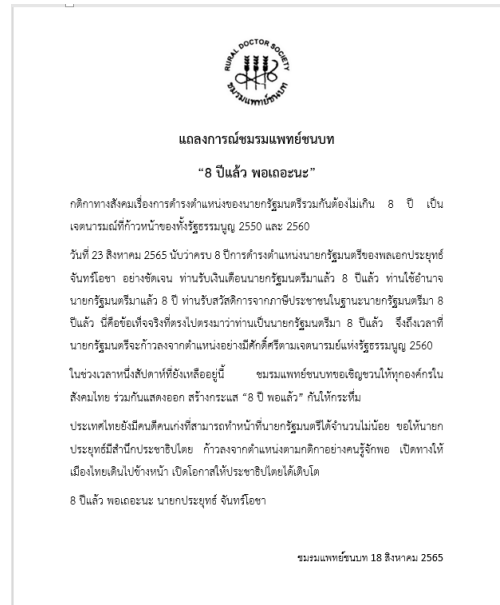


August 19, 2022

Thai Enquirer News Summary

Political News

- The calculation of incumbent PM Gen Prayut Chan-o-premiership cha's term, whether it began counting when he rose to power in the 2014 military coup and will exceed the 8-year limit on August 23, 2022, remains the most contentious issue this week.
 - ❖ One of the well-known anti-govt groups, the Rural Doctor Society, called for Prayut's resignation yesterday citing it was a social rule for a prime minister to stay in power no more than 8 years as stipulated in 2007 and 2017 Constitutions.
 - ❖ The group said Prayut obtained salaries and privileges as a prime minister for almost 8 years now and should step down willingly when his term ended on August 28 to preserve the will of the 2017 Constitution.
 - ❖ The Rural Doctor Society group also asked the public to spread its demand during the last remaining week for Prayut to make him realize.



- Activist and former Red Shirt leader – Jatuporn Prompan and Nititorn Lamlua, have said that they will start their 3-day long protest from August 21st and will camp at October 14th Memorial near Democracy Monument to demand the resignation of Gen. Prayut.
 - ❖ Jatuporn said that after midnight of August 23 they will not recognize Prayut as the Prime Minister.
- Chao Meekhuad, a former spokesperson of the Democrat Party, said on Facebook that all former prime ministers’ premiership terms could be reversed as well if it turned out that Prayut was allowed to stay in power.
 - ❖ The former prime ministers such as Abhisit Vejjajiva, Chuan Leekpai, Anand Panyarachun, Somchai Wongsawat, Yingluck Shinawatra, and Thaksin Shinawatra could return to power, as their terms did not exceed 8 years.
 - ❖ Chao exemplified Abhisit whose term lasted only 2 years and 231 days and had 5 years and 134 days left. However, Prayut who spent 7 years, and has only 8 days left to complete 8-years, so he urged him to abide by the rule.
 - ❖ He emphasized that if Prayut’s premiership term was misinterpreted and did not get him unseated, other former prime ministers’ terms would be reset too.
- Meanwhile the Ombudsman of Thailand has decided to reject a petition on the tenure of Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha, filed by social activist Srisuwan Janya. The Ombudsman said that it has no authority to consider the contentious issue and said that this

was the issue that was to be decided by the Election Commission and the Constitutional Court.

- Not Election Campaign yet but Bhumjai Thai party has come out to announce that it was giving away 3 diapers per day to the people who are of old age and are unable to control and/or are bed ridden.
 - ❖ Anutin Charnvirakul, Minister of Public Health, commented on a campaign to give away 3 diapers a day to bedridden elderly saying this was not his electoral campaign, as the campaign was invented by the National Health Security Office and had been operational for 6 months.
 - ❖ When asked why his party posted this campaign on the Bhumjai Thai Facebook page as if it was his, Anutin reasoned that his party was in charge of overseeing the Public Health Ministry, which was associated with this campaign.

