: Article 237 to prevent their party from being disbanded and Article 309 to allow Thaksin to escape corruption charges...

From *Krungtep Turakit*: [The final struggle is yet to come](#)

Rumors of coups and counter coups...

Songkran Cartoons 2015

April 24, 2015

Categories: Analysis, Editorial Cartoons - Various, Songkran



From Arun, April 11, 2015

Top right corner: We shall organize another event ‘to ask for forgiveness from the ‘elder man’ who is about 80 years old.

Top left corner: Q-Kon, Arun Watcharasawat

This year on Songkran, the senior academics will organize the event to ask for forgiveness from the student group called Daow Din. The event is called ‘the elder Rod Nam Dam Hua the youth’ with the aims to ask for the forgiveness from the youth because the elder academics can’t protect the young generation. So, they ask for forgiveness.

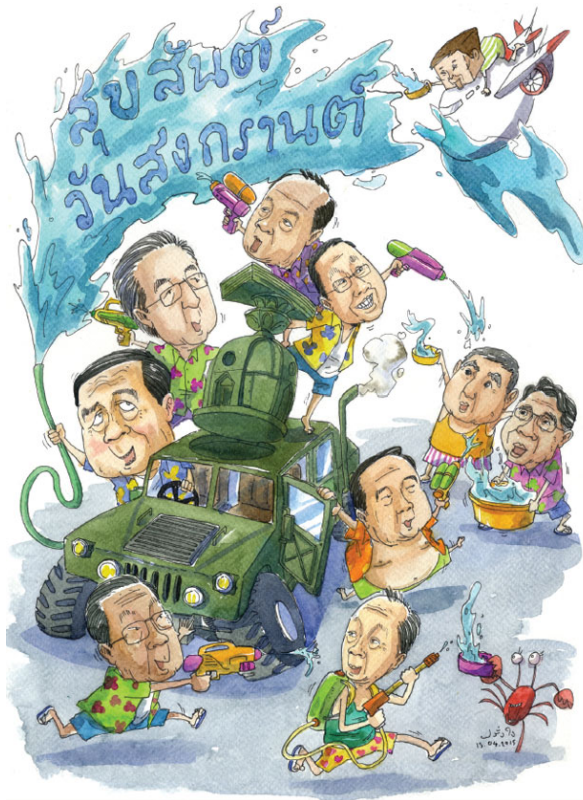
Man: Sorry, I can’t protect you, grandpa.



เย็นน้ำท่วมหล้า มหาสงกรานต์

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From Naewna, April 12, 2015
A word close to PM Prayuth: Article 44
Caption: Songkran splendors



From Post Today, April 13, 2015
Title: Happy Songkran day
The man driving a car is PM Prayuth.
Three men on the Humvee (left-middle-right): Somkid Jatusripitak, Advisor to the NCPO, Gen. Anupong Paocinda, Interior Minister, and Bowornsak Uwanno, Chairman of the Constitution Drafting Committee
A man holding the car door: Gen. Prawit Wongsuwan, Defense Minister and Deputy PM
A man with yellow shirt: Air Chief Marshal Prajin Jungtong, Transport Minister
A man on the plane: Thaksin Shinawatra

Who are the others in the cartoon?

The red crab is Former PM Yingluck whose nickname is “Poo” or “crab” in Thai.

Word under the red crab: Frangjai (name of cartoonist)

The Fake G2G Scheme

April 24, 2015

Categories: Uncategorized



[NACC accuses former ministers of fabricating G2G rice scheme](#) – The Nation, April 24, 2015

Claims of rice stockpiles being sold through government-to-government (G2G) scheme by the Yingluck Shinawatra administration were “total lies”, National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) member Vicha Mahakhun told members of the National Legislative Assembly (NLA) yesterday.

The scheme, he said, played a key role in “one of the most scandalous corruption cases in Thai history”. However, former commerce minister Boonsong Teriyapirom said the allegations were part of a political game by the NACC, claiming the commission had chosen to single out and annihilate a political group by using “double standards”. He also accused the NACC of rushing the case through without taking into account important witnesses and evidence, which led to false conclusions...

