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Thai Enquirer News Summary

Political News

- Prime Minister Srettha Thavasin is scheduled to visit Mae Sot district in Tak province on April 23 to monitor the border situation at Thailand-Myanmar Friendship Bridge No. 1. The visit will follow the Cabinet meeting and he will return to Bangkok at 5 PM on the same day.



- ❖ "I do not desire to see any such clashes have any impact on the territorial integrity of Thailand, and we are ready to protect our borders and the safety of our people. At the same time, we are also prepared to provide humanitarian assistance, if necessary," Srettha said.
- ❖ Meanwhile, Parnpree Bahiddha-Nukara, the Foreign Minister, stated that the kingdom is 'more than ready to defend against any violation of Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity' if clashes between ethnic resistance forces and the Myanmar military coup regime spill over from Myawaddy.



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ผมติดตามสถานการณ์การปะทะกันตั้งแต่เช้าวินนี้ระหว่างกองกำลังในบริเวณสะพานมิตรภาพ 2ฝั่งเมียนมาอย่างใกล้ชิดอยู่ครับ

มีความห่วงกังวล ขอยืนยันว่าผมไม่ต้องการให้การสู้รบมีผลกระทบต่อบูรณภาพแห่งดินแดนของไทย หรือละเมิดอธิปไตยแต่อย่างใด ประเทศไทยพร้อมให้ความช่วยเหลือด้านมนุษยธรรมเสมอหากมีความจำเป็น และขณะเดียวกันก็พร้อมปกป้องความปลอดภัยของพี่น้องคนไทยครับ

I am closely monitoring situation with concern, following the clashes between armed forces on the Myanmar side in the area of the Thai-Myanmar Friendship Bridge No. 2. I do not desire to see any such clashes have any impact on the territorial integrity of Thailand and we are ready to protect our borders and the safety of our people. At the same time, we are also ready to provide humanitarian assistance if necessary.

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- Around 3,000 refugees fled from fighting near the Thai-Myanmar Friendship Bridge No. 2 on the Myanmar side to Tha Sai Luat subdistrict in Mae Sot over the weekend The refugees have been taken to a temporary shelter, according to the Rachamanu Special Task Force.
- ❖ Dr. Sopon Eiamsiritaworn, the inspector-general of the Ministry's Health Region 2, stated that he has been assigned by Dr. Opas Karnkawinpong, the ministry's permanent secretary, to monitor the situation due to an increase in the number of refugees fleeing the fighting and entering Thailand.



- A meeting of the seven coalition parties was held yesterday to discuss amending the constitution and the referendum process. The meeting took place amid uncertainty over the referendum process after the Constitutional Court declined to rule on the number of referendums needed to rewrite the constitution.
 - ❖ According to reports, most parties agreed to proceed with three separate referendums as proposed by the Committee to Study the Referendum Process, chaired by Phumtham Wechayachai.
 - ❖ The coalition will present the proposal to the Cabinet meeting on April 23 for approval. If approved, the proposal will be forwarded to the Election Commission (EC) for further action.



- Minister of Defense Suthin Klangsaeng has proposed a draft law that will allow the prime minister to suspend top officers suspected of plotting a military coup.
 - ❖ However, the proposal has sparked debate. Gen Boonlert Kaewprasit, a former chairman of the Army Advisory Board, expressed concern that the amendment could instead accelerate military coups. He also emphasized that the government should not make such harsh accusations against any officers without an investigation, warning that without proper checks, the government could become a dictatorship itself.
 - ❖ Meanwhile, Wirot Lakkhanaadisorn, an MP from the Move Forward Party, said that he agreed with the principle of the draft law. He suggested that the law should stop granting the military independence and stressed the importance of civilian oversight. He proposed revising the amendment to place decision-making authority with the civilian-appointed Minister of Defense.



