



January 6, 2023

Thai Enquirer News Summary

Political New

- The possibility of a house dissolution starts to become more clear and now only awaits the endorsement of 2 bylaws that have been sent to HM the King.
 - There were 4 things that were awaited before the house is dissolved and out of those 4 things 2 seems to be nearly done
 - > 1st is the announcement and the readiness of Ruam Thai Saang Chart party (RTSC), which is set to hold a meeting on January 9th to make its 'big' announcement.
 - ➤ 2nd thing that was needed was the announcement of the country's population, which as of end of 2022 stood at 66,090,475 people.
 - ✓ Out of this 65,106,481 were Thai citizens and 983,994 were foreigners
- Sources from the Ruam Thai Saang Chart (RTSC) Party reveal more details about the debut event of Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha that will take place on January 9 at 17:00 hrs at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center.

- Sources said the event's main attraction will be when General Prayut takes the stage to explain his reasoning for leaving Palang Pracharath party (PPRP), the ruling coalition party.
- ❖ About 40-50 MPs who are eying to quit their old parties will be joining the event to give a morale boost to Prayut. It is predicted that more than 5,000 people will be present at the event.
- ❖ Labour Minister Suchart Chomklin, will showcase up to 12-15 MPs who would be switching

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Democrat party Palang Pracharat party Action Coalition party

- ❖ As for MP candidate registration, the RTSC will have its MPs in each electoral district hold meetings to consider applicants every week. A total of 400 electoral districts will be covered.
- ❖ Additionally, the RTSC will conduct polls to finalize the decision when more than two candidates want to run for the same electoral district, especially in the Southern region.
- ❖ Meanwhile, Thanakorn Wangboonkongchana, the Minister of the Prime Minister's Office, will head a team of several provincial administrative administrators to actively seek votes across the country.
- Chayapa Sindhuprai, deputy spokesperson for the opposition Pheu Thai Party, came out to remind Gen Prayut about the Election Commission's (EC) rules after Prayut is scheduled to visit Singburi province along with several ministers today.
 - ❖ She said the EC's rules clearly state that political candidates and parties are prohibited from providing aid or assistance in the form of handouts to the public ahead of the poll. The fact that Gen Prayut can use state resources and budget for his political advantage creates an unfair advantage above others, Chayapa said.
 - ❖ In response, Tipanan Sirichana, deputy government spokesperson, came out to defend Gen Prayut, saying Prayut's visit to the area is simply a part of his duty as

Prime Minister. Caring for and listening to the problems of the people is a form of local governance, not politics

- Chinnaworn Boonyakiat, Democrat MP and deputy chief of the government, said that the most suitable time for a general debate without voting was around the start of February.
 - ❖ He said the debate should last 12 hours per day for two days, totalling 24 hours. This will be discussed at a meeting between the opposition and coalition whips held by Suchart Tancharoen, deputy parliament president.
 - ❖ It is reported that the cabinet is contemplating on preparing to answer questions from the opposition because this will be the final confrontation between the two sides in Parliament before the next election.
- Navy chief of staff Admiral Thaloengsak Sirisawat presided over a ceremony to take custody of the Thai Navy's new landing platform dock, "HTMS Chang", from China on January 4 at 13:19 hrs (local time).
 - Aranya Sirisawat, the wife of Admiral Thaloengsak, took charge of launching the warship at the 5th Shipyard of Huadong-Jinghua Shipbuilding in Shanghai, China.
 - ❖ HTMS Chang is Thailand's 3rd landing platform dock that will replace the old one with the same name.
 - ❖ This action aligns with the Navy's long-term plan to acquire four landing platform docks for use in operations such as amphibious warfare, marine rescue, and disaster relief. The strategy covers the period from 2017 to 2036.





Economic News

- The headline inflation increased by 5.89% year-on-year in December, the Ministry of Commerce said.
 - ❖ For 2022, headline inflation increased by an average of 6.08% year-on-year, the highest in 24 years when it reached 8.1% in 1998 which was a year after the Asian Financial Crisis.
 - ❖ Poonpong Naiyanapakorn, director-general of the ministry's Trade Policy and Strategy Office, said the increase in inflation in December was led by the prices of energy and food products that were higher than the low base during the same period in 2021 and the increase in domestic demand.
 - ❖ Comparing month on month from November to December, headline inflation slightly dropped by 0.06%, representing 2 consecutive months of decline as prices of fuel, pork, chicken, egg and fruit continued to fall from month to month. However, the prices of fuel, electricity, cooking gas, public transport and cleaning products were still higher than the same period in 2021.
 - ❖ At 6.08%, the average headline inflation for 2022 was in line with the ministry's expectation of around 5.5-6.5% and Thailand's inflation problem is still less than what was being seen in the US, UK, Italy, Mexico, India and some countries in Asean including Laos, the Philippines and Singapore, Poonpong said.

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• The Parliament meeting is mulling over a question raised by Manop Keereepuwadol, partylist MP for the Move Forward Party, which asked Supattanapong Punmeechaow, Minister of Energy, about the electricity prices, which he said included several irregular costs such as the printing of the monthly bill, meter maintenance fees, and document delivery fees.

