



August 25, 2022

Thai Enquirer News Summary

Political News

- The Constitutional Court judges voted 9:0 to accept an opposition's petition for a ruling on PM Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha's 8-year tenure and a request to suspend him from duty pending the ruling, which was also approved by 5:4 votes, effective on August 24.
 - ❖ The judges voted 9:0 to accept the petition by the opposition parties
 - ❖ The 9-judge panel then held 2 voting to determine whether General Prayut should halt his working or not.
 - In the 1st voting 5:3 voted and the President of the Constitutional Court abstained from voting
 - Not satisfied the President of the court asked for 2nd voting and that too came out with 5:4 voting for suspension of duties, with the president of the court voting for not suspending the duties of Gen. Prayut.

มติประวัติศาสตร์ศาล รธน. 24 ส.ค.65

มติที่ 1 รอบเคียว 9:0
 รับคดี 8 ปึงตุ่วไ้วพิจารณา

มติที่ 2 รอบแรก 5:3
 ให้ลุงตุ่หยุดปฏิบัติหน้าที่ชั่วคราว **(ประธานไม่ใช้สิทธิออกเสียง)**

รอบสอง 5:4
 ให้ลุงตุ่หยุดปฏิบัติหน้าที่ชั่วคราว **(ประธานใช้สิทธิออกเสียง)**

❖ The 9-current Constitutional Court judges are court president Worawit Kangsasitiam, Dr Jiraniti Hawanon, Udom Sitthiwirattham, Wiroon Saengthian, Banjongsak Wongprat, Thaweekiat Minakasit, Nakarin Mektrairat, Panya Udchachon, and Noppadon Theppithak.

- The five majority judges who voted to suspend Prayut were Nakarin, Thaweekiat, Dr Jiraniti, Wiroon, and Noppadon.
- The four minority judges were court president Worawit, Panya, Udom, and Banjongsak.

9 รับคำร้อง 5 หยุดปฏิบัติหน้าที่

ไทม์ไลน์ศาลรัฐธรรมนูญ

17 ส.ค. ส.ส. นำยื่น 171 คน คำร้องยื่นประธานรัฐสภา

19 ส.ค. สภาฯ ลงมติรับร่าง ส.ส. นำยื่น

22 ส.ค. คำร้องของฝ่ายค้าน พร้อมรายชื่อ ส.ส. นำยื่นต่อศาลรัฐธรรมนูญ

24 ส.ค. ศาลรัฐธรรมนูญวินิจฉัย 5 : 0 รับคำวินิจฉัย 5 : 4 ให้นายกฯ หยุดปฏิบัติหน้าที่ พร้อม สนว. กล่าวโทษได้ พล.อ. ประยุทธ์ จันทร์โอชา นายกรัฐมนตรี

6 ก.ย. นายฯ ยื่นหนังสือจึงลาออก 15 วัน

6 ก.ย. ป้าย ก.อ.

24 ส.ค. 2555

สาระหนังสือ
 นำยื่นกับประธานสภา
 ส่งศาล รธน. 3 มิถุนายน
 ความเป็นนายกฯ

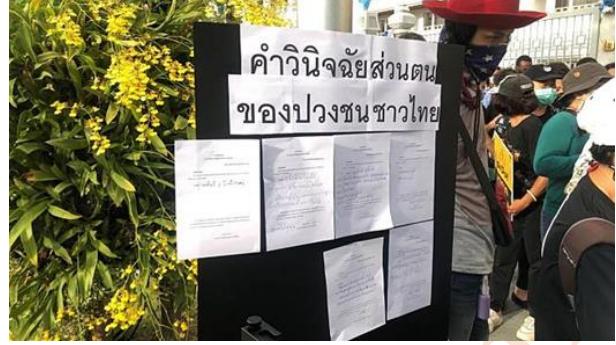
- ศาลฯ ส่งคำพิพากษาฯ ให้ยื่นต่อศาล รธน. 24 ส.ค. 2557
- สนว. นำพลาฯ 170 คนลงมติรับพลาฯ 188 คนต่อ ส.ส. นำยื่น 264 คนนำพลาฯ ส่งศาล รธน. วันที่ 3 มิถุนายน 2557
- ยื่นคำร้องขอวินิจฉัยคดีฯ ต่อศาลรัฐธรรมนูญ
- มติวินิจฉัยการนำพลาฯ คณะกรรมการฯ วันที่ 7 ก.ย. 2561
- ศาลฯ ไม่ให้ถอนตัวผู้พิพากษา สน. พร้อม สนว. ส่งคำพิพากษาฯ 3 มิถุนายน 2562 ป.ป.ช.ฯ ยื่นฟ้องดำเนินคดีต่อ สนว.
- ศาลฯ ส่งคำพิพากษาฯ 7 มิถุนายน 2562
- ขอให้ลุงตุ่ปฏิบัติหน้าที่ชั่วคราวจาก 24 ส.ค. 2555

