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Thai Enquirer Summary

General News

- The government of coup leader Gen. Prayut Chan-o-cha that had won the applause of the who's who in Thailand's businesses has now finally started to face their wrath and criticism for Prayut's handling of the vaccine and the pandemic.
 - ❖ In one of the strongest statements so far, the Senior Chairman of Charoen Pokphand Group (CP Group) – Dhanin Chearavanont, has come out to say that Gen. Prayut should allow private sector to be able to import the vaccines and vaccinate their employees and help lower the burden of the state to procure and use the budget for the vaccines.



- ❖ This comes as accountability for the lack of procurement of vaccines becomes a focal point in Thailand as the country still awaits the AstraZeneca vaccine from Siam BioScience, the local producer of the vaccine in Thailand.
- ❖ While global inoculation has been the focal point, Thailand's inoculation lags behind most developed and developing countries, except those countries that are in the bottom league.
- Charoen Pokphand (CP), Thailand's largest food and agriculture conglomerate, said that it had readied to spend 200 million baht to support field hospitals of various hospitals.
 - ❖ CP senior chairman Dhanin Chearavanont announced that CP had earmarked a budget of 200 million baht to support an expansion of field hospitals, medical equipment, food and drinks that started to deplete in hospitals, starting from Chulalongkorn Hospital, the Thai Red Cross Society, Chulalongkorn University and other hospitals such as King Mongkut Hospital, Siriraj Hospital, Police General Hospital, etc.
- To make matters worse the spread of the virus continues to rise and numbers in Thailand are rising fast (even though with a lot less testing).
 - ❖ Yesterday saw 1,767 Covid-19 cases, making the 3rd wave one of the most severe outbreaks.
 - ❖ Despite all this Gen. Prayut has opted not to impose stricter measures of lockdown or curfews but instead opted to close businesses and entertainment venues.

➤ Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) has announced that new measures to stop the virus would see Thailand divided into 2 colour zones---red and orange---in accordance with the Covid-19 situation in each of the country's 77 provinces based on the degree of severity of the situation.

✓ The Red zone provinces are Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Chon Buri, Samut Prakan, Prachuap Khiri Khan, Samut Sakhon, Pathum Thani, Nakhon Pathom, Phuket, Nakhon Ratchasima, Nonthaburi, Songkhla, Tak, Udon Thani, Suphan Buri, Sa Kaew, Rayong and Khon Kaen.

➤ The restrictions imposed in the Red Zone are:

✓ All eateries must close at 21.00 hrs for dine-in customers, but take-home services are permitted until 23.00 hrs. No alcoholic drink may be sold.

✓ All shopping malls, community shopping malls or other similar businesses may remain open until 21.00 hrs with a limit to be imposed on the number of customers at one time and no sales promotion activities.

✓ Convenience stores, supermarkets, night markets and walking streets can stay open until 23.00 hrs.

✓ Fitness clubs, sport stadia and gyms can stay open until 21.00 hrs.

➤ The remaining 59 provinces have been classified as Orange Zone. Restrictions include:

✓ All eateries can stay open until 21.00 hrs, but no alcoholic drink may be served.

