

Weekly News Magazines: All about politics, December, 2018

January 1, 2019

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Siamrath Weekly Review, December 21-27, 2018

Main cover reads: This hour for devil class



From Matichon Weekly, December 21-27, 2018

Main cover reads: Welfare... state

In the picture, pro-Prayuth politicians are on the left consisting of Industry Minister Uttama Savanayana from the Palang Pracharath party, Suthep Thaugsuban from the Action Coalition for Thailand Party, Kanchana Silpa-archa from the Chat Thai Party and Anuthin Charnvirakul from the Bhumjaithai Party. On the right, the pro-Thaksin alliance consists of Sudarat Keyuraphan from the Pheu Thai Party, Chaturon Chaisang from Thai Raksa Chart Party, Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit from the Future Forward Party, and others we do not know.

Top: ‘Good books’ coming to you. ‘Matichon’ joins hands with ‘BEM’ giving away 40 free titles of 3,000 books activity Book Journey@ MRT X’mas Festival



From Manager Weekly, December 22-28, 2018

Main cover reads: Steamed bun is an alarmist.

Top: My Hero 2018 “Governor Narongsak Osottanakorn” “Chief Vichien Shinawong” who played an important role in the cave rescue along with wildlife sanctuary chief Vichien Shinwong (left) who dared to apprehend tycoon Premchai Karnasuta on charges of allegedly poaching protected animals.]
Bottom left: Without “Doctor Sert” Miss Universe 2018 could not occur

Thaksin can no longer sue

January 3, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Naewna



From Naewna, December 7, 2018

Above the pliers: Abolish the right of a person who is very corrupt and fleeing so they can't file a court .

Caption: A canine tooth has already been pulled out. Then, whom I will?

Who did France copy?

January 4, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, December 9, 2018

Yellow Shirt man on the left: See, those protesters in France copy our yellow color.

Red Shirt man on the right: Haa, I don't need to tell those burning the country who copied whom.

Dangerous animals will take you

January 7, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons – Arun



From Arun, Matichon Weekly, December 14-20, 2018

Man: Want to continue going... then, please.

Beijing treads carefully when scions of Thai political dynasty arrive in China in search of their roots

January 8, 2019

Categories: Thai Politics

[Beijing treads carefully when scions of Thai political dynasty arrive in China in search of their roots](#) – scmp.com, January 7, 2019

...Yingluck posted video of their arrival on her Instagram account on Sunday, complete with a caption that said: “Chinese people flocked to welcome Thaksin and Yingluck, who came to pay respect to their Chinese ancestors.”

In the video, the sister and brother get out of a black car accompanied by an entourage of men in black suits. Chinese residents were eager to press flesh with the pair, while Yingluck and Thaksin smiled and chatted...

China supports the junta?

January 9, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Chai



From Thairath, December 20, 2018

Left, men (their silhouettes seem to indicate they are meant to be Red Shirt leaders or anti-junta activists):

We must invite the America to observe the election because there are some parties...

Middle, men: ...receiving funds from China to support Big Tu to extend his power.

Head of the village: Do you have any evidence?

Right, men: Palang Pracharat and Ruam Palang Prachachart announced they would raise funds from Chinese dinners.

Weekly News Magazines: Election Delay, January, 2019

January 11, 2019

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Manager Weekly, January 5-11, 2019

Main cover reads: King's coronation. National sacred royal ceremony



From Matichon Weekly, January 4-10, 2018

Main cover reads: 26 Feb 2500 Election 'dirty'! 24 Feb 2552 Election 'Clean'?

Top: Happy fight the golden pig year about the transparent election



From Lokwanee, January 4-11, 2019

Main cover reads: What my country's got: everything (except the date of election)

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It's only about Thaksin

January 15, 2019

Categories: Analysis, Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, January 3, 2019

Caption: Three parties are fighting hard for their party policy.