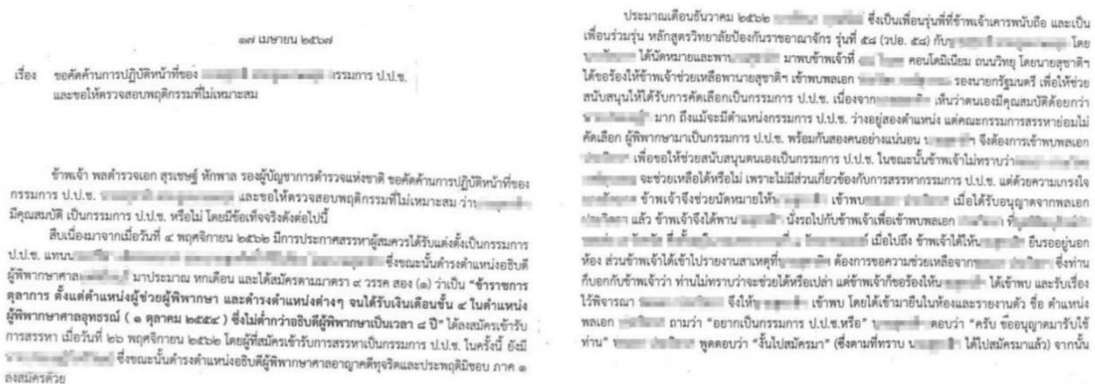
- Ruam Thai Sang Chart, Prachachat and Thai Sang Thai – held their annual general assemblies on Sunday.
 - ❖ Thai Sang Thai elected its new executive board. In the party election of Thai Sang Thai at Suban Hall in Bangkok’s Don Mueang district, party leader Sudarat Keyuraphan was re-elected leader. Thai Sang Thai also elected Roi Et MP Chatchawal Paetyatha as its new secretary general, replacing Thakorn Tanthasit.
 - ❖ During the caucus of Ruam Thai Sang Chart, Deputy Prime Minister and Energy Minister Pirapan Salirathavibhaga, who is the party leader, told party members that the Ruam Thai Sang Chart owed former prime minister General Prayut Chan-o-cha a debt.
 - ❖ Pirapan said the party won 36 House seats in the general election last year because of Prayut’s devotion to serving the country during the tenure of the past government. The party would continue working based on “Uncle Tu’s DNA”, referring to Prayut’s nickname. The party would continue Prayut’s policies to work for the country and the people.



- ❖ Meanwhile Prachachat Party’s deputy leader, Justice Minister Tawee Sodsong, said the party aimed to sweep 12 out of 13 constituencies in southern border provinces in the next general election. The party won nine House seats in the election last year.

- A leaked document circulating on social media has raised eyebrows over a complaint filed by Pol Gen Surachate Hakparn, suspended Deputy National Police Chief, against Suchart Trakulkasemsuk, a member of the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC).

- ❖ In the document dated April 17, Pol Gen Surachate alleges that Suchart harbored personal animosity towards him and was biased in his handling of a corruption case involving Pol Gen Surachate and his associates.
- ❖ Pol Gen Surachate requested an investigation into Suchart's background and conduct, citing concerns about his impartiality and fitness for office. He further sought to have the matter referred to the House Speaker for parliamentary scrutiny.
- ❖ In the document, Pol Gen Surachate also claims that former Deputy Prime Minister and Palang Pracharat Party leader, Gen Prawit Wongsuwan, could corroborate his allegations.
- ❖ Meanwhile, NACC Secretary-General Niwattchai Kasemmongkol acknowledged the receipt of Pol Gen Surachate's complaint but refrained from confirming that it is the same one circulated on social media. He stated that the matter would be presented to the full NACC board for consideration, and Pol Gen Surachate might be summoned for questioning.



- The Election Commission (EC) is still gathering information for its investigation into petitions that could potentially lead to the dissolution of the Bhumjaithai Party, the second-largest party in the ruling coalition, which holds 71 MP seats.