Earlier: [All About the Fake rice deal with China](#)

Earlier: [I bring some rice for you to eat...](#)

Even the Red Shirts agree that elections can be put off for two or three more years?

April 24, 2015

Categories: 2014 Coup

One day later: [Poll delay proposal slammed](#) – The Nation, April 25, 2015

...A source from the meeting on Thursday, who asked not to be named due to the sensitivity of the matter, told The Nation that a military officer kept repeating the same question to many key participants. The question was what they thought of a delay of the next general election, which is currently slated for early next year. Siam University law lecturer Ekachai Chainuvati, who attended the meeting hosted by the NCPO's Reconciliation Centre at the Army Club, is also opposed to a deferred roadmap to election and insisted that there was no consensus...

[Redshirt Leader Calls for Delaying Election to Fix Charter](#) – Khaosod, April 24, 2015

...do not long for an election that does not give power to the people. Because, in the 2015 constitution, apart from the background of Prime Ministers, MPs, and Senators, there are also 11 independent that wield far more power than what was described in the 2007 constitution. The 2007 constitution has caused great damages, as is apparent in memories of the Thai people. But the 2015 constitution will be far more damaging...

[Political foes will accept poll lag – Charter will 'hamper national reconciliation'](#) – Bangkok Post, April 24, 2015

Leaders of Pheu Thai, Democrats, the United Front for Democracy against Dictatorship and other political parties and groups were invited by military officers to a meeting of the regime's Reconciliation Centre for Reform. They told the officers that even three more years of military rule would be preferable to "divisive" elections under the proposed constitution...

[Parties not averse to poll delay](#) – The Nation, April 24, 2015

...Worachai Hema, a red-shirt leader who is a politician of the Pheu Thai Party, said that representatives from the Pheu Thai and Democrat parties agreed that it was acceptable to them if the next general election were delayed but that the new constitution must be democratic.

"If the draft constitution is left unchanged, the political conflict will never end," he said, adding that politicians from both parties wanted the new charter to address the issues of political conflict, reconciliation and democracy. He called for a public referendum on the constitution...

Prayuth: “I cannot use Article 44 to solve every problem” after pressed to solve EU concerns on fishing

April 25, 2015

Categories: 2014 Coup

[Prayuth: Article 44 Not Enough to Tackle EU Sanctions](#) – Khaosod, April 24, 2015

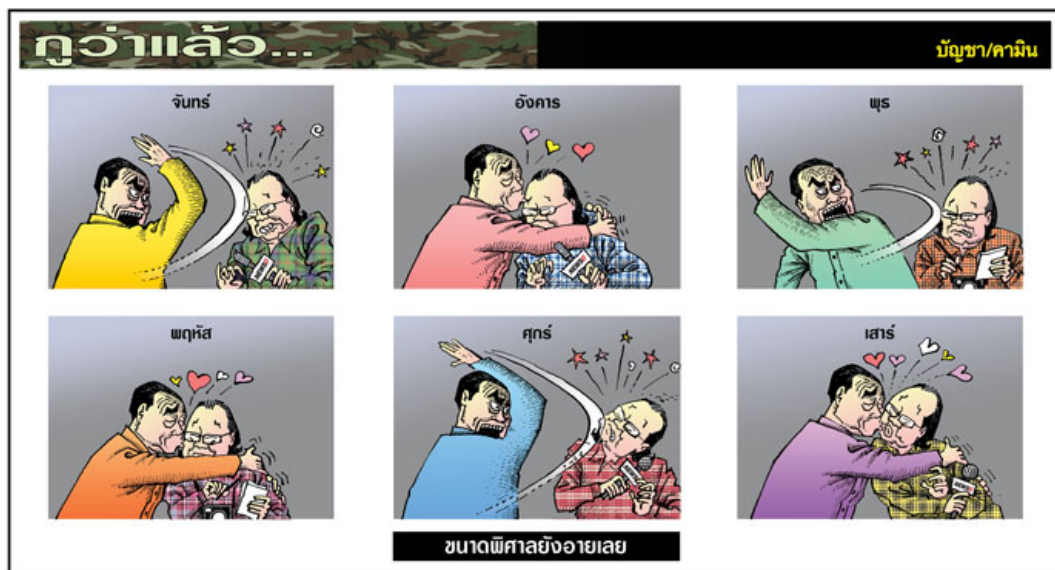
...Over the past few days, Thai government officials have told reporters that Gen. Prayuth will solve the issue by invoking Article 44 of the interim charter, which grants him essentially unchecked power to issue new laws.