Left, holding a sign reading Pheu Chart Party: Choose my party in order to bring Thaksin home.

Center, holding a sign reading Pheu Thai Party: No... my party has a clear policy in bringing Thaksin home.

Right, holding a sign reading Thai Raksa Chart Party: Don't believe them... only my party... that would bring Thaksin home in style.

Politicians can't wait to help people

January 17, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Naewna



From Naewna, January 7, 2019

Title: Choose us first and we will help you

On left hand: Politician

On middle hand: Army

Caption: Do not postpone the date of elections..!! Politicians can't wait to help people..

Weekly News Magazines: Thaksin vs the Junta, January, 2019

January 21, 2019

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Lokwanee, January 18-24, 2019

Main cover reads: Top: Every Monday on www.thaksinofficial.com

Bottom: Every Friday every channel.

Dinosaur (representing the junta): Amen... abracadabra! The smog must be gone.



From Manager Weekly, January 19-25, 2019

Top: Stay with us, your pocket is full of money

Bottom: Stay with uncle, you have a cash card

Top: Haze crisis. Life is risky. National issue which is “deadly horrible”

Bottom left: Look at the effect of “Lisa Black Pink”

Mid: “Coach Toey” a hero riding the war elephant’

Right: “Secondhand smoke” is dangerous for children.



From Matichon Weekly, January 18-24, 2019

Main cover reads: Intense Monday

To handle the change of the world with Dr. Thaksin Shinawatra

Good news for some

January 23, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Daily News



From Daily News, January 1, 2019

Left title: Good news for him

Deputy PM Prawit: Survived!

Middle title: Good news for him

Man: Increase the salary

To the right of the man: NACC

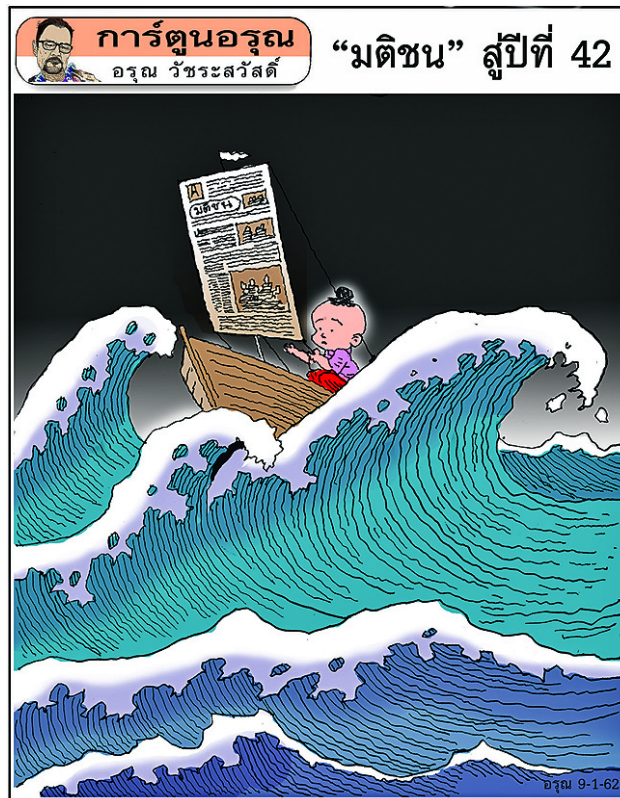
Right title: Bad news for us

TV: Seems to have postponed the election

Matichon comes to its 42nd year

January 24, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons – Arun



From Arun, January 9, 2019

Title: Matichon comes to its 42nd year

On the paper: Matichon

Thaksin's Return

January 25, 2019

Categories: News and Views

With Thaksin's return into the political fray via his [high-profile podcast](#), there are plenty of interesting things being written about Thailand's political situation.

Also see this week's news magazines which all [contrast the junta and Thaksin on their covers](#).

