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## Thai Enquirer Summary

### **Covid-19 News**

- Today's numbers are shocking as Thailand's 1-day infection is nearing 10,000 mark
  - ❖ Total death yesterday @ 25
  - ❖ Total infection today stands @ 9,635
    - Out of this, inmates at various prisons @ 6,853
  - ❖ Total recovered yesterday @ 1,387
  - ❖ Total recovered since outbreak @ 82,219
  - ❖ Total still in recovery process @ 39,774



- Thailand's tally of Covid-19 cases has now passed 100,000-mark.
- The big problem now is the number of prisoners who are now infected.
  - ❖ Cases in the 8 prisons with checks undertaken from May 12-16 showed that there were a total of 9,783 inmates who were infected (some of these infections have been reported as infection over the past few days).

➤ Chiang Mai prison	@	3,929	infections
➤ Bangkok Remand prison	@	1,960	infections
➤ Central women's prison	@	1,039	infections
➤ Klong Prem prison	@	1,016	infections
➤ Thonburi remand prison	@	1,725	infections
➤ Chachoengsao prison	@	43	infections
➤ Correctional Inst.	@	12	infections
➤ Nonthaburi prison	@	59	infections

- The rising number of cases in the prisons has prompted a call by many former inmates that the rising number of cases is likely to create an environment of fear in the prison and this could lead to possible riots in the prisons.
- The Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) has announced opening up of dine-in for restaurants with 25 per cent capacity and a 2-meter distance between those who are seated.
  - ❖ This comes despite Bangkok and 5 its adjacent provinces of Pathum Thani, Samut Prakan, Samut Sakhon Nakhon Pathom and Nonthaburi accounted for half of the new infections.
  - ❖ Bangkok has 27 clusters scattering in 17 districts around the capital. Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) authorities said they are on high alert of these clusters. But more importantly, the CCSA brought up 5 key clusters of

infections that are its main concern at its briefing yesterday. It is said that cumulative cases of the 5 clusters are nearly 13,000. The 5 clusters are:

- A cluster in construction camp of workers in Laksi district of which 86 per cent of the 559 labourers were diagnosed with Covid-19. The CCSA has ordered the Lak Si camp to be shut down and movements in and out of the area banned.
  - A cluster at the Din Daeng flats.
  - A cluster at construction workers' camp in Wattana district.
  - A cluster at Klong Thom, Wong Wien 22 in Pom Prap Sattru Phai district.
  - A cluster at Huai Khwang in Din Daeng district.
- Like Singapore's Changi airport, which now is Singapore's single largest cluster, Thailand's Suvaranbhumi airport also has a new cluster.
    - ❖ The Airports of Thailand Plc (AOT) reported 105 confirmed Covid-19 cases among employees of various organizations at the airport, including Thai Airways, Thailand Post, and logistics companies.
    - ❖ To make matters worse, as many as 11 taxi drivers in the city have died due to the infection.
    - ❖ Bangkok Mass Transit Authority (BMTA) the operator of busses around Bangkok, has also announced that more of its employees have been tested positive for the virus.
  - The government of Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha has readjusted regulations on control measures against the outbreak as Gen Prayut came out to announce on May 15.

# Easing restrictions on Control Measures against Covid-19



## Maximum and Strict Controlled Area (4 provinces)

Bangkok, Nonthaburi, Pathum Thani, Samut Prakarn

## Maximum Controlled Area (17 provinces)

Kanchanaburi, Chon Buri, Chachoengsao, Tak, Nakhon Pathom, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Narathiwat, Prachuap Khiri Khan, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya, Phetchaburi, Yala, Ranong, Rayong, Ratchaburi, Samut Sakhon, Songkhla, Surat Thani