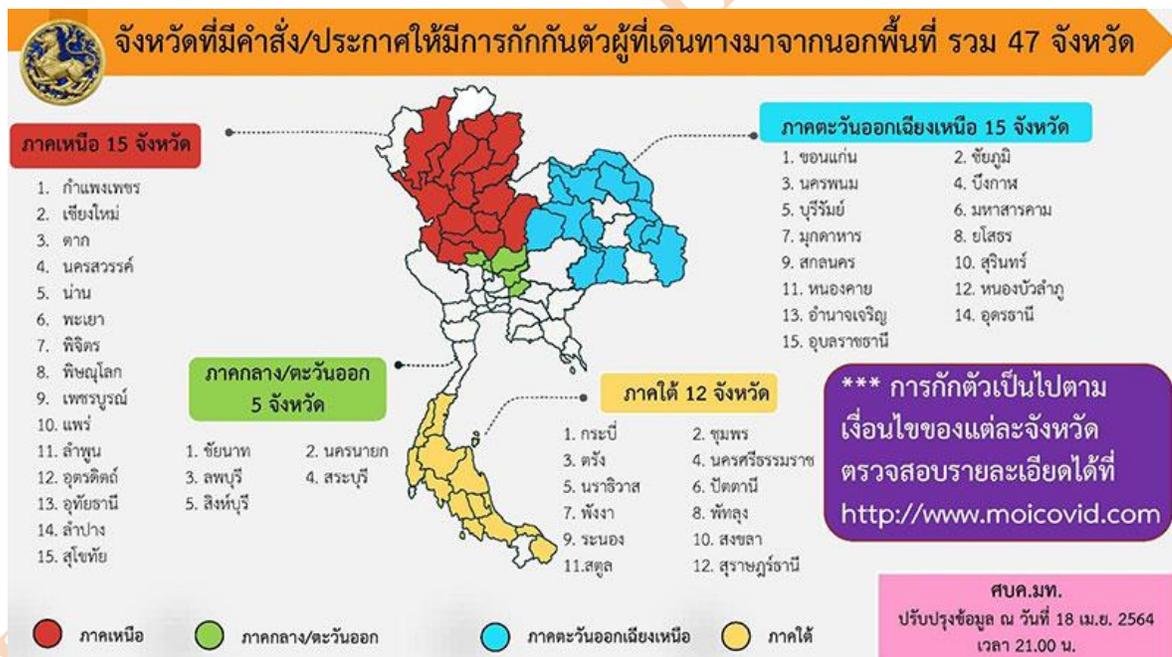
✓ Shopping malls, including community shopping malls, can stay open until 21.00 hrs with limited number of customers at one time.

✓ Members of the public are asked not to hold private parties or entertainment events.

- The Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) also updated the number of provinces imposing self-quarantine on travellers to fight the new Covid-19 outbreak which has now grown to 47, from 45 provinces designated previously.

❖ In the latest update, the CCSA removed Sa Kaeo province while Nakhon Nayok, Phatthalung, Krabi and Surat Thani were the latest to join 43 other provinces imposing a variety of restrictions on people entering their provinces.

❖ The new list raised question on whether Thailand may have to push back the reopening of key tourist destinations to vaccinated travellers scheduled for July 1.



- To those who are going around life as usual and golfing around during the weekend, here is something that may come as a shock.

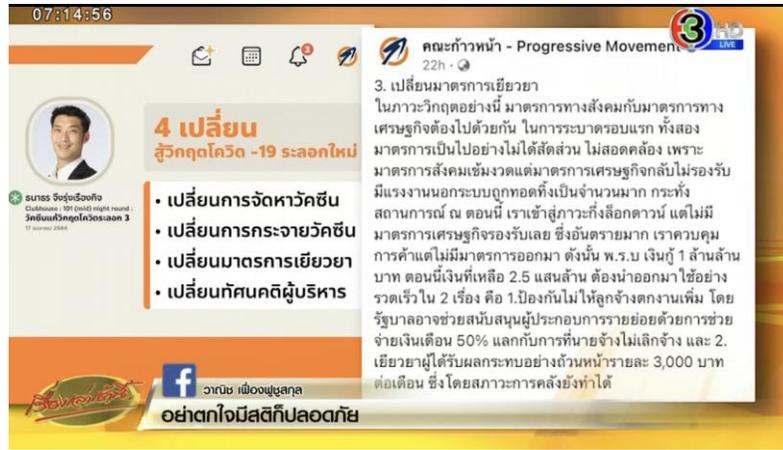
❖ Another golf course ‘Riverdale’ in Phatumthani province has seen one of its caddies infected with Covid-19 virus.

- ❖ This comes after Panya Golf Course in Ramintra/Minburi area of Bangkok saw a cluster just about 10-days ago.
- There are reports that Piya Pitutecha, chairman of the Rayong provincial administration, also the older brother of Deputy Public Health Minister Sathit Pitutecha, tested positive for Covid-19 and is being treated at Bangkok Hospital in Rayong.
 - ❖ The origin of Piya's infection remains unknown although Piya reportedly travelled to preside over several social functions in the province. The timeline of Piya's movements prior to his infection are still being investigated.
- The government is reported to provide over 25,000 beds nationwide to field hospitals and hospitals to facilitate increasing numbers of Covid-19 patients.
 - ❖ Deputy government spokesperson Ratchada Thanadirek said 1,250 beds were usable in 4 field hospitals in Bangkok where 500 more beds will be added.
 - ❖ Meanwhile, universities nationwide have opened 37 field hospitals with 12,822 beds available.
 - ❖ In addition, the Ministry of Defence has procured over 5,000 beds in Bangkok and regional areas. These beds will be delivered to the Ministry of Public Health.
- The government also confirmed there are sufficient face masks for medical staff and the general population as the country is combating the ongoing wave of the outbreak.
 - ❖ Ratchada said the country has plenty of face masks and other medical supplies, with around 4-5 million pieces a day being produced by 63 local factories nationwide.