- ❖ He said these costs added over 38.22 Baht to each electricity bill and were unfair to citizens.
- Supattanapong responded that these costs were considered by the Energy Regulatory Committee, which were appropriate and not unfair.



- During yesterday's Parliament meeting, Jirat Thongsuwan, an MP from the opposition Move Forward Party, stood up to grill Saksayam Chidchob, Minister of Transport, about the 33-million-Baht redesign project of Bang Sue Grand Station's nameplates.
 - ❖ Jirat said the State Railway of Thailand (SRT), which is responsible for the project, is already deep in debt of over 200 billion Baht, making the project even more unreasonable and inappropriate to carry on.
 - ❖ He also said that the project's contractor, Unique Engineering and Construction Plc (UNIQ), once sued the SRT for 7.5 billion Baht in November 2022, which made it doubtful why the SRT was still trusted and hired UNIQ to change the nameplates.
 - Saksayam, in response, said that the redesign of the station's nameplate was a matter of tradition, not his personal need. It was similar to the change from Nong Ngu Hao Airport to Suvarnabhumi Airport.
 - As for why the SRT chose UNIQ, Saksayam said it was because UNIQ was the original builder of Bang Sue Grand Station and was still in the warranty period of the contract.
 - ❖ Meanwhile, the court fight between the SRT and UNIQ is still not over due to the SRT filing for an appeal.



General News

- Thailand's population, as of December 31st, 2022, was 66,090,475, according to the latest census data provided by the Central Domicile Registration Office.
 - The population was made up of 65,106,481 Thai nationals and 983,994 who are yet to receive Thai citizenship.
 - Of the Thai nationals, there were
 - **33,351,449** females
 - **31,755,032** males
 - ❖ Of the 983,994 who were yet to receive Thai citizenship, there were 515,583 males and 468,411 females.
 - ❖ Thailand's official population the previous year was 66,171,439, consisting of 65,197,783 Thai nationals and 973,656 non-Thais.
 - Provinces with highest population were

➤ Bangkok's population stood @ 5,494,936

Nakorn Ratchisma's population 2,603,058

Chiang Mai came in 3rd 1,792,474



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Political News Headlines in Thai Media

- A concrete road damaged during the construction of a Bangkok expressway has been lying in a state of disrepair for almost 10 years, an MP-aspirant politician said on Thursday.
 - o Link- https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/politics/40023756
- The Royal Thai Navy on Thursday rejected a report on a Facebook page that the doomed "HTMS Sukhothai" was not fit for operation as its steel hull had eroded at 13 spots.
 - o Link- https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/general/40023759
- A ceremonial launching of the Royal Thai Navy's third amphibious transport dock ship took place in China on Wednesday, a source said.

- Link- https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2476289/navy-names-new-transport-ship-chang
- The United Thai Nation Party is preparing to roll out the red carpet for Prime Minister Prayut, who is expected to formally apply for party membership on Monday.
 - o Link- https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2476254/utn-set-to-welcome-prayut-as-member
- City Hall will review three projects approved by past administrations which have been incurring heavy losses in an effort to make them more profitable, said deputy Bangkok governor Wisanu Subsompon.
 - o Link- https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2475554/loss-making-projects-face-bma-review

Economic News Headlines in Thai Media

- Thai Baht, which in October was trading at around 38 to the US Dollar has strengthened to 34 to the US\$, and the Thai currency is likely to continue to see strengthening going into 2023 as the Thai economy continues to recover and China's reopening to help sustain recessionary fears from the west.
 - o Link- https://www.thaienquirer.com/47303/thai-baht-likely-to-continue-to-strengthen-as-asian-economies-could-benefit-from-chinas-reopening/
- Headline inflation increased by 5.89% year-on-year in December, the Ministry of Commerce said.
 - o Link- https://www.thaienquirer.com/47297/headline-inflation-rises-by-5-89-year-on-year-in-december-bringing-fy-2022-inflation-at-6-08/
- Transport Minister Saksayam Chidchob defended the State Railway of Thailand's 33-million-baht nameplate and logo redesign for Bang Sue Grand Station.
 - Link- https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2476374/bang-sue-logo-redesign-transparent

