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Thai Enquirer News Summary

Political News

- The Government of Srettha Thavisin is set to put in place a committee to investigate the death of the detained political activist Netiporn “Bung” Sanesangkhom, who died after suffering a heart attack while on hunger strike.
- The death Netiporn after suffering a heart attack while on hunger strike, could possibly trigger a bit of unrest as emotions start to run high, for those under detention in the cases related to the breach of Article 112.
 - ❖ To make matters worse, there are 3 other people who are under hunger strike in the prison at the moment.
 - ❖ Netiporn had been on a hunger strike for 110 days.

- ❖ The 28-year-old had been detained on a lese-majeste charges since January 26, when her bail was revoked due to violating bail conditions. She began a hunger strike on January 27 to advocate for political prisoners' right to bail and to urge the government to halt the prosecution of individuals for political expressions and gatherings. This ultimately led to a decline in her health.
- ❖ Netiporn, also known as Bung, was a member of the Thaluwang group. She was an English tutor before becoming politically active. Initially, she joined the protests of the pro-coup People's Democratic Reform Committee, but later changed her political stance following the rise of the youth-led pro-democracy movement. Eventually, she became a member of Thaluwang, a group that protests for the reformation of the royal institution.



แถลงการณ์โรงพยาบาลธรรมศาสตร์เฉลิมพระเกียรติ
เรื่อง ชี้แจงการเข้ารับการรักษาของนางสาวเนติพร เสน่ห์สังคม (บุ๋ม ทุลสุรงค์)

วันนี้ (14 พฤษภาคม 2567) เวลา 09.30 น. โรงพยาบาลธรรมศาสตร์เฉลิมพระเกียรติ รับตัวนางสาวเนติพร เสน่ห์สังคม (บุ๋ม ทุลสุรงค์) จากในสถานโรงพยาบาลราชทัณฑ์ ด้วยอาการหมดสติ ไม่มีสติพูดจาชัด และได้รับการทำ CPR เพื่อฟื้นคืนชีพจากในสถานโรงพยาบาลราชทัณฑ์ ตั้งแต่เวลา 06.23 น. และส่งผู้ป่วยมาเข้ารับการรักษาที่โรงพยาบาลธรรมศาสตร์เฉลิมพระเกียรติ โดยระหว่างที่นำส่งมายังโรงพยาบาลธรรมศาสตร์เฉลิมพระเกียรติ ผู้ป่วยยังได้รับการปฐมพยาบาลตลอดมาจนมาถึง

เมื่อผู้ป่วยถูกส่งตัวมาที่โรงพยาบาลเข้ารับการรักษา ณ ห้องฉุกเฉินและถูกเฝ้าไข้ ชั้น 1 อาคารกิติวัฒนา โรงพยาบาลธรรมศาสตร์เฉลิมพระเกียรติ เนื่องจากแพทย์ประเมินพบว่าผู้ป่วยไม่มีสัญญาณชีพ ระบบประสาทไม่มีอาการตอบสนอง ไม่ตอบสนองต่อชีพจรหัวใจ จึงทำการ CPR อย่างต่อเนื่องตามมาตรฐานทางการแพทย์ เพื่อช่วยฟื้นคืนชีพอย่างเต็มที่

หลังจากทำการ CPR ฟื้นคืนชีพอย่างถาวร ตั้งแต่เวลา 09.30-11.22 น. รังกายผู้ป่วยไม่ตอบสนองต่อการรักษาและถึงแก่กรรมอย่างสงบ ในวันที่ 14 พฤษภาคม 2567 เวลา 11.22 น. ส่วนสาเหตุการเสียชีวิตอาจขึ้นอยู่กับผลชันสูตรที่สถานพยาบาลภายนอกต่อไป

โรงพยาบาลธรรมศาสตร์เฉลิมพระเกียรติ
 วันที่ 14 พฤษภาคม 2567
 เวลา 12.30 น.

- Meanwhile The Department of Corrections stated that Netiporn was not on a hunger strike after her transfer from Thammasat University Hospital in April. The department said she was consuming food and fluids normally upon her return from Thammasat University Hospital. However, they did not specify the date of her return.