## Controlled Area (56 provinces)

Krabi, Kalasin, Kamphaeng Phet, Khon Kaen, Chanthaburi, Chaiyaphum, Chai Nat, Chumphon, Chiang Rai, Chiang Mai, Trang, Trat, Nakhon Nayok, Nakhon Phanom, Nakhon Ratchasima, Nakhon Sawan, Nan, Nong Khai, Bueng Kan, Buriram, Prachinburi, Pattani, Phang Nga, Phatthalung, Phayao, Phichit, Phitsanulok, Phetchabun, Prachinburi, Maha Sarakham, Mukdahan, Mae Hong Son, Yasothon, Roi Et, Lopburi, Lampang, Lamphun, Loei, Sisaket, Sakon Nakhon, Satun, Sa Kaeo, Saraburi, Samut Songkram, Sing Buri, Sukhothai, Suphanburi, Surin, Nong Bua Lamphu, Ang Thong, Udorn Thani, Uttaradit, Uthai Thani, Ubon Ratchathani, Amnat Charoen



All measures will be in effect from 17 May 2021 onwards.

Consumption of liquor and alcoholic beverages in restaurants is prohibited in all zones.

	Face masks	Events	Restaurants	Markets & Convenience Stores	Pubs, Bars & Karaoke	Shopping Malls	Educational institutions	Other high risk venues
<b>Maximum and Strict Controlled Area</b>	Wear face masks in public places	Gatherings of more than 20 ppl. is not allowed	Limited number: 25% of total seats Dine-in: Until 21.00 hrs. Takeaway: Until 23.00 hrs.	Open 04.00 - 23.00 hrs.	X	Open until 21.00 hrs.	Not allowed to use buildings and premises for teaching and conducting any activities with many people	Closed (Except outdoor sports venues open until 21.00 hrs. without attendance)
<b>Maximum Controlled Area</b>	Wear face masks in public places	Gatherings of more than 50 ppl. is not allowed	Dine-in: Until 23.00 hrs.	Open 04.00 - 23.00 hrs.	X	(Limit ppl. & promotional event is not allowed)	Allowed to use buildings and premises for teaching and conducting any activities with many people, as necessary	Open until 21.00 hrs. with limited attendance
<b>Controlled Area</b>	Wear face masks in public places	Gatherings of more than 50 ppl. is not allowed	Open	Open	X	Allowed to use buildings and premises for teaching and conducting any activities with many people, as appropriate	Allowed to use buildings and premises for teaching and conducting any activities with many people, as appropriate	Open with limited attendance

## Political News

- Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha is facing mounting calls from political and civil society groups to resign amid the rapid spread of Covid-19 that saw the number of cases surpassing 100,000.
- ❖ The biggest call comes from those who helped Prayut get to power during the 2014 street protests. Among those that came out over the weekend was Nitithorn Lamlua, a lawyer representing the Ministry of Transport and the State Railway of

Thailand (SRT), led a group called Prachachon Khon Thai (Thai people), to press conference during the weekend to call for the government to make a sacrifice by stepping down.

- Nitithorn, also known for his role as a co-leader of the now-defunct People's Democratic Reform Committee (PDRC), along with Preeda Tiasuwan, head of the Businessmen for Democracy and Environment Club, and Thai People group coordinator Pichit Chaimongkol, announced plans to proceed with Thailand reforms.
- At one point, the group called for Gen Prayut to step down to allow the establishment of a national government under Section 272 (2) of the constitution to combat the outbreak crisis.
- The group proposed 3 key urgent tasks for a national government including:
  - ✓ Addressing the Covid-19 outbreak in a concrete manner and better distribution of Covid19-vaccines.
  - ✓ Reforming Thailand in a clear timeframe.
  - ✓ Forging national unity once Gen Prayut resigns.
- The group said it will submit its petition to Gen Prayut at Government House tomorrow.



