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Dear Partners,
Greetings from Securitas Thailand.
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Phuket Sandbox update

Low-Medium

Phuket health officials recorded 66 new local infections confirmed throughout the island on Monday raising the total number of people recognised as infected with Covid19 in Phuket since Apr 3 to 18,298. The report marked three new Sandbox cases, one Test and Go tourist and none among other international arrivals. Meanwhile, the highest number of new cases on Tuesday were found in Nakhon Si Thammarat with 271, then 162 in Chon Buri, 159 in Songkhla, 153 in Surat Thani, 110 in Pattani, and 80 in Trang. The South registered fatalities in Phatthalung (2), Surat Thani (2), Krabi (1), Trang (1), Pattani (1), Songkhla (1) and Satun (1).

NHRC call for release of Chana project activists

Low-Medium

On Tuesday the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) called for the government to release the arrested activists who were protesting the previous night at the Government House in Bangkok against the Chana industrial estate project in their hometown, Songkhla. Reports cite 36 people were arrested and detained at the Police Club on Vibhavadi Rangsit road. NHRC is of the view that activists have a right to express their views peacefully under the 2017 constitution. The police deny using any violence against them however had blocked the entrance of Government House, causing access issues. Police tried to persuade them to move, however they refused and were handled based on international standards. No bail was asked in exchange for yesterday's release of the protesters. However, they were barred from further protests.

Crane collapses on building site, 1 killed, 2 injured

Low-Medium

On Tuesday morning a large crane on a construction site in Samut Prakan's Bang Bo district collapsed about 11am and killed one person and injured another. The crane was being used at the planned five-storey condominium building on Rattanasat Road in tambon Bang Bo. It collapsed on rented rooms opposite the development injuring two people in the rooms. A motorcycle taxi driver was crushed to death. The police are questioning the crane driver and site engineer. The media reported three people were injured.

Covid19 update

Low-Medium

Public Health reported 3,525 new Covid19 patients over a 24-hour period as well as 31 deaths attributed to the disease. 12 new infections were found in prisons and the remainder in the general population. The total number of cases in Thailand since the beginning of the pandemic last year stands at 2,148,766, 2,061,374 have recovered, 66,395 are under medical care or supervision, and 20,997 have died. Meanwhile, 85,617 people were administered their first Covid19 shot over a 24-hour period, 53,747 their second shot and 38,950 a booster. The total number of Covid19 vaccine doses administered in the country stands at 95,616,058. In similar news, health officials confirmed all 17 people who were in contact with Thailand's first Omicron have tested negative. Dr Chakkarat Pitayawonganon, director of epidemiology at the Department of Disease Control said that the Omicron has not been a variant of great concern.



Two arrested for car-loan theft fraud

Low

In Bangkok's Bang Khen district, two were arrested for stealing a car and using it for collateral for a loan. The arrested were 5.1.2e The stolen Honda CR-V vehicle was seized. Police believe that they belong to a gang operating a car-loan theft fraud, one of suspects may belong to a gang that had sold about 100 vehicles worth about 100 million baht that were pledged as loan collateral. The investigation is being expanded to find out who else is involved.

Four vehicle pile-up on expressway, five injured

Low

In Samut Prakan's Bang Phli district, there was a four vehicle pile-up on the Burapa Withi expressway on Monday night leaving five people injured. The accident happened close to km marker 10+200 about 7.30pm. A pickup truck driver failed to brake causing his vehicle to crash into the back of another vehicle and then hitting the pickup in front. All four vehicles were damaged. Police are checking CCTV cameras to determine exactly what happened.

Tuesday 07, December 2021

Ranger injured in bomb explosion

Medium

In Narathiwat, on Monday night a bomb was detonated on Highway 4107 in tambon Marubo Tok, Rangae district injuring a ranger. The attack happened about 10.52pm when the pickup carrying six forest rangers were returning from Yingo district to Rueso district. One ranger suffered hearing problems and chest pains due to the explosion. The vehicle was slightly damaged.

Phuket Sandbox update

Low-Medium

Phuket health officials recorded 86 new local infections confirmed throughout the island on Sunday raising the total number of people recognised as infected with COVID-19 in Phuket since Apr 3 to 18,228. The report marked one new Sandbox case, two Test and Go tourists and none among other international arrivals. In similar news, Phatthalung reported 89 new transmissions on Monday, up from 76 the previous day. Infections in Prachuap Khiri Khan jumped from 77 announced on Sunday to 95 on Monday. Surat Thani saw a slight increase in new cases.

Police search 3,760 venues and arrest 32 people

Low

Phuket Provincial Police have inspected 3,760 venues from 1 November to 4 December to enforce regulation to prevent activities that could risk spreading Covid19 and measures that regulate alcohol consumption. 32 people were charged in 28 cases. Muang Phuket saw 31 cases, the highest, 14 people were arrested. Of the 32 cases, one involved gambling that resulted in three arrests in Patong. The report did not provide a list of the venues searched.

10 illegal job seekers caught

Low

In Nakhon Si Thammarat, on Monday afternoon the authorities arrested 10 illegal job seekers from Myanmar after they hit a power post in Thung Song district. The accident happened on Highway 31 near Mo in tambon Na Pho. Just one of them had a passport, the others had no documentation. The group were picked up in Ranong province and were being taken to Songkhla's Hat Yai district for work. They were handed over to Thung Song police for legal action. The Thai van driver faces additional charges.

50 protesters arrested

Low-Medium

A source reported the police arrested 50 protesters who are against the Chana Industrial Park Project not far from the Government House in Bangkok on Monday. The protesters were mostly elderly and women. The gathering was peaceful.

Covid19 update

Low-Medium

The government announced 4,000 new Covid19 cases on Monday over a 24-hour period as well as 22 deaths attributed to the disease. Bangkok saw a slight uptick in cases. Of the deaths, Chonburi registered the highest number of deaths with three, while the 19 other deaths were spread across 13 other provinces including the capital. Additionally, seven people tested positive on arrival from the following countries: Cambodia, Belgium, Russia, Sweden, the UK and the Maldives. Meanwhile, Thailand logged its first Omicron case, a 5.1.2e 5.1.2e who arrived from Dubai at Suvarnabhumi Airport. The man arrived either on 29 or 30 November. Meanwhile, business leaders have stressed to the public not to panic over the Omicron variant citing another lockdown would deal a serious blow to the economy which is just rebounding.

PM2.5 warning

Low

The Centre for Air Pollution Mitigation (CAPM) have warned of unsafe levels of PM2.5 in the Greater Bangkok region through until Thursday. On Monday the levels ranged between 24-52 µg/m3 while air quality in Bangkok's Lat Krabang district hit unsafe level at 52 µg/m3. People in areas where PM2.5 pollution is bad have been advised to spend less time outside and to wear face mask. People with respiratory symptoms should see a doctor.

Passenger van crashes, 1 dead, 8 injured

Low

In Chiang Mai, a passenger van lost control and crashed driving down Doi Ang Khang in Fang district leaving one person dead and eight others injured. The van driver, 5.1.2e said he picked the tourists up from Samut Prakan provinces and taking the group for a tour of Doi Ang Khang. The police are trying to work out the circumstances behind the accident.

Prisoners get royal pardon

Low

32,000 inmates will be released under a royal pardon, 22,000 immediately while 9,100 will see a reduced prison sentence. The royal pardon was to mark 5.1.2e The Great's birthday on Sunday. A total of 138,175 inmates will benefit from the prison sentences reduction according to the director-general of the Department of Corrections (DoC), Aryut Sinthopphan.

Navy rescues Six Belgium tourists

Low

In Chon Buri, on Monday the navy responded to a stress call and rescued six Belgium tourists from Kram Yai island after two of their sailing boats started taking on water due to leaks. The group were stranded on the island since Sunday.

Insurgent killed in clash with rangers

Medium

In Narathiwat, on Friday night rangers clashed with a group of insurgents at a rubber plantation in Sri Sakhon district leaving one insurgent dead. The body of [5.1.2e] was found lying in the plantation not far from where a local resident was shot dead earlier that day. The victim [5.1.2e] was returning from hunting in the forest with six friends when he was attacked by a group of men who fired shots from the side of the road. A team of rangers were sent to find the attackers and the two sides clashed. The body of [5.1.2e] was found the following morning. The suspect was wanted under six arrest warrants for a series of attacks in the area.

Woman shot and stabbed multiple times

Low-Medium

Also in Narathiwat, on Saturday a woman was shot and stabbed multiple times on a road in tambon Bang Khun Thong, Tak Bai. Autopsy results revealed she was struck over the head by a hard object. Earlier, [5.1.2e] left the house to go to a party in Muang district. Police believe the attack may have happened due to a relationship conflict.

Motorcycle taxi driver shot dead at Bus Terminal 2

Low-Medium

In Phuket, on Saturday a man shot dead a motorbike taxi driver at close range at the Bus Terminal 2 while he was sitting on a chair dedicated to taxi's in the parking area. The suspect, [5.1.2e] was traced to his house on Phang Nga Rd in Phuket Town and taken into custody. He was released on bail in April for shooting dead two motorcycle taxi drivers in January despite confessing to the attacks. Vean is the owner of the car rental and tour company Wang Wiset Travel Service Co.

Phuket Sandbox update

Low-Medium

Phuket health officials announced 70 new local cases of Covid19, one new death attributed to the disease, no new Sandbox tourist arrivals, none under the Test and Go scheme, and none among non-Sandbox international arrivals from abroad on Saturday night over a 24-hour period. The total number of cases on the island in the past seven days stands at 648. 1044 patients were under medical care or supervision, 19 more than the previous day. The total number of positive Phuket Sandbox arrivals since 1 July stands at 262, 23 Test and Go tourists since 1 November, and a total of 18,139 local cases since 3 April. In terms of deaths, 55 were registered in September, 44 in October, 18 in November, and 1 in December. 138 fatalities attributed to Covid19 since 1 April.

Fire at paper factory caused 100 million baht in damages

Low-Medium

A fire broke out at the Chaisith Container and Paper Core factory in Samut Prakan’s Bang Bo district on Thursday evening that collapsed some of the structures. It took about 5 five hours to get it under control, five firefighters were injured, one seriously injured. The factory is located on a 20-rai plot of land on Bangna-Trat Road. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Fire at The Bangkok Sukhumvit 61 condo

Low-Medium

A fire broke out on the eighth floor of The Bangkok Sukhumvit 61 condominium in the Thonglor-Ekkamai area on Friday late morning. It was brought under control by 2pm. There were no reports of casualties. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

4,704 more Covid19 cases

Low-Medium

Health officials reported 4,704 more Covid19 cases on Sunday over a 24-hour period as well as 27 fatalities attributed to the disease. Bangkok registered the highest number of new transmissions with 781. Chon Buri and Ayutthaya registered the highest number of fatalities with three each while the remainder was spread across 18 other provinces. Meanwhile, eight people tested positive from seven countries with the highest being Cambodia two arrivals. The total number of infections since the beginning of the pandemic last year stands at 2,141,241, 2,048,815 have recovered, 71,482 are under medical care or supervision, and 20,944 have died. In similar news, a further 289,259 people were administered their first vaccine shot over a 24-hour period, 330,424 their second shot and 100,518 a booster. The total number of Covid19 vaccine doses administered in Thailand stands at 95,251,358.