"กรมราชทัณฑ์แถลงข่าวกรณีการเสียชีวิตของ บุ๋ม เคนติพร"

ด้วยที่สถานโรงพยาบาลราชทัณฑ์ ได้รายงานฯ นางสาวเนติพร เสน่ห์สังคม หรือ บุ๋ม ทุลสุรงค์ ถึงเหตุกลับตัวกลับใจ ในช่วงเช้าวันที่ 14 พฤษภาคม 2567 โดยทางชันสูตรแพทย์ได้ทำการพิสูจน์ หรือชันสูตรศพแล้ว จากนั้นส่งตัวออกรักษาที่โรงพยาบาลธรรมศาสตร์เฉลิมพระเกียรติ ซึ่งทีมแพทย์โรงพยาบาลราชทัณฑ์และแพทย์โรงพยาบาลธรรมศาสตร์ฯ ได้พยายามกู้ชีพผู้ป่วยอย่างสุดความสามารถ ตั้งแต่เวลา 06.20 - 11.22 น. รังกายผู้ป่วยไม่ตอบสนองต่อการรักษา และถึงแก่กรรมอย่างสงบ ในเวลา 11.22 น. กรมราชทัณฑ์ จึงขอแสดงความเสียใจกับญาติผู้เสียชีวิต

ชี้แจงกรมราชทัณฑ์ ขอเรียนว่า หลังจากที่ทีมสอบสวนโรงพยาบาลราชทัณฑ์ ได้รับตัวนางสาวเนติพร จากโรงพยาบาลธรรมศาสตร์ฯ แล้วนั้น นางสาวเนติพรฯ ได้รับประทานอาหารและน้ำปกติ ซึ่งแพทย์และพยาบาล ได้ทำการรักษาดูแลอย่างใกล้ชิดและต่อเนื่อง และมีอาการดีขึ้นและบรรเทาแล้ว และเมื่อมีการเสียชีวิตจากนั้นด้วย หากมีเหตุฯ โดยนางสาวเนติพรฯ ปฏิเสธการรับประทานปกติจนเสียชีวิตนั้นว่าไม่จริง ขอเรียนการติดต่อการเสียชีวิตในวันนี้

กรมราชทัณฑ์ ขอเรียนว่า หากนายรัฐมนตรี และรัฐมนตรีว่าการกระทรวงยุติธรรม มีข้อสงสัยในเรื่องนี้ คดีนี้เพื่อให้เกิดความโปร่งใสและสร้างความเชื่อมั่นให้กับสังคม จึงได้เสนอให้ทางโรงพยาบาลธรรมศาสตร์ฯ ทำการชันสูตร เพื่อหาสาเหตุการเสียชีวิตที่แท้จริง ซึ่งจะขอประมวลการชันสูตร นอกจากรณีรัฐมนตรีว่าการกระทรวงยุติธรรม ได้มีคำสั่งให้ตั้งคณะกรรมการ ตรวจสอบคดีนี้จริงแล้วแล้ว

ขอขอบคุณสื่อมวลชนทุกท่านที่ร่วมเผยแพร่ข่าว
 14 พฤษภาคม 2567

- ❖ Their statement presents conflicting information. Despite asserting her normal consumption, they also noted her ongoing fatigue and slight anaemia with low mineral salts. Following her refusal of mineral salts and blood supplements, she experienced cardiac arrest, they said.
- Justice Minister Tawee Sodsong expressed the government's condolences for the passing of political activist Netiporn. He mentioned that Prime Minister Srettha Thavasin stressed the need for transparency. The minister said that Netiporn's lawyer and family would be allowed to inspect the post-mortem examination along with the autopsy committee.
 - ❖ When asked about other incarcerated activists undergoing hunger strikes for political prisoners' right to bail, such as Tantawan "Tawan" Tuatulanon, Tawee stated he would personally visit Tawan before making any further comments on the matter.