- ❖ EC Chairperson Ittiporn Boonpracong said there were four petitions against the party, some of which have been filed since mid-2023. Some petitions were unclear, and the EC has asked the petitioners to clarify their submissions. This process is expected to conclude soon. However, the process of gathering evidence and interviewing witnesses is still ongoing.

- ❖ Ittiporn said the EC is currently requesting financial information from related agencies regarding the Burijarearn Construction Limited Partnership and its donations to the Bhumjaithai Party. Ittiporn emphasized the need to determine whether the funds donated by the firm to the party originated from concessions received while Saksayam Chidchob, the former transport minister and secretary-general of the party, was in charge of the transport ministry.
- ❖ The party stands accused of unlawfully receiving donations from Burijarearn Construction, allegedly owned by nominees of Saksayam.
- A special parliamentary committee tasked with studying appropriate laws and measures to control e-cigarettes faced criticism for its plan to visit a Chinese e-cigarette production factory.
 - ❖ Critics, including the Health Professions Network for a Smoke-Free Thai Society, questioned what the committee would gain from the trip that could aid in preventing youth consumption of e-cigarettes, which are illegal in Thailand.
 - ❖ The society recommended that the committee examine the comparison between laws in countries where e-cigarettes are legal and illegal by requesting readily available information from related agencies, rather than spending money to travel to China for what seemed to be an unnecessary visit to observe e-cigarette production.
 - ❖ In response to accusations that MPs from the Move Forward Party (MFP) were advocating for the trip, MFP MP Taopiphop Linjittrakorn, a deputy chairperson of the committee, clarified that the trip was proposed by the committee's chairperson, Niyom Wiwatthanadidkoon from the ruling Pheu Thai Party. The proposal had been endorsed by members of various parties because the committee is responsible for finding effective ways to regulate e-cigarettes, as the current ban on e-cigarettes evidently has not been successful.



- The NIDA Poll said that most Thais do not think paroled former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra could boost the ruling Pheu Thai Party's popularity enough for them to win the next general election. The poll was conducted between April 9th and 11th among 1,310 people on the topic of Thaksin's role and Pheu Thai party's chances in the next election.

- ❖ Asked whether Thaksin's moves and activities since his parole in February had helped improve the popularity of the Pheu Thai, the respondents replied:

- Having no effect at all 40.81%
- Having negative impact on Pheu Thai's popularity 33.21%
- Having positive impact on Pheu Thai's popularity 19.54%

- ❖ Asked whether they thought Pheu Thai would win the next general election:

- Impossible 32.98%
- Rather possible 29.24%
- Rather impossible 21.14%
- Very likely 12.82%



- The Move Forward party is leading the Pheu Thai party by a wide margin in terms of popularity, especially among people aged under 20 and those aged 20-29, although the majority say they will not vote for either of the two parties in the next election, according to Super Poll.

- ❖ The Super Poll Research Centre gauged the opinions of 1,154 people in various professions and occupations between April 15th and 20th.

- ❖ The poll shows 45.1% of the male and 46.1% of the female respondents say they will not vote for either Move Forward or Pheu Thai, but will vote for the other parties. 37.3% of the females and 37% of the males say they will vote for Move Forward. 17.9% of males and 16.6% of females say they will vote for Pheu Thai.
- ❖ The interesting aspect of the poll results is that 76.2% of the respondents who are under 20 are in favour of Move Forward, but the popularity tends to decline with age. 48.9% of respondents in the 20-29 age group favour Move Forward. 34.2% in the 30-39 age group say they will vote for Move Forward and the percentage of those who favour the party declines as they age.
- ❖ Occupation wise, 69.2% of students and 43.5% of the unemployed say they will vote for Move Forward, while 14.6% of farmers are in favour of Pheu Thai. 56% of government officials say they will not vote for either Move Forward or Pheu Thai. 39.9% of private company office workers say they will vote for Move Forward, while 48.4% of freelancers say they will not vote for either party.

