

February 8, 2023

Thai Enquirer News Summary

Political New

- The fiction between the ruling coalition partners is coming out in the open. It is not just the adjournment of the parliament but even on the stage of the Bhumjai Thai party the party's registrar – Supachai Jaisamut, came out to blast the 2014 coup leader and incumbent Prime Minister – Prayut Chan-o-cha.
 - ❖ “He has been in power for 8-years and the country has been peaceful but the people have no money in their pockets,” Supachai said.
 - “Do the people want to bring him back to power again?”
 - ❖ This prompted Bhumjai Thai party's leader – Anutin Charnvirakul, to come out and apologize to Prayut.
 - ❖ A source stated that during the cabinet break yesterday, Anutin walked up to Gen Prayut while he was speaking with Deputy Prime Minister Prawit Wongsuwan and Interior Minister Anupong Paochinda to say sorry.
 - “I will warn him, our party will not talk about other parties and I have told this to the party what BJT will do to the people and want to communicate

with the people, I therefore I have to say I am sorry and this will not happen again.”

- ❖ Link to VDO - <https://twitter.com/i/status/1622776835275898881>



- Meanwhile Bhumjai Thai party – the so called kingmaker of the next government (as they claim) are starting to show olive branch to Pheu Thai and especially to self-exiled former Prime Minister – Thaksin Shinawatra.
 - ❖ A video clip that is a collection of old footages shows how the party is ‘indebted’ to Thaksin.
 - ❖ During the talk by Anutin in the video (that’s going viral), he says that 80-90% of the members of Bhumjai Thai party were members of Thai Rak Thai (the party that Thaksin had founded) or People’s Power party (the party that was formed after Thai Rak Thai was dissolved in 2007) and Pheu Thai party (the party that was formed after People’s Power party was dissolved in 2009).
 - ❖ He said that there was no intention of anyone in Bhumjai Thai to think bad for Thaksin.
 - ❖ This video has been going viral on social media

Link to Video clip - <https://fb.watch/iyKFGSxOtw/>



- Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha, who is now a premier candidate for the Ruam Thai Saang Chart Party (RTSC), revealed at the cabinet meeting that he was worried about other parties' promises to increase the welfare benefits for state officers, saying it would put a massive financial burden on the country.
 - ❖ “Some parties promise to increase the salary of state officers, which will need 800 billion Baht per year. Where will that much money come from,” Prayut said, “If that happens, the country will not be able to strive forward.”
 - ❖ However, on that same day, Wirasak Hadda, president of the Subdistrict Administrative Organization Association of Thailand, met with leader of the RTSC Pirapan Salirathavibhaga to follow up on a request to increase the salary for SAO officers, which has been pending for 15 years.
 - ❖ If the committee gave a green light, the pay raise proposal would then be signed by Anupong and go into effect immediately, added Pirapan.
 - ❖ “This is a dream of the 5,300 Subdistrict Administrative Organizations presidents and almost 400,000 SAO officers. If it succeeds, it will be a proud achievement for the Prime Minister.”
- Wittaya Kaewparadai, deputy leader of the Ruam Thai Saang Chart Party (RTSC), slammed the Pheu Thai Party's claim that they would secure a landslide victory in the upcoming election by scoping all seats in the northeast region of Isarn.
 - ❖ He said Isarn people wanted a real northeasterner as their prime minister, and that person cannot be anyone other than Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha, who was born and raised in Nakhon Ratchasima province.
 - ❖ Wittaya stated this would surely secure a decisive victory for his party, adding the majority of Isarn people saw Prayut as a trustworthy and honest politician, who in his 8-year tenure has never been accused of corruption.
 - ❖ Isarn people preferred Prayut's administration of the country more than former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra's, stated Wittaya.
- Former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra said yesterday during the ClubHouse online forum that the so-called independent Thai organizations, such as the Election Commission (EC), were not really independent because it was full of lobbyists who served the interests of a specific group.

- ❖ He added that the previous election was a big flop, claiming some people stole the voting ballots to count the votes outside the polling stations and then put them back into the ballot box again.
- ❖ Thaksin warned that this might re-occur in the next election.
- ❖ Meanwhile, Suranand Vejjajiva, former key leader of the Sang Anakot Thai Party, joined the forum yesterday. Many expected he would soon decide to re-join the Pheu Thai Party.