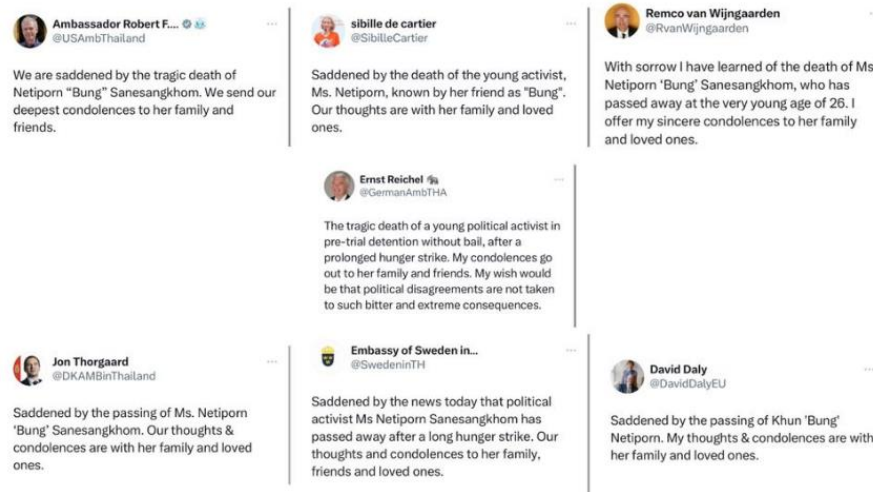


- Condemnation for those who continue to be held in prison, poured in after the death of Netiporn. The United Nations Human Rights (Asia) said it was “deeply disturbed” by the news of activist Bung Thaluwang’s death while in pretrial detention on a lese-majeste charge. Thailand is bidding for a seat on the UN Human Rights Council.

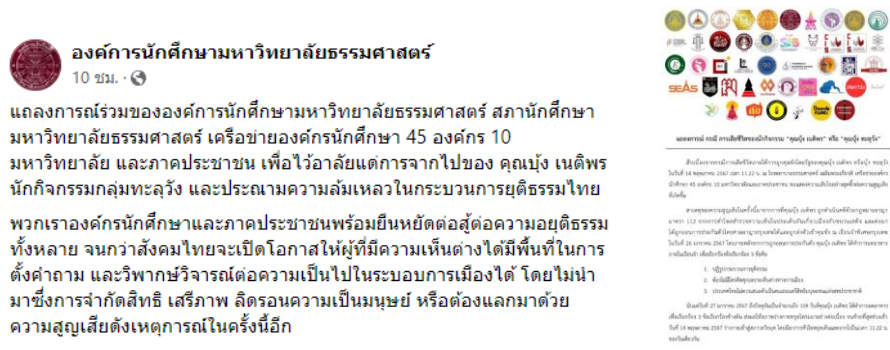


- Meanwhile Ambassadors from Belgium, Denmark, the EU, Germany, the Netherlands, the US, and the Swedish Embassy have all expressed their condolences for the family, friends, and loved ones of political activist Netiporn Sanesangkhom, also known as Bung Thaluwang, who passed away yesterday.

- ❖ German Ambassador Ernst Reichel said it was a tragic death of a young political activist in pretrial detention without bail after a prolonged hunger strike. He expressed his wish that political disagreements not lead to such bitter and extreme consequences.



- The Facebook page "Thammasat University Student Organization" posted a joint statement from the Thammasat University Student Organization, the Thammasat University Student Council, and a network of 45 student organizations from 10 universities, mourning the passing of Netiporn Bung Thaluwang's death and condemning the failure of the Thai justice system.



- ❖ There was impromptu gathering of people all around Bangkok and various other cities across the country.
- ❖ A candle vigil in remembrance of Netiporn Bung Thaluwang at the Criminal Court in Ratchada last night.



- Thai Lawyers for Human Rights (TLHR) has come out with the number of people still in the process of being prosecuted for 112 and the number of people who are still in the prosecution list as of yesterday stood at 43 people (including the now deceased – Netiporn).