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- Meanwhile, Kao Klai list MP Rangsiman Rome has come out to oppose the Prachachon Khon Thai group's proposal for a new prime minister outside the candidate lists for ministerial posts nominated by political parties.
  - ❖ Rangsiman said he opposed Nitithorn's proposal under Section 272 (2), which opens a channel for an "outsider" PM to take office, citing his concern of a possible transition of power from Gen Prayut.
  - ❖ Rangsiman questioned Nitithorn's proposal as there is a long list of PM candidates of political parties to consider including Pheu Thai key member Chaikasem Nitisiri, former transport minister Chadchart Sittipun, former Democrat Party leader Abhisit Vejjajiva and Bhumjai Thai Party leader Anutin Charnvirakul.
  - ❖ He went on to question if Nitithorn has a hidden agenda for putting forward such a proposal.
- The call for Prayut to step down comes as the opposition has been already beating the drums for Prayut to step down.
  - ❖ Kao Klai (Move Forward) party leader Pita Limjaroenrat has come out to criticise Gen Prayut for his incompetence in dealing with the spread of the outbreak even after he consolidated powers of all ministers to him.
    - Pita disdained Gen Prayut for his one-man show management style. The Move Forward Party leader said after adopting a single command system for the past 20 days, the damage from the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of Covid-19 has worsened with average infections rising to 2,197 cases per day while the death toll of the virus was up 295 per cent from cumulative death tolls of a period of 400 days. He said 436 deaths in 20 days after Gen Prayut's consolidation of powers.

- ❖ Paradorn Pattanathabut, secretary of the Pheu Thai's special affairs panel, ignited public sentiment for the call for Gen Prayut to resign. He called for various civil society groups to come together to join calls for Gen Prayut's resignation and place it as a "national agenda".
- A poll done by Matichon online showed that as many as 93 per cent of those participating want Prayut to be replaced as soon as possible.



- Despite mounting pressure for the Prayut Chan-o-cha government to resign, Democrat Party leader Jurin Laksanawisit has come out to insist that his party will stick with the coalition parties.
  - ❖ Responding to criticism of the government's failure to combat the spread of the outbreak in 3 waves, Jurin said blunders could happen to anyone who carries out national administration. He insisted the government is trying to fix the situation.
  - ❖ When asked about calls for the Democrat Party to review its coalition stance, Jurin said under the current circumstance it is the best for all sides to cooperate to pull the country through the crisis.

- However, this is not the case for the opposition Pheu Thai Party as Yutthapong Charassathien, Pheu Thai deputy leader and MP for Maha Sarakham, announced plan to grill Prime Minister Gen Prayut over the fiscal 2022 expenditure budget plan which will be tabled for deliberations in parliament during May 31 and June 1-2.
    - ❖ Yutthapong said he noticed a cut in the budget for the Ministry of Public Health to 153 billion baht in the fiscal year 2022 amid escalation of the outbreak, compared to 158 billion baht in the previous fiscal year. The Ministry of Defence, instead, was allocated a budget of 203 billion baht, 50 billion baht more than the budget allocated to the Public Health Mistry.
    - ❖ Yutthapong questioned if Gen Prayut will allow the Royal Thai Navy (RTN) to procure more submarines as he said a total budget of 41.307 billion baht allocated to the RTN in the next fiscal year.
  - Adul Khiewboriboon, leader of the Samakkhi Prachachon group, has come out to call for the “3 generals” to reveal their assets, citing information that each of them has several billion baht in assets.
    - ❖ At the red-shirt Peace TV Station, Adul, also the chairman of the Committee of the Relatives of the May 1992 Heroes, claimed during an online seminar on the topic, “Thai Mai Thon (Impatient Thais)” that the 3 generals have several billions of baht between them, asking them to unveil assets to the general public.
    - ❖ Adul also called for former Democratic Reform Committee (PDRC) leader Suthep Thaugsuban to announce his stance whether he will continue to side with Gen Prayut despite his failures to manage the Covid-19 outbreak that caused massive damage to the economy.
    - ❖ Adul asked Suthep to show responsibility for leading the mass protests that triggered Gen Prayut to stage a military intervention.
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## **Economic News**

- The National Economic & Social Development Council (NESDC) is set to announce the country's Q1 GDP figures at 09:30 hrs today and this could have an impact on the overall market.
  - ❖ The GDP is likely to shrink as the impact of the virus is set to reign in as last year Q1 was still witnessing influx of tourists.
  - ❖ Quarter on quarter it is likely to slide as well as the country witnessed a sharp increase in Covid-19 cases during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of this year when compared to Q4 2020.
- The lower GDP and the near 10,000 covid-19 new cases is likely to have an impact on Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) when it opens for trading at 10:00 hrs
- The Federation of Thai Industries (FTI) has floated the idea of raising salaries and bonuses for employees of factories nationwide as incentives to help the private sector speed up the vaccine rollout.
  - ❖ FTI vice-chairman Kriengkrai Thiennukul has come out to voice concern over the slow progress of vaccine distribution plan as he said merely 3 million Thais have registered for vaccinations while the government's vaccine registration targets around 16 million people.
  - ❖ Kriengkrai said only 30-40 per cent of factory workers registered for vaccinations due to a lack of confidence in vaccines among a large number of workers, according to a survey of operators who are FTI members.
  - ❖ He urged operators and company owners to issue incentive measures to lure employees to receive jabs such as giving them better salary hikes and bonuses at the end of the year.

