

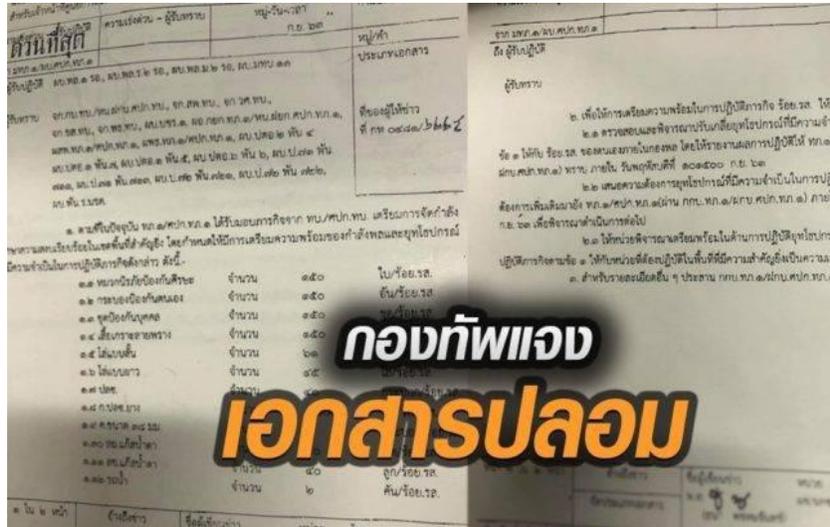
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## Thai Enquirer Summary

### **Political News**

- While there are only 4 more days until the “United Front of Thammasat and Demonstration” is set to hold a major rally against the government on September 19 at Thammasat University’s Tha Phrachan campus in Bangkok, a cyber war has broken out after a document has been circulated that the First Army Region was instructed to prepare troops and anti-riot equipment such as riot helmets, face visors, batons, tear gas, bulletproof vests, bullet rounds, tear gas shells and gas grenades, anti-riot vehicle with water cannon, etc. to tame anti-government protesters on September 19.
  - ❖ However, a highly-placed source in the Army said the document was bogus because he noted that the document did not contain the signatures of senior army commanders like the 1st Army Region commander or his deputy or the army chief of staff.
    - “The Army confirmed that there is no such order to get its units to prepare personnel to deal with protesters. It viewed that the police will be solely responsible for maintaining security at the major anti-government protest,” the source said.

- Army spokesman Col Winthai Suvaree said the rumour that the army had been mobilising military equipment in preparation for the planned major rally was baseless. He said the document should not be released by the 1<sup>st</sup> Army Region because there is no date and signature in the document.
- ❖ The planned rally by the “United Front of Thammasat and Demonstration” is expected to continue overnight from September 19 to September 20.



- Meanwhile, Thammasat University administrators’ ban on the planned rally on September 19 is under attack.
- ❖ Panas Tassaneyanond, former dean of Faculty of Law at Thammasat University, launched a campaign to gather signatures in a bid to pressure university administrators to revise its ban order for the venue at Tha Prachan to be used for the gathering.
- Reports are emerging that the United front for Democracy against Dictatorship (UDD) or the Red shirts plan to join the student-led major rally on September 19.

- ❖ Siriwat Chupamattha, a UDD coordinator for Phayao, said Red shirt supporters from Payao would travel to the capital to join the planned student-led rally at Thammasat University on September 19.
- ❖ Siriwat said he supports the student activists' 3 demands including the charter rewrite, House dissolution and an election of MPs under a people's constitution.
- Meanwhile embattled Prime Minister and Defence Minister General Prayut Chan-o-cha came out to say that he will not stop protesting students from marching to Government House on September 20 but questioned the appropriateness of such an action.
  - ❖ The Prime Minister reiterated that he has instructed authorities to ensure the safety of the protesters and to prevent ill-intentioned elements exploiting the protest for political gain. He will not harm students whom he perceived as his own offspring.
- In regards to the planned major rally, 6 media organizations have announced that they are not parties involved in the current political conflict. Therefore, they should not be targeted by the opposing elements and should be allowed to perform their duty independently in reporting the on the protests, in accordance with their ethical and professional standards, free from all forms of coercion or pressure.
  - ❖ In a joint statement issued today, the 6 media organizations urged the protesters and government officials to ensure safety and support for members of the media doing their job at the protest sites.
  - ❖ A coordinating centre for the media will be set up, at the office of the Thai Journalists Association, to coordinate security and other necessary operational matters. All the reporters covering the protest will be issued with an identifying arm band.