In other Political News

- Pheu Thai leader Paetongtarn Shinawatra said her father, former Prime Minister Thaksin, met with representatives of Myanmar's shadow government, the National Unity Government, and resistance groups because he is concerned about the situation along the border between Thailand and Myanmar.

- ❖ She said Thaksin might not hold any government position, but he knew some representatives of the Myanmar military and resistance groups when his government contacted them for cooperation during his war on drugs in Thailand.
- ❖ The NUG and the resistance groups reportedly rejected Thaksin's proposal to mediate the civil war. The Myanmar junta reportedly condemned the meeting, while newly appointed Foreign Minister Maris Sangiampongsa said Thaksin has the right to discuss with the resistance groups on a personal basis because the move has nothing to do with the Thai government.



- The Office of the Ombudsman has finally declined to rule on a request to investigate whether Minister of the Prime Minister's Office Pichit Chuenban has violated the 2017 Constitution.
 - ❖ The request was filed by a group of citizens who alleged that Pichit lacks the necessary qualifications to hold office. However, the Ombudsman ruled that it does not have the authority to investigate such matters.
 - ❖ According to the Ombudsman, the law specifically outlines the procedures for filing complaints with the Constitutional Court. As such, the Ombudsman is not empowered to make a determination on Pichit's qualifications.
 - ❖ The Ombudsman has instead referred the matter to the Election Commission, which is responsible for investigating election-related complaints.



- The Election Commission (EC) is now allowing senator candidates to post their introduction pages from the application form on social media.
 - ❖ This change regarding the introduction of senator candidates for the upcoming Senate election comes following heavy criticism of the regulations, which experts said were blocking representation.
 - ❖ EC Secretary-General Sawang Boonmee also insisted that the regulations only apply to candidates. The media can still interview candidates about their expertise, but candidates must adhere to the regulations during the interview, he added.
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Economic News

- The Cabinet has approved a proposal to raise the minimum wage to 400 Baht per day nationwide, effective September-October 2024, Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin announced after yesterday's Cabinet meeting.
 - ❖ Pairoj Chotikasathien, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Labor and Chairman of the Tripartite Wage Committee, elaborated that the meeting involved representatives from three sectors: employers, employees, and the government.

The committee discussed the proposals submitted by both employers and employees following the announcement of the nationwide 400 Baht minimum wage initially set to take effect on October 1, 2024.

- ❖ Pairoj emphasized that the Tripartite Wage Committee is not a political tool, addressing concerns raised by the employer sector. He explained that the committee has decided to delegate each provincial subcommittee to assess the appropriate wage adjustments, considering which businesses require wage increases and whether they can comply with the October 1 deadline. The subcommittees are expected to submit their recommendations by July 2024.

นโยบายค่าแรงของรัฐบาล 'เศรษฐกิจทวิสิน'

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ค่าจ้างสูง > ปรับจาก 354 บาท เป็น 370 บาท
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ปรับครั้งที่ 2
13 เม.ย. 2567 : ทั่วประเทศ 400 บาท ใน 10 จังหวัด (ยกเว้น)
เฉพาะอุตสาหกรรม 4 ตัว ขึ้นไป
อุตสาหกรรม, ก่อสร้าง, อสังหาริมทรัพย์, อีคอมเมิร์ซ, บริการ, การค้าปลีก, การบริการ, การศึกษา, การท่องเที่ยว

ปรับครั้งที่ 3
25 เม.ย. 2567 : มาตรการประจวบ เพื่อประกาศค่าจ้าง 400 บาท
14 พ.ค. 2567 : ครม. อนุมัติความคืบหน้า ค่าแรงขั้นต่ำ 400 บาท
โครงการ มอบคณะอนุกรรมการจังหวัด เสนอ
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องค์ประกอบ
ร่วมคิดค่านโยบายค่าแรงขั้นต่ำ

คณะกรรมการจังหวัด	สมาคมการค้า	สภาองค์กรนายจ้าง	สภาอุตสาหกรรมแห่งประเทศไทย
76 แห่ง	95 แห่ง	16 แห่ง	