[Thailand just can't quit populism](#) – Nikkei Asian Review, January 17, 2019

...The record of the fast-growth 1960s and 1970s, when Bangkok wooed automakers to morph Thailand into the "Detroit of Asia," was forgotten. An opportunity to revive that dynamism was missed after the 1997 Asian crisis when leaders, even before Thaksin, opted for politically-targeted handouts over structural reform...

Now it is Prayuth's turn to make the same mistakes. He plans to set aside \$32 million to stabilize palm oil prices and to give 500 baht, or \$15.70, handouts to 14.5 million Thais, mostly poor farmers. While hardly staggering amounts for a \$483 billion economy, these moves smack of populism...

[Shinawatrass out, Lee Kuan Yew in: Asian leaders' differing treatment by China's ancestry tourism](#) – SCMP, January 19, 2019

...Five years ago, the siblings had a photo taken in front of the house with their oldest living relative, who state media reported was the wife of their mother's cousin. Aged about 90, she still lives alone in the run-down abode, her neighbours said.

With its shattered windows, broken doors and stove, and a floor covered in leaves and chicken droppings, it is a world away from the affluent lives of Thaksin and Yingluck.

"When they visited last time, the local government did try to fix the house a bit, mend the walls and clean it," said Li Dongling, who runs a pomelo business in the village.

"But they never came again. Sometimes I see the old lady and I feel sorry that she lives in such ruins – it looks like the house could collapse at any time," said Li, who has lived in the village for over 20 years...

[Thaksin, Prawit allies in undermining transparency](#) – The Nation, January 12, 2019

It would be inaccurate to class Thaksin Shinawatra and Prawit Wongsuwan as being of the same breed of politician, at least for now. The crucial difference between them is that no one has attempted to prosecute Prawit, the current defence minister and deputy premier, whereas Thaksin, the former prime minister, remains in self-imposed exile because democratic institutions wanted him punished...

They both diverted the drive for integrity and arrogantly used the scoundrel's rallying cry of "conspiracy" to denigrate their critics. It was no small irony to hear Prawit say repeatedly that if Thaksin truly wished to honour his ambition of cleaning up politics, he should "return from hiding" and face the legal repercussions from the Ratchadapisek land case. Thaksin's barbed response, in a tweet, was that a judicial system under Prawit's purview could not be trusted...

[Thai election: can Shinawatrass keep it in the family, again?](#) – SCMP, January 20, 2019

... "while Yingluck was a huge electoral asset who won support from voters and established good relations with the military and establishment, it's unclear that Oak would be able to do any of this".

Others say the party has little choice but to milk the political capital of the Shinawatra brand as the junta openly tries to push it out of Thai politics...