- ❖ The media organizations are the Press Council of Thailand, the Thai Journalists Association, the Thai Broadcast Journalists Association, the Council of Broadcast Media Profession of Thailand, the Online News Producers Association and the Thai Media Central Labour Union.



แถลงการณ์ร่วม 6 องค์กรวิชาชีพ เรื่อง การรายงานข่าวในสถานการณ์การชุมนุม

ตามที่มีสถานการณ์การชุมนุมทางการเมืองของกลุ่มประชาชน นิสิต นักศึกษา และนักเขียน ในช่วงที่ผ่านมาและกำลังจะมีการชุมนุมใหญ่ในวันที่ 19 กันยายน 2563 นั้น 6 องค์กรวิชาชีพสื่อมวลชนประกอบด้วย สภาการหนังสือพิมพ์แห่งชาติ สภาวิชาชีพข่าววิทยุและโทรทัศน์ไทย สมาคมนักข่าวนักหนังสือพิมพ์แห่งประเทศไทย สมาคมนักข่าววิทยุและโทรทัศน์ไทย สมาคมผู้ผลิตข่าวออนไลน์และสหภาพแรงงานกลางสื่อมวลชนไทย ได้ติดตามข้อมูลข่าวสารอย่างใกล้ชิดและมีความกังวลต่อสถานการณ์ โดยได้รับการสะท้อนปัญหาจากสื่อมวลชนผู้ปฏิบัติงานที่ภาคสนามในการเข้าพื้นที่การชุมนุมเพื่อรายงานข่าว จึงมีข้อเรียกร้องต่อทุกฝ่ายดังนี้

1. องค์กรวิชาชีพ ขอยืนยันหลักการเสรีภาพของสื่อมวลชนตามหลักสากล ที่ไม่ใช่ผู้ขัดแย้งของฝ่ายหนึ่งฝ่ายใด จึงไม่ควรตกเป็นเป้าและเงื่อนไข ต้องได้รับอิสระในการรายงานข่าวเพื่อความครบถ้วนรอบด้านตามหลักจริยธรรมวิชาชีพ ปราศจากการกดดัน คุกคาม ในทุกรูปแบบ จึงเรียกร้องให้ทั้งฝ่ายผู้ชุมนุม และเจ้าหน้าที่รัฐที่เกี่ยวข้อง ดูแลความปลอดภัยและอำนวยความสะดวกแก่สื่อมวลชนที่จะเข้าไปรายงานข่าวในพื้นที่
2. ขอให้อำนาจบังคับสื่อมวลชนที่เกี่ยวข้อง และขอให้ยึดมั่นในหลักจริยธรรมแห่งวิชาชีพในการรายงานข่าวที่ครบถ้วน รอบด้าน พร้อมกับเปิดพื้นที่ให้การรายงานข่าวทุกฝ่ายอย่างเท่าเทียม เพื่อหาข้อเท็จจริงออกให้กับสังคมอย่างสันติ ปราศจากความรุนแรง
3. ขอให้กองบรรณาธิการของสำนักข่าวทุกแห่ง ดูแลสวัสดิภาพและสวัสดิการที่เหมาะสม โดยต้องคำนึงถึงความปลอดภัยของสื่อมวลชนที่ปฏิบัติงานในพื้นที่เป็นสำคัญ