- ❖ As for factories susceptible to the outbreak such as those in the food processing business, the FTI floated the idea of giving employees 500-1,000 baht per job or salary hikes and bonuses. He said the company can create confidence with its trading partners, sending them to receive more purchasing orders. They could use additional revenues from a rise in purchasing orders to reward employees.
- Meanwhile, a state-private committee for Covid-19 vaccinations in industrial estates has been set up to help the government achieve its goal of administering 500,000 vaccine doses daily.
  - ❖ The new committee headed by Warawan Chitaroon, deputy permanent secretary for industry, is scheduled to meet today regarding vaccination venues and discuss cooperation with the private sector.
- The Bank of Thailand (BoT) is set to meet commercial and state-owned banks today to discuss progress on measures to assist debtors who have been impacted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of the Covid-19 outbreak.
  - ❖ A debt haircut for debtors who failed to make payments is 1 of the meeting's key agenda.
- The Ministry of Commerce is expected to revise up the country's export growth target for this year.
  - ❖ Somdet Susomboon, director-general of the Department of International Trade Promotion (DITP), said his department will hold a meeting tomorrow with related agencies under the Ministry to assess its export growth forecast for the 2nd quarter of this year.

- ❖ The DITP has discussed with the state and more than 10 industrial groups of the private sectors during an online conference about plans to boost exports in the remaining months this year.
- ❖ The ministry is poised to upgrade its export growth projection following improved exports. Export growth rose 2.27 per cent in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of this year, with export value averaging US \$20 billion per month.
- ❖ The ministry is expected to revise up its export growth target from 4 per cent assessed during the beginning of this year once it discusses the outlook with its commerce attaches in each country. The conclusion on export outlook is expected to be presented to Commerce Minister Jurin Laksanawisit in June.
- ❖ The Thai Chamber of Commerce (TCC) expects Thai exports to expand 6-7 per cent after roll out plans of Covid-19 vaccines have been accelerated by various countries, sending economic activities to resume and demand for products to rise, Wisit Limluecha, vice-chairman of the TCC, said, citing estimates of economic growth figures from various industries.
- The Stock Exchange of Thailand will impose a trading suspension on Thai Airways International Plc (THAI) for the temporary prohibition of trading.
  - ❖ Upon the news of a trading suspension (SP) sign expected to be posted on THAI shares tomorrow, an unusual profit-taking speculation by investors has caused the price of THAI shares to rise from 1.99 baht on April 30 to 2 baht before closing at 2.56 baht during May 11-14, 2021, in heavy turnover.
- The Thai Airways International Plc (THAI) labour union issued a statement, voicing its objection to include Chansin Treenuchagron, the airline's acting president, as a plan preparer during its business rehabilitation process.

- ❖ Siripong Sukrakanchanachoke, the labour union president, read out the statement opposing the push for Chansin to serve as a rehab planner.
  - ❖ Siripong cited reports that some airline executives have lobbied creditors who are savings cooperatives to include Chansin on the airline's list of rehab planners in fears that workers will not be treated fairly from a restructuring of the airline, a cut in employee numbers and a possible change in the terms of employment of its staff.
  - ❖ THAI's creditors will decide on May 19 whether they will accept the proposed rehabilitation plan and the fate of the national airline, burdened by debts exceeding 400 billion baht.
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### **General News**