- Former Constitutional Court judge Jaran Pukditanakul came out to say this morning that the likelihood of Gen. Prayut managing to survive the final verdict seems slim although the judges will have to take all aspects into consideration when they make the final decision in a month or so.
- Meanwhile, Deputy PM Gen Prawit Wongsuwan automatically became the caretaker prime minister in accordance with the Prime Minister's Order No. 237/2563 saying the Cabinet must assign deputy prime ministers to act in place of the suspended prime minister, respectively, as follows:
 - Gen Prawit Wongsuwan
 - Wisanu Krue-ngam
 - Anutin Charnvirakul
 - Jurin Laksanawisit
 - Don Pramudwinai
 - Supattanapong Panmeechaow.
- ❖ The order also stated that the acting prime minister must first be granted the prime minister's approval before proceeding with any personnel management and budget.
- ❖ Even so, Wisanu Krue-ngam still affirmed that Gen Prawit had full authorization to appoint or transfer state personnel, forward organic laws to the King, reshuffle the Cabinet, or dissolve the government.
- The Government House was under tight surveillance yesterday after the Constitutional Court decided to suspend 2014 coup leader and PM Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha from working as a prime minister pending a ruling on his term limit, which was expected to complete in September.
 - ❖ Sources reported that Gen. Prayut who was scheduled to preside over the defense council meeting today would likely assign Gen. Chaichan Changmongkol, Deputy Defense Minister, to replace him at the meeting.
 - ❖ Additionally, Gen. Prayut was also scheduled to attend the funeral ceremony of Gen. Prem Tinsulanonda in Songkhla province on August 26, and until now no changes were made to this schedule yet.
 - ❖ No adjustments have been made to now-suspended PM Prayut's office in the Thai Khu Fa building so far, as he still serves as Minister of Defense. Also, Deputy PM Gen Prawit Wongsuwan who will most likely act as a caretaker PM will remain in his old office in Command Building 1.

- All eyes are now on the unsigned transfers of military officers and high-ranking police because the meeting of the National Police Policy Board and the Police Commission is set to happen soon on August 29.
 - ❖ Meanwhile, the residence of suspended PM Gen Prayut in the 1st Infantry Regiment barracks still remains silent.
- Chonlanan Srikaew, the opposition leader, jointly made a statement with the opposition saying Gen Prayut's tenure had officially reached the end, and he should resign to enable the process of selecting a new prime minister to commence.
 - ❖ Chonlanan said the opposition would dress in black while awaiting the court's ruling to mourn the end of Prayut's regime.



- Meanwhile, Senator Wanchai Sonsiri stated on Facebook that the unexpected had happened regarding Gen. Prayut's suspension, which he said signalled a bad fortune that could lead to many political catastrophes. The only thing to do now, according to Wanchai, was to visit Wat Kai Tia and pray.
- The anti-govt protests still continue at the Democracy Monument and the Nang Loeng intersection to demonstrate their rejection of both Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha and Gen Prawit Wongsuwan from running the country.
 - ❖ Meanwhile, the CCPC Thai led by Anusorn Unno, a lecturer of the Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology at Thammasat University, read an open letter in front of the Constitutional Court yesterday saying Prayut's contentious 8-year term was caused by the constitution that had no relations to the Thai citizens. The best solution now was to reconstruct a constitution with the citizens' participation, Anusorn announced before burning the picture of Prayut and Prawit.



Economic News

- Chaichan Chareonsuk, chairman of the Thai National Shippers' Council (TNSC), commented on the suspension of PM Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha stating a short-term suspension would not affect Thai exports because the export section could still rely on the pre-orders and the 2023 budget, which had just been approved by the parliament.
 - ❖ On the other hand, he expressed concern about the supportive measures that had to be halted pending the court's ruling and hoped that the ruling would be issued as soon as possible to avoid a political vacuum, which would harm the Thai economy and dent investor confidence.
 - ❖ Kriengkrai Thiennukul, chairman of the Federation of Thai Industries, said the court's suspension against Prayut has diminished political tensions for another one month, but one may have to keep an eye on the situation in the next month.
- The National Wage Committee will meet with the tripartite group of employers, employees, and government officials on August 26 at 10:00 Hrs. to discuss raising the daily minimum wage.
 - ❖ Pichit Deesui, Secretary-General of the National Congress of Thai Labour (NCTL) Federation, said that the meeting would possibly conclude on raising the daily wage by 5-8% or 15.65-26.88 Baht, which would go into effect on October 1.
 - ❖ The policy, however, applied differently to each district based on its GDP, such as Bangkok, Rayong, Chonburi, and Phuket, which would receive a full 8% increase, for example.
- Director-General of the Department of Internal Trade, Wattanasak Sur-iam, says that Thai President Foods (Mama), Thai Preserved Food (Wai Wai) and Wan Thai Foods Industry (Yum Yum) are allowed to increase their instant noodle prices by 1 Baht, increasing the