ทั้งนี้ เพื่อให้การประสานงานระหว่างสื่อมวลชนกับฝ่ายผู้ชุมนุมและเจ้าหน้าที่รัฐที่เกี่ยวข้อง องค์กรวิชาชีพสื่อมวลชนจึงได้จัดตั้ง "ศูนย์ประสานงานสื่อมวลชนในสถานการณ์การชุมนุม (ศปสช.)" ขึ้น เพื่อทำหน้าที่ประสานงาน ด้านการรักษาความปลอดภัยและด้านอื่น ๆ ที่จำเป็น โดยมีทั้งอยู่ที่อาคารสมาคมนักข่าวนักหนังสือพิมพ์แห่งประเทศไทย (ถนนสามเสน ตรงข้าม ร.พ.วชิระ) พร้อมกับจัดทำ "บล็อกเชนสัญลักษณ์" ในการปฏิบัติงานที่ในการรายงานข่าวการชุมนุม

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- Still on the planned major rally scheduled for September 19, security agencies are seeking to negotiate with protest leaders. Security personnel have been instructed not to let protesters march beyond the Makkhawan Rangsang Bridge as a political rally must not be held within a 150-metre radius from a palace and a 50-metre radius from Government House, under the public assembly law.

- ❖ Intelligence agencies believed that the September 19 rally is just a rehearsal before a major rally in October when the House is scheduled to deliberate 4 charter amendment bills filed by the opposition bloc. It is widely speculated that

the Senate is likely to vote down the opposition’s bills, making it a perfect excuse for protesters to hold a major rally had the Senate refused to support the charter rewrite as demanded by protesters.

- At the same time, the Progressive Movement on its Facebook page advertised sales of Urban Camping Set containing 8 pieces with up to 60 per cent discount. The set includes a T-shirt, a water bottle, a hand paper fan, a hat, an umbrella, etc. A small set is priced at 499 baht and a big set 799 baht.
- ❖ Previously, the movement invited rally-goers to join its carpooling scheme to share travel expenses under the slogan “#all roads heading to Thammasat”.



- Appointed senator and former defence permanent secretary General Preecha Chan-o-cha, younger brother of embattled Prime Minister General Prayut Chan-o-cha, came out to

defend his son Patipat Chan-o-cha against nepotism claims that Patipat participated in 124-million-baht bidding project of the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA).

- ❖ Gen Preecha said his son is currently operating a dairy franchise in Phitsanulok province and a vegetable farming. He said the NSTDA runs bidding process under state protocols; no one even the Prime Minister can interfere with state bidding process.
- On rumours that Deputy Prime Minister Supattanapong Punmeechaow is the most likely choice to fill in the vacant finance minister's post, Prime Minister General Prayut Chan-o-cha came out to squash such a rumour, saying that he did not have plans to switch Supattanapong from the energy ministry portfolio to the finance ministry portfolio as widely speculated.
  - ❖ When asked by the media if the finance minister's post should be given to an outsider, the Prime Minister declined to answer but said, "Next question".
  - ❖ A highly-placed source in the Phalang Pracharat Party (PPRP) confirmed that Gen Prayut is still looking for outsiders suitable for the top job at the finance ministry portfolio but so far no one has accepted his offer. The source also dismissed speculation that Gen Prayut plans to switch Supattanapong to the finance portfolio, Industry Minister Suriya Jungrungreangkit to the energy portfolio and Santi Promphat as the industry minister. The rumour is perceived as an attempt to test the waters.
  - ❖ However, there are reports that some key members of the PPRP are trying to push Santi for the finance minister's post and tipped Narumon Pinyosinwat to the deputy finance minister's post due to her conflict with Labour Minister Suchart Chonklin.