- Reports are coming that the Saam Mitr faction in the Palang Pracharath party (PPRP) are looking to move to Pheu Thai party very soon.
 - ❖ Talks of them joining has been ongoing although they have denied that they are going to move anywhere.
- Today the Kunplome family is set to join the Pheu Thai party, the Kunplome family that rules the east coast regions of Pattaya and Bangsaeng are politically powerful and have been the regional power of the east.
 - ❖ The Kunplome family currently are with the PPRP and were with Pheu Thai in the past.
- The Criminal Court yesterday granted one-month bail to two political hunger-striking activists, Tantanwan “Tawan” Tuatulanon and Orawan “Bam” Phuphong per request from the director of Thammasat University Hospital.
 - ❖ The two have been released due to their dangerously worsening health, however, they still persist to continue the hunger strike and denied the bail.

- ❖ The Thai Lawyers for Human Rights (TLHR) reported that there are currently 8 people and political prisoners who are on a hunger strike and some are not sleeping to call for the release of all political activists, and the abolition of Articles 112 (lese majeste law) and 116.

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วันที่มีมติประชุมประมาณ 16.00 น. ของคณะกรรมการสิทธิมนุษยชนระหว่างประเทศ (HRC) ที่เมืองเจนีวา ประเทศสวิตเซอร์แลนด์ ได้มีมติรับรองสถานะของนักเคลื่อนไหวสิทธิมนุษยชน ๘ คน ซึ่งรวมถึงคนไทย ๖ คน และ ๒ คนที่เป็นชาวต่างชาติ ซึ่งได้ยื่นข้อเรียกร้องต่อรัฐบาลไทยและต่างประเทศให้ปล่อยตัวนักเคลื่อนไหวสิทธิมนุษยชนเหล่านี้

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- Tomorrow (February 9) newly elected Malaysian Prime Minister – Anwar Ibrahim, is set to undertake an official visit to Thailand.
 - ❖ Anwar is set to meet the ultra-expensive watch borrower from dead friends – Prawit Wongsuwan, who is also the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, in the morning and then meet the 2014 coup leader – Prayut, later in the day.

Economic News

- The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is accepting applications for the position of secretary-general, to replace Ruenvadee Suwanmongkol, whose term will end on April 30, 2023. The application period is from February 7-27, 2023.
 - ❖ The SEC board previously voted 6:4 to not extend Ruenvadee’s term in the office.
 - ❖ A source stated that Veerathai Santiprabhob, former governor of the Bank of Thailand (BOT), and Ronadol Numnonda, deputy governor of BOT, will be applying for the position.

- Lawon Sangsanit, director-general of the Revenue Department, gave an interview after meeting with Arkhom Termpittayapaisith, Minister of Finance.
 - ❖ He stated that the matter of tax on share sales was discussed at the Cabinet meeting and has already been forwarded to the Office of the Council of State for consideration. However, the final decision on the matter still rests with the Prime Minister, who has the authority to present it to His Majesty the King for a formal announcement in the Royal Gazette.
- Puttidet Boonkrathue, commander of the Economic Crime Suppression Division, revealed he would file a lawsuit regarding stock manipulation against More Return Plc (MORE) with the Central Investigation Bureau within this week.
 - ❖ The lawsuit might lead to another seizure of assets related to the concerned company in the future, said Puttidet.
- Sivarom Real Estate Plc (SVR) will be traded on the Thai stock market for the first time today under the real estate and construction group.
 - ❖ SVR has a paid-up capital of 510 million Baht after its IPO, with its stock price starting at 1 Baht per share. The company also has existing common shares of 380 million shares.
 - ❖ Recently, SVR has completed construction on 6 projects and is currently selling them all, with a total value of 2.99 billion Baht. The company also has another project in the future, expected to be put up for sale next year.
 - ❖ Finansia Syrus Securities estimates that SVR stock will rise to 3 Baht per stock, based on a relative P/E ratio of 8 times, due to increasing demand for low-rise homes.

General News

- Cannabis is becoming big in Thailand and there is one name that always makes it to the news - Tom Kruesopon.

- ❖ In a social media video he along with his business partner – Joe Thawilvejjakul, have made it to news for their outrageous gimmick of promoting his new outlet called ‘Cookie’
- ❖ Link to his story – <https://leafmagazines.com/culture/cookies-celebrates-opening-of-thailand-store/>
- ❖ VDO - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fzxx-8shlHk>



Political News Headlines in Thai Media

- Activists Orawan “Bam” Phupong (23) and Tantawan “Tawan” Tuatulanon (20) are in critical condition. Doctors say that their organs are failing and that if their hunger strike continues it could be fatal.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/47905/thailand-would-never-appreciate-bam-and-tawans-sacrifice/>
- A lack of quorum forced the joint sitting of the Thai Parliament to adjourn before a vote on the media ethics bill, which is widely opposed by media practitioners who fear it would restrict media freedom.
 - Link- <https://www.thaipbsworld.com/vote-on-media-ethics-bill-adjourned-due-to-lack-of-a-quorum/>