- Prasit Jeawkok, who is accused of leading a fraudulent investment ring which caused more than 1 billion baht in losses, contacted detectives to say he would surrender today, police said.
  - ❖ The Crime Suppression Division (CSD) launched a sting operation at nine locations in Greater Bangkok last week. They acted on complaints filed by thousands of victims.
  - ❖ Police managed to apprehend 4 suspects, identified as Lt Col Amaraphon Wisetsuk, a doctor, the chairwoman of the Tiew Puea Chart (touring for the nation) project, Nuttawan Uttamaprakrom, Sirima Naovarat, and Kittiwat Oum-aree, CSD commander Pol Maj Gen Suwat Saengnoom said.
  - ❖ But 2 others, Mr Prasit, founder of Business Services and Combined Products Trade Association and president of Khuen Khun Phean Din (repay a debt of gratitude to the motherland) project and Kittisak Yenyanond, are still at large.

- Men will be men... not even Bill Gates is spared in this case as is evident from the story in Bloomberg and Dow Jones.
    - ❖ In the story Dow Jones said that Bill Gates had a relationship with a female employee that prompted the board members to start an investigation and eventually for the ‘stepping’ down from the board by Bill Gates.
      - <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-05-16/microsoft-board-had-gates-investigated-for-relationship-dj-says?srnd=premium-asia&sref=vMpMGW8x>
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### **Political News Headlines in Thai Media**

- Thai public health officials are warning the government that re-opening lockdown measures too fast could exacerbate a bad situation, sources told Thai Enquirer on Monday.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/27555/public-health-officials-question-bangkok-governors-office-and-ccsa-for-re-opening-restaurants/>
- Thai citizens with ID cards are being turned away from Covid-19 vaccination centers despite the government encouraging those in at-risk areas to “walk-in” and get immunized.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/27557/citizens-turned-away-from-walk-in-vaccination-centers-amid-confusion/>
- A new rap video released by the government to promote their vaccination drive has come under fire for stealing intellectual property without giving the original artist proper credit or compensation.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/27559/governments-new-vaccination-video-allegedly-steals-intellectual-property/>
- Metaphors about going to war have been used widely in discussions about COVID-19. China’s President Xi Jinping vowed to wage a “people’s war.” “COVID-19 war zone” posters with a bomb-shaped red germ were displayed in South Korea.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/27551/feature-transparency-and-clarity-needed-in-governments-digital-response-to-covid/>

- The budget bill for the 2022 fiscal year is tentatively scheduled for its first reading in the House of Representatives from May 31–June 2, chief government whip Wirach Ratanasate said.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2116047/budget-bill-set-for-first-reading>
- About 80 per cent of people who are insured under the social security scheme want to be vaccinated against Covid-19, Labour Minister Suchart Chomklin said on Saturday.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/40000915>
- The mother of Kulsub Watthanaphol, a well-known figure in Thailand's e-sport industry, filed a case at Administrative Court on Friday to demand THB4.53 million in compensation for the death of her son.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/40000889>
- Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha has instructed the Ministry of Labour to provide help to a Thai labourer in Israel who was injured in an explosion in the Gaza Strip.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2116355/thai-worker-injured-in-gaza-strip>
- The National Press Council of Thailand has issued a guideline on reporting news about Covid-19 vaccinations, following the publication of inaccurate reports by several media outlets.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2116283/press-council-issues-guideline-on-virus-reporting>
- The government has waived the face-mask rule for speakers during parliament sessions and meetings, although MPs are only allowed to take off their masks when speaking.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2116643/pm-orders-end-to-face-masks-for-speakers-at-govt-meetings>
- Bang Sue Railway Central Station will offer walk-in vaccination services for people in Bangkok and surrounding provinces next month, Transport Minister Saksayam Chidchob says.

- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2116699/bang-sue-station-sets-up-walk-in-vaccination-centre>
  - Police have arrested four high-profile suspects in connection with a fraudulent investment ring, including a well-known tourism project, with damage estimated at 1 billion baht.
    - <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2116235/police-hold-four-linked-to-high-profile-scam>
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### **Economic News Headlines in Thai Media**