price to 7 baht per packet, effective August 25th. Any greater price increase could, however, lead to 7 years in prison and/or a fine of up to 140,000 baht.

- ❖ In reaching their decision, the ministry took into account the increased costs of production. This approval is, however, on the condition that, if or when those costs reduce, the per-packet prices will reduce accordingly.
- ❖ The noodle makers also have to report monthly to the Department of Internal Trade on the cost of raw materials.
- ❖ Meanwhile PTT and Bangchak gas stations announced a 0.80 Baht increase in all types of gasoline, except E85, which increased by 0.50 Baht, effective today.

COVID-19 News



Infection data for today are as follows

Total New PCR Infections	=	2,002
Total New Death	=	29
Total New Recovery	=	1,742
Total infections so far since outbreak =		4,641,263

Total deaths so far since outbreak = 32,138

Total in Intensive Care Unit (ICU) = 790

Total number on life support (ventilator) 397

The government's data on 'Positive testing' numbers as a percentage of the tests it undertakes stands at 6.76%.

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 decision by the Constitutional Court today to accept the petition by the opposition parties on the 8-year term limit of the Prime Minister is a clear indication that the 2014 coup leader and now suspended Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha's time as the leader has come to an end.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/43322/opinion-gen-prayut-should-take-the-moral-high-ground-and-step-out-of-politics/>
- The main opposition party demanded that embattled Thai Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha step down from his position after the country's Constitutional Court decided to accept the opposition parties' petition to rule on his 8-year term limit.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/43263/thailands-constitutional-court-suspends-coup-leader-prayuts-working-as-it-accepts-the-8-year-term-limit-petition/>
- Foreign Minister Don Pramudwinai said on Wednesday the perception of Thailand in the eyes of the international community would not be affected by General Prawit Wongsuwan becoming the caretaker prime minister.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/politics/40019318>
- The Constitutional Court's decision to accept the petition on the tenure of Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha would help ease political tensions in the country, a law professor said on Wednesday.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/politics/40019313>

- Prayut Chan-o-cha, Thailand's long-serving PM, is known for his song "Returning Happiness to the People", written in the days after the coup, with the hope of mending relations between the military and the people, asking "for a little more time" and "promising to return the country to the people"
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/politics/40019309>
- Deputy Prime Minister Prawit Wongsuwan became the caretaker prime minister after General Prayut Chan-o-cha was suspended from duty by the Constitutional Court on Wednesday.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/politics/40019303>
- The Constitutional Court suspended Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha while it hears a case that could see the former general removed from office. Here's how we got here.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2376196/coups-courts-protests-and-prayut-a-thai-timeline>
- NARATHIWAT: Two rangers were wounded by a bomb explosion in Rueso district on Wednesday, police said.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2375971/rangers-injured-by-bomb>
- A Senate-drafted bill criminalising torture and forced disappearances was approved by the House of Representatives on Wednesday.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2376293/senates-anti-torture-bill-gets-nod>
- City Hall is launching the "Open Bangkok" project to make the capital a liveable city for all, governor Chadchart Sittipunt said.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2376458/chadchart-lauds-open-bangkok>