... ”I cannot use Article 44 to solve every problem,” Gen. Prayuth said in a videotaped speech that will air on Friday night. “I cannot use it to solve expensive lemons, or to solve the economy ... Article 44 is for allowing military officers to do what they could not do in the past. Now they can help them . That’s the point...”

Slap, Kiss, Slap, Kiss

April 25, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



30-03-58

From Manager, March 29, 2015

Above (left-right): Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

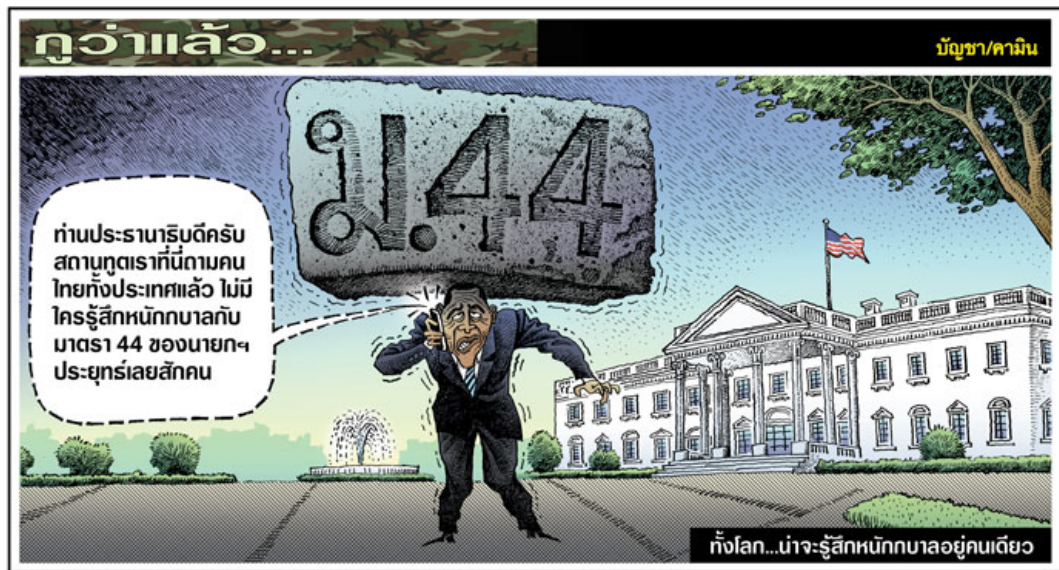
Below (left-right): Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Caption: Even Pisan is embarrassed.

Who is bothered by Article 44?

April 26, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



03-04-58

From Manager, April 2, 2015

On the phone: Mr. President, our Embassy here has already asked Thai people and no one worries with the Article 44 issued by PM Prayuth.

On Obama's head: Article 44

Caption: In the whole world... there is only one person who worries about this.



From Manager, April 5, 2015

Title: Economy... crazy economy by Ngao

Top left: Big Tu ends martial law and issues Article 44 instead.

Top right: What! Ao!!