- It's long overdue but Asians are winning big and getting recognized on the global stage – cue Parasite, Bong Joon Ho, CLOY, and Chloe Zhang. With the help of streaming and social media giants such as Netflix, Youtube, and Instagram, more people worldwide are being introduced to the pool of creative talent that Asian artists have to offer, pushing more diversity onto the screens in front of us.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/27532/five-thai-artists-making-waves-in-global-entertainment/>
- Shares of Thai Airways International (THAI) jumped more than 25 per cent on Friday ahead of its last trading day on next Monday, amid a possible delisting from the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET).
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/27524/thai-airways-jumps-more-than-25-percent-ahead-of-trading-suspension/>
- Some 275 tons of fruit smoothly crossed the Dongxing checkpoint, offering a new land route option for Thai exporters to enter the Chinese market.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/40000943>
- The government would accelerate vaccination in Phuket to create herd immunity before reopening the country to foreign tourists on July 1 this year, Public Health Minister Anutin Charnvirakul said on Saturday.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/40000935>
- Bangkok Airways has restarted flights between Bangkok and Chiang Mai and Bangkok and Phuket from Saturday.

- Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/40000910>
- Foreign automakers in Thailand have been hit severely by the Covid-19 crisis, which has led to changes in automotive technologies and consumer behaviour, semiweekly business publication Thansettakij said on Saturday.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/business/40000939>
- The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) Index closed at 1,549.48 on Friday, up 1.35 points or 0.09 per cent. The volume of total transactions was THB97.35 billion with an index high of 1,558.86 and a low of 1,532.29. The SET rebounded slightly after three consecutive days of losses this week.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/business/40000892>
- The government is allowing the resumption of limited dine-in services in restaurants in four dark red zone provinces, including Bangkok.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2116307/dine-in-services-resume-in-restaurants-in-dark-red-zones>
- Ying Charoen market at Saphan Mai in Bang Khen district of Bangkok will close all zones from Sunday until May 23 after 10 more people contracted Covid-19, raising total infections there to 24.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2116211/ying-charoen-market-to-close-as-covid-cases-rise>
- Phuket has swapped its planned tram system for an automated rapid transit (ART) bus system and saved 15 billion baht in the process.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2116019/trams-out-buses-in-for-thrifty-phuket>
- The Transport Ministry is gearing up for the resumption of air travel in November.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2115975/govt-readies-to-reopen-skies>
- SET-listed Ratch Group expects to conclude its 7-billion-baht purchase of new power generation assets soon offering 350 megawatts of capacity, strengthening its status as the largest private power producer by capacity.

- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2116095/ratch-closing-in-on-new-acquisitions>
- The Bank of Thailand has added measures on retail loan restructuring as part of its third phase of debt relief for individual borrowers, aiming to ease hardships caused by the pandemic.
- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2116111/bot-offers-reworking-of-retail-loan-repayment>
- Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha on Friday denied reports that the government, through the Finance Ministry, would allocate 50 billion baht to recapitalise financially struggling Thai Airways International Plc (THAI).
- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2116055/pm-denies-b50bn-thai-airways-recap-plan>
- SET-listed Brooker Group's (BROOK) share price rallied 60% after the company reported to the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) on Tuesday it invested US\$6.6 million (207 million baht) in bitcoin in the first quarter.
- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2116071/brookers-share-price-surges-by-60->
- Thailand's economy probably shrank again in the first quarter of this year, a Reuters poll showed on Friday, as coronavirus outbreaks hurt consumption and tourism, slowing the pace of the economic recovery.
- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2115903/forecasters-economy-probably-shrank-in-q1>

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

- March 31-June 30, 2021 – The deadline extension to file personal income taxes for the 2020 tax year.
- May, 2021 – The 66<sup>th</sup> Bangkok Gems & Jewelry Fair (BGJF) Virtual Trade Fair is set to be held.
- May, 2021 – The new parliament house will be officially inaugurated.