- ❖ Currently, Thailand imports 256.82 million pieces of surgical masks, 238.23 million pieces of fabric masks and 992.98 million pieces of dustproof masks, Ratchada said.
 - The new school term, which is scheduled to begin next month, may be deferred to June due to the worsening Covid-19 situation.
 - ❖ Education Minister Treenuch Thienthong said she would discuss the matter on Monday with permanent-secretary for education Supat Jampathong and Office of the Basic Education Commission (Obec) secretary-general Amporn Pinasa. The Covid-19 situation and its impact on schools and students would continue to be assessed until April 30, to see whether it is still possible to start the new school term in May as planned, but if it is found to be impossible the new term may be postponed to June 1.
 - ❖ The minister said the likely delay would only be imposed once several factors had been taken into account, including contingency plans which each educational authority has put in place to cope with difficulties in arranging in-person classes during the outbreak.
 - Meanwhile 32 people have been infected at a private school in Samut Prakan province, the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) spokesperson Dr Taweessin Visanuyothin said on Sunday. The infection is suspected to have spread from two foreign teachers who went to an entertainment venue to attend a farewell party for a teacher. The virus spread to two African nationals, one Thai teacher, 23 students and four family members of a student.
 - ❖ Health officials found that foreign teachers and students were not wearing masks in the classroom.
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Political News

- Pheu Thai MP and deputy leader Yutthapong Charassathien threatened to grill Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha over his government's handling of the new wave of Covid-19 pandemic.
 - ❖ Yutthapong called on the Prime Minister to issue relief measures for citizens affected by the 3rd wave of the outbreak. He said opposition MPs would be assigned to grill the government over its failures to combat the outbreak crisis when the parliament convenes for an extraordinary parliamentary meeting on May 22 to deliberate a budget bill for the 2022 fiscal year during May 27-28.
 - ❖ The opposition also plans to ask the government if it would still go ahead with the navy's procurement of 2 submarines worth 25 billion baht from China.
- Progressive Movement leader Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit proposed 4 new measures to fight the new wave of Covid-19 outbreak.
 - ❖ On the Progressive Movement Facebook page, Thanathorn called for the government to:
 - Change the vaccine procurement plans to include a wide variety of vaccine producers to speed up the vaccine distribution process for Thais.
 - Set a new goal of inoculating 10 million doses per month.
 - Make use of a 250-billion-baht budget from the 1-trillion-baht borrowing bill to prevent further layoffs of workers. He suggested that the government pay 50 percent of wages to help operators covering hiring costs and provide a financial remedy of 3,000 baht per month.
 - Change attitudes of administrative executives that Thai citizens are not burden. Information regarding Covid-19 remedial measures must be done in an open and sincere manner.



- CARE Group, that is the think-tank affiliated with Pheu Thai party has come to ask the military to shave off some of its budget to help build field hospitals and to procure vaccines for the country.

❖ CARE said if only 10 per cent of the military budget was used, it could procure

- 88.7 million doses of Sinovac
- 74.2 million doses of Pfizer
- 144.69 million doses of Johnson & Johnson vaccines
- 39.10 million doses of Moderna
- 364.75 million doses of AstraZeneca