- A single caffeine rush may have cost taxpayers 33 million baht.
 - o Link- https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/politics/40023757
- State-owned Krungthai Bank (KTB) has partnered with leading telecom operator Advanced Info Service (AIS) on a plan to jointly invest in a virtual bank, aiming to serve both existing and new customers, says KTB president Payong Srivanich.
 - o Link- https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2476309/ktb-ais-eyeing-virtual-bank
- The new chief of the state agency that runs the Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC) has come up with a "4Rs" plan to push the special industrial zone as a model for sustainable development.
 - o Link- https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/general/40023766
- Tourists entering Thailand will be required to have at least two Covid-19 vaccine shots, it was agreed at a meeting of four ministries on Thursday.
 - o Link- https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/general/40023763
- A woman who parked her car at a shopping mall in Nonthaburi was shocked to find a demand for 6.5 million baht in parking fees when she returned two hours later.
 - o Link- https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/general/40023758
- The CEO of Kong Salak Plus online lottery platform, Phantawat Nakwisut, has been summonsed by the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) over evidence the company received millions of baht from a money laundering gang.
 - o Link- https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/general/40023735
- A major property developer has informed the Stock Exchange of Thailand that it has defaulted on 10.65 million baht in interest payments on a tranche of bonds, raising concerns about its ability to repay debentures of 1.2 billion baht due this year.
 - o Link- https://www.nationthailand.com/business/corporate/40023751
- Health ministry issues a guidebook about cannabis for tourists so they understand what they can and cannot do with the plant while visiting the country.
 - Link- https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2476014/cannabis-guide-for-tourists-issued

- SET-listed Saksiam Leasing (SAK), an auto and personal loan provider, wants to expand by providing loans for residential solar rooftops, aiming to grow the portfolio of the new business to 1 billion baht this year.
 - o Link- https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2476269/sak-tc-renewable-team-up-to-offer-solar-rooftops-loans
- Bangkok Lab and Cosmetics (BLC), a large local pharmaceutical firm, is planning to float its shares on the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) later this year, aiming to raise funds for future expansion.
 - Link- https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2476319/blc-prepares-listing-to-fund-expansion

Issues to be watched out for

- January 2023 The hike in the daily minimum wage is set to become official.
- January 31st, 2023 The Ministry of Finance announced its own GDP data
- February 20, 2023 The National Economic & Social Development Council (NESDC) set to announce the Q4 2022 and Fiscal Year 2022 GDP data
 - https://www.nesdc.go.th/download/forthcoming.pdf
- February 28, 2023 Prorogation of a 2/2022 session.
- February 28, 2023 Possible date for the dissolution of the parliament by 2014 coup leader Prayut Chan-o-cha to hold elections.
- 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.
- April 28th, 2023 The Ministry of Finance announced its own GDP data

- April 29th 2023 The possible date for elections if parliament is dissolved by February 28th 2023 (by law elections has to be held within 60-days after house dissolution).
- May 7th, 2023 Election Commission says elections must be held by this date if the government completed its term (which falls on March 23, 2023)
- July 31st, 2023 The Ministry of Finance announced its own GDP data
- October 31st, 2023 The Ministry of Finance announced its own GDP data

Key Data

SET Index 1,663.86 -9.39

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

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Information on January 5,2023

Buying, Selling or Transfer of shares by Owners/Management

Stock Code Volume Value Action

AS	3,000	17.4	Sale
CPANEL	20,000	11.5	Sale
CPANEL	10,100	5.7	Sale
CCET	200,000	2.33	Purchase
IRCP	100,000	0.99	Purchase
JR	89,000	7.11	Purchase
KTIS	20,400	3.89	Purchase
KSL	300,000	3.63	Purchase
MC	519,800	10.5	Purchase
PG	3,000	7.6	Purchase
PPM	2,000	2.16	Purchase
PRAKIT	7,000	12.43	Purchase
PCC	404,700	3.27	Purchase
S&J	12,000	30.84	Purchase
S&J	12,000	30.84	Purchase
SEAFCO	20,000	3.69	Purchase
SIMAT	610,000	2	Purchase
SUSCO	1,000,000	3.84	Purchase
TFI	7,000,000	0.15	Sale
TFI	2,000,000	0.15	Sale
TSTE	5,000	7.2	Purchase
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XD, XE or XM or other notifications

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Trading Breakdown on the Stock Exchange of Thailand

Daily as of 5 January 2023									
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Unit: M.Baht Net				
investor Type	Value	%	Value	0/0	Value	0/0			
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Proprietary Trading	5,765.46	6.77	5,765.15	6.77	0.31	-			
Foreign Investor	41,047.87	48.17	39,770.16	46.67	1,277.71	-			
Local Individuals	29,255.37	34.33	28,812.00	33.81	443.37	-			
Monthly Cumulative between 1-5 January 2023									
					Unit: M.Baht				
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net				
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%			
Local Institutions	23,954.59	10.57	26,189.89	11.56	-2,235.30	-			
Proprietary Trading	14,318.77	6.32	15,164.66	6.69	-845.89	-			
Foreign Investors	106,509.77	47.00	103,669.12	45.74	2,840.65	-			
Local Individuals	81,852.19	36.12	81,611.66	36.01	240.54	-			
Yearly Cumulative since 1 Jan -5 January 2023									
			Unit: M	I.Baht					
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net				
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%			
Local Institutions	23,954.59	10.57	26,189.89	11.56	-2,235.30	-			
Proprietary Trading	14,318.77	6.32	15,164.66	6.69	-845.89	-			
Foreign Investors	106,509.77	47.00	103,669.12	45.74	2,840.65	-			
Local Individuals	81,852.19	36.12	81,611.66	36.01	240.54	-			

Total Trading Value 85,211.49 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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