- May 19, 2021 – Thai Airways International Plc (THAI)’s creditors meeting is expected to be held to vote on the airline’s rehab plan.
- May 19, 2021 – The Joint Standing Committee on Commerce, Industry and Banking will hold a meeting to find a conclusion on the vaccines rollout for the manufacturing sector.
- May 22, 2021 – the parliament convenes for an extraordinary parliamentary meeting.
- May 31-July 2, 2021 –Parliamentarians are expected to debate the 1st reading of a budget bill for the year 2022 fiscal year.
- June, 2021 – Siam Bioscience to start mass production plan of Covid-19 vaccines.
- June, 2021 – 6,174 private firms including around 1 million employees said they want the vaccine distribution provided by the private sector in addition to the government’s plan to inoculate factory workers.
- June, 2021 – Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC)’s debt holiday is due to expire.
- June, 2021 – Thai Airways expects the bankruptcy court to hold hearings to consider and approve the plan and also appoint an administrator.
- June 9-11, 2021 – The 2022 budget appropriation bill is expected to be tabled for parliament deliberations.
- July, 2021 – TMB-Thanachart 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.
- July 27, 2021 – The Criminal Court for Corruption and Misconduct Cases scheduled for a hearing in a lawsuit filed by BTS Group Holdings against the governor of the Mass Rapid Transit Authority of Thailand (MRTA) for illegally amending the bidding terms and cancelling bidding for the construction of the western extension of the Orange Line.
- 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** **1,549.48** **+1.35**

- 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 May 14, 2021**

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

<b>Stock Code</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Action</b>
APURE	10,000	4.26	Purchase
APURE	10,000	4.6	Sale
BDMS	20,000	20.5	Purchase
CGD	1,600,000	0.78	Sale
CGD	1,600,000	0.8	Sale
DMT	20,000	14.8	Sale
EP	100,000	5.45	Purchase
EP	801,800	5.22	Purchase
GC	400,000	11.32	Sale

IRC	32,800	-	Transfer
KWM	384,600	5.89	Sale
KWM	500,000	6.3	Sale
KWM	385,215	6	Sale
LPN	434,300	5.1	Sale
LPN	65,700	5.1	Sale
LPN	400,000	5.01	Sale
LPN	500,000	5.12	Sale
LPN	100	5.15	Sale
LPH	40,000	4.91	Purchase
NER	1,000,000	6.1	Purchase
PACO	5,000	2.6	Purchase
PRIME	30,000	0.58	Purchase
RPH	100,000	4.98	Purchase
SK	150,200	1.48	Sale
SK	100,000	1.38	Purchase
SK	493,700	1.14	Purchase
STGT	110,000	46.25	Sale
SUSCO	300,000	3.16	Purchase
TU	500,000	17.98	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**

<b>Daily as of 14 May 2021</b>							<b>Unit:</b>
<b>M.Baht</b>							
<b>Investor Type</b>	<b>Buy</b>		<b>Sell</b>		<b>Net</b>		
	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>	
Local Institutions	5,586.15	5.74	5,979.98	6.14	-393.82	-	
Proprietary Trading	7,788.08	8	8,463.16	8.69	-675.08	-	
Foreign Investors	36,227.97	37.21	38,487.02	39.53	-2,259.06	-	
Local Individuals	47,756.73	49.05	44,428.77	45.63	3,327.96	-	
<b>Monthly Cumulative between 1 - 14 May 2021</b>							<b>Unit:</b>

<b>M.Baht</b>						
<b>Investor Type</b>	<b>Buy</b>		<b>Sell</b>		<b>Net</b>	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>
Local Institutions	47,152.07	5.33	56,718.39	6.41	-9,566.33	-
Proprietary Trading	76,458.31	8.64	81,277.41	9.19	-4,819.10	-
Foreign Investors	316,242.76	35.74	335,488.12	37.92	-19,245.36	-
Local Individuals	444,911.13	50.29	411,280.34	46.48	33,630.79	-
<b>Yearly Cumulative since 1 Jan - 14 May 2021</b>						
						<b>Unit:</b>
<b>M.Baht</b>						
<b>Investor Type</b>	<b>Buy</b>		<b>Sell</b>		<b>Net</b>	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>
Local Institutions	593,348.91	7.26	639,913.83	7.83	-46,564.92	-
Proprietary Trading	844,659.77	10.33	845,999.80	10.35	-1,340.03	-
Foreign Investors	2,874,654.1 1	35.16	2,926,928.0 1	35.8	-52,273.89	-
Local Individuals	3,862,125.3 5	47.24	3,761,946.5 1	46.02	100,178.84	-

Total Trading Value 97,358.94 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)
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