ข้อเสนอภาคเอกชน

- ปรับค่าจ้างขั้นต่ำ โดยไม่มีเงื่อนไขเจ้ากระทรวง
- ปรับค่าจ้างขั้นต่ำ ตาม พ.ร.บ.คุ้มครองแรงงาน พ.ศ. 2541
- ภาครัฐรายได้จ้างด้วยอัตราค่าจ้าง ตามมาตรฐานฝีมือแรงงาน
- คิดค่านำจ้างขั้นต่ำ 400 บาท ทั่วประเทศ
- การปรับค่าจ้างขั้นต่ำบางพื้นที่ ละบางอุตสาหกรรม รับฟังความเห็นเอกชน
- ภาครัฐอุดหนุนสนับสนุนค่าใช้จ่าย ค่าแรงขั้นต่ำ

- According to reports, a meeting of the tripartite board of 15 representatives from the 3 sectors voted to overturn the wage adjustment formula that was implemented last February, with a vote of 7 to 5. The labor sector argued that if the formula was used, wages would not reach 400 Baht.
 - ❖ Instead, a semi-floating wage adjustment formula was proposed, allowing provinces to determine the appropriate wage increase based on their specific needs, considering factors such as unemployment rates, inflation, cost of living, and economic growth.
 - ❖ On the other hand, 16 employer organizations submitted a petition to the Minister of Labor and the Tripartite Wage Committee Chairman yesterday, expressing their strong opposition to the wage increase. They argued that Thailand's current economic situation is fragile, with various economic challenges and declining

competitiveness. They maintained that the country is not yet ready for a nationwide 400 Baht minimum wage.

- The Cabinet has approved the implementation of a special visa scheme, known as the EEC Visa, aimed at attracting highly skilled professionals and executives to work in the Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC) region. The visa will be available to four categories of individuals: Specialist (S), Executive (E), Professional (P), and Other (O).
 - ❖ The visa offers a range of benefits, including a maximum stay of 10 years and a flat personal income tax rate of 17%.
 - ❖ The cabinet also approved a budget of 246 million Baht for 10 state development projects in Prachuap Khiri Khan, Phetchaburi, Samut Songkhram, and Samut Sakhon. They also approved 8 projects proposed by the private sector, worth 268 million Baht. Most of the projects focus on water management, such as drought and flood prevention.



- The Ombudsman of Thailand announced that it will not refer the cases of the government's 10,000 Baht digital wallet handout program and the proposed 500 billion Baht loan bill to the Administrative Court or the Constitutional Court for a ruling.
 - ❖ The decision was made after individuals filed petitions with the Ombudsman requesting that it investigate whether the two policies violate the constitution and the Fiscal Discipline Act of 2018.
 - ❖ The Ombudsman determined that the handout program and the loan bill are not subject to its jurisdiction because they fall under the authority of the Cabinet. Additionally, the Ombudsman noted that the government's policy announcements to the Parliament are considered to be the exercise of power as prescribed by the constitution and therefore do not fall within the Ombudsman's purview.

- ❖ Regarding the proposed 500 billion Baht loan bill, the OAG stated that there is no concrete evidence that the government intends to issue such a bill. As a result, there is no issue of public harm or injustice that warrants the Ombudsman's intervention.



- Paetongtharn Shinawatra, leader of the Pheu Thai Party, spoke about her previous criticism of the Bank of Thailand (BoT) saying that the government and the BoT share the same goal: helping the people. If they have the same goal, they can work together to achieve it.
 - ❖ The Pheu Thai Party government wants to maximize the benefits for the people. Both the government and the BoT can be criticized, Paetongtharn said.
- More than 13.15 million people visited Thailand between January 1 and May 12, up 39% year-on-year, and generated more than 631 billion Baht worth of tourist receipts, according to the Ministry of Tourism and Sports.
 - ❖ The top 5 visitors were Chinese (2.58 million), Malaysian (1.71 million), Russian (805,026), South Korean (731,915), and Indian (722,195).
 - ❖ The number of visitors has been declining as the tourism sector enters the low season, the ministry said. The number of visitors has declined by 11% to 569,172 between May 6 and 12 compared to 639,822 between April 29 and May 5. Both long-haul and short-haul visitors have been declining, 19.5% and 9.7% respectively when compared between May 6 and 12 and April 29 and May 5. However, the ministry pointed out that the number of visitors in Vietnam has increased by 67% during the same period of time.