Govt orders security boost after first Omicron case detected in Malaysia

Low-Medium

The government has ordered border security to step up their efforts along the border after the first case of the Omicron variant was detected in Malaysia. Everyone entering the country must pass through health checks and quarantine. Public health, foreign affairs, tourism and interior ministries as well as security agencies to step up border screening, both at airports and border checkpoints.

Large haul of drugs found at Bangkok port

Low-Medium

In Bangkok, on Saturday customs police found 97 kilogrammes of crystal meth hidden worth about 3 billion baht in cardboard boxes and silicone sheets at Klong Toey port destined for Taiwan. The boxes were brought to a cargo container belonging to a shipping company via a truck from a Northern company. The police are trying to track down who is involved.

Fighter jet crashes in Lop Buri

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A fighter jet taking part in a weapon firing competition near a training field crashed in Lop Buri's Chai Badan district around 11am on Friday. The crash landing happened in tambon Bua Chum. The aircraft crashed near a large pond leaving debris scattered around the area. The pilot managed to successfully eject however suffered two broken legs and an arm. Investigators are trying to work out how the accident happened.

Two drug suspects caught at road checkpoint in Chiang Rai

Low

In Chiang Mai, the police seized 2.6 million speed pills and 1 kg of ketamine from two drug suspects at a road checkpoint in Mae Lao district on Wednesday. The drugs were hidden in twenty-five fertiliser sacks. The suspects were named 5.1.2e They said they were hired to pick up the drugs from a location in the province and deliver them to Nakhon Pathom. The investigation is ongoing.

15 illegals caught in Chiang Mai

Low

Soldiers caught 15 illegal job seekers and their two guides crossing over the border into Chiang Mai's Fang district on Saturday. They paid up to 20,000 baht each to their guides to be taken to work in Chiang Mai and Bangkok. 69 speed pills were found in one of the guides bags. Meanwhile, the army has stepped up surveillance across a 2,400-kilometre border to stop illegal crossings and the spread of Covid19.

Police raid luxury condo and arrest five for running illegal gambling business

Low

In Bangkok's Bang Khen district, five suspects were arrested for operating an illegal online gambling business at the luxury Premio Fresco condominium complex on Ram Intra road. The five said they were hired by another man to operate the system and turned over 20 million baht each month. They were charged with violating the Gambling Act and handed over to Bang Khen police for legal action.

Myanmar woman rescued after 13-years of forced labour

Low

A woman from Myanmar was rescued from a house in Pakamas housing estate in Bangkok's Suan Luang district after 13-years of forced labour. A Department of Special Investigation (DSI) team went to the house on Saturday to free the woman. She told officers she had been forced to work at the house for more than 13-years without pay. Investigators are preparing for legal action against those responsible.

Two groups of illegals caught

Low

Soldiers caught 30 illegal job seekers from Myanmar in Sangkhla Buri and Sai Yok districts of Kanchanaburi on Saturday. Each had paid up to 25,000 baht each for work in Bangkok and Samut Sakhon. They were taken to local police stations for legal action before being deported.

Soldier arrested for shooting woman dead

Low-Medium

In Narathiwat, the police have charged a soldier with murder for shooting dead a woman in front of her house at a village in tambon Joh Hae in Tak Bai district on Wednesday. 5.1.2e
5.1.2e in Cho Airong district was arrested later the same day. 5.1.2e was already being investigated for numerous violations including his connections with illegal drugs.

Flooding in Nakhon Si Thammarat

Low-Medium

Nakhon Si Thammarat's Lan Saka district, heavy rain has caused severe flooding in at-risk areas after run off from the Khiriwong mountain range hit low-lying areas. As of Thursday morning, there is flooding in Sichon, Tha Sala, Cha-uat, Muang, Nabon, Chawang and Ron Phibun districts. The flood water is expected to reach the provincial centre overnight.

Phuket Sandbox update

Low-Medium

Phuket health officials announced 96 new local cases of Covid19, no new deaths attributed to the disease, four new Sandbox tourist arrivals, one under the Test and Go scheme, and none among non-Sandbox international arrivals from abroad on Wednesday night over a 24-hour period. The total number of cases on the island in the past seven days stands at 813. 1,044 patients were under medical care or supervision, 4 more than the previous day. The total number of positive Phuket Sandbox arrivals since 1 July stands at 262, 22 Test and Go tourists since 1 November, and a total of 17,903 local cases since 3 April. In terms of deaths, 55 were registered in September and 44 in October, and 18 in November. Meanwhile, the highest number of cases in the South on Thursday was in Nakhon Si Thammarat with 329, then 302 in Songkhla, 196 in Surat Thani, 138 in Pattani, 133 in Prachuap Khiri Khan and 102 in Yala. The South registered 10 fatalities in Chumphon (2), Pattani (2), Yala (2), Surat Thani (2), Trang (1) and Phangnga (1).

Govt to inject 1 trillion baht into economy next year

Low-Medium

The Finance Minister Arkhom Termpittayapaisith said yesterday the government will inject 1 trillion baht into the economy next year to balance the economy and the spread of the new Covid19 variant, Omicron. A further 250 billion baht is available from the 500 billion baht borrowing under the second emergency loan decree the government took out to handle the pandemic's impact on the economy. Since last year the economy has contracted 6.1%, the first economic contraction in 11 years. However, the economy has only contracted by 0.3% in the third quarter this year, less than expected, and should expand by 1% this year. Next year, the economy is expected to grow by 4% based on foreign tourists returning.

Low-Medium

Public health reported 4,971 new Covid19 cases on Thursday as well as 33 deaths attributed to the disease. 4,599 infections were found at hospitals and 163 in active testing. 198 cases were found in prisons and the remainder in the general population. Bangkok registered the highest number of new cases and registered three fatalities. Additionally, 11 people tested positive on arrival from the UK (1), Russia (4), the US (1), Germany (1), the Maldives (1) and Cambodia (3). Raising the total number of Covid19 cases in Thailand since the beginning of the pandemic to 2,125,729, 2,031,156 have recovered, 73,726 are under care or supervision, and 20,847 have died. In related news, the government said another lockdown was unnecessary despite the spread of the Omicron in other parts of the world however confirmed the closure of entertainment venues are likely to be extended citing these venues where crowds gather are high risk. Meanwhile, as of Thursday a further 218,111 people were administered their first vaccine over a 24-hour period, 247,226 their second shot and 56,356 a booster. The total number of Covid19 vaccine doses administered nationwide stands at 93,753,156.

Man who shot at bus turns out to be a junior policeman

Low-Medium

In Bangkok, a man who fired a gunshot at the No.17 passenger bus in the Bang Chan area on Tuesday 30 November turned out to be a junior policeman. A video recording shows a man in an orange jacket pulling over the bus full of passengers. The driver and conductor said the man walked up to the bus and asked whether the bus emissions were within legal limits. The driver suggested he ask his boss and a dispute broke out. The man then walked back to his motorcycle and returned with a gun. The driver asked all of the passengers to get off the bus and drove to Fashion Island shopping mall bus stop where the man fired one shot at the bus and then sped off. Nobody was hurt. The shooter, 5.1.2e turned himself in to Bang Chan police and admitted firing the shot. He was initially charged with attempted murder and carrying a gun in the public.

Fire at Tong Hua Buayai Co rice mill

Low-Medium

In Nakhon Ratchasima, a fire broke out at the Tong Hua Buayai Co rice mill in Bua Yai district on Wednesday night. It started about 7.30pm and was brought under control by 9.30. The mill is located on Nivetrat Road in tambon Dan Chang. The estimated damages are about 10 million baht. Investigators are trying to work out how it started.

Fourth Cambodian refugee detained

Low

A Cambodian monk with refugee status was arrested on Wednesday night and is being held in custody at the Suanplu Immigration Detention Centre. Bor Bet said he fears being deported back to his home country because he is likely to be sent to prison like other refugees. The reasons for his detention are unclear. Human rights groups sought an injunction against Bor Bet's deportation yesterday citing Phnom Penh was attempting to silence criticism from the exiled community in Thailand. The Thai government did not respond to a request for comment. If deported Bor will be the fourth refugee to be sent back home to Cambodia in four weeks.

Bill seeking to repeal NCPO orders delayed

Low

The bill seeking to repeal 35 announcements and orders of the now-dissolved National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) was delayed on Wednesday. Parliament gave the reason for the delay that there were other bills of higher priority. The bill is expected to be tabled at the first reading next Wednesday.

Thursday 02, December 2021

Phuket Sandbox update

Low-Medium

Phuket health officials announced 92 new local cases of Covid19, no new deaths attributed to the disease, no new Sandbox tourist arrivals, one under the Test and Go scheme, and none among non-Sandbox international arrivals from abroad on Tuesday night over a 24-hour period. The total number of cases on the island in the past seven days stands at 827. 1,038 patients were under medical care or supervision, 26 less than the previous day. The total number of positive Phuket Sandbox arrivals since 1 July stands at 258, 21 Test and Go tourists since 1 November, and a total of 17,803 local cases since 3 April. In terms of deaths, 55 were registered in September and 44 in October, and 18 this month so far. Meanwhile, the highest number of cases in the South on Wednesday was in Songkhla with 270, then 240 in Surat Thani, 204 in Nakhon Si Thammarat, 119 in Pattani, 117 in Prachuap Khiri Khan and 100 in Chumphon. The South registered 15 deaths in Nakhon Si Thammarat (5), Songkhla (3), Krabi (2), Trang (1), Pattani (1), Phthalung (1), Yala (1) and Satun (1).

Scheduled power outage in Chalong

Low

In Phuket, there is a scheduled power outage today 2 December along Chao fa West Road in Chalong for essential maintenance work to the high-voltage cables. The work will affect properties and businesses from Soi Mae-umpan to Soi Nakok.

Grab food delivery driver killed in collision with pickup truck

Low

In Phuket, on Wednesday morning a Grab food delivery driver collided with a pickup truck and was killed close to Bangjo intersection in Srisoonthorn. The accident happened about 1am, the body of

5.1.2e

 was found at the side of the road near his motorbike. The police are trying to work out who was responsible for the accident.

Employee charged with arson

Low-Medium

The police have arrested and charged an employee who was charged with starting the fire at Prapakorn Oil Co Lubricant in Nakhon Pathom's Sam Phran district earlier this week.

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 was charged with

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arson and giving a false statement to the police. The estimated damages are in the region of 40 million baht. Sirasinee, a supervisor, told the police she started the fire to get revenge on her employer because they criticised her work. The company denies her accusations.

4,886 new Covid19 cases

Low-Medium

The government announced 4,886 new Covid19 cases on Wednesday over a 24-hour period as well as 43 fatalities attributed to the disease. 4,566 transmissions were found at hospitals and 149 through active testing. 165 cases were found at prisons while the remainder was found in the general population. Bangkok logged the highest number of new cases and registered two deaths. Additionally, six people tested positive on arrival from the following countries: Ireland, Singapore, Japan, Cambodia, Switzerland and the Maldives. Meanwhile, health officials said they are trying to track down 330 people who arrived between 15 and 27 November from the eight banned southern African countries for testing. Just 23 have been traced so far.

New clusters

Low-Medium

Public health confirmed new Covid19 clusters at factories in Lop Buri, Prachin Buri, Saraburi, Phetchaburi and Kanchanaburi; markets in Khon Kaen, Udon Thani, Surat Thani, Prachuap Khiri Khan and Chanthaburi; workers camps in Rayong, Surin, Sa Kaeo and Khon Kaen; schools in Prachuap Khiri Khan, Sa Kaeo, Chiang Mai, Loei and Ubon Ratchathani; a military camp in Chon Buri; and eateries in Ubon Ratchathani and Udon Thani.