- Thailand's Criminal Court granted temporary release to two hunger strikers (Tuesday), at the request of the director of Thammasat University Hospital, claiming that their health has deteriorated to a life-threatening level due to high levels of blood ketone and a reduction of kidney function.
 - Link- <https://www.thaipbsworld.com/court-grants-temporary-release-to-two-hunger-strikers/>
 - Prime Minister General Prayut Chan-o-cha said he has yet to decide whether he will contest as a party-list candidate for the United Thai Nation Party (UTNP).
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/politics/40024710>
 - The Supreme Court's Criminal Division for Persons Holding Political Position has issued an arrest warrant for former interior minister Jarupong Ruangsuwan over a graft case dating back to 2012.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/politics/40024704>
 - Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim and his wife, Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, are arriving in Thailand on Thursday for a two-day trip to boost border trade cooperation.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/general/40024705>
 - Industry Minister Suriya Juangroongruangkit has confirmed he and Justice Minister Somsak Thepsuthin, both key members of the Sam Mitr faction, will remain with the Palang Pracharath Party (PPRP).
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2501124/suriya-somsak-to-remain-with-pprp>
 - The prime minister warned against populist policies being rolled out by political parties to attract voters, saying their election pledges could inflict financial burdens.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2501296/parties-urged-to-shun-populism>
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- The Criminal Court on Tuesday issued an injunction to shutter the online lottery platform Kong Salak Plus until a final verdict.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/general/40024713>
- Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha is confident the country will receive more than 30 million foreign tourist arrivals this year as the economically vital tourism sector gathers steam, a spokesman said on Tuesday.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2501085/pm-says-tourist-arrivals-will-reach-30m>
- PTT Exploration and Production Plc (PTTEP) expects its sales of oil and gas this year will reach a new high of 470,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day (boed), driven by gas supply from the Erawan field in the Gulf of Thailand.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2501199/pttep-expects-sales-record-in-2023>
- The Bank of Thailand will support vulnerable debtors to help them deal with the impact of rising interest rates, a deputy governor said on Tuesday.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2501149/bot-to-help-shield-debtors-from-rate-shock>
- Thailand's exports are likely to grow by 1% to 2% this year, unchanged from a previous forecast, according to the Thai National Shippers' Council.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2500964/thai-exports-seen-up-1-2-in-2023-shippers>
- Spending on Valentine's Day this year is projected to top 2.39 billion baht, jumping 57.1% from last year and the first increase in five years.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2501401/valentines-spending-to-hit-b2-39bn>
- The local banking industry is developing the technological infrastructure to prevent cybercrime in the hard-hit financial sector.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2501376/banks-strike-back-at-cybercriminals>

- Grande Asset Hotels and Property Plc aims to record 6 billion baht in revenue this year, more than triple the total posted last year, as the hotel business has bounced back to the pre-pandemic level.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2501351/grande-asset-aiming-to-reach-b6bn-in-revenue-this-year>
 - Gulf Energy Development, Singapore Telecommunications (Singtel) and Advanced Info Service (AIS) have started construction of a new data centre with a capacity of more than 20 megawatts.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2501631/new-20mw-data-centre-breaks-ground>
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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 15-16 - The possible date for the general debate without voting against the government of Prayut Chan-o-cha by the opposition.
- 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	1,680.49	-1.62
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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 February 7 ,2023

Buying, Selling or Transfer of shares by Owners/Management

Stock Code	Volume	Value	Action
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AP	30,000	11.7	Purchase
SPA	222,200	11.6	Purchase
THG	100,000	71	Sale

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 7 February 2023						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	4,033.90	6.56	4,142.73	6.74	-108.83	-
Proprietary Trading	5,082.13	8.27	4,722.85	7.68	359.28	-
Foreign Investor	29,686.71	48.30	32,372.45	52.67	-2,685.74	-
Local Individuals	22,661.05	36.87	20,225.76	32.91	2,435.30	-
Monthly Cumulative between 1 Feb-7 February 2023						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	22,248.86	7.57	18,139.49	6.17	4,109.37	-
Proprietary Trading	22,914.67	7.79	21,815.07	7.42	1,099.61	-
Foreign Investors	140,748.38	47.87	150,776.03	51.28	-10,027.65	-
Local Individuals	108,116.32	36.77	103,297.64	35.13	4,818.68	-
Yearly Cumulative since 1 Jan -7 February 2023						

Investor Type	Unit: M.Baht					
	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	148,362.06	8.60	168,523.71	9.76	-20,161.64	-
Proprietary Trading	131,057.25	7.59	124,296.93	7.20	6,760.32	-
Foreign Investors	850,768.98	49.30	842,453.08	48.81	8,315.91	-
Local Individuals	595,649.58	34.51	590,564.16	34.22	5,085.42	-

Total Trading Value 61,477.30 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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