- The Tarutao National Marine Park in Satun will be closed to tourism for 4 months to allow the recovery of the natural ecosystem. The marine park will reopen in October.
 - ❖ May 16-September 30 closure = ZONE 1: Ao Pantemalak, Tarutao Island - ZONE 2: Ao Molae, Tarutao Island - ZONE 3: Laem Son, Adang Island.
 - ❖ June 1-July 31 closure = Lhek Island, Bisse Island, Talang Island, North Adang Island, and East Adang Island.
 - ❖ August 1-September 30 closure = Yang Island, Jabang Channel, Ravi Island, Dong Island, Hin Son Island, Ro-Kloi Island, West Adang Island, Sawang Island, and Phai Island.



- Auttapol Rerkpiboon, the former CEO and President of PTT Plc (PTT), has resigned from his positions as Director and Chairman of PTT Oil and Retail Business Plc (OR) following the end of his term on May 13, 2024.
 - ❖ During the OR shareholder meeting in April, Somchai Lertsutiwong, CEO of Advanced Info Service Plc (AIS), was proposed as an independent director. This has led to speculation that Somchai may become the next OR Chairman. However,

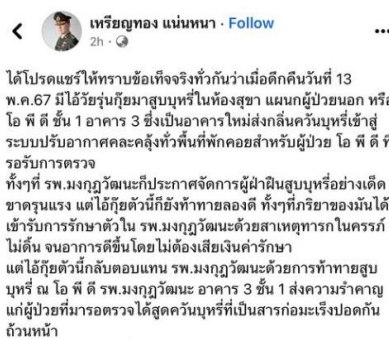
it remains to be seen whether the OR board meeting next week will include an agenda item to appoint a new chairman.



- The Central Criminal Court for Corruption and Misconduct Cases dismissed True Digital Group's petition against National Broadcasting and Telecommunication Commissioner Pironrong Ramasoota.
 - ❖ True Digital Group, an arm of True Corporation, accused the NBTC commissioner of dereliction of duty. They stated that Pironrong had notified 127 radio and TV broadcasting license holders in March 2023 that True Digital Group was not permitted to operate over-the-top (OTT) services (platforms that deliver streaming content via internet-connected devices).
 - ❖ However, the NBTC has yet to establish rules to govern OTT service platforms, leading to the misunderstanding that the company had broken the law, they added. They also alleged that Pironrong displayed bias against the company by issuing the notification.
 - ❖ The court, however, stated that there was not enough evidence to support the accusations against Pironrong.



- A mother of a 14-year-old filed a police complaint against Maj. Gen. Rienthong Nanna, director of Mongkutwattana Hospital, accusing him of assault. She alleged that the former operations director of the Army Medical Department assaulted her son at a hospital in Chaeng Watthana.
 - ❖ According to her statement, her son was caught smoking a cigarette inside one of the hospital's toilets. She claimed he was then fined 5,000 Baht and, while waiting to pay, was slapped in the face multiple times by Rienthong, who also ordered him to remove all his clothes.
 - ❖ Rienthong admitted to slapping the teenager and making him strip for smoking inside a toilet at the Outpatient Department, considering it a penalty. He defended his actions, stating that he didn't believe he had overreacted because the teenager's behavior was unacceptable.
 - ❖ He further explained that the 14-year-old was at the department waiting for his wife, who was undergoing treatment for pregnancy complications. Additionally, he claimed the teenager later returned with friends on motorbikes to make threats in front of the hospital.