Prominent activist granted bail

Low-Medium

The Criminal Court granted

5.1.2e

 bail in two more lese majeste cases on the basis she can take exams. The two cases are her third and fourth over two days, on Tuesday the court gave her bail related to speeches she made at rallies held on 19 September and 2 December last year in the capital. For these cases the release expires on 13 January when she will return to prison. For the first two cases she was instructed not to join any rallies against the monarchy and from leaving home unless for medical care or study. Panusaya must also put on an electronic tracking bracelet.

Police officer left unconscious in car accident

Low

On Wednesday night a policeman accidentally rammed his SUV into the back of a lorry on Thepparat road in Samut Prakan's Bang Phli district. The accident happened close to marker 11 on inbound Thepparat road leaving Pol Lt Saharat Kongmee severely injured and unconscious. He was rushed to Chularat 1 Suvarnabhumi Hospital for urgent medical treatment. Investigators are checking security footage and questioning witnesses to determine exactly what happened.

24 illegals caught

In Kanchanaburi, 24 illegal job seekers from Myanmar were caught in a pickup truck heading to a village in tambon Lum Sum in Sai Yok district. The group entered through a natural border crossing in the district and were heading to jobs in Bangkok, Chon Buri, Samut Prakan and Samut Sakhon. Each had paid up to 20,000 baht to be transported to their destination. The driver and the group were taken to Sai Yok police for legal action.

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[Post-Test&Go arrival boom forecast](#)

The number of tourists arriving in Thailand is expected to increase sharply now the government has ended the Test & Go entry scheme on May 1, and with more airlines tipped to resume services to the country soon. [Bangkok Post]

[Nong Khai-Laos border checkpoints finally reopen after two years](#)

Three border checkpoints in Nong Khai were reopened on Sunday, more than two years after they were sealed in March 2020 to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Nong Khai governor Monsit Pisanthanawat said that all three checkpoints will now be open from 5am until 9pm every day. Travellers from Laos entering Nong Khai must present a vaccine certificate showing at least two doses and pass temperature screening. [The Nation, 02.05]

Politics

[Pheu Thai up in arms over Abhisit claim](#)

Former Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva has come under fire from Pheu Thai members over an interview in which he claimed the party wants to win the next election by a landslide in order to allow Thaksin Shinawatra to come home. [Bangkok Post]

[Chuan won't return as party leader](#)

House Speaker Chuan Leekpai has reiterated his support for Democrat Party leader Jurin Laksanawisit, noting he will not return to lead the party as requested by former secretary-general Suthep Thaugsuban. He added that he will always support the party to ensure its goals remain on track under the leadership of Mr Jurin, who is also Commerce Minister. [Bangkok Post]

[Thai MFA issued a rare statement defending the Foreign Minister from the allegation of 'betraying the country'](#)

Yesterday, the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement defending Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs. The statement reads as followed the allegation of "national betrayal" is not only a product of disingenuous fabrication but is also an act of defamation against the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister and the entire staff currently serving at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand - both career diplomats and political appointees.

Trade/Economy

[Animal feed imports to be boosted for 3 months](#)

The Commerce Ministry proposed new measures yesterday to boost imports of animal feed ingredients for a three-month period, a move aimed at shoring up domestic supplies following disruptions caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The Commerce Minister told a news conference one measure proposed was to temporarily suspend controls on wheat imports from May to July. [Bangkok Post]

[Thailand can't shake off IPR watch list placing](#)

Despite the progress it has made towards improving intellectual property rights protection last year, Thailand remains on the United States Trade Representatives' (USTR) Watch List this year, the Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) said on Monday. This year's watch list features 20 countries. [Bangkok Post]

[BoT loan schemes hit B300bn over 2 years](#)

Loan extension under the Bank of Thailand's soft loan and recovery loan schemes for businesses affected by the pandemic has reached 300 billion baht since the launch of the programme in April 2020. For the overall banking sector, loan growth was sluggish in the first quarter as a result of the impact of the Omicron variant. [Bangkok Post]

[JPM downgrades Thailand on fading tourism recovery and worsening macro conditions](#)

Analysts at J.P. Morgan downgraded Thailand's equities rating on Monday, citing the slow pace of recovery in the tourism industry due to rising inflation and a surge in COVID-19 cases in China. JPM said the tourism industry in Thailand faces several headwinds, including soaring inflation globally along with weakening consumer sentiment and foreign exchange fluctuations, as brokerage cuts its rating to "neutral" from "overweight". [CNA, 02.05]

Human Rights

[Student activist denied bail, detained in remand prison](#)

Student activist Sophon Surariddhidhamrong was denied bail by the Ratchadapisek Criminal Court. He will be detained at Bangkok Remand Prison. Thai Lawyers for Human Rights (TLHR) said that the Court denied him bail because he was previously granted bail on a contempt of court charge resulting from a protest at the Criminal Court to demand the right to bail for detained activists. Sophon was arrested on a royal defamation and a violation of the Sound Amplifier Act charges for giving a speech during a protest march in the Ratchadamneon area on 22 April.

Opinion

[The State of Thailand's Deep South Insurgency](#) (Uday)

The insurgency in Thailand's 'Deep South' which covers the provinces of Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat, and parts of Songkhla has been ongoing for decades. Insurgents from the minority Malay-Muslim community have demanded autonomy from Buddhist-majority Thailand. As per the constitution, Thailand is "indivisible". They were previously part of the Sultanate of Patani. The Malay-Muslim population in the Deep South is culturally and historically closer to the Malays across the border. The conflict is motivated by this history. Thailand has generally taken a heavy security-based approach in the Deep South. There have been human rights violations by both sides. The trend of violence has ebbed and flowed over the years. Between January 2004 and October 2021, at least 7,294 people have been killed and 13,550 have been injured. The latest peace talks, from 2019/2020, involve Barisan Revolusi Nasional (BRN) and Bangkok. However, violence has continued despite the talks. There have been unverified claims of Thai militants pledging allegiance to the Islamic State (IS). They have been unsuccessful thus far. It is unlikely that an IS-linked group will

to establish a presence and be operationally capable in the Deep South in the current conditions. The extremist or IS-level-radicalised subset of the Thai insurgents is very small. The nature of the Deep South conflict is not going to change anytime soon. In time, there could be some groups in line with IS or similar ideologies, but for that, the current conditions will have to change. The idea of the Sultanate of Patani is stronger than that of a global caliphate. Pro-IS groups will continue their propaganda targeting Thailand though and try to get more local support. The violence in the Deep South is going to continue regardless, as a political resolution is still difficult to see for the foreseeable future. [Militant Wire, 02.05]

[New Envoy to Steer Thailand's Response to Myanmar Crisis](#) (Editorial)

The already long list of governments and blocs to have appointed a special envoy to crisis-torn Myanmar has grown with the Thai Foreign Ministry's designation of Pornpimol "Pauline" Kanchanalak, an adviser to the Thai foreign minister, as Bangkok's special envoy for relations with Myanmar. It is still unclear what mandate the Thai special envoy has been given. Last week, Don, who also serves as deputy prime minister, said Pornpimol was given the post in part due to her extensive knowledge of the neighboring country. It is not clear, however, whether she has visited Myanmar recently, and little is known about her knowledge of the country's complex political situation or the web of ethnic conflicts that has long beset military-ruled Myanmar. Don told the Bangkok Post that while Pornpimol has already played a key role as a ministry adviser, her ability to join discussions with high-ranking foreign officials has been limited. Her new position will lift those curbs, he said, adding that such appointments are common in the European Union. Myanmar has closed all checkpoints along the Thai border since April 23, when a car bomb exploded near the Myanmar entrance to the Thai-Myanmar Friendship Bridge, in Myawaddy, Karen State, opposite Thailand's Mae Sot. In any case, Thailand is a key neighbor of Myanmar and the appointment of Pornpimol could signal that Bangkok is looking to play along with like-minded actors on the complicated Myanmar issue. It will also be playing a key role in distributing humanitarian assistance from the US and other Western countries to Myanmar refugees on the border, as the violence continues to escalate across the frontier and Myanmar continues to descend into chaos and instability. As it does, it appears likely from Don's comments that he has entrusted Pornpimol to guide his ministry's policies on Myanmar. [The Irrawaddy, 02.05]

[Asean tackling aid for Myanmar people](#) (Kavi Chongkittavorn)

On May 6, the Asean special envoy to Myanmar, the Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Prak Sokhonn, is holding a high-level platform for Asean to kick off a multi-stakeholder dialogue and to find the best practical ways to provide the grouping's humanitarian assistance to Myanmar. The meeting is part of the implementation of the five-point consensus agreed last April by Asean. The one-day meeting will be attended by senior officials from all Asean members as well as other specialised UN agencies and civil society organisations. The purpose is to jump-start a multi-stakeholder dialogue to come up with recommendations to guide Asean's humanitarian assistance to Myanmar in the weeks and months to come. At the Phnom Penh meeting, Thailand, as Myanmar's eastern neighbour with a 2,401-kilometre common border, will have an important role to play as, because of its location, it will be serving as a hub for humanitarian assistance. Since the coup, the Thai authorities have been exploring possible cooperation with various partners and stakeholders to address the humanitarian crisis in Myanmar in a comprehensive manner. So far, the assistance has been confined to the border areas and to those who fled across to Thailand. [Bangkok Post]

[Reading between the digital lines](#) (Adviser for the Communication and Information unit at UNESCO Bangkok)

On this year's World Press Freedom Day -- which falls today -- it's clear that our current relationship with information has undergone a profound change from the norms of only a generation ago. Today it is undeniable that the technological developments of such mediated information have contributed substantially to the proliferation of misinformation online. This ultimately has the effect of distancing public trust from traditional media. This scenario also has a direct impact on the status of freedom of expression across the world, in which the digital realm makes possible both new opportunities and new threats for free expression. Digital technology indeed has enabled new forms of free communication that rely on encrypted content, coded language, and memes which indirectly express ideas that would be normally prohibited under authoritarian regimes. This trend was, however, rapidly quelled by the blocking of specific sites and the government's use of advanced surveillance mechanisms. Information-seeking now represents half of all online activities among worldwide users. As the world increasingly depends on sophisticated digital tools to access news, users' understanding of the digital realm will have great social implications. As much as laws and regulations are necessary to protect freedom of expression and free access to information, greater public awareness of these issues is essential if we're to safeguard a truly autonomous and free media industry. [Bangkok Post]

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Prettig weekend.

Groetjes

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Beste 5.1.2e en 5.1.2e,

Goedemiddag. Hoe gaat het? Aangehecht een brief van mij, 5.1.2e met betrekking tot het reisadvies voor de gouden Driehoek en de grensgebieden van Thailand met Myanmar. Ik ga zelf morgen naar Mae Sai en Chiang Saen om de veiligheidssituatie te checken en met lokale autoriteiten en bedrijven te praten. Ik zal er verslag van uitbrengen na mijn terugkomst.

Met vriendelijke groeten

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To: [redacted] [redacted]@minbuza.nl>
Subject: RE: reisadvies

Hi [redacted]
Ik zou dat zeker doen. In het Noordwesten van MM wordt zwaar gevochten, dus daar moeten backpackers zeker de grens niet over (volgens mij kan dat ook helemaal niet). Maar je wil ze ook niet in het Oranje gedeelte de grens over hebben (je wil ze helemaal niet in MM hebben namelijk), dus daar zou ik in je ondersteunende tekst vrij strikt over zijn. Vanwege Veiligheid en nog steeds Covid is MM op dit moment echt een no-go-area.