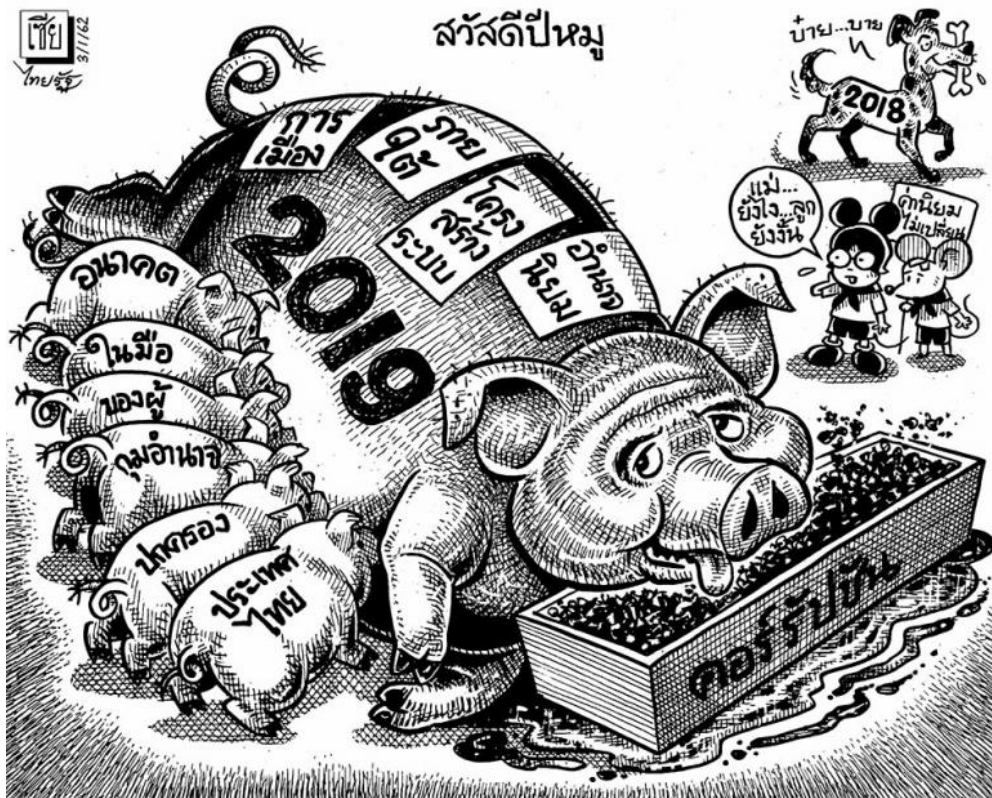
Interestingly, Reuters reported that "hundreds" recently demonstrated in Bangkok and that this shows growing tensions:

[Rival groups demonstrate in Thailand as election tensions grow](#)

Year of the pig is right

January 26, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, January 3, 2019

Title: Hello, year of the pig

Papers on the big pig (representing the junta) from back to front: Politics under the structure of absolute power

On the baby pigs from back to front: The future is up to the person who governs Thailand.

On a food trough: Corruption

Phi Nooring: Like mother like kids

Mouse: The values don't change.

Top right, the previous "year of the dog": Bye Bye

Unknown as Pheu Thai's PM pick

January 28, 2019

Categories: News and Views

More interesting political news:

[Chadchart tipped as Pheu Thai's PM pick](#) – Bangkok Post, January 25, 2018

...A survey by the party showed Pheu Thai would win more seats if Mr Chadchart, who is popular with a sizeable segment of social media users, was listed as a prime ministerial candidate.

Mr Chadchart is still an unknown to most voters, and gained only 7% in the latest Nida Poll announced Sunday. It is designed to measure the popularity of current candidates...

See also: [It's only about Thaksin](#) for a run down of some of the political parties

Also this week's news magazines which all [contrast the junta and Thaksin on their covers.](#)

[Why Suthep, Prayut slowly drifted apart](#) – The Nation, January 25, 2018

...The veteran politician, meanwhile, appears to be in a difficult position – suffering from an image problem and being criticised for going back on his word about staying away from politics.

Maybe Suthep is among the people waiting patiently to get even with General Prayut.

New Year's Cartoons: Goodbye Dog Year

January 29, 2019

Categories: New Year's Cartoons



Thairath, December 31, 2018

Title: Goodbye year of the dog

End of the year of the dog with Kaokonlakao. Goodbye Aujao and Phee Meun with love. Good bye Tham Luang cave. Good bye Ja Sam and Mr.Vichai.

Auy Auy Auy the sound of the bell in the sky. Illegal lottery, watches, Aunties hitting the car without doubt. Please do not ask when the election will be and which party to vote for. But please ask who killed the black panther.

Kitmanoch Rojanasap (Teacher Lilly)

[This is a year-end message written by famous tutor Kitmanoch Rojanasap known as Teacher Lilly. His poem mentions the big news items of 2018 such as the charity run Kaokonlakao by famous rocker Toon Bodyslam to raise funds for nationwide hospitals. Also the football team stuck in Tham Luang cave. During the rescue operation, Lieutenant-Commander Samarn Kunan, alias Ja Sam, a former Navy SEAL, died. King Power and Premier League football club Leicester City's owner Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha also died in a helicopter crash.