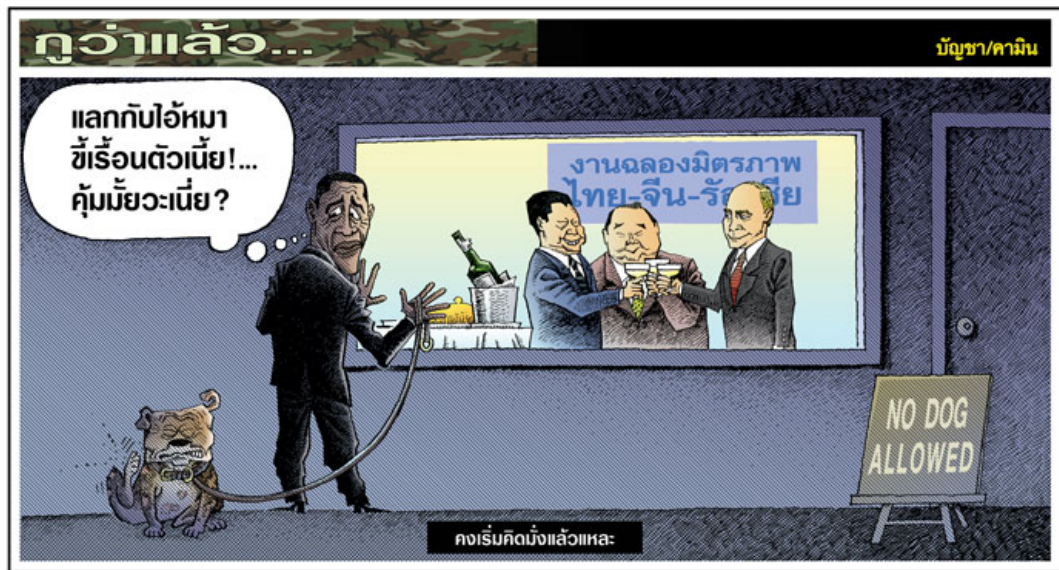
Bottom left: Did we live our lives under martial law?

Bottom right: I didn't realize it.

More Thai-language editorial cartoons on Thai-U.S. relations

April 27, 2015

Categories: Anti-Americanism, Editorial Cartoons



08-04-58

From Manager, April 7, 2015

Obama: Is it worth enough to exchange them for this dog that has leprosy?

On the sign: Celebrating Thailand-China-Russia relations

Caption: Start to think about this...



From Komchadluek, March 25, 2015

Toad: The constitution is unfair. The Constitution is unfair.



From Naewna, April 3, 2015

U.S. shadow: Ha, ha. We will follow you even in the next life.

Caption: Thailand's enemy from a previous life



From Naewna, April 3, 2015

Buffalo: Foreigners don't want Section 44!!

PM Prayuth: They always let the foreigners lead them by the nose!! Sigh...

Above the iron ball: Section 44



From Naewna, April 7, 2015

Above the Democracy Monument: Economic, Social and political crisis

Uncle Sam: You don't need to care about the fire. You'd better promptly conduct the election followed the road map that you committed to or your country will not be democratic.



From an image circulated on social media

Title: I'll buy it. This man is so annoying. It's 80 baht.

Obama: Do you have number 44?