[redacted] 5.2

Hartelijke groet en alvast een fijn weekend,

[redacted]
From: [redacted] [redacted]@minbuza.nl>

Sent: vrijdag 5 november 2021 11:40
To: [redacted] [redacted]@minbuza.nl>
Subject: FW: reisadvies

Beste [redacted]
We zijn net als jullie door DCV benaderd over aanpassing van ons reisadvies, en het opschonen van het reisadvies van zoveel mogelijk COVID-adviezen. Dit zou betekenen dat Thailand weer geel wordt (logisch), temeer dat Thailand weer open is voor toeristen. Ik worstel een beetje met de grens. Binnen de EU zijne r nogal wat verschillen (een aantal lidstaten zegt er zelfs niets over) [redacted] 5.2 De Fransen zijn het helderst, zie hieronder. Aan jouw kant van de grens is alles oranje, muv het stukje tussen Mae Sai en Laos, waar het ook rood is. Ik zou jouw reisadvies kunnen spiegelen, dwz dat bij ons de hele grens ook oranje wordt, muv het bovenste stukje, rood.

Wat denk jij?

[redacted]

Frans resiadvies

THAÏLANDE



■ Formellement déconseillé
■ Déconseillé sauf raison impérative

■ Vigilance renforcée
■ Vigilance normale

Zones de vigilance (cf. carte)

Zones formellement déconseillées extrême sud et frontière birmane nord-ouest

À l'extrême sud, les voyages sont formellement déconseillés dans les provinces de Narathiwat, Pattani, Yala et Songkhla, où perdure une insurrection séparatiste.

La zone frontalière avec la Birmanie au nord-ouest est formellement déconseillée, à l'exception du poste frontière de **Mae Sai (Thaïlande, province de Chiang Rai) / Tachileik (Birmanie, État Shan)**, déconseillé sauf raison impérative.

Zones déconseillées sauf raison impérative

La majeure partie de la frontière avec la Birmanie est déconseillée sauf raison impérative. Cette recommandation inclut les points de passage ouverts aux étrangers, en raison des risques de brigandage transfrontalier et de l'existence de nombreux trafics. Le franchissement de la frontière hors des points de passage autorisés est illégal et peut entraîner de graves conséquences (disparition de plusieurs ressortissants français)

- Mae Sai (Thaïlande, province de Chiang Rai) / Tachileik (Birmanie, État Shan),
- Mae Sot (Thaïlande, province de Tak) / Myawaddy (Birmanie, État Kayin),
- Phu Nam Ron (Thaïlande, province de Kanchanaburi) / Htee Kee (Birmanie, région de Tanintharyi),
- Ranong (Thaïlande, province de Ranong) / Kawthaung (Birmanie, région de Tanintharyi).

Il est recommandé de consulter [l'onglet Sécurité de la fiche Conseils aux voyageurs Birmanie](#).

Les zones de Phanom Dong Rak et Sao Thong, Chai, à la frontière cambodgienne, sont également déconseillées sauf raison impérative, en raison des tensions frontalières.

Dans le sud du pays, les provinces de Satun et de Phatthalung sont également déconseillées sauf raison impérative, en raison de possibles débordements de l'insurrection séparatiste de l'extrême sud.

Pour se rendre sur l'île de Koh Lipe et au parc national de Tarutao, il convient d'utiliser les voies maritimes depuis l'île de Koh Lanta ou la ville de Krabi.

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Dear Partners,
Greetings from Securitas Thailand.
Wednesday 02, February 2022
Phuket Sandbox update

Low-Medium

Phuket health officials recorded 385 new local infections confirmed throughout the island and no registered deaths on Monday, raising the total number of people marked as infected with Covid19 in Phuket since 3 April to 14,934. There were 216 new Sandbox cases and no Test & Go tourists. In terms of deaths, there were 10 fatalities attributed to Covid19 in January. 3,906 people are receiving medical treatment or under supervision, 273 more than the previous day.

Son shoots father dead

Low

In Surat Thani province, on Tuesday morning a man shot his father twice in the head at the front of their house in Phunphin district. The victim was pronounced dead shortly after arriving at Phunphin Hospital. The police turned up and surrounded the tambon Bang Ngon property where [5.1.2e] was hiding. however they were unable to persuade him to come out. Reports cite the suspect is mentally ill.

Cabinet approve P-Move proposal

Low-Medium

A proposal submitted by the People's Network for a Just Society (P-Move) to resolve the ongoing land conflict was approved by the cabinet yesterday. The group demanded that the government give [984023]

amnesty to the indigenous Karen people in Kaeng Krachan National in Phetchaburi province for those involved in forest land encroachment cases. The government will also help people living on land owned by the State Railway of Thailand. A subcommittee will be set up to study an amnesty draft act to work on a solution to the land conflict.

7,422 new Covid19 cases

Low-Medium

Public health reported 7,422 new Covid19 cases on Tuesday over a 24-hour period as well as fatalities attributed to the disease. 7,116 infections were found at hospitals and 17 through active testing. 28 were found in prisons and the remainder in the general population. Bangkok led the case load with 1,254 and registered three deaths. Additionally, 261 people tested positive on arrival from Russia, 30 from Kazakhstan, nine each from Ukraine and the UK, eight from the US and seven from Israel.

Rapid train rams into 18-wheeler truck, driver and engineer killed

Low

In Udon Thani, on Monday night the Rapid train No134 (Nong Khai-Bangkok) hit an 18-wheeler truck near the Ban Chan intersection in Muang district. The accident happened about 7.45pm, the train was derailed and suffered major damage. The train driver, [5.1.2e] and engineer, [5.1.2e] were killed and some of the 100 passengers were slightly injured. The lorry driver said he drove across the tracks because the barrier was not down and then heard the train ramming his vehicle. The tracks were repaired by 2pm for services to resume. An investigation has been launched to determine who was at fault.

Two Chinese arrested for shopping app scam

Low

In Bangkok [5.1.2e] and [5.1.2e] were arrested at Ram Intra area for tricking people into investments that turned out to be a scam. The arrests followed over one-thousand complaints from victims who were fooled into using a fake e-shopping application. The pair generated about 30,000 baht each per month and a total of 2-billion baht of transaction, of which 1.4 billion had been transferred to other accounts, the remaining was transferred into cryptocurrencies. Khok Kram police are handling the case.

Police seize assets in temple fraud

Low

In Nakhon Sawan, the police have raided multiple houses and seized millions of baht worth of assets after the abbot of Wat Huai Duan temple in Nong Bua district filed a police complaint that the temple's treasurers had stolen over 100 million baht of donations received in 2020 and 2021. Reports cite that the treasurer, [5.1.2e] and two women, [5.1.2e] had transferred nearly 63,000 baht from the temple to their own accounts. That money had already been returned and the recent raids were to recover the remaining cash. The police are looking into the source of the owned assets and questioning the three suspects as well as another man.

Low

On Monday a large 18-wheeler truck lost control on the Prasat-Surin road in Surin's Prasat district and crashed into a power pole. The accident happened at kilometre marker 1 in tambon Chua Phloeng. Rescue workers had to extract the driver and his female passenger using hydraulic jacks. The driver, 5.1.2e was seriously injured and rushed to hospital for treatment. His passenger, 5.1.2e was found dead in the cab. The police are trying to work out how the accident happened.

Two groups of 235 illegal job seekers caught in two districts

Low

In Kanchanaburi, on Monday soldiers caught two groups of 235 illegal job seekers from Myanmar in Sangkhla Buri and Muang districts. Each had travelled from Bago, Mawlamyine, Moulmein, Phayathonezu Rakhine, Magway, Yangon townships and Irrawaddy and heading to work in Samut Sakhon, Bangkok, Nakhon Pathom, Kanchanaburi, Ratchaburi and Chon Buri. Each had paid up to 25,000 baht to a job broker. They were taken to Sangkhla Buri and Muang police stations for legal action and will be deported.

Tuesday 01, February 2022
Phuket Sandbox update

Low-Medium

Phuket health officials recorded 392 new local infections confirmed throughout the island, three registered deaths on Sunday raising the total number of people marked as infected with Covid19 in Phuket since 3 April to 14,333. There were 136 new Sandbox cases and no Test & Go tourists. In terms of deaths, there were 10 fatalities attributed to Covid19 in January. 3633 people are receiving medical treatment or under supervision, 39 less than the previous day.

Fire at two-storey shophouse

Low

In Songkhla, on Monday morning a fire broke out at a two-storey shophouse in Hat Yai district. The fire started about 9am believed to be caused by lighting joss sticks for Chinese New Year. A woman and her child were treated for smoke inhalation. Most of the damage was office furniture.

8,008 new Covid19 cases

Low-Medium

The government announced 8,008 new Covid19 cases on Monday over a 24-hour period as well as 16 fatalities attributed to the disease. 7,788 were found at hospitals, 40 in active testing and 16 at prisons. Bangkok led the case load with 1,298, then 784 in Samut Prakan, 466 in Chon Buri, 449 in Nonthaburi. The capital registered two deaths and nine in other central plains provinces. Additionally, health officials reported 166 people testing positive on arrival from abroad including 84 from, Russia, 10 from Denmark, eight from Kazakhstan and six each from Qatar, Germany and the US. In similar news, 2,025 medical personnel contracted Covid19 in January while the number of the Omicron variant BA.2 cases had risen after being infected with BA.1, while the number of new cases in South Africa is stable. The increase in BA.2 infections is in line with research that it was more contagious than BA.1. However, BA.2 is no more likely to escape immunity than BA.1, according to the latest 00051 984023 in circulation.

New Covid19 clusters

Low-Medium

Public health reported new clusters at eateries in Suphan Buri (4 cases) and Udon Thani (3); healthcare centres in Bangkok (30), Chon Buri (8), Lop Buri (3), Nonthaburi (3) and Buri Ram (3); schools in Phetchaburi (19), Surin (13), Chon Buri (12), Mukdahan (7), Udon Thani (7) and Buri Ram (5); markets in Ubon Ratchathani (27), Samut Sakhon (7), Nan (22), Udon Thani (4), Khon Kaen (4) and Si Sa Ket (3); factories in Samut Prakan (8), Nakhon Phanom (21), Chachoengsao (11), Surin (6), Lop Buri (4), Chon Buri (3) and Buri Ram (3); and parlours in Phetchaburi (7) and Ayutthaya (42).

Test & Go scheme update

Low-Medium

Visitors who arrive under the Test & Go programme that reopens for registration today are expected to book two hotels for the two required PCR tests, one on the first day and one on the fifth day. Visitors have to show proof of bookings for both nights at one of the government hotels contracted to provide testing services with partner hospitals. A negative first test allows visitors to travel freely until their second test however if found to be infected with limited insurance the traveller would still have to meet all costs themselves. The new scheme is open to all countries. In similar news, 25,000 staff at Suvarnabhumi airport are to receive their 4th Covid19 vaccine by the end of February according to airport director Kittipong Kittikachorn. Staff are also being randomly tested for Covid19 every week using antigen test kits.