"Auy Auy Auy the sound of the bell in the sky" refers to a temple that was told to lower the noise of their bells after complaints from a condo nearby (such news is notable as temples or wats have been the unquestioned center of community life for centuries and it seemed a shock that there would be complaints about their noise).

The two "furious aunties" attacked a parked pickup truck that blocked their driveway. This sparked a scandal when it was shown that city officials allowed the illegal creation of a market next door to their house, ignoring both the zoning laws and verdicts from the courts. The illegal lottery was still a significant issue as the government still could not control it. Besides of the coming election which people still do not know the date of, the case of the killing a black panther has dragged on with fears that the tycoon who was caught red-handed at the hunting camp will be able to get away with it.

New Year's Cartoons: Wave Goodbye to the Old Year

January 31, 2019

Categories: New Year's Cartoons



From Daily News, December 31, 2018

Title: Waving goodbye to the year 2561

Top left, on Santa's suit: NCPO

On bag: Welfare from the state

On flag held by man on Prayuth's shoulder: Lieutenant-Commander Samarn Kunan

Top middle: On Sudarat's shorts: PT

Top middle right, on man's pink shirt: Sanoh

On the shirt of the man holding on to the chair: Mark

Middle, the man strutting is Democrat leader Ahbisit. On his shirt: Mark

On sign he holds: Democrat Party

On yellow sign: Constitution

On sign being held by Red Shirts: Election

Middle far right on the smoke: 30-million lottery

Bottom left on the basket: Politicians

Bottom middle on the left man's shirt: Trump

On other man's shirt: China

Bottom right top: Bang

Bottom far right, above man with knives stuck in him: Kamnun Suthep

On sign held by pig: Happy New Year of the Pig.

New Year's Cartoons: This year will have an election

February 1, 2019

Categories: New Year's Cartoons



From Matichon, January 1, 2019

Title: Happy New Year ๒๕๖๒

On sign held by a pig: This year will have an election

On the side of the table at left: Chinese dinner table

Democrat Party's leader Abhisit, Suthep, (former leader of anti-Yingluck group and now a member of pro-Prayuth party Ruamphalang Prachachartthai Party), Deputy PM Somkid, PM Prayuth, Deputy PM Prawit, Thanathorn (leader of the Future Forward Party) and Sudarat from the Pheu Thai Party.

At left, the table refers to pro-Prayuth party Palang Pracharat Party organizing a Chinese dinner to raise the fund for the election. This led to questions about where funds came from to purchases the expensive spots at the tables.

At top left are the high speed train projects that have been accused of lacking transparency in their implmentation.

At top right is Thaksin and Yingluck, forever circling the country in exile.

At middle right are poor people lining up at an ATM to withdraw free populist handouts from the military junta.

At bottom right are rappers who released an anti-junta rap song that became a sensation.]

Yingluck kicked out

February 2, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Naewna



From Naewna, January 22, 2019

Yingluck: Oh my god... taking the seat of Shantou's chairwoman for only a short period and then kicked out.

On leg: Kick Poo out of the chairman of Shantou company

Caption: Pee Maew stops intervening on the smog in Thailand and comes to help me to research the dust...!!!

New Year's Cartoons: Happy new year without sadness

February 4, 2019

Categories: New Year's Cartoons



From Thairath, January 1, 2019

Title: Happy the year of the Pig

Happy new year without sadness. Happy in the year of the pig. Wish everything comes true. People are happy. Aud Aud Aud the pig is coming. Don't impede. Don't pretend to see a pig as the goat, bae bae. Stop tending sheep and finding a scapegoat. Have a moral in the heart in this year of the Pig.