The image consists of two parts. On the left is a poster titled "รับสิทธิ์ 'ผ้าอ้อมฟรี' ทำอย่างไร" (How to receive free diapers). It lists eligibility criteria: 3 diapers per day, 21 diapers per week, and 90 diapers per month. It identifies two groups: Group A (elderly and bedridden) and Group B (elderly and bedridden). It lists distribution points: Provincial Health Promotions, Provincial Health Offices, and Provincial Health Security Offices. On the right is a Facebook post from "พรรคภูมิใจไทย" (Bhumjai Thai Party) dated 16 สิงหาคม เวลา 10:10 น. The post text says: "อนุนทิน" พรรคภูมิใจไทย พุดแล้วทำ เริ่มแล้ววันนี้...แจกผ้าอ้อมผู้สูงอายุ - บุคคลที่มีภาวะกลั้นไม่ไหว รับละ 3 ผืน ขั้นตอนขอรับสิทธิ์ •ผู้ป่วย หรือญาติแจ้งรับสิทธิ์ที่ เทศบาล อบต. และโรงพยาบาลส่งเสริมสุขภาพตำบล(รพ.สต.) •เจ้าหน้าที่ รพ.สต. ทำการประเมิน •คณะกรรมการกองทุนตำบลอนุมัติ •ผู้ป่วยรับมอบผ้าอ้อม 3ผืนต่อคน ต่อวัน #อนุนทินชาญวีรกูล #พรรคภูมิใจไทย #พุดแล้วทำ #แจกผ้าอ้อมผู้สูงอายุ

- As elections approach political conflict between the coalition partners – Bhumjai Thai party and Democrat party, are coming out in the open.
 - ❖ A political conflict in Krabi province between Bhumjai Thai party member Saritphong Kiewkong and Democrat MP Pimrapee Phanwichatikul, Anutin said that he already instructed Saritphong to stop retaliating, as it did no good to the country.
 - He also did not have to sort this out with Democrat leader Jurin Laksanawisit, Anutin.
 - ❖ Sources said that this conflict stemmed from Saritphong's accusation of Pimrapee as doing nothing for the citizens once elected, to which Pimrapee replied she was helping the citizens earn more income.

- PM Prayut Chan-o-cha issued a directive to appoint Anucha Burachaisri, former deputy secretary-general to the prime minister, as a new spokesperson of the Office of Prime Minister, effective August 18.
 - ❖ According to reports, Anucha used to serve as a spokesperson from August 18, 2019, until August 2020 and then was transferred to be a secretary-general.
- The separatist organization Barisan Revolusi Nasional Melayu Patani (BRN) on August 18 announced on social media to be the mastermind of the arsons and bombing at 17 convenience stores and gas stations in the three-southern-most provinces of Thailand on August 16.
 - ❖ The BRN's announcement was in Thai and Malay languages, claiming it was the sole mastermind of this entire catastrophe, which aimed to eliminate the spreading of capitalism in Pattani province via a chance of convenience stores. The BRN accused the convenience stores of forcing rural retail stores to shut down and exploiting people by selling overpriced products such as sugar.
 - ❖ However, Major General Pramote Pornmorin, Deputy Commander of the 4th Army, gave an interview with Isranews reporters saying the announcement was posted on an anonymous page and could not be trusted.



- The Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) will convene today to downgrade Covid-19 to a communicable disease under surveillance and to assess the current tourism and economic situations.
 - ❖ Phiphat Ratchakitprakarn, Minister of Tourism and Sports, revealed earlier that the ministry was planning to extend the nightlife venues' legal closing hours from 02:00 hrs. to 04:00 hrs. to stimulate the tourists' spending. The sandbox provinces were Bangkok, Phuket, Krabi, Phang Nga, Chonburi (Pattaya), Prachuap Khiri Khan (Hua Hin), Surat Thani (Koh Samui), and Chiang Mai. This measure, according to the minister, would begin in October
 - ❖ However, Phiphat stated that the nightlife venue operators still needed approvals from residents. This measure would also be launched in specific zones to minimize the risks.
- Reports by Nielsen, the global media research agency, came out to state that the government of General Prayut was among Thailand's leading spender in media. The 'Office of the Prime Minister' reportedly has spent close to US\$ 10 million each month for the 1st 6 months of this year.
 - ❖ Read details of this story in Thai Enquirer - <https://www.thaienquirer.com/43029/prayuts-office-is-among-thailands-leading-advertising-spender-during-6-months-of-2022/>
- The president of the Employers' Confederation of Thailand Ekasit Kunanantakul commented on proposals to raise the daily wage saying the 3-5% raise was more suitable than 5-8%.
 - ❖ However, he thought that it was difficult for this measure to complete within October 2022, as all required procedures took far too long. Ekasit instead believed that the raise would be effective at the start of 2023, and he did not want it to be involved with any political conflicts.
 - ❖ Meanwhile, sources said that the tripartite committee will consider this measure on August 26 before referring it to the cabinet in September.
- Forbes magazine recently published its listing of Thailand's 50 Richest 2022 with Sarath Ratanavadi, chief executive officer of Gulf Energy Development Plc (Gulf) ranked in the 4th position with \$11.1 billion net worth. This makes him the richest businessperson in the energy industry.