DLT ban 483 trucks and buses for failing emission tests

Low-Medium

The Department of Land Transport (DLT) has checked 101,709 trucks and buses between 1 October to 30 January, 483 were banned from road use after they failed emission tests. Operators and owners had been warned in advance it was against the law to use vehicles that exceed exhaust emission limits. In addition, the public has been asked to help with the ongoing PM2.5 pollution problem by taking photos of trucks or buses that emit black smoke.

24 illegals caught in Phitsanulok

Low

On Monday the authorities caught 24 more illegal job seekers from Myanmar in tambon Don Thong, Phitsanulok. The group were heading to a warehouse for work in tambon Don Thong, Muang district. They were taken to a local police station for legal action and will be deported. Reports cite at least 68,000 illegal border crossers, mostly from Myanmar, were caught from January to November last year. It is estimated about 100,000 had sneaked past the authorities and employed in the main provinces.

Four arrested for operating illegal online gambling

Low

T00051lice raided multiple locations in Phitsanulok's Muang and Chat Trakan district and another984023

location in Kamphaeng Phet's Muang district and arrested four suspects for operating an illegal online gambling business. Assets worth 20 million baht were seized that included a property and five cars. They were charged with operating an illegal gambling business and money laundering.

Monday 31, January 2022

Two insurgents killed

Medium

In Narathiwat, on Friday a combined team of soldiers clashed with insurgents at a house in tambon Marue Botok in Ra-ngae district. Two insurgents were shot dead and one ranger was injured. The incident happened about 3.30pm after soldiers learned an insurgent group led by 5.1.2e 5.1.2e were taking shelter at the house. 5.1.2e were found dead inside.

Multiple explosions in Yala, 1 injured

Medium

In Yala, an investigation has been ordered after multiple explosions happened in Muang district on Friday night leaving an elderly man injured. Four suspects were seen planting the bombs using two motorcycles. Explosions happened near a convenience store, Heng Jia temple, the Sateng checkpoint and a woodshop.

Sailor arrested after claiming bomb in baggage at Hat Yai airport

Low-Medium

On Wednesday a man who claimed to be a sailor and also a royal guard was arrested at Hat Yai airport after claiming he had a bomb in his baggage. CPO1 Pairoj who is in service with the Naval Communications and Information Technology Department was about to board a flight to Don Mueang airport at the time. Reports cite he appeared to be drunk at the time. An investigation panel found him guilty of misconduct the following day.

Two Indonesian fishing boats seized, 19 arrested

Low

In Phuket, the navy seized two Indonesian fishing boats on Thursday and arrested 19 crew members about 38.5 nautical miles from Phuket. One of them was just 13-years old. The two boats were taken to Rassada Pier to be searched. The crew face illegal entry and illegal fishing charges in Thai waters.

Constituency 9 by-election

Low-Medium

Bangkok's Constituency 9 by-election was won by Pheu Thai Party candidate Surachart Thienthong on Sunday. Unofficial poll results show Surachart received 29,416 votes and Saralrasmi Jenjaka of the Palang Pracharath Party (PPRP) got 7,906 votes. Move Forward Party candidate Krunphol Tiansuwan earned 20,361 votes. The constituency covers Lak Si district and part of Chatuchak district. 167,649 people were eligible to vote, 70% cast their vote yesterday.

Activists petition the govt to give Karen villages adequate farming land

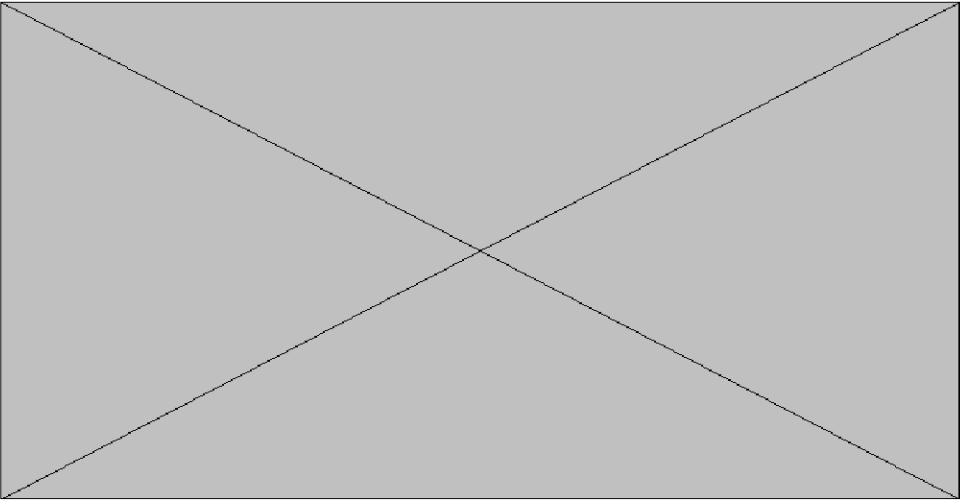
Low-Medium

Activists from P-move and Save Bang Kloy rode through parts of Bangkok on Sunday against the eviction of ethnic Karen accused of encroaching on Kaeng Krachan National Park. The group rode from Nang Loeng Intersection to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment calling for adequate farming land for the relocated villagers. In 2010 the Thai government sought Unesco heritage status for the park and relocated dozens of families out of the forest and promised to give them some land. However the families are complaining that the land provided by the government was infertile and would not support crops. In similar news, a small number of anti-government protesters rallied at Victory Monument and Din Daeng intersection on Sunday afternoon.

8,444 new Covid19 cases

Low-Medium

Health officials reported 8,444 new Covid19 cases on Sunday morning over a 24-hour period as well as 12 deaths attributed to the disease. 8,133 were detected at hospitals and 54 through active testing. 21 infections were found in prisons and the remainder in the general population. Bangkok led the case load with 1,271, then Samut Prakan (783), Chon Buri (408), Nonthaburi (403). The capital registered two fatalities, then one each in Samut Prakan, Kalasin, Khon Kaen, Nakhon Ratchasima, Ubon Ratchathani, Chiang Mai, Nakhon Sawan, Chumphon, Yala and Ayutthaya. 236 people tested positive on arrival from abroad. Raising the total number of cases since the beginning of the pandemic to 2,432,534, including 209,099 cases this year. 84,542 are under medical care or supervision, including 546 who are seriously ill and 109 are on ventilators. 22,157 people have died. In similar news, on Sunday a further 42,045 people were administered their first Covid19 shot over a 24-hour period, 59,234 their second shot and 277,802 a third short/booster. The total number of Covid-19 vaccine doses administered in Thailand stands at 114,956,275.



Source: epidemic-stats.com

New police training centre opened in Chiang Mai

Low-Medium

In Chiang Mai, a 19.8 million baht (US\$600,00) police training centre was opened by US officials that will mainly focus on close quarter battle (CQB) tactics and operations. The US contributed \$1.2-million to the Thai Border Patrol Police facility that includes a shooting range, a life-like village, a tactical training building and equipment.

Low-Medium

In Chiang Mai, on Saturday soldiers found 838,000 speed pills and 5 kgs of ketamine inside six rucksacks while patrolling in tambon Mae Ai, Fang district. They were handed over to a local police station. In similar news, 40 illegal job seekers from Myanmar were caught in tambon Mon Pin heading to work in Bangkok and Chiang Mai. Each had paid up to 25,000 baht to a broker. Meanwhile, on Thursday a patrol found 4 million meth pills, 26kg of ketamine and a grenade following a conflict with drug smugglers in Mae Ai district.

Thai and Cambodian authorities agree to crackdown on cross border scams

Low

The Thai and Cambodian authorities have agreed to share information to crackdown on cross border scams such as illegal call centres and investment scams. Four measures have been agreed, to set up contact points for both sides to track down suspects, share information on voice over internet protocol (VOIP), IP address and contact records of suspects, a dedicated suppression team in both countries, to issue memorandums of understanding (MOUs). The agreement came over a meeting between the

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 last year to tackle online scams.

Friday 28, January 2022
Phuket Sandbox update

Low-Medium

Phuket health officials recorded 323 new local infections confirmed throughout the island, no registered deaths on Wednesday raising the total number of people marked as infected with Covid19 in Phuket since 3 April to 32,003. There were 181 new Sandbox cases and three Test and Go tourists. In terms of deaths, there were 55 Covid fatalities in September, October 44, November 18, 6 in December, and seven in January so far. 3,561 people are receiving medical treatment or under supervision, 85 more than the previous day.

Court rules to dismiss lawsuit in killing of activist

Low-Medium

The Appeal Court on Wednesday ruled to dismiss a lawsuit against the army that left a human rights activist dead. Chaiyaphum Pasae was shot dead at a checkpoint in Chiang Mai in 2017. The court upheld the Civil Court ruling that the army did not have to pay compensation to Chaiyaphum's family citing the rifle the soldier used was in self-defence. The officer said drugs were found in Chaiyaphum's vehicle, he was shot because he resisted arrest. However, witnesses reported he was dragged from the vehicle, beaten and shot.

Thailand Pass update

Low-Medium

The Thailand Pass registration will be reopened from February 1 under the Test and Go scheme with some slight changes in the details of registration as follows: Registration is not restricted by country/region of origin. Travellers will need to have two PCR tests: one on the first day of arrival and on the fifth day. Travellers are required to show proof of booking and payment for two nights of SHA Plus /AQ/OQ/AHQ hotel or accommodation on those days. Hotel bookings include the PCR, 984023

testing, or a paid examination then travellers must stay at the hotel for the results. If the stay is less than five days the second examination is not required but will need to show proof of return flight ticket. The scheme will be the first measure for entry after 1 February going forwards. If the pandemic advances, health officials may consider tightening up the measures to be only Sandbox / AQ as before.

Over 8,000 Covid19 cases reported on Thursday

Low-Medium

Health officials reported 8,078 new Covid-19 cases on Thursday morning over a 24-hour period as well as 22 deaths attributed to the disease. 7,772 new infections were found at hospitals and 44 through active testing. 37 were found in prisons and the remainder in the general population. Bangkok led the case load with 1,427, then 692 in Samut Prakan, 460 in Nonthaburi, 334 in Chon Buri. Bangkok, Pathum Thani, Kanchanaburi and Nakhon Ratchasima all registered two fatalities each. Meanwhile, 225 tested positive on arrival from abroad: 85 from Russia, 20 from Kazakhstan, 13 from France, eight from Denmark and seven each from Germany, UK and Australia. Raising the total number of cases since the beginning of the pandemic to 2,407,022, 2,302,164 have recovered, 82,760 are under medical care or supervision, 22,098 have died. In similar news, on Thursday a further 44,412 people were administered their first Covid19 shot over a 24-hour period, 74,003 their second shot and 322,256 a third shot/booster. The total number of Covid19 vaccine doses administered in the country stands at 113,622,267.

Fire at Bangkok townhouse

Low

In Bangkok's Bang Khunthian district, early on Thursday morning there was a fire at townhouse Soi 30 off Ekkachai Road that completely destroyed the building. The house owner was killed and his wife seriously burned and another family member was killed. The cause of the fire is under investigation. The estimated damages are not yet known.

Large oil spill to take about 5-days to clean up

Low

The Royal Thai Navy said the operation to clean-up the large oil spill could take about five days depending on the weather conditions. Star Petroleum Refining has confirmed that oil started to leak about 9pm on Tuesday at a single point mooring, a floating jetty allowing petroleum tankers to move crude oil for the company's refinery in Map Ta Phut Industrial Estate. An aerial survey has confirmed the spill was about 20,000 litres. The navy has been instructed to monitor the weather and floating oil. If it reaches the shore it could affect 150 rai of coral and 300 rai of seagrass.