Teacher Ping Davance

Composer

Too Many Unemployed Creating Smog

February 5, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, January 20, 2019

Left, Pheu Thai's Sudarat: Because the government can't manage the economy... it causes small dust in the air higher than the standard .

Reporter: How are they linked?

Right: Sudarat: Slowdown economy... people lost jobs so they have to work kicking dust. So, the smog covers the city...

Reporter: Umm...

Same allies, different kingpin

February 7, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons



From Prachatai

Top: Prachai

On T-shirt: Reform, elect

Weekly News Magazines: Who will be the next PM, February, 2019

February 8, 2019

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



From Manager Weekly, February 2-8, 2019

Main cover reads: Who will be the new PM?

Top: Collecting pictures of the royal-sponsored cremation of “Luang Phor Koon” the revered monk of the highland “who always gave”

Bottom left: Dr. Thiravat Hemachudha bans the dangerous toxic ... If we won't fight... then we must accept the result.

Left: Shut Down Bangkok Learn the lessons of “deadly dust” “China-Foreign countries” can do. Can “Thailand” also do it?



From Matichon Weekly, February 1-7, 2019

Main cover reads: Being a politician will gain many things more than you expected?

Top: Kunalai 'Great revered monk of Korat' Luang Phor Koon who was not worldly-minded.



From Lokwanee, February 1-8, 2019

On clapper board: Do it for yourself; Episode: Name list of PM

People's saying: Act...ion!!!

Thaksin can't carry Yingluck to China

February 12, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, January 22, 2019

On the chair: Chairman of the company

From hand: Ju... Ju... I know... She used to be Thailand's PM... But in my country... A person who will be chairman of a company must be intelligent.

Caption: In this country a person who wants to carry whoever, they can't do it.

Not my father yet

February 13, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



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From Manager, January 27, 2019

On boy's shirt: Palang Pracharath Party.

Son: Mom!... when he is ready to announce that he is my father!!

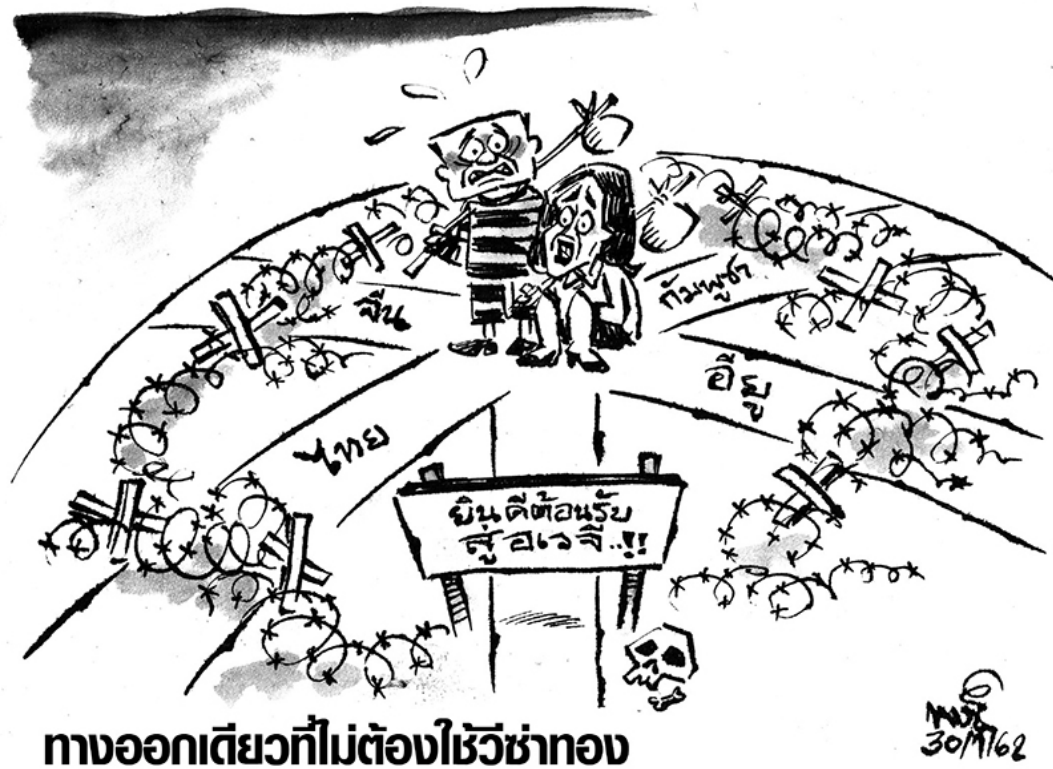
Mom: Dad said... he is not ready yet...