- ❖ As the PPRP is jockeying for cabinet seat quotas, it will have a deputy ministerial seat left under its quota. This will allow the party to propose an MP or party member for the seat.
  - Today the Cabinet meeting
    - ❖ The reform of the Royal Thai Police is set to be among the issues to be discussed
  - Seven people accused of libelling the twin daughters of Prime Minister Prayut Chan-ocha, Tunya and Nittha, reported to Nang Lerng police station in Bangkok to acknowledge the charges on Monday.
    - ❖ The twins instructed their lawyer, Abiwat Khanthung, to sue netizens who allegedly posted messages claiming they had changed their surname, fled the country to live abroad and helped their father launder money. Lawsuits have been filed against more than 100 social media users accused of defaming the Chan-ocha family and violating their privacy.
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### **Economic News**

- The Association of Thai Travel Agents (ATTA) reportedly renewed its push for the government to allow foreign tourists from virus-free nations to enter the Kingdom without the compulsory 14-day quarantine as part of key conditions the Association proposed to revive tourism to the government.
  - ❖ ATTA president Vichit Prakobgosol said the Association estimated that 2.5 million out of 4 million workers will be out of their jobs by the fourth quarter (from October to December).
  - ❖ As part of its attempt to seek relief measures for 4 million workers in tour companies, bus services, restaurants, souvenir shops and hotels, the Association is pushing for the government to open the country's doors to tourists from low-risk countries that have gone more than 60 days without any local transmissions of

COVID-19 such as some cities in China such as Guangzhou, Changsha, Chongqing, Kunming, Taiwan and Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam. The Association suggests pilot test runs for the reopening in Koh Samui, Phuket, Chiang Mai and Pattaya.

- ❖ Vichit said the reason is because Asian tourists do not tend to stay for more than 7 days; therefore, they should not have to go through a 14-day mandatory quarantine amid rigid travel restrictions under the Public Health Ministry, saying that this is an opportunity to restart tourism-related activity and help drive the economy in the fourth half of the year and extend the lifeline of tourism businesses.
- Phiphat Ratchakitprakarn, the Tourism and Sports Minister, plans to submit to the cabinet a “special tourist visa” scheme for approval by next week, citing the need to do so to save 4 million workers in the tourism and tourism-related industries.
  - ❖ The new visa, with a 120-day length of stay from the original 90-day length, would be issued to tourists from Europe and the US who agree to be kept in 14-day quarantine at a certified alternative state quarantine (ASQ) hotel or villa.
  - ❖ The Tourism and Sports Minister will submit a proposal to extend the “Rao Thiew Duay Kan” tourism subsidy campaign that will end at the end of October to the end of December this year.
  - ❖ The Ministry recorded people will 850,000 people getting benefits from the scheme so far.
- The Office of Small and Medium Enterprise Promotion (OSMEP) forecast that 2020 gross domestic product in the SMEs (GDP) to contract by 9.5 per cent to 7.113 trillion baht, from the original projection of 7.858 trillion baht, or a loss of 745 billion baht as a result of the current economic crisis which caused a shrinkage in consumption in the private and public sectors, OSMEP Director Weerapong Malai said.

- Siam Commercial Bank (SCB)'s Economic Intelligence Centre (EIC) has revised down its economic growth forecast for 2020 to a contraction of 7.8 per cent, from a contraction of 7.3 per cent in its previous projection, citing a slew of negative factors stemming from the impact of COVID-19.
  - ❖ It said the outbreak has led to scarring effects caused by businesses being shut down and people being laid off, which could prolong the country's economic recession until the year-end or next year.
  - ❖ In the first two quarters of 2020, the unemployment rate increased by 1.95 per cent, which is the highest in 11 years, the centre said in its statement. "Those who still have jobs tend to suffer from decreased working hours, which are currently down by 11.5 per cent year on year, while some have to be underemployed in order to keep working."
    - "The number of furloughed workers could rise to 2.5 million people, reflecting the weak status of the labour market," it added.
- Thai Airways International Plc (THAI) received court approval for its business rehabilitation plan yesterday (September 14).
  - ❖ The Central Bankruptcy Court decided that the airline can proceed with its business reorganisation plan, a crucial step forward for the embattled company, which has around 350 billion baht of debt, according to Chansin Treenuchagron, its acting president.
  - ❖ The court also approved THAI's request to appoint EY Corporate Advisory Services Ltd and the carrier's board members as debt revamp planners. The airline plans to submit a debt plan to the court in the fourth quarter and aims to complete the restructuring process in 5 years, said Chansin.