Soldiers clash with drug smugglers near the border

Low

In Chiang Mai, On Wednesday night soldiers and drug smugglers clashed near the border in Mae Ai district. The gunfire broke out for about five minutes. More than 200,000 meth pills and 750 grammes of heroin in drinking bottles were seized in tambon Tha Ton. Three suspects were arrested. The suspects were handed over to Mae Ai police for legal action.

Foreigner shot in front of a resort in Phuket

Low-Medium

In Phuket, on Wednesday a foreign man was shot in front of the B-Lay Tong Phuket resort on the Patong beach about 1.45am. A 5.1.2e Thai man named 5.1.2e has been arrested with a handgun and bullets. Reports cite the foreign man entered the resort and caused a problem, he was confronted before being shot. The police have not yet released any further details of the victim's medical situation.

Phuket Sandbox update

Low-Medium

Phuket health officials recorded 343 new local infections confirmed throughout the island, one registered death on Tuesday raising the total number of people marked as infected with Covid19 in Phuket since 3 April to 31,487. There were 110 new Sandbox cases and two Test and Go tourists. In terms of deaths, there were 55 Covid fatalities in September, October 44, November 18, 6 in December, and seven in January so far. 3,476 people are receiving medical treatment or under supervision, 127 more than the previous day.

State of emergency extended until 31 March

Low-Medium

The state of emergency has been extended until 31 March, the reason provided is that SARS-CoV-2 has mutated into a highly transmissible variant, Omicron, that was spreading through the country quickly. Although the number of Thais who have been vaccinated is high, the number of Thais who have received the booster is low and could be a risk to the public health system. Meanwhile, people fleeing violence and economic hardship in neighbouring countries could make the pandemic worse in Thailand. Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha signed the announcement on 24 January that will come into effect on 1 February. In similar news, the government reported 7,587 new Covid19 cases on Wednesday morning over a 24-hour period as well as 19 deaths attributed to the disease. 7,267 new infections found at hospitals and 58 through active testing. 106 were found in prisons and the remainder in the general population. Bangkok led the case load with 1,683 and five deaths. Additionally, 156 people tested positive arriving from abroad with the highest 39 from Russia, 11 each from India and Uzbekistan. Meanwhile, seven people in Thailand infected with the Omicron variant have died, raising the death rate of Omicron in the country to 0.1%. Omicron is now the dominant variant, accounting for 94.6% of patients in Thailand. Delta is 5.4%. The Omicron BA.2 is spreading slightly faster than Omicron BA.1, according to experts.

Save Chana activists march

Low-Medium

Dusit Police Station summoned 36 Save Chana activists who travelled from Songkhla province on Wednesday to hear their charges, including the violation of the emergency decree for protesting at the Government House on the 6 December against the government's plan to build an industrial estate in their hometown. At 9am, the activists met at the Bangkok Art Gallery and marched to Pathumwan Police Station along the left lane of Rama 1 Road before marching to Dusit Police Station. The P-move group later gathered at a spot on Rama 5 Road to support the summoned villagers.

Low-Medium

A group of activists gathered at a zebra crossing in Lumpini Bangkok yesterday demanding safer crosswalks and referencing the death of Waraluck Supwatjariyakul who was hit by a big motorbike driven by Pol Lance Corporal Narawit Buadok on Friday. Protesters held up banners saying how many more deaths at crosswalks.

New court division for victims of online fraud

Low

A new online shopping court division to tackle fraud cases opens today. Under the Civil Court, the new division allows victims of online fraud to file cases free through an only system. Meanwhile, the Digital Economy and Society Ministry hotline receives about 2,000 complaints from consumers each month regarding online fraud. Facebook and Instagram see the most scams.

Body found in national park

Low

In Nakhon Ratchasima's Soeng Sang district, on Tuesday officials found a body was found in Thap Lan National Park. It was the body of a man in his 40-50's. There was no sign of a struggle. The man has not been identified yet however it is believed he got lost and starved to death. Reports cite he had been dead for about 72 hours.

Three groups of illegal job seekers caught

Low

In Kanchanaburi, on Tuesday a patrol found 154 illegal job seekers from Myanmar near the border in Muang, Sai Yok and Sangkhla Buri districts. Each had paid up to 30,000 baht to be transported to work in Samut Sakhon, Samut Songkhram, Chon Buri and Bangkok. They were taken to local police stations for legal action and will be deported.

Two women arrested for medical glove fraud

Low

The police have arrested two women in Bangkok accused of sending bricks and used gloves to a Taiwanese customer instead of medical gloves. 5.1.2e face multiple charges including public fraud, falsifying documents and inputting false information into a computer system. Both claimed their company was an agent for Sri Trang Gloves Plc, a well-known producer of medical gloves in Thailand. However, the first order sent to Advance Nano Coatings Co, turned out to be used medical gloves. The second order was sent to a client of the company based in Switzerland, bricks were found among gloves inside the boxes. 5.1.2e ho were arrested in Watthana and Bang Bon districts, both deny the charges and were held for legal action. The estimated damages are about 80-million-baht.



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Dear Partners,
Greetings from Securitas Thailand.
Wednesday 17, November 2021
Low-Medium

Phuket health officials announced 48 new local cases of Covid19, one new death attributed to the disease, one new Sandbox tourist arrival, one under the Test and Go scheme, and none among non-Sandbox international arrivals from abroad on Monday night over a 24-hour period. The total number of cases on the island in the past seven days stands at 377. 561 patients were under medical care or supervision, 26 less than the previous day. The total number of positive Phuket Sandbox arrivals since 1 July stands at 237, 12 Test and Go tourists in the same period, and a total of 16,353 local cases since 3 April. In terms of deaths, 55 were registered in September and 44 in October, and 13 this month so far. Meanwhile, on Tuesday the South logged 458 new cases in Songkhla, 323 in Pattani, 260 in Nakhon Si Thammarat, 205 in Narathiwat, and 189 in Surat Thani. The South registered 20 deaths in Surat Thani (3), Nakhon Si Thammarat (1), Phuket (1), Songkhla (5), Pattani (3), Satun (1), Yala (4), Narathiwat (1) and Trang (1).

Maya Bay to reopen 1 January under strict conditions

Low

Krabi's Maya Bay is likely to reopen to tourists on 1 January with some measures in place to protect the beach from ecological ruin. Natural Resources and Environment Minister Varawut Silpa-archa said at the mobile cabinet meeting that the reopening of the bay would come with strict conditions and the number of visitors would be limited.

LTFT threaten strike from 1 December

A 20-billion baht loan to the Oil Fuel Fund was approved at the Cabinet meeting on Monday to keep diesel at no more than 30 baht per litre. The fund currently spends 1 billion baht every month to keep the price of diesel stable with the new loan lasting about four months due to the high prices of fuel. Meanwhile, the Land Transport Federation of Thailand (LTFT) has threatened strikes if the current price of 30 baht per litre for diesel to 25 baht from 1 December. The prime minister said he will deploy military trucks to prevent the economy from suffering if road haulage ceases.

5,947 new Covid19 cases

Low-Medium

Public health announced 5,947 new Covid19 cases on Tuesday over a 24-hour period as well as 62 deaths attributed to the disease. 5,662 new cases were found at hospitals and 221 through active testing. 53 were found in prisons and the remainder in the general population. Bangkok saw the highest number of new cases with 854, then 458 in Songkhla and 349 in Chiang Mai. Of the 62 fatalities, Bangkok registered six Chiang Mai 4, and three each in Khon Kaen and Surat Thani. Additionally, 11 people tested positive on arrival from the following countries: Netherlands (1), the US (3), France (1), the UK (1), Saudi Arabia (2), Myanmar (2) and Cambodia (1). Raising the total number of cases since the beginning of the pandemic last year to 2,030,700, 1,918,452 have recovered, 92,105 are under medical care or supervision, and 20,143 have died. Meanwhile, as of Tuesday a further 114,573 people were administered their first Covid19 shot over a 24-hour period, 258,814 their second shot and 25,834 a booster. The total number of vaccine doses administered nationwide stands at 85,412,126.

Workshop to explain the full range of U.S.-Thai bilateral cooperation in the region

Low-Medium

On Tuesday the U.S. Embassy partnered with Thai Journalists Association started a three-day workshop to explain US foreign policy in the region and to give journalists an insight into the full range of U.S.-Thai bilateral cooperation. Journalists will learn about U.S.-Thai security, economic, environment, law enforcement, and health cooperation and about the visa operations and cultural exchanges that strengthen our people-to-people ties. U.S. Embassy Charge d’Affaires Michael Heath said that this seminar marks the first collaborative effort of its kind between the U.S. Embassy and TJA, and I am thrilled the participating journalists will spend the next few days learning more about how staff from across the U.S. Embassy partner with their Thai counterparts every day to advance our mutual interests. Like we do across the world, the United States will continue to support a vibrant, free press which keeps us informed, prevents the spread of mis and dis-information, and serves as a cornerstone of democracy.

Ministry to investigate illegal lending apps

Low

The Justice Ministry will look into illegal online lending activity after over 20,000 people have filed police complaints they have fallen victim to the high interest rates leading to greater debts. On Tuesday a letter was submitted to the Justice Minister Somsak Thepsutin by a group led by Juthathip Jutpattanakul asking for help. Sometimes the app would close before advanced payments were sent. Some lenders would immediately deduct 1,200 baht from the loan capital as first payment. Other lenders posted messages online for late payments in an attempt to embarrass the borrower and threaten them. The Department of Special Investigation will work with police and the ministry would

coordinate with the Anti-Money Laundering Office to seize any assets involved.

196 prisoners to be put into supermax zones

Low

The Corrections Department has screened 196 prisoners who have been convicted of serious crimes who will be put into maximum security or "supermax" zones away from the other prisoners. Their offences included child murder, child rape, rape-murder, serial murder and psychopathic murder. The zones are intended to facilitate different types of measures for treatment and rehabilitation of inmates including proper psychiatric assistance so that prisoners can return to society. It is not clear where the zones are or whether the department has already started.

Tuesday 16, November 2021

Mobile cabinet meeting in Krabi today

Low-Medium

Security has been stepped up for the prime minister's visit to Krabi and mobile Cabinet meeting to check if Andaman provinces are ready to reopen for tourists. A Cabinet meeting is scheduled for today after Prayut has met the governors of the six Andaman provinces to discuss economic measures. After the meeting the prime minister will travel to Trang to open the newly renovated Pak Meng Port and meet with tourism operators in Trang before flying back to the capital.

Phuket Sandbox update

Low-Medium

Phuket health officials announced 50 new local cases of Covid19, one new death attributed to the disease, one new Sandbox tourist arrival, none under the Test and Go scheme, and none among non-Sandbox international arrivals from abroad on Sunday night over a 24-hour period. The total number of cases on the island in the past seven days stands at 368. 587 patients were under medical care or supervision, 26 less than the previous day. The total number of positive Phuket Sandbox arrivals since 1 July stands at 235, 13 Test and Go tourists in the same period, and a total of 16,303 local cases since 3 April. In terms of deaths, 55 were registered in September and 44 in October, and 12 this month so far. Meanwhile, on Monday the South logged 462 new cases in Songkhla, 428 in Nakhon Si Thammarat, 318 in Pattani, 231 in Surat Thani, 207 in Yala, 193 in Narathiwat. The South registered 18 deaths in Songkhla (5), Phatthalung (2), Chumphon (2), Pattani (2), Phuket (1), Satun (1), Yala (1), Trang (1), Phangnga (1), Krabi (1) and Nakhon Si Thammarat (1).