ผมจัดการไอ้ก๊วยรายนี้อย่างดูเด็ดรุนแรงตามที่ผมประกาศไว้ตามเสียงตามสายของ รพ.มงกุฎวัฒนะทุกๆ 2 ชั่วโมง เมื่อไอ้ก๊วยละเมิดสิทธิผู้ป่วยรายอื่นๆ สร้างความลุ่มเสี่ยงต่ออัคคีภัยใน รพ.ที่มีผู้ป่วยนอนจำนวนมาก ลุ่มเสี่ยงต่อโศกนาฏกรรมแล้ว ทั้งเคยเกิดเหตุอัคคีภัย ณ รพ.มงกุฎวัฒนะ จากการสูบบุหรี่ในพื้นที่ของ รพ.มาแล้วถึง 2 ครั้ง ในปี พ.ศ.2558 และ 2564
ดังนั้นผมจึงจัดการไอ้ก๊วยรายนี้ด้วยตนเองด้วยการตบหน้าสั่งสอน ยึดโทรศัพท์มือถือ แล้วสั่งให้แก้นำส่นจ๊อน ไล่ออกจากพื้นที่ รพ.มงกุฎวัฒนะ ไอ้ก๊วยตัวนี้ยังยกพวกแก๊งมอเตอร์ไซค์มาข่มขู่หน้าทางเข้า รพ.มงกุฎวัฒนะ 6-7 คันเสียด้วย
แต่ขอบอกตามตรงว่ารู้สึกเฉยๆ ก็ลองแหยมเข้ามาทำดีทำต่อชก็จะได้ตอบรุนแรงกลับไป แกมยังให้ข่าวว่าถูกผมตบควี้แตกเสียด้วย โททกลสันดี

- Fancy a Thailand's famous Tuk Tuk ride? Well, better negotiate the rates before you hop on that 3-wheeled F1 type vehicle, because a Japanese tourist got a real ride of his life when the driver of the Tuk Tuk charged him 6,000 Baht (1,500 Baht/person for 4 people) for the 5-kilometer ride from Asoke junction to Soi Thaniya in Silom area.
 - ❖ Quickly enough, the Department of Land Transport and the Tourist Police have summoned the tuk-tuk driver in question, identified as Phumimrets Pharat, to the Department of Land Transport to face charges under two sections of the law: overcharging passengers and being improperly dressed.
 - ❖ The driver was fined 2,000 Baht for overcharging and 500 Baht for being improperly dressed. His public driver's license was also suspended for 90 days and he will be required to attend a 3-hour public transportation driver ethics training course.



- The Social Development and Human Security Ministry is seeking a court warrant to take eight-year-old "Nong Nice" to psychologists after his parents continued to refuse requests by the authorities to make a house visit to assess the boy's mental condition, according to Minister Varawut Silpa-archa.
 - ❖ The boy's welfare is a concern, as his parents claim he possesses telepathic powers that can connect people's minds. He also professes to be a son of Lord Buddha in a previous life, who has acquired the miraculous powers associated with the naga, a giant serpent in Thai mythology.
 - ❖ Varawut said that he had ordered the ministry's Surat Thani provincial office to send interdisciplinary workers, including therapists, to work on assessing the mental health of the boy and his family.
- A video posted yesterday shows construction materials reportedly falling from a building within the Block 33 project, which is under construction near Chulalongkorn University.



- 44 provinces across Thailand are expected to experience thunderstorms today as reported by the Thai Meteorological Department.

- ❖ Heavy rain reaching 40% is expected in the northern part, accompanied by strong winds and potential hail in some areas. For Bangkok and surrounding areas, the weather is predicted to be hot with partly cloudy skies. There is also a 40% chance of thunderstorms.