- ❖ The national carrier had total liabilities of 332.2 billion baht at the end of June as the pandemic hits the country's tourism-dependent economy.
- ❖ The airline had defaulted on loans and bonds totalling 85 billion baht, or 33.1% of its total assets, according to its latest statement on July 22. It reported a net loss of 28 billion baht in the first half of this year, a more-than-fourfold jump from 6.44 billion baht during the same time a year ago as the carrier cancelled scheduled flights from April to comply with government rules to contain the pandemic.
- ❖ Yesterday (September 14), investors scooped up THAI shares following the news that the court gave the nod to THAI's business rehabilitation plan, causing the price of THAI shares to peak at 3.74 baht during the intraday trading session before tumbling to close at 3.62 baht, up 0.24 baht or 7.10 per cent, in trade worth 55.80 baht.
- Govt. says that more than 300,000 more people have registered for the old age and handicap benefits that has led to a shortfall in the funding in that segment
  - ❖ Said that the government's finances were just fine and rumors of it going bust is not true
- The board of Charoen Pokphand Foods (CPF) will ask shareholders' approval for its subsidiary in China to acquire 43 companies in the swine business by issuing new shares as payment to the seller.
  - ❖ The 131 billion baht deal will integrate CPF's operations as a leading swine producer in China, the world's largest pig market worth US\$200 billion (6.26 trillion baht) and growing annually at 8.3 per cent, said CPF. The proposal is for CPF to acquire 43 companies under Chia Tai Investment (CTI), which its main feed manufacturing and distribution business in China and also an indirect subsidiary of CPF via CP Pokphand Co (CPP), a listed company on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

- A proposal to suspend repayment of the Bangkok Mass Transit Authority (BMTA)'s 130 billion baht debt to the Finance Ministry will be put to the Cabinet next month, deputy PM and Health Minister Anutin Charnvirakul said.
  - ❖ The proposed seven-year debt moratorium is part of the Land Transport Department's rehabilitation plan for the Bangkok bus operator. The plan was agreed at a BMTA meeting chaired by Anutin yesterday.
- Investor confidence in Thailand's stock market over the next 3 months hit a 5-month low, slipping into bearish territory, dented by mounting anti-government protests, a capital market association said yesterday (September 14).
  - ❖ Rising political turbulence is adding to pressure on a government already struggling to revive an economy expected to shrink by a record amount this year as the coronavirus pandemic ravaged tourism and consumption.
  - ❖ The Federation of Thai Capital Market Organisations (Fetco) said its August survey showed the investor confidence index (ICI) fell by 21 per cent to 67.52 from the previous month.
    - "The domestic political situation was the biggest drag on the Thai stock market," the federation's chairman, Paiboon Nalinthrangkurn, said.
    - "Foreign investor confidence "alarmingly dropped into the very bearish zone. Politics have made the stock market underperform others for 2months, even as we have well managed COVID-19," Paiboon added.
  - ❖ The Thai stock index has fallen by 19 per cent so far this year, with foreign investors dumping 261 billion baht of shares, already close to a record 287 billion baht sold in 2018.

- ❖ A separate survey by the Thai Bond Market Association showed the central bank may hold its benchmark rate at a record low of 0.50% at its next meeting on September 23 after cutting it 3 times this year, said senior vice president Ariya Tiranaprakij.
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### **General News**

