



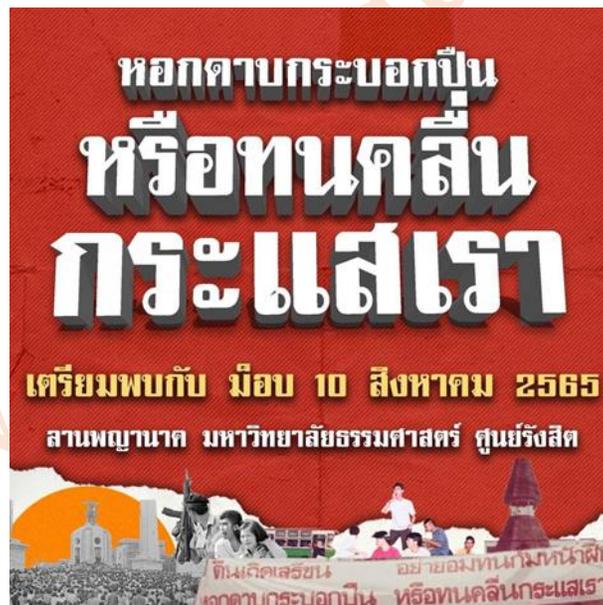
August 4, 2022

## Thai Enquirer News Summary

### Political News

- A parliamentary meeting yesterday came to a halt due to lack of quorum, because the parliamentary meeting did not have half of the 364 MPs, needed. There were as many as 30 MPs, mostly from Phalang Pracharath party and Pheu Thai party that were missing.
  - ❖ Many sources stated that the PPRP and Pheu Thai deliberately left the meeting as they wanted to buy time so that the bill regarding the division-by-500 party-list calculation would not be finished in time on August 15.
    - If the parliamentary meeting was suspended due to lack of quorum, and no decision is made by August 15<sup>th</sup>, the bill to calculate the Party List seats would automatically become null and void, and the 100 division, which the PPRP and Pheu Thai preferred, would be reinstated.
- A member of the Senate Wanchai Sonsiri commented after a council collapse that the consideration of the election bill was running short on time, and the 100 division would ultimately be reinstated.
  - ❖ Wanchai said he suspected that certain coalition and opposition parties had a secret deal to drop the 500 division by simply letting it go null and void after August 15 passed.

- ❖ “I notice that the parliament is buying time by debating the bills preceding the election bill far too long, and some MPs just left to make the quorum unfulfilled.” Wanchai said, “This phenomenon will recur on August 9 and 10.”
- ❖ August 9 & 10 are the 2 last days before the house goes on recess and if the new bills are not passed by August 15<sup>th</sup> then the bill will not be valid anymore.
- The United Front of Thammasat and Demonstration has sought yet another gathering on August 10 at the Naga courtyard in Thammasat University, Tha Prachan Campus.
  - ❖ It was reported that Thammasat students from all three campuses: Tha Prachan, Rangsit, and Lampang, would be there to mark the anniversary of the proclamation of 10 demands regarding royal reform.
  - ❖ The expected topic of discussion is likely to be the typical politics, the government, and the demand for bail for all detained activists. Prominent figures such as Parit Chiwarak and Panassaya Sitchirawatanakul would be present but would not take the stage.



- Meanwhile, Jatuporn Phromphan and Nitithorn Lumlue filed a complaint to PM Prayut Chan-o-cha yesterday to revoke the 15<sup>th</sup> Chief of Thailand’s defense forces’ directive issued on August 1 to ban all unauthorized gatherings, citing the wake of Covid-19 infections.