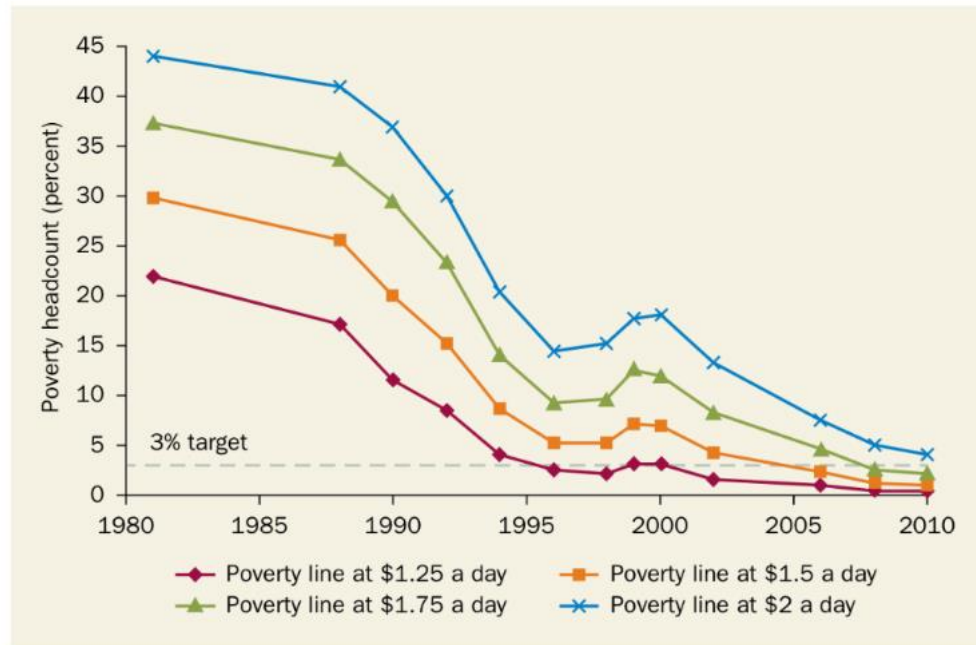
Bottom right: We love Gen. Prayuth

Reduction in poverty in Thailand 1980-2010

April 27, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News

Figure 1.9 Poverty reduction in Thailand, 1981-2010



Source: Based on data from the World Bank PovcalNet database.

[World Bank: A Measured Approach to Ending Poverty](#)

Air Pano for Bangkok

April 27, 2015

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Eight Years Ago: Thaksin's First Major Lobbying Effort – USA for Innovation

April 28, 2015

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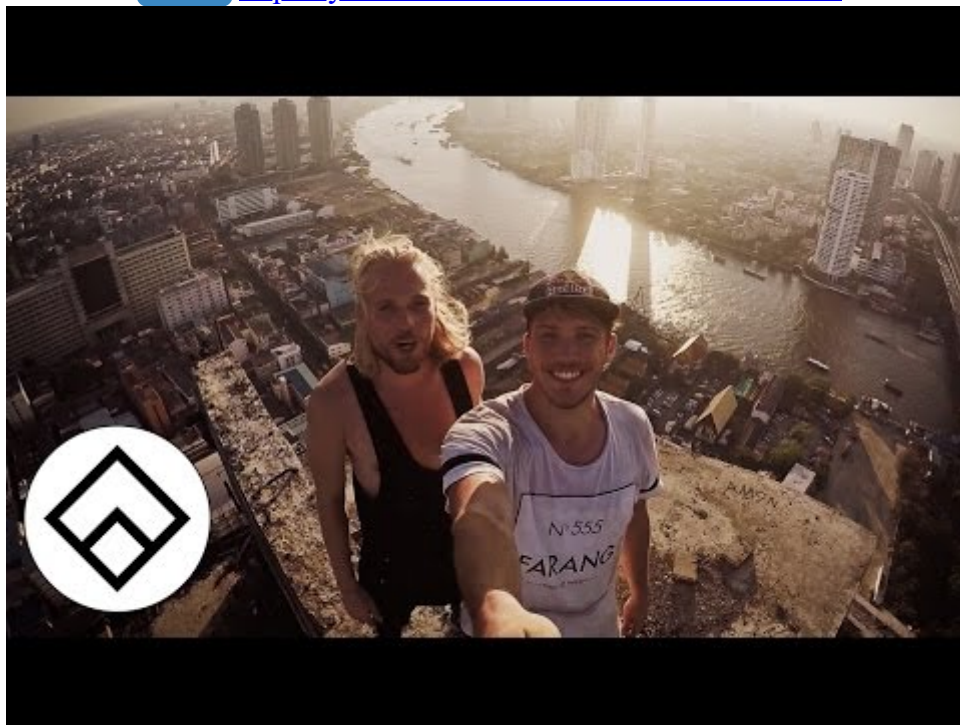
Freerunning in Bangkok's Ghost Tower

April 28, 2015

Categories: 2Bangkok News



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=XYUxHhF0LZk>



Dead Dog Chavalit

April 28, 2015

Categories: Analysis, Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, Editorial Cartoons



From Naewna, April 22, 2015

Left: Dead dog 1: I think the bombing in Samui is not related to Big Jiew.

Dead dog 2: Why?

Right: Because he jumped into the Mekong River since he couldn't solve the poverty problem in Isan.

On the sign: Mekong river

Gen. Chavalit is the only major Thai military figure who speaks up for Thaksin. His experience as both a former commander-in-chief and prime minister makes his pronouncements consequential.