- ❖ Forbes reported that the top 3 richest people in Thailand are all from the food and beverage sector, namely Charavanont brothers (Charoen Pokphand Group – \$26.5 billion), Chalerm Yoovidhya & family (Red Bull - \$26.4 billion), and Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi (Thai Beverage – \$11.2 billion), respectively.
- ❖ Sarath took the company public in 2017 raising more than 25 billion baht in what was the country's biggest IPO in a decade. In 2021, Sarath acquired stakes in telecom giant InTouch Holdings Plc (INTUCH) and its wireless unit, Advanced Info Service Plc (ADVANC).
- ❖ Gulf Energy is partnering with Singtel in a new venture to set up data centres in Thailand. In January 2022 it signed an agreement with Binance to set up a crypto exchange in Thailand.
- Satit Viddayakorn, principal of the Capital Public Plc (PRINC), sold his stocks of over 66.89 million in Bumrungrad Hospital Plc (BH) at 178 Baht per share worth 11.9 billion Baht in total, causing BH stock to face heavy selling pressure and slump to 180.50 Baht or a 7-Baht decrease (-3.62%) with a selling value of 19.01 billion Baht.
 - ❖ In May Satit had sold 71.94 million of his BH stocks at 151.50 Baht worth 10.89 billion, which equated to over 22.80 billion Baht when combined with the recent sale, gaining 8.49 billion Baht in profit for him.
- Today the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) will list Thachang Green Energy Plc, a renewable power producer and distributor under the ticker symbol "TGE". The company has a market capitalization at its initial public offering (IPO) of 4.40 billion baht. TGE would list and start trading on SET in the Resources industry group, Energy & Utilities sector.
 - ❖ TGE has a registered paid-up capital of 1.10 billion baht, consisting of 1.60 billion existing common shares and 600 million newly issued shares, with a par value of THB 0.50 each. It offered the newly issued shares to individuals at the underwriters' discretion, institutional investors, the company's patrons, including directors, executives, employees of the company and subsidiaries during August 9 - 11, 2022 at 2.00 baht each, for a total of 1.20 billion baht.
- The 5th phase of Thailand's co-payment scheme (Khon La Khrueng) is open for registration for the first day today until all 26.50 million eligible slots are taken up. According to reports, 26.50 million slots are divided into 26.27 million people who applied for this scheme in the 4th phase and 230,000 people who did not apply.
 - ❖ People will be able to start spending via this scheme from September 1 to October 31, 2022.

COVID-19 News



Infection data for today are as follows

Total New PCR Infections = 2,110

Total New Death = 27

Total New Recovery = 2,028

Total infections so far since outbreak = 4,630,310

Total deaths so far since outbreak = 31,971

Total in Intensive Care Unit (ICU) = 853

Total number on life support (ventilator) = 436

The government's data on 'Positive testing' numbers as a percentage of the tests it undertakes stands at 7.80 %.

Details of data for each day can be found @ <https://ddc.moph.go.th/covid19-dashboard/> (All information is in Thai language)

Political News Headlines in Thai Media

- The falling popularity of 2014 coup leader Prayut Chan-o-cha and his mismanagement of the economy over the past few years has prompted the ‘Office of the Prime Minister’ to become one of Thailand’s leading advertisers in the country.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/43029/prayuts-office-is-among-thailands-leading-advertising-spender-during-6-months-of-2022/>
- Academics from 8 universities and 8 digital media outlets are launching a digital poll to ask the public whether the 2014 coup leader, General Prayut Chan-o-cha, should stay in power longer than 8 years or not.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/43014/universities-and-media-houses-launch-polling-to-gauge-prayuts-contentious-8-year-team-issue/>
- The Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF)’s decision to undertake a joint air exercise with its Chinese counterpart will hamper Thailand’s chance of purchasing F-35 fighter jets from the United States, an academic told Thai Enquirer.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/42919/thai-chinese-air-drill-likely-to-create-turbulence-in-procurement-of-f35-fighter-jets/>
- The Ombudsman of Thailand has decided to reject a petition on the tenure of Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha, saying it has no authority to consider the contentious issue or seek a ruling from the Constitutional Court.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/politics/40019047>
- An academic network is inviting Thai people to cast their digital vote this weekend on whether Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha should step down on completing eight years as PM on August 24.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/national/40019052>