Caption: Look, this kind of father... son and wife are frustrated.

No exit

February 14, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Naewna



From Naewna, January 30, 2019

On the blocked paths: China; Thailand; Cambodia; EU Sign at bottom center: Welcome to the abyss of hell!

Caption: The only exit that doesn't need a gold visa.

He's pretty confident

February 15, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, January 28, 2019

Chalerm: This election... the Pheu Thai Party will get 350 seats.

PM Prayut: Oh, no... Chalerm. Just me alone, we will get 250 seats for sure... And for the whole part... how many would it be...

Caption: The real person... won't speak

Wolf in sheep's clothing

February 16, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, January 29, 2019

Title: Wolf in sheep's clothing.

Signs left from top: Human rights; fraternity; freedom; justice; democracy; democracy

The big man is Pheu Thai Party's main prime minister candidate [Chadchart Sittipunt](#). On his shirt:

Democratic Sign: Did not inherit the power.

On sheepskin: Look likes a democracy. (or "Fake democracy") Sign: Support the dictatorship.

On sheepskin: A substitute for democracy. Sign: Received power from a coup d'etat.

On sheepskin: Take credit for democracy.

Mouse man: Unable to fool the people.

Mouth: Covered then they look good.

Party of harmony

February 18, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, January 29, 2019

Sudarut: Our party will build peace for the country's future.

In the background left to right, red shirts: Be burned!

Thaksin: As long as I am not happy, you won't be happy.

Chalerm: Once I have a power, I will revenge you all.

On Wattana's white T-shirt: Reject the constitution

Election posters: Help end inequality

February 18, 2019

Categories: Elections



Top left: Phalang Pracharat Party

Pada Vorakanon

Bangkok District 6 Phayathai, Ratchathewi, Chatuchak

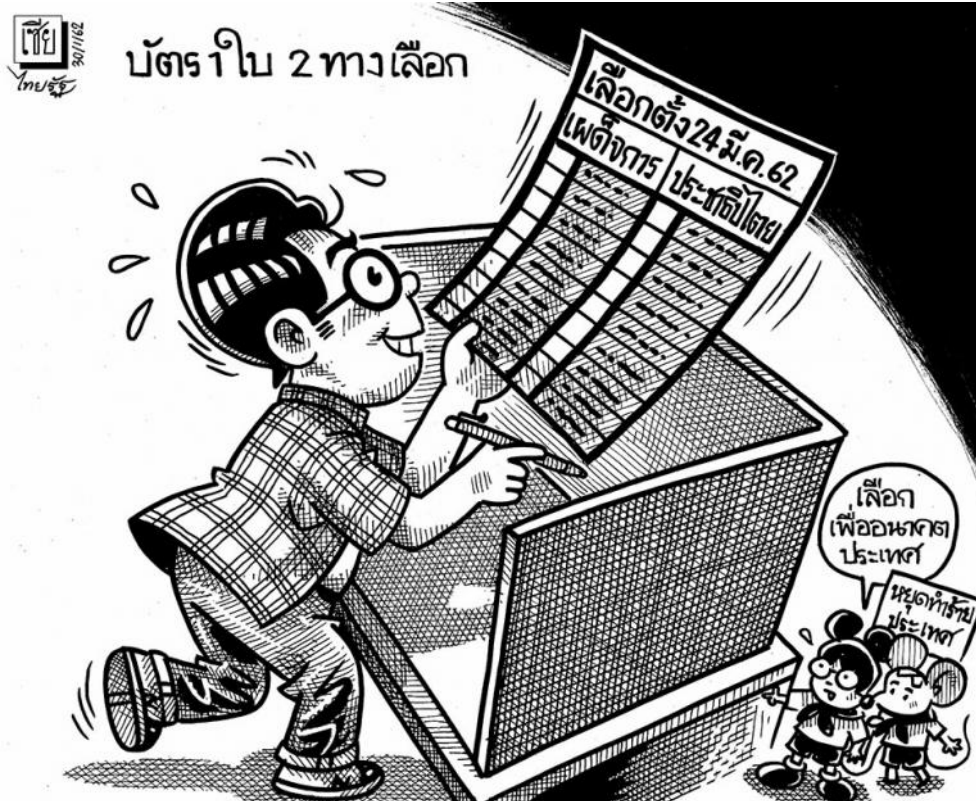
State's welfare helps end inequality.