His involvement is meant to demonstrate that there is rift in the military regarding support for the coup and support for Thaksin. Such a rift is what Red Shirts have long claimed, particularly as they staged protests in Bangkok in 2009 and 2010.

From [leading a Red Shirt "People's Army" against the Thai military](#) to his brief support of reconciliation efforts, he has repeatedly [flip flopped on his support for Thaksin and the Red Shirts](#), making him a frequent target of ridicule in the Thai-language media.

Due to his sympathies towards both Thaksin and the Red Shirts, Gen. Chavalit has long been suspected (and sometimes unfairly blamed) of carrying out attacks on behalf of Thaksin's political goals, from the Bangkok New Year's bombings in 2006 to the recent Samui car bomb.

In the 1990s he was lionized by the international press as a laudable example of the future of Thai politics. Unlike previous Thai generals who entered politics through coups, Chavalit was one Thai commander-in-chief who became prime minister by leading a political party and winning an election. Unfortunately, his ineptitude in managing the economy sparked the baht collapse of 1997 and the ensuing worldwide financial panic.



Above: [Chavalit and the Red Shirts](#)

Chavalit once famously boasted that he could “blow a whistle” and the country would be in flames, giving voice to the threat that he could rouse rural supporters to pour into Bangkok and create havoc. This is not an uncommon Thai threat and has been voiced by a range of politicians from Thaksin Shinawatra to Suthep Thaugsuban.

Chavalit was recently accused of being behind the car bomb attack in Samui—not only because he is one of the “usual suspects” for bombings, but because he supposedly had a meeting with insurgents in the Thai Deep South. His aides denied this report which spread through social media.

His promised recent appearance on the Red Shirt “Peace TV” station is thought to be a possible reason the junta revoked the station’s license. This is because, whether or not Chavalit was behind the recent bombings, he is a potent symbol to Red Shirts as he demonstrates that, just as their dogma states, the military is deeply divided and is in large part loyal to Thaksin.

The Naewna cartoon (at top) ridicules 82-year-old Chavalit’s effectiveness, comparing him to a dead floating dog in a river (this is a Thai saying to indicate a powerless, useless thing).

The cartoonist ridicules the threat of Chavalit and his bombings and says his influence is already dead. Floating in the river refers to a time when Chavalit was prime minister and he vowed to solve poverty in the Northeast region (known as Isan) or he would jump into the Mekong river.

Also: [Gen. Chavalit warns: Junta constitutional reforms could trigger counter coup](#)

Sound of a heart exploding

April 29, 2015

Categories: Anti-Americanism, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, April 9, 2015

Top left: Mr. Medvedev please tries to listen to this sound.

Top right: Paow!

Bottom left: What is that exploring-like sound? It's so loud, Mr. Prayuth.

Bottom right: The sound from President Obama. His heart explodes because of seeing Thailand's closer ties with Russia.

Three more years

April 30, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Naewna, April 15, 2015

Left: The fortune teller predicts that big Tu will continue his position for the next three years.

Middle: Aow... Then what about our big Maew?

Right: Sleep away and wait to return to be the PM after the next three years.

Troops, police raid Red Shirt TV station to disrupt former Army Commander-in-Chief Chavalit's interview

April 30, 2015

Categories: 2014 Coup, Chavalit Yongchaiyudh



[Troops, police raid Peace TV to disrupt Chavalit's interview](#) – The Nation, April 30, 2015

[Army chief defends raid on Peace TV](#) – ThaiPBS, April 30, 2015

...He also asked for cooperation from the media by presenting only constructive news.

The army chief was commenting on the recent raid by police and soldiers after Peace TV broadcast a live programme interviewing former prime minister Gen Chavalit Yongchaiyuth.

Critics said the raid was inappropriate...

Latest plan of political activist Sombat

April 30, 2015

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, April 13, 2015

Title: “Lai Jud” rice Vs. “Lai Prang” news

On rice bags held by Sombat and the woman: Lai Jud

A poster on the table: Selling rice to help farmers

Phi Nooring: Who is threatened by selling rice?

A mouse: Support on a good professional.