- Thailand recorded 2 new COVID-19 cases among Thais returning from abroad and in state quarantine, according to the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration (CCSA).
    - ❖ The new cases are a 23-year old man and a 29-year old female student. The man returned from the United States on September 5 and entered state quarantine in Chon Buri province, testing positive on September 13.
    - ❖ The woman returned from Qatar on September 7 and entered state quarantine in Chon Buri the same day. She was found to be infected with the virus on September 11.
    - ❖ Cumulative infections in Thailand, to date, are 3,475, with 3,312 recoveries and 105 others still in hospital. The death toll remains at 58.
  - Thailand's former Deputy Commerce Minister Banyin Tangpakorn has reversed his not guilty plea and confessed to the kidnapping and murder of the brother of a judge who presided over a fraud trial in which he and three other people were accused of falsifying documents to transfer to their ownership shares, worth about 228 million baht, which belonged to a wealthy contractor.
    - ❖ The contractor, Mr. Chuwong sae Tang, died in a suspicious car accident while travelling with Mr. Banyin in the same vehicle.
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## **Political News Headlines in Thai Media**

- iLaw, a human rights NGO, has gathered, this past weekend, more than 50,000 signatures to amend and/or redraft the constitution the group said.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/18231/rights-group-reaches-quorum-to-demand-parliament-address-constitutional-reform-royalist-group-criticized-for-problematic-canvassing/>
- For the past three months, anti-government protests have spilled onto the internet with heated online debates over the merits of the military-backed Prayut Chan-ocha government.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/18217/students-do-not-need-to-conduct-witchhunts-and-pogroms-history-will-judge-them-kindly/>
- Thailand's government on Monday said that it had discovered two new cases of coronavirus in the last 24 hours. The new discoveries bring the total number of cases up to 3,475.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/18224/thailand-discovers-two-new-cases-of-coronavirus-in-state-quarantine-on-monday/>
- House Speaker Chuan Leekpai has rejected a complaint by Palang Pracharat MPs that two separate motions to amend the Constitution should be postponed because certain opposition MPs had signed both of them.
  - Link- [https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30394518?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30394518?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)
- The ruling Palang Pracharat Party has sent a letter to House speaker Chuan Leekpai, opposing four letters submitted by the opposition parties on amending the Constitution.
  - Link- [https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30394507?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30394507?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)
- Seven people accused of libelling the twin daughters of Prime Minister Prayut Chan-ocha, Tunya and Nittha, reported to Nang Leng police station in Bangkok to acknowledge the charges on Monday.

- Link- [https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30394516?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30394516?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)
  - Deputy Prime Minister Wissanu Krea-ngam said on Monday that government spending and local elections should not be affected by the delay in the 2021 budget.
  - Link- [https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30394514?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30394514?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)
  - The government will let students use part of Sanam Luang on Saturday for their political rally, a security source said yesterday.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1985251/govt-to-open-sanam-luang-for-protest>
  - There will be no military roadblocks to stop protesters from the Northeast travelling to an anti-government demonstration scheduled for Sept 19 at Thammasat University's Tha Phrachan campus in Bangkok, 2nd Army spokesman Maj Gen Rachan Prachantasen said on Monday.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1985179/army-no-military-roadblocks-to-stop-protesters>
  - Thailand's former Deputy Commerce Minister Banyin Tangpakorn has reversed his not guilty plea and confessed to the kidnapping and murder of the brother of a judge who presided over a fraud trial in which he and three other people were accused of falsifying documents to transfer to their ownership shares, worth about 228 million baht, which belonged to a wealthy contractor.
  - Link- <https://www.thaipbsworld.com/ex-deputy-commerce-minister-banyin-pleads-guilty-to-kidnap-and-murder/>
  - The government has set a seven-day deadline for state agencies whose officials are alleged to have been involved in the mishandling of the 2012 hit-and-run case involving Red Bull scion Vorayuth "Boss" Yoovidhya to provide updates on their investigations.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1985271/govt-sets-boss-case-deadline>
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## **Economic News Headlines in Thai Media**