Police searching for man who jumped off Thao Thepkrasattri Bridge

Low

In Phuket, the police are searching for a man who leapt off the Thao Thepkrasattri Bridge into the water on Saturday at 8am. Officers arrived at the scene to find a red-black BMW motorcycle parked halfway down the bridge. The police have not commented on the man's identity although a woman has confirmed it was her son. It is the second person who has jumped off the same spot in the space of two weeks. 5.1.2e jumped off the bridge on 3 November, his body was not found.

Three protesters injured on Sunday

Three protesters were wounded when the police fired rubber bullets at the crowds on Sunday about 5pm. The police claimed protesters attempted to break barriers at Chalerm Phao intersection and threw objects at police officers, two officers were injured. They also claimed the protesters launched bombs in front of the Police General Hospitals Forensic Institute, which led to the police using rubber bullets against them. Two protesters were wounded. After protesters submitted their letters at the German Embassy there were several explosions at Wireless Road intersection that left one more person injured.

116 suspects identified in travel scheme fraud

Low-Medium

The police have identified 116 suspects who face action for stealing money from the governments Rao Tiew Duay Kan (We Travel Together) travel scheme following an official complaint made by the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT). Reports cite the suspects teamed up with tourism operators to falsely withdraw funds from the subsidy. The government lost 100 million baht to the scam in Phuket and Chaiyaphum alone. TAT believes 1,000 people in total are involved costing the government over 1 billion baht. The investigation is ongoing.

Pol Col Thitisan and six others indicted

Low-Medium

On an ongoing story, 5.1.2e also known as 5.1.2e and six others were indicted at the Central Criminal Court for Corruption and Misconduct Cases yesterday on four charges malfeasance, abuse of authority, torture causing death and coercion. The indictment comes before their final detention period ends on Wednesday. All stand accused of murdering 5.1.2e 5.1.2e while trying to extort 2 million baht from him on 5 August. All denied the charges and say they will fight the case.

6,343 new Covid19 cases

Low-Medium

Public health reported 6,343 new Covid19 cases on Monday over a 24-hour period as well as 45 deaths attributed to the disease. 188 transmissions were found in prisons and the remainder in the general population. Raising the total number of cases since the beginning of the pandemic to 2,024,753, 1,910,509 have recovered, 94,163 are under medical care or supervision, and 20,081 have died. In similar news, as of Monday a further 169,641 people were administered their first Covid19 shot over a 24-hour period, 351,591 got their second shot and 23,942 a booster. Raising the total number of vaccine doses administered nationwide to 85,012,905. Meanwhile, the highest number of tourists landing in Thailand since the reopening from 1-14 November are from The US (7,999), U.A.E (7,935), Germany (5}648), UK (2,706) and Japan (2,530).



New clusters in Chiang Mai

Low-Medium

Health officials in Chiang Mai have ordered two markets to close where new infections were found. Thung Siew market in San Patong district was ordered to close from 15-28 November and Ko Mui market Saraphi district was ordered to close from 14-27 November. A nursery in Mae Taeng district was ordered to close from 14-27 November. Chiang Mai logged 376 new Covid19 cases yesterday and 349 the day before. 3 deaths were registered yesterday.

RTAF sign deal on new fleet of light attack aircraft

Low

The Royal Thai Airforce (RTAF) have signed a deal with a US military aircraft manufacturer to procure \$143 million on a new fleet of light attack aircraft. Under the deal, eight Beechcraft AT-6 Wolverine aircraft, ground support equipment, spare parts and other equipment will be procured for the 41st Wing light attack operations in Chiang Mai for defence purposes.

Japanese man arrested for production of illegal medical equipment

Low

The Crime Suppression Division arrested 5.1.2e Japanese national, for producing unauthorised medical equipment at a warehouse in Chon Buri. 100 million bahts worth of substandard medical gloves were seized. Shuichi was arrested at a hotel in Ploenchit of Bangkok last Thursday following a Pattaya Court arrest warrant issued on 6 November responding to complaints made by two companies in Switzerland and the United States. 5.1.2e is allegedly a former member of the Yakuza gang named Sumiyoshi in Japan.

Man killed by train

Low

In Nakhon Ratchasima, an unidentified man believed to be sleeping at the side of the rail tracks in Khong district was killed on Monday morning. The accident happened around 2.30am in tambon Muang Khong. The dead man had no identification. The body was taken to Muang Khong Hospital for an autopsy.

Monday 15, November 2021
Highway temporarily closed due to floods

Low-Medium

In Chumphon, on Saturday Highway 41 linking the central region to the South was closed after heavy rain caused flooding and blocked the road in Sawi district. Train services were also temporarily suspended to Tha Chana station in Surat Thani and Lang Suan station in Chumphon. Repair work was ongoing through Saturday night and services were resumed on Sunday. The authorities warn of heavy rain and flash floods for at least another day.

Eight villas collapse caused by landslide

Low-Medium

Heavy rain triggered a landslide at the Merit Resort Samui collapsing eight villas on Saturday morning. There were no deaths. A few members of staff suffered slight injuries.

Phuket Sandbox update

Low-Medium

Phuket health officials announced 45 new local cases of Covid19, two new deaths attributed to the disease, four new Sandbox tourist arrivals, one under the Test and Go scheme, and none among non-Sandbox international arrivals from abroad on Saturday night over a 24-hour period. The total number of cases on the island in the past seven days stands at 363. 613 patients were under medical care or supervision, 12 less than the previous day. The total number of positive Phuket Sandbox arrivals since 1 July stands at 235, 13 Test and Go tourists in the same period, and a total of 16,251 local cases since 3 April. In terms of deaths, 55 were registered in September and 44 in October, and 11 this month so far. Meanwhile, on Sunday the South logged 460 new cases in Songkhla, Pattani (371), Nakhon Si Thammarat (349), Narathiwat (339) Surat Thani (244) and Yala (204). Of the South deaths, Nakhon Si Thammarat had 6, and Songkhla 6.

Policeman and wife arrested on drug charges

Low

In Surat Thani, a policeman and his wife have been dismissed from the force on drug dealing charges. The police seized 900 grammes of meth pills and three guns from their house in Phunphin district where

5.1.2e

 and his wife

5.1.2e

 were arrested. They were taken to Phunphin police station for legal action.

28 illegals caught

Low

In Songkhla, on Thursday 28 illegal Myanmar migrants were caught sneaking into the country from Malaysia at the border in Chana district. They had travelled via a natural border crossing and were waiting for transport to take them home. One of them told the police their visa had run out and could not continue working. They were handed over to Khuan Meed police station for legal action.

Truckers protest update

Low-Medium

About 500 truckers will protest tomorrow 16 November from 9am to 5pm. A group will drive along the Asia Road around Bang Pa-in, north of Bangkok. The next group will go along Sukhumvit Road from Chon Buri to Bang Na-Trat to meet another group at Bang Na-Trat Road en route to the Energy Ministry. The last group will travel along Nakhon Pathom to Phetkasem Road, from the west of the capital. About 1.30pm all the truckers will park on both sides of Vibhavadi Rangsit Road near the ministry.

Protesters submit statement to German Embassy

Low-Medium

A large number of protesters marched from Pathumwan intersection to the German embassy yesterday afternoon and submitted a statement to oppose absolute monarchy and to protect democracy. One protester was injured during the march after being hit by rubber bullets and rushed to hospital. The demonstration follows the Constitutional Court ruling to stop all behaviour deemed threatening to the monarchy. Meanwhile, on Friday nine protesters submitted a complaint with the

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Civil Court seeking 3,020,147 baht in damages from the Royal Thai Police (RTP) regarding their dispersal of protesters in a demonstration against them on 17 November last year. At least 18 people were injured in the confrontation.

Dark-red provinces reduced to six

Low-Medium

Health officials have reduced the seven dark-red provinces of maximum and strict Covid-19 control to six from 16 November with 11pm-3am curfew in the six extended to 30 November. The six provinces are: Tak, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Narathiwat, Pattani, Yala and Songkhla. Chanthaburi has been recategorised to a red zone province. Meanwhile, entertainment venues, pubs, bars and karaoke shops have been postponed from 1 December to 16 January. The blue zones, Bangkok, Krabi, Phangnga and Phuket are tourist-oriented areas with few Covid-19 restrictions.

7,079 more Covid19 cases

Low-Medium

Public health officials announced 7,079 more Covid19 cases on Sunday over a 24-hour period as well as 47 deaths attributed to the disease. Bangkok logged the highest number of cases with 694, then Songkhla (460), Pattani (371), Nakhon Si Thammarat (349), Narathiwat (339) Surat Thani (244) and Yala (204). Of the deaths, Nakhon Si Thammarat had 6, then Songkhla (5) and Bangkok (4). Additionally, nine people tested positive on arrival from Cambodia, Denmark, Russia, the United Kingdom and Australia. The total number of cases since the beginning of the pandemic stands at 2,018,410, 1,902,846 have recovered, 95,528 are under medical care and supervision, and 20,036 have died. Meanwhile, as of Sunday a further 135,251 people were administered their first Covid19 vaccine over a 24-hour period, 222,237 their second shot and 15,678 a booster. The total number of vaccine doses administered nationwide to 84,467,731.

PM opens centre for tourism-related emergencies

Low

On Saturday it was announced in the Royal Gazette that Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha has opened a centre specifically for tourism-related emergencies. The order was signed on 12 November. Staff are part of the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) that he chairs.

11 arrested for child pornography

Low

Multiple locations were raided in 10 provinces leading to the arrest of eleven suspects charged with possession of child pornography with the intent to distribute. The locations were in Chiang Rai, Nakhon Sawan, Yasothon, Khon Kaen, Phatthalung, Chon Buri, Uthai Thani, Pathum Thani, Nonthaburi and Bangkok. Computers and tablets with the materials on were seized as evidence. The Cyber Crime Investigation Bureau said over the past year 100,000 similar cases have been committed, the suspects are believed to be connected to human trafficking rings.

6 million meth pills seized

In Chiang Mai, on Saturday soldiers clashed with drug couriers following a car chase in Mae Ai and Fang districts. A Toyota Vigo pick-up was flagged to stop for a search at a checkpoint and sped through it, soldiers gave chase and the vehicle lost control on a road in tambon Wiang. The driver opened fire at the soldiers and was shot dead in an exchange of gunfire. He was later identified as Tatchapol Chaka, a local from Fang district. 6 million meth pills, guns, ammunition and a mobile was seized from the vehicle.

Robber arrested

Low

In Chon Buri, a man who robbed a Bangkok Bank branch using a fake gun and made off with 595,000 baht on Friday has been arrested. 5.1.2e was caught on the Bangkok-Chiang Mai in Chai Nat province later the same day. The police seized the money and the fake gun from him and he was charged with theft.

Man arrested for producing fake US banknotes

Low

In Phetchaburi, on Friday a man was arrested for producing fake US banknotes in an undercover operation. Eight offset printers were seized from a house in Muang district. On 3 November four women were arrested in Nakhon Pathom for selling fake banknotes, the police seized around 50,000 counterfeit \$100 bills. That led to the arrest made on Friday.

131 job seekers caught

Low

In Kanchanaburi, on Saturday soldiers caught another 131 illegal Myanmar job seekers near the border in Sai Yok district. They were heading for work in Bangkok, Samut Sakhon, Kanchanaburi, Chon Buri and Prachin Buri. Each had paid up to 20,000 baht to a broker to be taken to their destinations.