- ❖ Jatuporn and Nitithorn reasoned that this directive was an abuse of power because Prayut's 8-year premier position was about to end on August 23, and if he ignored the complaint, Jatuporn and Nitithorn would come back with a crowd.
- Today 2014 coup leader and current Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha is scheduled for a visit to Kanchanaburi province to update on the water shortage improvement project and the bank development of Kwai Noi and Kwai Yai rivers to promote tourism by building a skywalk on the bank of Kwai Yai river.
  - ❖ Sources stated that a troop of police officers will be deployed around the skywalk construction site where Prayut will greet his supporters of over 1,000 people. Meanwhile, an anti-govt group announced on Facebook that they would submit a petition letter to Prayut to handle a contracting company's delayed payment to pig farmers.
  - ❖ Kanchanaburi is dominated by the Palang Pracharath Party and the Bhumjai Thai Party, which have 4 and 1 MP respectively.
- Meanwhile Rangsiman Rome, a spokesperson of the Move Forward Party, revealed his party's electoral campaign named, "Move Forward Next," in which the party will go on a roadshow in various provinces.
  - ❖ August 9 Move Forward will travel to Chiang Mai province
  - ❖ August 13 and 14 to Khon Kaen, Udon Thani, and Sakon Nakhon,
  - ❖ August 20 and 21 to the South
  - ❖ August 28 to Bangkok.

Rangsiman stated that the Move Forward Next campaign was only a small part of his party's campaign.

  - ❖ Chaithawat Tulathon, secretary-general of the Move Forward Party, said that this campaign intended to collect citizens' voices regarding their desirable improvements to the country. Additionally, Move Forward will launch another campaign in September to find the most suitable candidates for the election who according to Chaithawat did not have to be high-profile.
  - ❖ The Move Forward Next campaign is now live, and Move Forward invites those interested to visit <https://next.moveforwardparty.org/> to voice their opinions on what should be reformed.
- Pirapan Salirathavibhaga, the newly elected leader of the Ruam Thai Sang Chart Party, has insisted it is not a political offshoot of the ruling Palang Pracharath Party (PPRP), adding he is ready to serve as a prime ministerial candidate in the next election.

- ❖ High on its agenda was the selection of a new executive board, the revision of party regulations, and the appointment of a committee to screen election candidates. Pirapan, who also serves as an adviser to Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha, was elected its leader while former Democrat Party politician Akanat Promphan was named secretary-general.
- ❖ Other newly elected party executives include former deputy Democrat leader Witthaya Kaewparadai; Duangrit Benjathikul Chairungruang, former secretary-general of the Action Coalition for Thailand Party; and Wisut Thammapetch, a former chief of the Phatthalung provincial administrative organisation.
- ❖ Pirapan said the party was set up to work for the people. But he said he has no objection if the majority of party members agree to support Gen Prayut.
- ❖ Ruam Thai Sang Chart was set up last year by Seksakol Atthawong, a staunch supporter of Gen Prayut, with Thanthornthep Yaem-uthai as the leader. It was formed amid speculation that it was a vehicle for the prime minister to take over the leadership role in order to contest the next election.
- ❖ Seksakol later resigned from Ruam Thai Sang Chart to clear the deck for a new lineup led by Mr Pirapan. He said he was planning to form and lead a new party - probably called Therd Thai - with former red-shirt members.



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## **Economic News**

- Nonarit Bisonyabut, a senior researcher at the Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI), stated that the Thai economy was expanding relatively slow compared to other countries. He expected that it would take another year for Thai economy to recover fully, and 3% expansion was not too pleasing.
  - ❖ As for an interest rate hike (which is expected by August 10<sup>th</sup>), Nanorit said it would cause Thai economy to slow down even more.
- The tripartite committee considering raising daily wages has yet to approve new rates proposed by provincial wage sub-committees due to dramatic differences in proposals submitted for consideration.
  - ❖ The committee asked the provincial wage sub-committees to revise their proposals and promises and deliver the outcome to the Labour Ministry by September, according to a source. The meeting was held on Tuesday and chaired by Boonchob Suthamaswong, permanent secretary of the Labour Ministry.
  - ❖ A conclusion could not be reached because some provinces had proposed way too high rates, while others suggested low rates and others did not seek a wage increase, said the source.
- On August 3, the Central Administrative Court ordered to suspend the concession deal of the EEC Eastern water pipeline between the Treasury Department and Vongsayam Korsang company until further notice.
  - ❖ In response to the suspension, Prapas Kong-iad, director-general of the Treasury Department, said that the Eastern Water Resources Development and Management Plc (EASTW), which is a temporary tenant of the pipeline, should pay a new rental rate at 20% as previously proposed instead of a current 7% for the country's benefits.
- True Corporation Plc (TRUE) and Total Access Communication Plc (DTAC) have hit back and denied allegations of disrespecting the regulators' authority levelled by the head of their main rival, Advanced Info Service Plc (ADVANC).
  - ❖ TRUE and DTAC yesterday clarified that mergers in the Thai telecommunications industry have been consistently and continuously carried out. They cited at least nine merger cases which the NBTC had considered according to the 2018 NBTC

Notification by issuing resolutions to acknowledge the notification of those mergers.