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• ไม่ค่อยเห็นด้วย	15.87%	24.13%	17.34%	21.43%	14.29%	18.85%	
• ค่อนข้างเห็นด้วย	29.22%	16.35%	9.64%	21.43%	71.42%	17.94%	
• เห็นด้วยมาก	32.48%	10.99%	6.36%	14.29%	14.29%	15.73%	
• เฉย ๆ/ไม่ตอบ/ไม่สนใจ	5.54%	7.51%	10.21%	14.29%	0.00%	8.01%	
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• เป็นไปไม่ได้เลย	17.13%	35.66%	43.55%	28.57%	14.29%	32.98%	
• ค่อนข้างเป็นไปได้	39.55%	25.20%	23.70%	21.43%	85.71%	29.24%	
• ไม่ค่อยเป็นไปได้	15.11%	27.35%	21.19%	35.72%	0.00%	21.14%	
• เป็นไปได้มาก	25.94%	7.77%	6.74%	7.14%	0.00%	12.82%	
• เฉย ๆ/ไม่ตอบ/ไม่สนใจ	2.27%	4.02%	4.82%	7.14%	0.00%	3.82%	



- Nine out of eleven banks have announced their first-quarter 2024 financial performance starting from last week. The nine banks collectively reported a net profit of 50 billion baht.
 - ❖ Meanwhile, Kasikornbank (KBANK) and Thai Credit Bank Thai Credit Bank (CREDIT) will announce today.

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ทำกำไรสุทธิเฉียด 5 หมื่นล้านบาท

Logo	Bank Name	กำไรสุทธิ (ล้านบาท)			ส่วนต่อหัว (ล้านบาท)		
		Q1/67	QoQ	YoY	Q1/67	QoQ	YoY
SCB	SCB	11,281	2.6	2.6	10,201	9.34	2.76
BBL	BBL	10,524	18.74	3.9	8,582	16.87	1.27
KTB	KTB	11,079	81.3	10.05	8,029	-38.87	-0.93
BAY	BAY	7,543	-2.44	-13.06	12,271	-5.28	111.61
TTB	TTB	5,334	9.62	24.19	5,117	-45.13	19.67
TISCO	TISCO	1,733	-2.64	-3.29	279	49.2	206.59
KKP	KKP	1,506	-27.87	-27.76	608	-44.83	-44.88
LHFG	LHFG	370	14.55	-29.66	526	-8.68	11.44
CIMBT	CIMBT	626	-577.86	-24.58	524	-57.4	-36.87
SOU	SOU	49,996	17.29	1.22	46,137	-16.29	18.09

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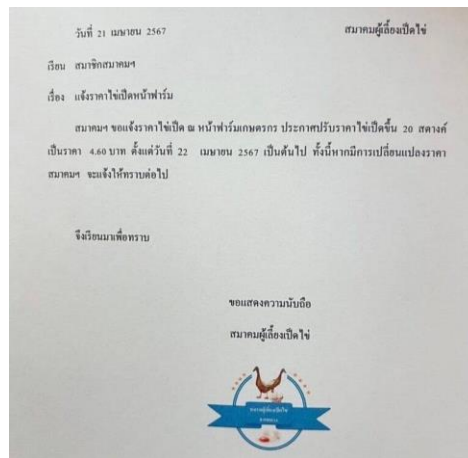
- The Land Transport Federation of Thailand is planning to request an urgent meeting with Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin to discuss the recent surge in diesel prices. Suphasak Rungcherdfa, the association's advisor, mentioned that they will await a response from the government within one week.
 - ❖ Suphasak revealed that the federation is seeking clarity on the government's plans for further diesel price increases in 2024. They want to know the frequency and magnitude of these increases, as well as the duration for which the government will continue to subsidize fuel prices.
 - ❖ Suphasak highlighted the impact of rising fuel costs on the transport industry. He explained that a one-baht increase in diesel prices translates to a 3% rise in overall transportation costs. Currently, the share of fuel costs in the total operating expenses of trucking businesses has reached 55%, exceeding the industry's recommended maximum of 40%. When coupled with labor costs of 12%, profit margins are becoming increasingly squeezed.
 - ❖ The federation estimates that there are over one million trucks operating nationwide. Prior to Songkran, they estimated that 70% of these trucks were

actively engaged in freight transportation. However, this figure has since dropped to 60% due to the recent economic downturn.