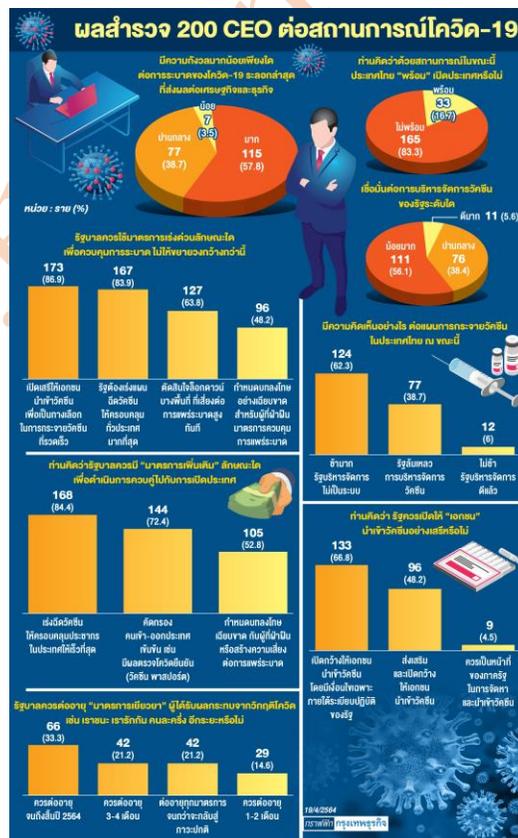
- The Criminal Court is set to examine evidence during an inquiry into a royal defamation charge against student activist Parit “Penguin” Chiwarak under Section 112 of the Criminal Code or the lese majeste law.
 - ❖ The court will examine evidence against Parit today for allegedly defaming the monarchy during the recent mass protests during November 13-15, 2020 at the Democracy Monument.
 - ❖ The Corrections Department will bring Parit who has been on a hunger strike for nearly a month from Bangkok Remand Prison to attend the inquiry at the court.
- Meanwhile, the Metropolitan Police Bureau (MPB) plans to take legal action against United Front for Democracy against Dictatorship (UDD) chairman Jatuporn Prompan and associates for breaching the emergency decree following political gatherings under the name of “Samakkhi Prachachon”, or Uniting People group during April 4, 5 and 7, 2021.
- Poramet Towiwat, former chief judge of the Criminal Court for Corruption and Misconduct Cases Region 1, plans to seek legal action with the Saraburi Provincial Court against National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) members for a violation of Section 157 of the Criminal Code following the former’s transfer order to a temporary position at the Court of Appeal Region 1.
 - ❖ A fact-finding committee set up by the Courts of Justice found sufficient evidence that Poramet used his power to meddle with cases presided by other judges who were his subordinates, causing them to operate without independence.
 - ❖ The case was built up against Poramet, sending Supreme Court president Methinee Chalothorn to issue an order to transfer Poramet a temporary post at the Court of Appeal Region 1.

- ❖ Poramet is now planning to file lawsuits against NACC chairman Watcharapol Prasarnrajkit, commissioner Supa Piyajitti and Attorney-General Wongsakul Kittipromwon for breaching Section 157 of the Criminal Code over his transfer.
 - On the charter amendment bid, Yutthapong Charasathien said Pheu Thai has not given up its bid for wholesale charter changes and for a new charter to be drawn up with public input. But, if the charter rewrite process is unable to take place, the party will press ahead with section-by-section amendments.
 - ❖ Pheu Thai is currently working on 2 charter amendment drafts including one seeking to revise Section 256 to pave the way for a charter drafting assembly (CDA), Yutthapong said.
 - ❖ The party also targets Section 272 which deals with the military-appointed Senate's power to nominate and elect a prime minister.
 - ❖ Other issues in its amendment drafts include the electoral system. The party's draft pushes for the reinstatement of the election system endorsed in the 2007 charter in which voters cast two ballots in a general election -- one for 400 constituency MPs and the other for 100 party-list MPs.
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Economic News

- Most chief executive officers want the government to undertake urgent measures to curb the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic, according to the "CEO Survey" of 200 individuals, conducted by Krungthep Thurakit newspaper during April 7-16, 2021.
 - ❖ Around 60 per cent of CEOs expressed extreme concerns over the outbreak situation and its impact on the economy and business activities.