- A man who hacked into the website of Thailand's Constitutional Court last November was sentenced to one year and six months in jail on Thursday.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/national/40019070>

Economic News Headlines in Thai Media

- Thailand's economy could face some headwinds from the volatile global economy and the lower purchasing power of Thai household despite the Thai economy starting to witness benefits from the higher number of tourists as the country opens to tourism, World Bank's new country manager told Thai Enquirer.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/43026/thai-economy-set-to-face-headwind-in-2nd-half-despite-revival-of-tourism-industry-says-world-bank/>
- Government aims to boost economy by allowing pubs and bars frequented by tourists to remain open until 4 AM
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/43022/thailand-contemplates-keeping-bars-open-until-4-am-as-a-way-to-boost-tourism-revenue/>
- The Government Lottery Office (GLO), has for the 1st time come out to say that buyers of its 100 million lotter tickets sold each fortnight, could possibly buy the tickets at 78 Baht a piece, but they have to purchase the tickets via the online application.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/43009/thailands-lottery-office-says-buyers-could-buy-tickets-below-80-baht-price-tag-via-online-purchase/>
- Some 100 motorcycle taxi riders gathered at the Land Transport Department (DLT) to demand that it put the brakes on GrabBike services and stop riders with white licence plates from registering for yellow ones.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/national/40019054>
- The renovation of Rajini pier as a new Bangkok landmark on the Chao Phraya River bank is 95 per cent complete and will open for service next month, Deputy Transport Minister Atirat Ratanasate said on Thursday.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/national/40019051>

- Forbes magazine recently published its listing of Thailand's 50 Richest 2022 with Sarath Ratanavadi, chief executive officer of Gulf Energy Development Plc (Gulf) ranked in the fourth position with \$11.1 billion net worth. This makes him the richest businessperson in the energy industry.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/pr-news/business/corporate/40019076>
- Entertainment celebrity Savika Chaiyadej, aka "Pinky", and her mother Sarinya were among 19 people indicted on criminal charges today (Thursday) by public prosecutors, for allegedly defrauding the public and violations of Computer Crime Act, in a foreign exchange futures investment scam, known as Forex-3D.
 - Link- <https://www.thaipbsworld.com/thai-actress-and-mother-held-on-remand-in-alleged-ponzi-scheme-scandal/>
- Trinity Securities expects global inflation, including Thai inflation, to peak in the third quarter of this year while the country's interest rate is set to rise by another 0.75% over the next 12 months to 1.5% in mid-2023.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2371845/trinity-sees-inflation-peak-in-q3>
- QSNCC bags bookings through year-end
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2371820/qsnc-bags-bookings-through-year-end>

Issues to be watched out for

- August 15, 2022 –National Economics and Social Development Council makes GDP Q2/2022
- August 24, 2022 – Gen. Prayut Chan-o-cha's 8th anniversary as a Prime Minister.
- August 24-26, 2022 – The House of Representatives discusses the 2nd reading and 3rd reading of the 2023 annual budget bill.

- August 29-30, 2022 – The Senate discusses the 2023 annual budget bill
- September 5, 2022 – Trade Policy and Strategy Office makes its monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for the month of August 2022.
- September 18, 2022 – Prorogation of a 1/2022 session.
- September 28, 2022- The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) makes the decision on the policy rate.
- October 5, 2022 – Trade Policy and Strategy Office makes its monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for the month of August 2022.
- November 1, 2022 – Opening of a 2/2022 session.
- November 5, 2022 – Trade Policy and Strategy Office makes its monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for the month of October 2022.
- November 18-19, 2022 – APEC Thailand 2022
- November 30, 2022 – The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) makes the decision on the policy rate.
- December 6, 2022 – Trade Policy and Strategy Office makes its monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for the month of November 2022.
- January, 2023 – The hike in the daily minimum wage is set to become official.
- February 28, 2023 – Prorogation of a 2/2022 session.
- March 24, 2022 – The current House of Representatives' expiration of the time of office, the Constitution particularizes the new election of the House of Representatives within 45 days.