- Thailand's Central Bankruptcy Court on Monday approved rehabilitation plans for troubled flag carrier Thai Airways and appointed Ernst and Young as well six of the current TG board to help oversee the plan.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/18227/thai-bankruptcy-court-approves-rehabilitation-plans-for-thai-appoints-ernst-and-young-to-oversee/>
- Bangkok governor Aswin Kwanmuang has reassured elderly and disabled residents that their social welfare recipients this month will not be affected by a budget logjam.
  - Link- [https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30394517?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30394517?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)
- The private sector is calling on the government to launch long-term packages instead of relying on short-term handouts to help businesses, especially since up to 3 million people are expected to lose their jobs soon.
  - Link- [https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30394500?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30394500?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)
- The Digital Economy and Society Ministry has warned people against believing or sharing news and Internet posts about the government being able to pay salaries of civil servants for only three more months.
  - Link- [https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30394484?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30394484?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)
- A panel tasked with rescuing the Bangkok Mass Transit Authority (BMTA) will propose that the cabinet suspend debt repayments, so the bus agency has a chance to drive out of the red, Deputy Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul said on Monday.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/1985175/bmta-debt-rehab-plan-to-cabinet-next-month>
- The disbursement of the 2021 budget is likely to be delayed by a month but it is unlikely to affect government spending and local elections, Deputy Prime Minister Wissanu Krea-ngam said on Monday.

- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/1985275/wissanu-plays-down-budget-delay>
- Udon Thani Industrial City expects to spend 20 billion baht developing the first industrial estate in the Northeast on 2,170 rai in the province to serve investors considering relocating their production base from China to Asean.
- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/1985323/first-industrial-estate-in-isan>
- The Bank of Thailand's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is not expected to ease the policy rate for the remainder of this year as more government stimulus measures reduce the likelihood of further rate cuts, says the Thai Bond Market Association (TBMA).
- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/1985343/tbma-policy-rate-static-throughout-2020>
- The government should aim high in the domestic tourism market by targeting at least 200 million trips next year if Thailand wants to extend a lifeline to the industry, says the Association of Domestic Travel (ADT).
- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/1985311/adt-targets-200m-trips-in-2021>
- The board of Charoen Pokphand Foods (CPF) will ask shareholders' approval for its subsidiary in China to acquire 43 companies in the swine business by issuing new shares as payment to the seller.
- Link- [https://www.nationthailand.com/business/30394532?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](https://www.nationthailand.com/business/30394532?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)

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### **Issues to be watched out for**

- September, 2020 - The Joint Standing Committee on Commerce, Industry and Banking (JSCCIB) is planning to hire a consultancy to conduct an in-depth analysis on pros and cons of the highly controversial Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) in a bid to renew its call for the government to join the pact next year.

- September 2020 – Recruitment of new board members of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunication Commission (NBTC) is set to kick off.
- September 16-18, 2020 – The 3.3-trillion-baht budget for Fiscal Year 2021 proposed by the government is expected to be tabled in parliament.
- September 19, 2020 – Thammasat University plans to hold their major rally.
- September 19, 2020 – The 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the coup that ousted Thaksin Shinawatra in 2006.
- September 21, 2020 – The National Economic and Social Development Council (NESDC, formerly known as the National Economic and Social Development Board or NESDB) is to revise the 20-year national strategy at an annual meeting to respond to the COVID-19 crisis.
- September 23 and 24, 2020 – Members of parliament will meet to consider a motion seeking to amend the constitution at its first reading.
- September 25, 2020 – The current parliamentary session is set to end.
- September 30, 2020 – The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) is set to extend the revised equity short-selling regulations from June 30 to September 30 as stock market volatility remains high in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- September 30, 2020 – The government is expected to lift lockdown restrictions imposed under the emergency decree.
- October, 2020 – The bidding for construction and operation for the 140-billion-baht Orange Line western extension linking the Thailand Cultural Centre with Bang Khun Non.
- October, 2020 – The Thailand Grand Prix was rescheduled after being postponed due to the coronavirus outbreak.
- October 27, 2020 – The Central Bankruptcy Court is set for first hearings for Nok Airlines regarding the rehabilitation process.
- November 1, 2020 – The next parliamentary session will begin.