- ❖ Of the surveyed executives, 86.9 per cent want the government to adopt urgent measures to contain the outbreak and support the idea of private companies being allowed to import vaccines to speed up the inoculation process.
- ❖ More than half of the respondents or 56.1 per cent said they had “very little confidence” in the government’s vaccine management plan and more than 83 per cent agreed that Thailand is not ready for its reopening plan for foreign visitors.
- ❖ More than 49.2 per cent of the respondents believed that Thailand’s GDP would plunge to negative 5-7 per cent while merely 16.6 per cent believed that the country will see GDP growth of 4-5 per cent.
- ❖ Some 33.3 per cent of respondents want the government to extend economic stimulus measures such as Rao Chana (We Win), Rao Rak Kan (We Love One Anotehr) and Kon La Krueng (Half-Half) co-payment schemes until year end



- Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha has reassured the public that the Thai economy can see an expansion in 2021 as the government still has nearly 380 billion baht to go towards economic and social rehabilitation. Of this amount, 240 billion baht will come from a 1- trillion-baht borrowing plan.
 - ❖ Moreover, the government still has 98.5 billion baht for emergency spending and 36.8 billion baht which can be directly drawn from the central budget to deal with the outbreak.
- Lavaron Sangsanit, the Excise Department chief, came out to confirm that the department has no plans to raise excise tax rates for the time being amid the economic damage posed by the Covid-19 outbreak.
 - ❖ The department is considering a postponement of the new excise tax on sugary drinks.
 - ❖ As for excise collection on cannabis products, the department is awaiting clarity from its policy-making department. The proposed excise hike is still under a feasibility study. Lavaron insisted that no excise levies have been placed on fresh cannabis ingredients in food products.
- The Bank of Thailand (BoT) has asserted that it has stepped into the market only to curb volatility in the baht, and Thailand has never used the exchange rate as a tool to gain an unfair trade advantage.
 - ❖ BoT assistant governor Chantavarn Sucharitakul said the central bank is committed to exchange-rate flexibility, with interventions limited only to curbing excessive volatility and rapid movements of the baht on both sides.
 - ❖ She said Thailand remains on the US currency manipulation list that require monitoring for 2 consecutive periods, but no impact on business flows and

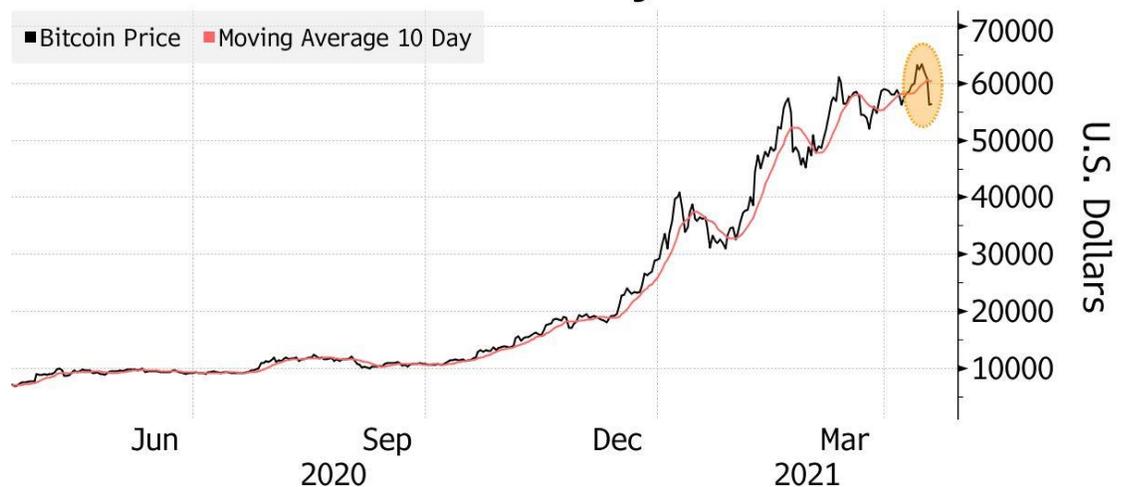
activities between the private sector engaging in bilateral trade and investment with the US.