Political News Headlines in Thai Media

- WHO IS BUNG TALU WANG, THE PERSON WHO DIED PROTESTING ARTICLE 112?
 - Link- <https://www.khaosodenglish.com/featured/2024/05/14/who-is-bung-talu-wang-the-person-who-died-protesting-article-112/>
- Colonel Narong Kittikachorn, who was once denounced as one of the three tyrants in the 1970s, died at Bangkok’s Phramongkutklao Hospital on Tuesday morning. He was 90.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/politics/40038018>
- The Election Commission (EC) said on Tuesday that candidates seeking Senate seats could speak with the media, but they may not make use of this for campaigning purposes.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/politics/40038014>

- Commerce minister says comments ‘fake’ as ex-Democrat MP raises concerns about safety of old rice
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/politics/40038006>
 - Pheu Thai Party leader Paetongtarn Shinawatra said she hopes the equal marriage bill will come into effect this year, enabling Thailand to become the first country in Southeast Asia to promote gender equality.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/policy/40038020>
 - Activists call for release of political detainees
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2792784/activists-call-for-release-of-political-detainees>
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Economic News Headlines in Thai Media

- Krisada Chinavicharana’s resignation as deputy finance minister may have stemmed from his misunderstanding of the rejigging of responsibilities in the Finance Ministry, following a cabinet reshuffle, Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin told the media at Government House.
 - Link- <https://www.thaipbsworld.com/pm-claims-krisadas-resignation-a-result-of-a-misunderstanding/>
- Pichai says he will need more time to explain Krisada’s resignation, but says it was ‘understandable’
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/politics/40038009>
- Twin-track railway to Chumphon fully operational 'by August'
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2792725/twin-track-railway-to-chumphon-fully-operational-by-august>
- Thailand tops region for ransomware attacks

- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/general/2792735/thailand-tops-region-for-ransomware-attacks>
 - SC Asset Launches Morning Coin Utility Token
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/general/2792695/sc-asset-launches-morning-coin-utility-token>
 - CRC sees revenue rise by 6% in Q1
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/general/2793070/crc-sees-revenue-rise-by-6-in-q1>
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Issues to be watched out for

- May 18, 2024 - The date set by the Constitutional Court for Move Forward to submit its statement of defense in the dissolution case.
- May 20, 2024 - NESDC press conference Thailand's GDP Q1/2024
- May 15-24, 2024 - Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin is in Paris/Milan and Tokyo
- 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/opofdayCalendar>

Key Data

SET Index	1,376.57	+4.07
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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 May 14, 2024

Buying, Selling or Transfer of shares by Owners/Management

Stock Code	Volume	Value	Action
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BCP	20,000	41	Purchase
BKD	500	1.28	Purchase
BTNC	400	16.6	Purchase
EP	10,400	2.65	Purchase
EKH	24,000	7.2	Purchase
EKH	100,000	1.35	Purchase
EKH	300,000	7.17	Purchase
EKH	155,085	7.17	Purchase
GUNKUL	2,000,000	2.54	Purchase
MCS	4,500	7.8	Purchase
MGI	5,000	25.5	Purchase
PACO	6,000,000	1.7	Purchase
SKR	50,000	10.2	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 14 May 2024

Unit: M.Baht

Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	3,289.61	7.67	3,335.92	7.78	-46.31	-
Proprietary Trading	2,818.04	6.57	2,875.57	6.71	-57.53	-
Foreign Investor	23,160.12	54.02	20,858.16	48.65	2,301.96	-
Local Individuals	13,607.12	31.74	15,805.24	36.86	-2,198.12	-
Monthly Cumulative between 1 May –14 May 2024						
Unit: M.Baht						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	29,879.87	8.92	26,678.69	7.96	3,201.17	-
Proprietary Trading	22,939.11	6.85	22,379.53	6.68	559.58	-
Foreign Investors	177,096.13	52.87	178,943.34	53.42	-1,847.21	-
WLocal Individuals	105,049.42	31.36	106,962.97	31.93	-1,913.54	-
Yearly Cumulative since 1 Jan -14 May 2024						
Unit: M.Baht						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	351,600.01	9.11	354,560.87	9.19	-2,960.86	-
Proprietary Trading	262,095.44	6.79	266,487.56	6.91	-4,392.12	-
Foreign Investors	2,043,114.53	52.94	2,110,374.28	54.68	-67,259.75	-
Local Individuals	1,202,401.71	31.16	1,127,788.98	29.22	74,612.73	-

Total Trading Value 42,896.06 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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