- ❖ Meanwhile the five members of the NBTC yesterday unanimously decided to defer a decision on the merger of two giant telecom operators.
- ❖ Trairat Viriyasirikul, acting NBTC secretary-general, said the five commissioners said they would need more information before making a decision on measures to prevent monopolistic or unfair trade practices following the merger of True-DTAC.
- The Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) will hold a conference on August 5 to answer questions regarding an increase in the fuel tariff rate for Sep-Dec 2022 from 68.66 satangs per unit to 93.43 satangs, causing the electricity rate to rise to 4.27 Baht per unit.
- ❖ Phayong Srivanich, president of the Thai Bankers' Association, commented that an electricity hike would affect inflation, purchasing power, and business costs.
- ❖ Meanwhile PTT Station and Bangchak announced the pump price reduction of gasoline and gasohol by 40 satangs per liter while Bangchak decreased diesel premium price by 70 satangs per liter, effective August 4, to cope with the Dubai crude and Singapore refined oil decline

## COVID-19 News

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Infection data for today are as follows

Total New PCR Infections	=	2,166
Total New Death	=	29
Total New Recovery	=	2,700
Total infections so far since outbreak	=	4,598,725
Total deaths so far since outbreak	=	31,492
Total in Intensive Care Unit (ICU)	=	905
Total number on life support (ventilator)	=	476

The government's data on 'Positive testing' numbers as a percentage of the tests it undertakes stands 8.64%.

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

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### **Political News Headlines in Thai Media**

- Former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra came out to say that the 'democratic front' will surely win more than 300 seats in the parliament no matter what option the coalition government lead by the Phalang Pracharath party chooses.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/42330/thaksin-stresses-pro-democracy-parties-will-win-outright-in-2023-polls-adds-he-still-plans-to-return-as-planned/>
- The new leader of the Ruam Thai Sang Chart Party has set his sights on a clean sweep of seats in the southern region in the next election and indicated his readiness to support Prayut Chan-o-cha to continue as prime minister.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2360562/ruam-thai-sang-chart-eyes-all-southern-mp-seats-ready-to-back-prayut>

- The Supreme Court has ordered the Royal Thai Army to pay compensation plus interest, in total about 17 million baht, to the family of a junior officer who drowned during training in 2015.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2360521/army-must-pay-b17m-to-family-of-drowned-soldier>
- The Thai Supreme Court's Criminal Division for Political Office Holders sentenced Palang Pracharath MP for Bangkok Thanikan Pornpongsaroj to one year in prison, suspended for two years, and fined her 200,000 baht after finding her guilty of allowing another MP to use her ID card to vote in parliament.
  - Link- <https://www.thaipbsworld.com/mp-gets-one-year-jail-term-for-letting-someone-vote-on-her-behalf/>
- Thailand hopes parties involved in the situation in the Taiwan strait will resolve their differences through peaceful means, Foreign Ministry spokesman Tanee Sangrat said on Wednesday.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/40018485>
- The House committee vetting the 2023 budget bill yesterday approved 369 million baht out of 738 million baht sought by the Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF) for its planned purchase of two F-35A fighter jets from the US.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2360667/half-budget-okayed-for-2-us-fighter-jets>
- The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) plans to appeal a court decision to remove the former chief of Kaeng Krachan National Park from his post due to the forceful removal of Karen villagers a decade ago.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2360702/mnre-plans-to-defend-park-chief>
- The cabinet has approved a draft memorandum of understanding in which the Royal Thai Armed Forces (RTARF) would station a liaison officer at the US Indo-Pacific Command, said a source.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2360747/officer-sought-to-bond-us-thai-militaries>