- The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) announced decision related to air transportation to refrain from operating domestic flights from 23.00 hrs to 4.00 hrs in a bid to tackle the new wave of Covid-19.
 - ❖ Under the order, air transport operators or airlines must refrain from operating domestic flights from 23.00 hrs to 4.00 hrs to prevent the spread of Covid-19. This move is in line with other public transportation services, says CAAT chairman Suttipong Kongpool.
- The stock prices of private hospitals are likely to increase given the new outbreak, say analysts from Capital Nomura Securities (CNS) and Trinity Securities, citing a 200-300 per cent increase in people seeking Covid-19 tests per day.
 - ❖ Stocks related to banking, auto parts, agriculture, building materials and the insurance industry are expected to recover in the second half of 2021, the analysts added.
 - ❖ CNS foresees private hospitals in Bangkok as the primary beneficiary from the fresh surge in cases due to the Thong Lor cluster, as people seeking Covid-19 tests at private hospitals in Bangkok has spiked since April 6.
- Ariya Banomyong, former president of Channel 3 operator BEC World, has been chosen as one of five additional board members at National Telecom (NT), says a source at the company who requested anonymity.
 - ❖ These five new board members have specific skills, ranging from digital services to engineering backgrounds, which could facilitate NT's five core businesses, said the source.

- ❖ The five new board members are expected to be officially announced in May. A management executive from Bangkok Bank, someone from the satellite business and the director-general of the Meteorological Department were also among the new board members, according to the source.
- Those who invest in cryptocurrency, well the weekend has been one of a bloodbath as Cryptocurrency’s king – Bitcoin, has plunged by more than 15 per cent.
 - ❖ The world’s biggest cryptocurrency plunged as much as 15 per cent on Sunday, just days after reaching a record of \$64,869. It subsequently pared some of the losses and was trading at about \$56,440 at around 8:25 a.m. in Tokyo Monday. Bitcoin tumbling the most since February.

Retreat

Bitcoin took a dive after a heady ascent to a record



❖ Source: Bloomberg

Political News Headlines in Thai Media

- This coming Saturday Myanmar dictator, mass murderer, and coupmaker Min Aung Hlaing will travel to Indonesia to attend the annual ASEAN summit. It marks the first foreign trip for the general since he took power in a military coup on February 1.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/26473/opinion-bringing-myanmars-dictator-to-asean-summit-spells-death-blow-for-the-bloc/>

- One of the expectations when you have military men running the country is that at least they would be decisive. Human rights? Probably not. Liberty respected? Definitely no. Fully functioning democracy? Not really.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/26480/opinion-the-generals-indecisiveness-is-costing-the-country-big-in-pandemic-fight/>
- On April 8th, as Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha was about to enter a van, he gave some brief remarks to the press. The coronavirus had returned to Thailand with a vengeance, after a cluster of cases found in Thonglor's entertainment centers, and cases were threatening to spike right before the Songkran break.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/26455/thailands-worst-coronavirus-surge-so-far-puts-the-government-on-the-line/>
- The government announced new regulations on Friday to help stem the tide of the third wave of the pandemic which has infected thousands across the country.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/26437/government-introduces-new-measures-to-combat-pandemic-but-stops-short-of-introducing-curfews/>
- A foreign scholar, who wrote about politics and the lese-majeste law in Thailand, had his work-permit revoked on Friday after security officials had earlier visited his university.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/26432/american-academic-has-work-permit-terminated-by-thai-government/>
- Detained pro-democracy protester Parit “Penguin” Chiwarak, who has been on a fast for over a month, was tired and in need of help for walking, the Department of Corrections said on Saturday morning.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30404990>
- The first day of the local New Year, “Nhit San Ta Yat Nae” in the Myanmar language, is an auspicious day when many Buddhists join in mass prayers or other religious gatherings.
 - Link- <https://www.thaipbsworld.com/myanmar-journal-the-biggest-annual-holiday-passed-without-usual-fanfare/>
- The police are preparing to charge four key figures behind the political rally outside Government House on Thursday for organising a public gathering in violation of the

Disease Control Act and the emergency decree, says the Metropolitan Police Bureau (MPB).

- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2101091/cops-seek-protest-leaders-as-udd-mulls-rally-halt>

Economic News Headlines in Thai Media

- Thailand's record-breaking third Covid-19 wave is jeopardizing plans by the government to reopen the country to international tourism and may possibly impact so-called 'bubble city' tourism plans, multiple sources told Thai Enquirer.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/26477/record-breaking-covid-wave-jeopardizes-thailands-october-reopening/>
- The recently announced sale of the consumer banking assets of Citibank (Thailand) is likely to attract a lot of potential buyers as the bank's Thai operations are considered to be much sought after.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/26443/in-depth-citibanks-sale-of-thai-operations-likely-to-fetch-big-bucks/>
- The government is making efforts to ensure that there will be sufficient face masks for medical staff and citizens, deputy government spokesperson Ratchada Dhanadirek said on Sunday.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30405026>
- The State Railway of Thailand (SRT) is accelerating the construction of six double-track railways projects. The routes that will link regional provinces and neighbouring countries are on course but there could be delays on some routes, officials said while outlining the progress.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30405024>
- The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) has told agencies related to air transportation to refrain from operating domestic flights from 11pm to 4am in a bid to tackle the new wave of Covid-19.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30405007>

- The Chonburi Provincial Administrative Organisation has implemented urgent measures with effect from Sunday to contain the Covid-19 crisis.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30405006>
- The Labour Ministry is putting together a list of more than 225,000 vacancies to help workers made jobless by the latest Covid-19 wave.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30404996>
- The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) Index closed at 1,548.96 on Friday, up 7.84 points or 0.51 per cent. Total transactions amounted to Bt89.46 billion with an index high of 1,550.26 and a low of 1,529.29.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/business/30404966>
- A majority of people agree with the government's intention to create a special, long holiday similar to Songkran to help stimulate the country's sagging economy, according to a survey by Suan Dusit Rajabhat University, or Suan Dusit Poll.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2101355/most-support-govts-plan-to-create-special-holiday-poll>
- The Phuket Provincial Administrative Organisation will replace its famous Pho Torng pink song taew, small public buses which have faithfully served the public for decades, with 24 electric buses, starting from Oct 1.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2101183/phukets-pink-buses-make-way-for-ev>
- The Bank of Thailand has responded to the US decision to keep the country on a currency manipulation watchlist by asserting that it has stepped into the market only to curb volatility in the baht.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2101043/bot-shrugs-off-us-currency-watchlist-tag>
- Thailand's media spending is expected to grow less than 5% in 2021, down from a previous estimate of 8-10% following a fresh wave of the pandemic, says Media Intelligence (MI), a media planning and creative agency.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2100871/fresh-wave-threatens-media-spending>

- The Tourism Council of Thailand (TCT) estimates the industry's unemployment rate in the second quarter could reach between 2-2.5 million as reopening plans might be delayed if the government cannot flatten the virus curve within a month.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2100879/council-hints-at-layoffs>
 - The government is appealing to all sectors to comply with the new Covid-19 restrictions by supporting work-from-home schemes where possible, as the number of daily new infections reached a new record with 1,767 new cases on Sunday.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2101451/work-at-home-urges-govt>
 - The Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand (IEAT) has seen land sales and leases decrease by 66.1% in the first six months of fiscal 2021, attributed to the impact of Covid-19, though investment value is still on the rise.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2101591/land-sales-down-in-fy21>
 - Economic doldrums related to the pandemic have prompted a surge in demand for digital loans in several forms, including nano-finance products offered both by banks and non-bank companies.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2101599/bright-future-for-digital-loans>
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Issues to be watched out for

- January 25-March 31, 2021 – The implementation of the 2nd-phase of the co-payment scheme will allow registrants to start spending.
- March 31-June 30, 2021 – The deadline extension to file personal income taxes for the 2020 tax year.
- April, 2021 - 800,000 doses of Sinovac Covid-19 vaccine would be delivered to provinces nationwide.
- April 2021 – The government is set to launch “area quarantine” plan to open Thailand to foreign tourists.