#### **Key Data**

SET Index

1,272.34

-7.62

- Link - [https://www.set.or.th/en/company/ipo/upcoming\\_ipo\\_set.html](https://www.set.or.th/en/company/ipo/upcoming_ipo_set.html)

### **Global Commodities**

- Metal -Link <http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/commodities/futures/metals/>
- Energy -Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/energy/>
- Baltic Dry Index (BDI)-Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/quote/BDIY:IND>

### **Global Equity Market's Movements**

- Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/stocks/world-indexes/asia-pacific/>

### **Asian Equity Markets Movement**

- Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/stocks/world-indexes/>

### **Information on September 14, 2020**

#### **Buying, Selling or Transfer of shares by Owners/Management**

Stock Code	Volume	Value	Action
CPN	40,000	45.5	Purchase
ECL	2,000,000	0.09	Sale
EA	100,000	42.5	Sale
ITD	300,000	1	Purchase
JMT	300,000	29.25	Purchase
MBAX	40,000	6.6	Sale
ORI	50,000	6.3	Purchase
ORI	112,000	6.35	Purchase
ORI	50,000	6.4	Purchase
ORI	100,000	6.45	Purchase
OSP	211,600	38.75	Purchase
PRIME	154,900	0.59	Sale
PRIME	1,500,000	0.59	Sale

PRIME	200,000	0.54	Purchase
RJH	14,000	22.56	Sale
RJH	10,000	22.4	Sale
SPVI	116,000	3.02	Sale
SPVI	100,000	3.3	Sale
SELIC	50,000	2.18	Sale
SSP	29,800	7.2	Purchase
SMT	200,000	2.53	Purchase
STI	5,000	7.15	Purchase
SYNTEC	1,873,400	1.43	Purchase
TACC	20,000	7	Sale
TACC	10,000	6.55	Purchase
KUN	30,000	0.9	Purchase
KUN	7,000	0.88	Purchase

### **XD, XE or XM or other notifications**

For list of Companies that have dividend payment and AGM meeting schedules click on <http://www.set.or.th/set/calendarofevents.do>

### **Trading Breakdown on the Stock Exchange of Thailand**

Daily as of 14 Sep 2020						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	3,065.73	7.58	4,680.26	11.57	-1,614.53	-
Proprietary Trading	5,757.69	14.23	5,290.81	13.08	466.89	-
Foreign Investors	15,445.66	38.17	14,919.00	36.87	526.66	-
Local Individuals	16,194.11	40.02	15,573.13	38.49	620.98	-
Monthly Cumulative between 1 - 14 Sep 2020						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	31,872.13	8.8	37,176.67	10.26	-5,304.54	-
Proprietary Trading	44,868.92	12.38	44,244.08	12.21	624.84	-
Foreign Investors	131,404.05	36.27	137,340.58	37.91	-5,936.54	-
Local Individuals	154,181.31	42.55	143,565.07	39.62	10,616.23	-

**Yearly Cumulative since 1 Jan - 14 Sep 2020**

Investor Type	Unit: M.Baht					
	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	1,216,425.39	11.01	1,140,683.12	10.33	75,742.26	-
Proprietary Trading	1,136,517.25	10.29	1,135,907.77	10.28	609.48	-
Foreign Investors	3,871,448.98	35.05	4,131,870.21	37.41	-	-
					260,421.23	
Local Individuals	4,820,394.71	43.64	4,636,325.23	41.98	184,069.48	-

Total Trading Value 40,463.20 Million Baht

**Background Information –**

The strength of each party in the Thai Parliament as of May 8, 2019 as per the report by the Election Commission of Thailand. Elections took place on March 24, 2019

- [https://www.ect.go.th/ect\\_th/news\\_all.php?cid=24](https://www.ect.go.th/ect_th/news_all.php?cid=24)
- List of MPs - [https://www.ect.go.th/ect\\_th/download/article/article\\_20190508184334.pdf](https://www.ect.go.th/ect_th/download/article/article_20190508184334.pdf)

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