- The Bank of Thailand (BoT) does not see the need to aggressively hike its policy interest rate at the moment while inflation is expected to continue to stay at a high level of more than 6% by the end of 2022, its governor said.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/43326/bank-of-thailand-hints-at-keeping-rate-hike-to-a-minimal-despite-the-rising-inflationary-pressure/>
- Director-General of the Department of Internal Trade, Wattanasak Sur-iam, says that Thai President Foods (Mama), Thai Preserved Food (Wai Wai) and Wan Thai Foods Industry (Yum Yum) are allowed to increase their instant noodle prices by 1 Baht, increasing the price to 7 baht per packet, effective August 25th.
 - Link- <https://www.thaipbsworld.com/thai-commerce-ministry-approves-1-per-packet-instant-noodle-price-rise/>
- Electronic Transactions Development Agency (ETDA) under the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society has disclosed its survey of Thailand Internet User Behavior 2022 (IUB 2022) for Thai users at the event "IUB 2022: WHAT'S NEXT INSIGHT AND TREND".
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/national/40019312>
- The Constitutional Court's suspension of Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha from duty will not affect Thailand's economic recovery or foreign investor confidence, the Thai Chamber of Commerce (TCC) said on Wednesday.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/business/econ/40019311>
- Finance Minister Arkhom Termpittayapaisith said that the country can still achieve its growth target of 3.5 per cent, but government agencies must start budget spending for fiscal 2023 in October.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/business/econ/40019319>
- A "popular YouTuber" has been accused of duping people into investing about 2 billion baht in a fraudulent securities investment scheme.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2376053/popular-youtuber-accused-of-b2bn-investment-fraud>
- The BoT will raise interest rates gradually to ensure a smooth take-off, as the finance minister expects the Thai economy to grow 3.0-3.5% this year.

- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2375905/pace-of-rate-rises-will-be-gradual-bank-of-thailand>
 - Political changes in the country should not affect investments in the Thai stock market as much as the ongoing economic recovery and the substantial increase in net profit for listed companies this year, according to the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET).
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2376308/set-says-investors-unfazed-by-politics>
 - Samart Digital Plc (SDC), a subsidiary of SET-listed tech and ICT solution provider Samart Corporation, is gearing up for a full-scale astrological business to cash in on fortune telling and belief-related commerce seen to have high potential in Thailand and around Asean.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2376373/lhh-eyes-b100m-funds-to-fuel-expansion>
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Issues to be watched out for

- 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	1,631.55	-2.02
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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 24 ,2022

Buying, Selling or Transfer of shares by Owners/Management

Stock Code	Volume	Value	Action
ATP30	500,000	1.82	Sale
BANPU	859,900	13.9	Sale
BANPU	31	13.82	Sale
BANPU	500,000	14.5	Sale
BGT	60,000	3.34	Sale
DMT	50,000	10.5	Purchase
ECL	11,000,033	-	Transfer
HFT	1,700	6.45	Purchase
JR	135,400	7.01	Purchase
MBAX	60,000	6.3	Purchase
MINT	95,800	33.5	Sale
NRF	40,000,000	-	Acceptance of Transfer
PROUD	250,000	2.04	Sale
PROUD	442,100	2.22	Sale
RPH	7,000	6.8	Purchase
SKR	10,000	12.76	Sale
STA	30,000	20.78	Purchase
STGT	1,000	15.6	Purchase
TMILL	18,000	3.83	Purchase
TMILL	8,400	3.82	Purchase
TACC	550,000	7.06	Sale
TACC	14,700	7.1	Sale
TACC	185,300	7.1	Sale
TACC	200,000	7.05	Sale
TAKUNI	80,000,000	2.6	Sale
TAKUNI	80,000,000 Revoked by Reporter	2.6	Sale

TAKUNI	80,000,000	2.6	Sale
TGE	55,000	1.95	Purchase
TSTE	1,800	7	Purchase
ONEE	100,000	9.5	Sale
TSR	50,000	5.6	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 24 August 2022						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	6,395.84	7.74	6,483.71	7.85	-87.87	-
Proprietary Trading	7,628.17	9.23	7,440.54	9.01	187.64	-
Foreign Investor	38,395.86	46.47	36,687.11	44.40	1,708.74	-
Local Individuals	30,201.48	36.55	32,009.99	38.74	-1,808.51	-
Monthly Cumulative between 1-24 August 2022						
Unit: M.Baht						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	101,685.23	8.66	114,231.38	9.73	-12,546.15	-
Proprietary Trading	102,904.03	8.76	106,634.63	9.08	-3,730.60	-
Foreign Investors	570,440.51	48.58	519,533.65	44.24	50,906.86	-
Local Individuals	399,294.34	34.00	433,924.45	36.95	-34,630.11	-
Yearly Cumulative since 1 Jan -24 August 2022						

Investor Type	Unit: M.Baht					
	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	887,715.44	7.53	999,073.94	8.48	-111,358.50	-
Proprietary Trading	1,014,416.10	8.61	1,017,124.02	8.63	-2,707.91	-
Foreign Investors	5,630,548.77	47.78	5,462,291.11	46.35	168,257.65	-
Local Individuals	4,251,056.12	36.08	4,305,247.37	36.54	-54,191.24	-

Total Trading Value 82,621.35 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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