- ❖ On April 19, the Oil Fuel Fund Management Committee decided to raise diesel prices by 0.50 baht per liter, bringing the new price to 30.94 baht per liter, effective from April 20. The committee indicated that further price adjustments may be necessary in a phased manner. If no subsidies are provided, the real diesel price could reach 36 baht per liter.



- The Thai Duck Egg Farmers Association has informed its members of a 0.20 baht per egg increase in farm-gate duck egg prices. This price hike will bring the cost of duck eggs to 4.60 baht per egg, effective from April 22, 2024.



- The renewed tensions between Israel and Iran, which erupted on April 14, have sent shockwaves through global stock markets, including Thailand's SET index. The Thai stock market benchmark opened trading on April 17, the first day after the Songkran holiday, with a significant drop of 29.44 points, closing at 1,396.94 points.
 - ❖ The downward trend continued until April 19, when the SET index closed at 1,332.08 points, marking a total decline of 64.86 points or 4%.

- ❖ This decline resulted in the SET index losing over 64.30 points or 4.60% during the three-day period from April 17 to 19. The market capitalization also plummeted by 795.106 billion baht from 17.262 trillion baht to 16.467 trillion baht.
- A unit of Thailand-based SCG Chemicals Plc, part of the Siam Cement Group, has agreed to pay \$20 million (735 million baht) to the United States to settle potential civil liability for violations of US sanctions on Iran, according to the US Treasury Department.
 - ❖ SCG Plastics Co shipped high-density polyethylene (HDPE) resin but hid the product's Iranian origins, causing US financial institutions to unwittingly \$291 million in wire transfers that contravened the sanction and 2018, the department said in a statement released on Friday in Washington.
 - ❖ 'As a result of these transactions, significant economic benefits were conferred to Iran's petrochemical sector, a major source of revenue generation for the Iranian regime,' it said.
 - ❖ The HDPE was manufactured by Mehr Petrochemical Company, a joint venture established in Iran in 2005 by SCG Chemicals and the National Petrochemical Company of Iran, a state enterprise.
 - ❖ Krungsri Securities expects the news to have an initial negative impact on SCC share trading today. However, the fundamental impact is considered minimal, as the \$20 million fine represents a small fraction of SCC's net profit base and has already been provisioned for.



- Jasmine International Plc (JAS) is reportedly set to announce its share buyback plan within the next 1-2 days. The move is aimed at managing JAS's financial position and addressing the current undervaluation of JAS shares on the stock market.
 - ❖ According to reports, the company would spend around 2-3 billion baht for the buyback. Additionally, JAS is considering issuing warrants to its shareholders. The

warrant ratio and conversion price are yet to be determined and will be subject to official approval by the company's board of directors.

- ❖ JAS's share price has surged by 47% since March 20, 2024, closing at 2.86 baht on April 19, 2024. This surge is attributed to investor speculation surrounding the share buyback plan, with expectations of a buyback price exceeding the current market price.

General News

- 1,004 people were admitted for treatment of COVID-19 infections between April 14th and 20th, according to Dr.Thongchai Keeratihattayakorn, director of the Department of Disease Control.
 - ❖ Of those admitted to hospitals, 292 are suffering from lung infections and 101 require ventilators to help with breathing. Three have died and all were either elderly people or had co-morbidities.
 - ❖ He said that the surge in COVID cases during the Songkran festival was not unexpected and most of the cases were found in and around Bangkok and in tourist provinces. Citing a report from the Medical Science Department, most of the cases are related to the Omicron variant and most of the patients developed flu-like symptoms, such as coughs, sore throats, headaches, muscle pains and runny noses, said Dr. Thongchai, adding that the seriousness of the disease has not increased.