- April, 2021 – Thai Airways International Plc (THAI) expects the Central Bankruptcy Court to consider its rehab blueprint for approval.
- April 2021 – The Batong Airport is scheduled to be opened after being postponed from February due to the resurgence of the Covid-19.
- April, 2021 – The Central Bank plans to officially implement the new rule on the rate of penalty imposed on loan defaulters in a bid to ease borrowers' burdens and motivate them to repay their debts.
- April, 2021 – The Ministry of Finance's Fiscal Policy Office (FPO) is expected to revise economic forecast.
- April 19-20, 2021 – World Cannabis Day at Bangkok's Carlton Hotel.
- April 21, 2021 – The Joint Standing Committee on Commerce, Industry and Banking (JSCCIB) is scheduled for a meeting on April 21 to evaluate the economic impact of the 3rd wave of the outbreak.
- May, 2021 – The 66th Bangkok Gems & Jewelry Fair (BGJF) Virtual Trade Fair is set to be held.
- May, 2021 – The new parliament house will be officially inaugurated.
- May 5, 2021 – The Constitutional Court is set to decide on the qualifications of Deputy Agriculture and Cooperatives Minister Thamanat Prompow over his eligibility to hold office due to his past criminal record in Australia.
- May 12, 2021 – Thai Airways International Plc (THAI) is expected to hold a creditors meeting to inspect and vote for the rehab plan.
- May 13, 2021 – The public prosecutor set a new hearing of 13 people involved in the protest in front of the German Embassy in Bangkok on 26 October 2020. The hearing has been postponed as the prosecutor said it had yet to finish the paperwork needed to file the case against the protesters.
- May 15, 2021 – Nok Airlines Plc was granted the extension of the submission period of the rehabilitation plan, from original schedule on April 15, which is the last extension of time as permitted by law.
- June, 2021 – Siam Bioscience to start mass production plan of Covid-19 vaccines.

- June, 2021 – Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC)’s debt holiday is due to expire.
- July, 2021 – TMB-Thanchart Bank (TMB-TBank) expects to complete the integration of the 2 financial entities.
- July 1, 2021 – Vaccinated tourists can visit Phuket without undergoing mandatory quarantine.
- September 1, 2021 – The government will collect value-added tax from Netflix, Youtube, Google, Facebook as well as other e-commerce services.
- October, 2021 – Bangkok governor election is set to be held.
- October 1, 2021 – The quarantine measure will be lifted in Krabi, Phang Nga, Pattaya and Chiang Mai.

Key Data

SET Index	1,548.96	+7.84
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- Link - 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 April 16, 2021

Buying, Selling or Transfer of shares by Owners/Management

Stock Code	Volume	Value	Action
K	3,818,182	4.08	Transfer
K	3,818,181	4.08	Transfer
CMR	200,000	2.64	Sale
CPW	20,000	3.1	Sale
HTC	5,000	39.61	Purchase
HTC	12,500	37.75	Purchase
JMART	10,000	42.59	Purchase
LIT	63,000	4.5	Sale
LIT	116,897	4.55	Sale
MFEC	60,000	6.38	Purchase
NCL	150,000	1.4	Sale
PLANET	300,000	3.05	Sale
SABUY	750,000	2	Purchase
	Revoked Reporter	by	
SABUY	400,000 Revoked Reporter	by	Purchase
7UP	850,000	0.33	Purchase
SK	50,000	1.18	Purchase
SK	10,000	1.16	Purchase
SK	100,000	1.16	Purchase
SUSCO	200,000	3.19	Purchase
TNDT	5,000	6.1	Sale

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 16 Apr 2021							Unit: M.Baht
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net		
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%	
Local Institutions	5,465.93	6.11	7,076.62	7.91	-1,610.69	-	
Proprietary Trading	9,079.92	10.15	8,855.95	9.9	223.97	-	
Foreign Investors	37,367.39	41.77	35,780.19	40	1,587.20	-	
Local Individuals	37,548.16	41.97	37,748.64	42.2	-200.48	-	
Monthly Cumulative between 1 - 16 Apr 2021							Unit: M.Baht
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net		
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%	
Local Institutions	43,161.95	6.38	54,236.05	8.01	-11,074.10	-	
Proprietary Trading	67,943.79	10.04	70,545.86	10.42	-2,602.07	-	
Foreign Investors	229,301.01	33.87	227,281.05	33.57	2,019.96	-	
Local Individuals	336,627.03	49.72	324,970.83	48	11,656.20	-	
Yearly Cumulative since 1 Jan - 16 Apr 2021							Unit: M.Baht
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net		
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%	
Local Institutions	482,867.09	7.56	516,707.14	8.09	-33,840.05	-	
Proprietary Trading	678,606.53	10.62	677,333.45	10.6	1,273.09	-	
Foreign Investors	2,255,211.19	35.3	2,282,860.62	35.73	-27,649.43	-	
Local Individuals	2,972,354.41	46.52	2,912,138.02	45.58	60,216.39	-	

Total Trading Value 89,461.41 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

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