Right middle: Number

Dictatorship or Democracy

February 19, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia



From Thairath, January 30, 2019

Title: 1 ballot paper with 2 choices

On the ballot paper: Election 24 Mar 62; Dictatorship; Democracy

Phi Nooring: Elect for the country's future

Mouse: Stop destroying the country

Election posters: Transparent democracy

February 20, 2019

Categories: Elections



Top: Democrat; People are the highest ; Transparent democracy

Din Dang District, Huai Khwang District

In quotes: “Alleviate poverty, build human resources, build the country” Thana Chiravinij

District 5 Bangkok

Time to choose

February 21, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Thairath - Sia, Elections



From Thairath, February 2, 2019

Title: Choose whoever you like.

Left, sign by boot: Support power succession. ; Cheer the coup

Right: Anti-power succession

On the ballot box: Election 24 Mar 62

Phi Nooring: Don't cheat on the election.

Mouse: Transparency justice

Election posters: Looking at you

February 22, 2019

Categories: Analysis, Elections



Above: Isn't it enough? 5 years: fails to end the corruption

Above the signature: It is time for a new generation to change the country.

Under the signature: Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit Head of the Future Forward Party

Under the logo: Future Forward Party

It is obvious

February 23, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, February 3, 2019

On sign: Pollution Control Department

Saying: We must send an sample of PM 2.5 dust for research to find out where it came from.

Election posters: End the economic crisis

February 25, 2019

Categories: Elections



Above: Together help end the economic crisis. End the creating of debts; PT; Pheu Thai Party

We really care about Thaksin

February 26, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, February 4, 2019

On the poster: We will not allow Thaksin Shinawatra to Fall behind... Failure... Deteriorate... Hopeless; PT, Pheu Thai Party, Pheu Thai's heart is people.

Struck by the skies

February 26, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Naewna, The Monarchy



From Matichon, February 19, 2019

Election posters: Solve the people's troubles

February 27, 2019

Categories: Elections



Following the teachings of Buddha

Middle: Bring action to solve the problem of 'trouble' for the people... it is the job of the "People's Reform Party"; PRP; People's Reform Party

Bottom: Paiboon Nititawan Head of People's Reform Party

Election poster pollution

February 28, 2019

Categories: Editorial Cartoons - Manager



From Manager, February 5, 2019

Title: Today wearing only one mask may not be enough

Left: Cover nose and mouth to protect oneself from pollution from breathing small dust.

Right: Close eyes to protect from pollution from seeing the politicians' posters for the election

On left poster: We will not allow Thailand to Fall behind... Failure... Deteriorate... Hopeless; PT; Pheu Thai Party

On right poster: PT; Pheu Thai Party; Dr. Leelawadee Watcharobol