- Deputy Health Minister Santi Promphat of the Palang Pracharath Party stated that he was unaware of news reports indicating that the 46-year-old driver who crashed his sports car into police barricades was his son.

- ❖ Santi said during a TV program that he had just learned of the news when contacted by Channel 3. He does not reside with his son and intended to reach out to him later.
- ❖ On April 19, the 46-year-old failed to stop at a police checkpoint near the entrance to Soi Ratchadaphisek 31 and subsequently crashed into steel barriers. Upon stopping, he refused to use a breathalyzer. Consequently, officers administered a non-contact breathalyzer test, which revealed his blood alcohol content to be 183 milligrams per 100 milliliters of blood.
- ❖ He was arrested for drunk driving, has been sentenced to a 2-month suspended jail term and fined 4,000 baht by the Bangkok North Municipal Court. Additionally, his license has been suspended for 6 months, and he must complete 12 hours of community service.



Political News Headlines in Thai Media

- ‘Exile’ will be the word of the year for Thailand’s democracy in 2024.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/52078/the-return-of-exiles-sparks-hope-for-democratic-renewal/>
- Three small parties – United Thai Nation (UTNP), Prachachat and Thai Sang Thai – held their annual general assemblies on Sunday, and Thai Sang Thai elected its new executive board.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/politics/40037412>
- Generals fear looser grip on reshuffles
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2779685/generals-fear-looser-grip-on-reshuffles>

- Senator Somchai Swangkarn is considering legal action after iLaw accused him of "copying and pasting" information from various sources for his doctoral dissertation.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/politics/40037399>
 - Big hopes for soft power skills
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2779255/big-hopes-for-soft-power-skills>
 - Wan backs call for three referenda
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2778984/wan-backs-call-for-three-referenda>
 - Sutin denies the end is near
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2778852/sutin-denies-the-end-is-near>
 - Former deputy commerce and transport minister Thawee Kraikupt died on Friday night at Siriraj Hospital in Bangkok. He was 85 years old.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/general/40037388>
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Economic News Headlines in Thai Media

- Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin will have a talk with Formula One Group over an attempt to organise F1 racing on Bangkok's roads.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/general/40037400>
- PM touts plan to build world's tallest tower
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2778787/pm-touts-plan-to-build-worlds-tallest-tower>
- MFP seminar talks govt's digital wallet

- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2779735/mfp-seminar-talks-govts-digital-wallet>
- Mutual fund assets up 2.58% to B5.28tn
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/general/2779835/mutual-fund-assets-up-2-58-to-b5-28tn>
- Sector poised to hit B700bn in value
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/general/2779790/sector-poised-to-hit-b700bn-in-value>
- The Energy Ministry is working to restructure the oil price system so that local retail prices could be set by the government without referring to global prices, Deputy Prime Minister and Energy Minister Pirapan Salirathavibhaga said on Sunday.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/politics/40037415>
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has warned Thai citizens against travelling to the “Israel-Iran region” due to recent incidents of attacks and escalating tensions.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/general/40037389>
- India’s policy of indefinitely extending the export tax on steam rice could be good news for Thai exporters, who could be receiving increased orders for steam rice for the first time in 10 years, the Thai Rice Exporters Association said.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/economy/40037392>
- Krungsri (Bank of Ayudhya PCL and its business units) posts 7.543 billion baht in net profit for the first quarter of 2024, decreasing by 13.1% over the year, largely driven by an increase in provisions as a safeguard in light of future uncertainty that could impact asset quality domestically and overseas, underscoring Krungsri’s rigorous and prudential risk management approach.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/blogs/thailand/economy/40037379>
- Paul Wong Chee Kin, President and Chief Executive Officer of CIMB Thai Bank PCL, provided insights on the unreviewed consolidated financial results for the three months ended 31 March 2024.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/business/banking-finance/40037378>