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- Exports, one of the only factors that drove the economy during the 1st half of this year, is set to continue to remain vibrant during the course of the 2nd half of the year as weaker Thai Baht and demand shift is likely to continue although the sector's future outlook in 2023 looks a little bleaker.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/42319/exports-set-to-shine-in-2022-but-outlook-for-2023-looks-bleak-amid-slowng-demand-and-higher-base/>
- The Government Lottery Office (GLO) will raise the number of lottery tickets available online from 9.1 million this month to 10.1-10.5 million for the next draw on Sept 1.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2360547/number-of-digital-lottery-tickets-to-pass-10m-for-next-draw>
- More lanes were closed on Rama II Road on Wednesday, to allow the removal of loose-hanging concrete slabs from a flyover, while another section that had been closed by Sunday night's U-turn bridge collapse was reopened.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2360441/more-bridge-danger-on-rama-ii-road>
- A fire at the Summit Wind Mill Golf Club in Bang Phli district on Wednesday morning caused major damage to a three-story building and destroyed about 30 golf carts.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2360411/golf-club-fire-destroys-30-golf-carts>
- Telenor ASA's plan to merge its Thai unit with a local mobile operator has run into fresh regulatory scrutiny and objections from a rival that it is seeking to topple as the Southeast Asian nation's largest carrier.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2360531/telenors-thai-unit-merger-seen-delayed-by-regulatory-scrutiny>
- The Thai economy is still expected to grow 2.75% to 3.5% this year, helped by increased exports, more tourists, and government support, but faces rising inflationary pressures, a leading joint business group said on Wednesday.

- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2360489/joint-business-group-sticks-by-gdp-outlook-despite-inflation-risk>
  - Asia crypto exchange Zipmex Pte plans to allow users to withdraw some tokens from their trading accounts.
    - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2360432/zipmex-allowing-some-altcoin-withdrawals>
  - The five members of the board of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission on Wednesday unanimously decided to defer a decision on the merger of two giant telecom operators.
    - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/business/40018481>
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### **Issues to be watched out for**

- July, 2022 – The wage committee is set to meet to calculate the new minimum wage rate.
- No later than mid-July, the opposition plans to file a petition to the Constitutional Court of Thailand on Gen. Prayut Chan-o-cha's position for his 8-year term limit.
- August 5, 2022 – Trade Policy and Strategy Office makes its monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for the month of July 2022.
- August 10, 2022 – The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) makes the decision on the policy rate.
- 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**

<b>SET Index</b>	<b>1,594.73</b>	<b>+5.57</b>
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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/>

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### **Information on August 3 , 2022**

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

Stock Code	Volume	Value	Action
JCK	1,080,000	0.4	Sale
JCK	208,000	0.4	Sale
KSL	263,700	3.52	Purchase
KSL	102,600	3.52	Purchase
KSL	403,700	3.55	Purchase
KSL	230,000	3.56	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 3 August 2022							
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net		Unit: M.Baht
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%	

Local Institutions	3,410.56	6.70	4,264.09	8.38	-853.53	-
Proprietary Trading	4,615.70	9.07	4,228.28	8.31	387.42	-
Foreign Investor	23,270.51	45.72	23,378.59	45.93	-108.08	-
Local Individuals	19,601.42	38.51	19,027.24	37.38	574.19	-
<b>Monthly Cumulative between 1-3 August 2022</b>						
Unit: M.Baht						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	17,515.49	9.09	20,300.27	10.54	-2,784.78	-
Proprietary Trading	16,289.82	8.46	15,895.40	8.25	394.42	-
Foreign Investors	93,004.29	48.28	88,576.31	45.99	4,427.99	-
Local Individuals	65,809.85	34.17	67,847.48	35.22	-2,037.63	-
<b>Yearly Cumulative since 1 Jan -3 August 2022</b>						
Unit: M.Baht						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	803,545.70	7.44	905,142.83	8.38	-101,597.13	-
Proprietary Trading	927,801.90	8.59	926,384.79	8.58	1,417.11	-
Foreign Investors	5,153,112.55	47.71	5,031,333.77	46.58	121,778.78	-
Local Individuals	3,917,571.64	36.27	3,939,170.40	36.47	-21,598.76	-

**Total Trading Value 50,898.19 Million Baht**

### **Background Information –**

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

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

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