Key Data

SET Index	1,636.07	-3.65
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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 August 18 , 2022

Buying, Selling or Transfer of shares by Owners/Management

Stock Code	Volume	Value	Action
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Stock Code	Volume	Value	Action
BANPU	850,000	7.6	Purchase
BANPU	859,900	13.9	Sale
BANPU	4,000,000	7.58	Purchase
BANPU	2,000,000	13.85	Sale
BGC	4,000	10.2	Purchase
BGC	2,000	10.3	Purchase
BIS	20,000	8.9	Sale
CPT	100,000	0.83	Purchase
EP	250,000	0.42	Sale
ILM	30,000	18.2	Purchase
JMART	100,000	49.25	Purchase
K	8,000,000	1.15	Transfer
K	8,000,000	1.68	Transfer
KUMWEL	60,000	2.68	Purchase
M	10,000	55	Sale
MTI	3,400	130.59	Purchase
MTI	12,900	132.53	Purchase

PROEN	227,700	2.8	Sale
PROEN	7,700	3.18	Sale
PSG	2,000,000	1.2	Purchase
SABUY	400,000	18.4	Purchase
SA	40,000,000	-	Transfer
SA	35,000	8.85	Purchase
SA	20,000,000	-	Acceptance of Transfer
SA	20,000,000	-	Transfer
SA	40,000,000	-	Transfer
SA	35,000	8.85	Purchase
SA	20,000,000	-	Acceptance of Transfer
SA	20,000,000	-	Transfer
SO	2,000	12	Purchase
SICT	200,000	7.29	Purchase
SICT	50,000	7.35	Purchase
TMILL	31,300	3.86	Purchase
TEAMG	123,000	5.75	Sale
TRU	20,000	6.48	Sale
TSTE	31,300 Revoked by Reporter	3.86	Purchase
TSTE	1,000	7.05	Purchase
TSR	19,000	5.05	Purchase
TSR	20,000	5.05	Purchase
TSR	55,000	5.05	Purchase
TSR	58,000	5.05	Purchase
TSR	60,000	5.05	Purchase
TSR	80,000	5.05	Purchase
TSR	38,000	5.1	Purchase
TSR	40,000	5.05	Purchase
TSR	43,000	5.05	Purchase
TSR	20,800	5.05	Purchase

TSR	30,000	5.05	Purchase
TSR	20,000	5.1	Purchase
TSR	10,000	5.35	Purchase
TSR	30,000	5.3	Purchase
TSR	40,000	5.25	Purchase
TSR	10,000	5.05	Purchase
TSR	20,000	5.05	Purchase
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TSR	20,000	5.1	Purchase
TSR	20,000	5	Purchase
TSR	40,000	5.05	Purchase
TSR	50,000	5.05	Purchase
TSR	10,000	5.15	Purchase
TSR	20,000	5.2	Purchase
TISCO	20,000	91.5	Purchase
TISCO	10,000	91.5	Purchase
TQM	24,100	42.75	Purchase
TQM	1,300	42.25	Purchase
UVAN	20,000	7.75	Purchase

XD, XE or XM or other notifications

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

Trading Breakdown on the Stock Exchange of Thailand

Daily as of 18 August 2022						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	10,689.04	13.95	7,491.83	9.78	3,197.21	-

Unit: M.Baht

Proprietary Trading	6,350.44	8.29	5,286.06	6.90	1,064.38	-
Foreign Investor	35,399.44	46.21	29,258.38	38.19	6,141.06	-
Local Individuals	24,172.11	31.55	34,574.77	45.13	-10,402.66	-
Monthly Cumulative between 1-18 August 2022						
Unit: M.Baht						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	80,842.86	9.11	86,132.42	9.71	-5,289.57	-
Proprietary Trading	76,750.64	8.65	80,367.74	9.06	-3,617.10	-
Foreign Investors	434,538.12	48.96	393,360.49	44.32	41,177.63	-
Local Individuals	295,370.66	33.28	327,641.62	36.92	-32,270.96	-
Yearly Cumulative since 1 Jan -18 August 2022						
Unit: M.Baht						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	866,873.07	7.54	970,974.99	8.45	-104,101.92	-
Proprietary Trading	988,262.72	8.60	990,857.12	8.62	-2,594.41	-
Foreign Investors	5,494,646.38	47.79	5,336,117.96	46.41	158,528.42	-
Local Individuals	4,147,132.45	36.07	4,198,964.55	36.52	-51,832.10	-

Total Trading Value 76,611.03 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

- List of MPs - https://www.ect.go.th/ect_th/download/article/article_20190508184334.pdf

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