- SCB X Public Company Limited has reported a consolidated net profit of THB11.3 billion for the first quarter of 2024, a 2.6 % yoy increase.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/business/banking-finance/40037377>
 - With an improvement over last year, TMBThanachart Bank reported a Q1 2024 net profit of THB5,334 million.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/blogs/business/banking-finance/40037376>
 - The Department of Science Services has advised consumers that paper-wrapped fried chicken may be contaminated with carcinogenic substances from the wrapping paper.
 - Link- <https://www.thaipbsworld.com/consumers-advised-to-be-cautious-when-eating-paper-wrapped-fried-chicken/>
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Issues to be watched out for

- April 23, 2024 - FTI executives meet to elect the new President
- May 3, 2024 - The date set by the Constitutional Court for Move Forward to submit its statement of defense in the dissolution case.
- May 7, 2024 - April 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- May 20, 2024 - NESDC press conference Thailand's GDP Q1/2024
- June 5, 2024 - May 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- June 12, 2024 - Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting
- July 5, 2024 - June 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- August 5, 2024 - July 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- August 19, 2024 - NESDC press conference Thailand's GDP Q2/2024

- August 21, 2024 - Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting
- September 5, 2024 - August 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- October 7, 2024 - September 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- October 16, 2024 - Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting
- November 5, 2024 - October 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- November 18, 2024 - NESDC press conference Thailand's GDP Q3/2024
- December 6, 2024 - November 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- December 18, 2024 - Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting
- January 6, 2025 - December & Fiscal Year 2023 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- September 2025 - The deadline set by Transport Minister Suriya Juangroongruangkit that his ministry will implement a 20-Baht flat fare policy for all electric trains in the Bangkok Metropolitan Region.

For information on Opportunity Day of various companies click on the link –

<https://www.set.or.th/streaming/opppdayCalendar>

Key Data

SET Index	1,332.08	-28.94
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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 April 19, 2024

Buying, Selling or Transfer of shares by Owners/Management

Stock Code	Volume	Value	Action
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BLC	50,000	4.82	Purchase
BLC	50,000	4.87	Sale
EP	600	2.66	Purchase
MTW	68,745 Revoked by Reporter	2.31	Purchase
MTW	68,745 Revoked by Reporter	2.31	Purchase
MTW	100,000	2.84	Purchase
YONG	117,500	1.99	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 19 April 2024						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	4,607.54	8.01	3,866.14	6.72	741.40	-
Proprietary Trading	3,170.60	5.51	4,002.62	6.96	-832.01	-
Foreign Investor	29,473.93	51.26	33,241.80	57.81	-3,767.86	-
Local Individuals	20,245.66	35.21	16,387.18	28.50	3,858.48	-
Monthly Cumulative between 1 Apr –19 April 2024						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	42,054.87	8.86	47,111.29	9.93	-5,056.42	-
Proprietary Trading	29,115.36	6.14	30,694.35	6.47	-1,578.99	-
Foreign Investors	249,546.81	52.59	250,286.86	52.74	-740.05	-
WLocal Individuals	153,825.45	32.42	146,449.98	30.86	7,375.47	-
Yearly Cumulative since 1 Jan -19 April 2024						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	291,116.02	9.00	302,345.27	9.35	-11,229.25	-
Proprietary Trading	220,318.90	6.81	224,790.65	6.95	-4,471.74	-
Foreign Investors	1,706,515.44	52.78	1,776,581.70	54.95	-70,066.26	-

Local Individuals	1,015,297.56	31.40	929,530.31	28.75	85,767.24	-
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Total Trading Value 57,603.79 Million Baht

Background Information

According to the report by the Election Commission of Thailand as of May 8, 2019, the strength of each party in the Thai Parliament following the elections 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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