1,320 kgs of marijuana seized

Low

In Nakhon Phanom, on Saturday 1,320 kgs of marijuana was seized from a van left by a smuggler after a police chase in Tha Uthen district. The suspect abandoned the vehicle and ran away. The drugs had been smuggled in from Laos and were destined for the south with a value of more than 10 million baht. The police are trying to find out who owns the van. In similar news, 70 suspects were arrested, and over 700,000 meth pills, 14 guns and multiple rounds of ammunition were seized during five days of anti-drug raids in the North mainly in Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai. Assets worth 60 million baht were impounded belonging to drug networks.

Friday 12, November 2021
Phuket Sandbox update

Low-Medium

disease, three new Sandbox tourist arrivals, none under the Test and Go scheme, and none among non-Sandbox international arrivals from abroad on Wednesday night over a 24-hour period. The total number of cases on the island in the past seven days stands at 375. 643 patients were under medical care or supervision, 43 more than the previous day. The total number of positive Phuket Sandbox arrivals since 1 July stands at 229 and a total of 16,083 local cases since 3 April. In terms of deaths, 55 were registered in September and 44 in October, and 7 this month so far. Meanwhile, on Wednesday the South logged 496 new cases in Songkhla, 375 in Nakhon Si Thammarat, 355 in Pattani, 275 in Yala, and 233 in Surat Thani. The South reported 23 new fatalities in Songkhla (5), Nakhon Si Thammarat (5), Yala (2), Pattani (2), Satun (2), Trang (2), Phatthalung (3), Krabi (1) and Narathiwat (1).

Teenager turns himself into police over stabbing

Low

A teenager has turned himself in at Chalong Police Station, Phuket after he stabbed another teenager Rawai on Wednesday night. The police were called to Soi King Patana 8, Moo 4, Rawai around 7pm to find the victim, 5.1.2e with knife wounds unconscious in a pool of blood. He was rushed to Chalong Hospital however died shortly after arrival. Reports cite a gang on motorcycles turned up to the house before the attack to resolve a disagreement. Police were searching for four more people.

Political gatherings to continue throughout November

Low-Medium

Political gatherings are likely to continue through November at Klong Prem Central Prison and the Supreme Court in Bangkok to demand the release of detained pro-democracy activists. At Klong Prem Central Prison the gatherings are scheduled for 4pm and at the Supreme Court 5pm or 5.30pm. Other protests are ongoing at Tha Phae Gate or Chiang Mai University at 5pm. Expect disruptions to traffic around these locations. We advise you to avoid these areas if possible.

MFP say court decision will raise political tension

Low-Medium

Following the Constitutional Court ruling on Wednesday that three activists attempted to overthrow the state and monarchy the Move Forward Party (MFP) said in a press conference yesterday the decision may raise political tension because the government would use the decision to suppress freedom of speech to resolve lese majeste law. The judgement may result in an extreme political polarisation. The MFP insisted that to resolve political tension the truth must be explored. Meanwhile, on Thursday the government warned protesters not to defy the charter court's decision citing any actions could threaten the constitutional monarchy. Protesters must comply with the court's ruling and order and can no longer cite their rights and freedoms as previously did and must be more careful in future.

Truckers protest on 16 November update

Low-Medium

In similar news, at least 1,000 truck drivers plan to drive their vehicles on main routes and highways in Bangkok and neighbouring provinces on 16 November, calling for the government to cap diesel prices at 25 Thai baht per litre for at least one year. As of yet no specific times have been announced by the organisers. The Transport Federation of Thailand (LTFT) says more drivers will participate than 984030

rally organised on 19 October. The event may cause business disruptions.

7,496 more Covid19 cases and 57 deaths

Low-Medium

Public health officials announced 7,496 more Covid19 cases over a 24-hour period on Thursday as well as 57 more deaths attributed to the disease. 6,942 were found at hospitals and 302 through active testing. 240 transmissions were found in prisons while the remainder was in the general population. Bangkok registered the highest number of new cases with 752, then 496 in Songkhla, and 391 in Chiang Mai. The capital registered seven more deaths and one more in its neighbouring province, Samut Prakan. Additionally, 12 people tested positive on arrival into Thailand from Russia (2), Germany (1), the United States (2), the United Kingdom (2), Malaysia (3) and Myanmar (2). Raising the total number of infections since the beginning of the pandemic to 1,996,969, 1,880,636 have recovered, 96,450 are under medical care or supervision, and 19,883 have died. In similar news, as of Thursday a further 223,903 people were administered their first Covid19 shot over a 24-hour period, 516,278 their second shot and 31,288 a booster. The total number of vaccine doses administered nationwide stands at 82,532,531.

Prayut to receive Apec chairmanship from NZ

Low-Medium

Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha will deliver a speech via teleconference to the 2021 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation CEO Summit today hosted by New Zealand who have set the theme of Join, Work, Grow Together at the meetings. The PM will present three main aspects - economic and trade policies that strengthen recovery; increasing inclusion and sustainability for recovery; and pursuing innovation and a digitally enabled recovery. Leaders will discuss topics of mutual interest such as travel between member countries, trade and investment stimulation and development of the bio-circular-green economy. At the end of the meetings Prayut will receive the Apec chairmanship from New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern.

Constitutional Court website allegedly hacked

Low

The media reported that the Constitutional Court website constitutionalcourt.or.th looked like it was hacked yesterday after a video clip of what looked like a foreigner shouting in a vehicle with his hands on his head replaced the usual information. The incident comes after the court banned three pro-democracy activists from calling for monarchy reforms.

Seven arrested for loan scam after victim kills himself

Low

Six Thais and a Chinese man were arrested over a loan scam after a Kamphaeng Phet man committed suicide after losing 130,000 baht. The suspects were arrested in Chiang Rai, Chiang Mai, Suphan Buri, Sa Kaeo, Phangnga and Bangkok. They used a website to lure their victim into applying for a loan that turned out to be a scam.

Man arrested for stabbing business woman to death

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In Nakhon Sawan, a man who stabbed a woman to death at a house in Muang district on Tuesday morning turned himself in to the police yesterday. 5.1.2e killed 5.1.2e 5.1.2e and injured another family member at her house. The victim operated a business providing internet network services to the area. Reports cite 5.1.2e went to the victim's house to discuss a debt. The circumstances behind the attack are under investigation.

More illegal migrants caught

Low

In Kanchanaburi's Sai Yok district, on Thursday soldiers caught 101 illegal job seekers from Myanmar as they crossed the border into tambon Sri Mongkhon. The 58 men and 43 women were rounded up about 11 at a rubber plantation in the area. They were sent for health screening then to Sai Yok police for legal action and will be deported.

South Korean chiropractor arrested

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Police and health officials raided three chiropractic clinics in Bangkok and Nonthaburi and arrested a South Korean man for practicing without a licence. The clinics are located in the Srinagarind and Chidlom parts of Bangkok and Muang Thong Thani estate in Nonthaburi. The arrest follows a stream of complaints from people who were charged high fees by a foreign chiropractor at the clinics.
Thursday 11, November 2021
Pipe bomb thrown at security booth

Medium

In Pattani's Mayo district, on Tuesday night two men on a motorcycle threw a pipe bomb at a security booth in tambon Sakho Bon. The attack happened just after 7pm, there were no casualties but the explosion damaged the building and a parked motorbike. An investigation is underway.

Phuket Sandbox update

Low-Medium

Phuket health officials announced 50 new local cases of Covid19, no new deaths attributed to the disease, one new Sandbox tourist arrivals, two under the Test and Go scheme, and none among non-Sandbox international arrivals from abroad on Tuesday night over a 24-hour period. The total number of cases on the island in the past seven days stands at 355. 600 patients were under medical care or supervision, 2 more than the previous day. The total number of positive Phuket Sandbox arrivals since 1 July stands at 226 and a total of 16,010 local cases since 3 April. In terms of deaths, 55 were registered in September and 44 in October, and 7 this month so far. Meanwhile, on Wednesday the South logged 479 new cases in Songkhla, 356 in Pattani, 224 in Nakhon Si Thammarat, 202 in Yala, 192 in Narathiwat and 183 in Surat Thani. The South reported 23 more fatalities in Songkhla (5), Nakhon Si Thammarat (5), Yala (2), Pattani (2), Satun (2), Trang (2), Phatthalung (3), Krabi (1) and Narathiwat (1).

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In Nakhon Si Thammarat, rescue workers found the body of a 5-year old boy who was swept away in flash floods at Tha Ha canal in Lan Saka district. The body was found about 2km away from where he went missing. Residents have been warned to move their belongings to higher ground.

Court rules activists tried to overthrow state and monarchy

Low-Medium

Following up on yesterday's story, the Constitutional Court ruled that 5.1.2e and 5.1.2e tried to overthrow the state and the monarchy during a protest at Thammasat University Rangsit campus in Bangkok on 10 August last year and several times afterwards. The activist listed their demands in a manifesto at the events calling for monarchy reform and the end of the lese majeste law. Judges ruled this violated the constitution and ordered them to end their movement. Of the eight people named in the petition the court ruled that only 5.1.2e 5.1.2e were involved in the incidents, all denying wrongdoing. The decision will likely lead to the Election Commission deciding whether to move for the disbandment of the Move Forward Party who the opposition believe supported the protests.

UN urges Thailand to amend the lese majeste law

Low-Medium

A UN Human Rights Council working group on Wednesday urged Thailand to amend the lese majeste law by some member states giving the reason it restricts freedom of expression. Anyone convicted for defaming, insulting or threatening the monarchy can see prison sentences of up to 15 years. Thai officials responded that it protects the monarch and national security, and that cases were handled carefully. Since anti-government protests started last year, at least 156 people, including 13 youths, have been charged with lese majeste. The UN countries that called for the government to review or amend the law were Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland. The US said it was concerned by the expanded use of the lese majeste law and its impact on freedom of expression.

Justice Ministry to amend how criminal records are stored

Low-Medium

The Justice Ministry will look at updating how criminal records are stored on a database to help clear the names of ex-convicts and avoid human right abuses after the National Human Rights Commission found it was causing problems for them to get jobs after their sentences. Some had been refused work because employers can look up their criminal history. Meanwhile, 5.1.2e 5.1.2e director of the Office of Justice Affairs, urged for legal changes to how police record fingerprints citing suspect fingerprints going through the court system must be stored in a separate database following final judgement of their case and completion of sentence. The Office of Justice Affairs will look at which criminal records can be revealed, stored or finally deleted.

Covid19 update

Low-Medium

Public health officials announced 6,978 new cases of Covid19 on Wednesday over a 24-hour period as ⁰⁰⁰⁵² 62 more deaths attributed to the disease. 6,387 were found at hospitals and 237 through ⁹⁸⁴⁰³⁰

active testing. 346 were inmates while the remainder was found in the general population. Once again, Bangkok logged the highest number of new cases with 864, then 479 in Songkhla, 380 in Chiang Mai, 356 in Pattani, 233 in Samut Prakan, 224 in Nakhon Si Thammarat, 203 in Chon Buri, 202 in Yala, 192 in Narathiwat and 183 in Surat Thani. Bangkok, Ratchaburi, Songkhla, Nakhon Si Thammarat registered the highest number of fatalities with 5 each. Meanwhile, eight people tested positive on arrival from Russia (1), Germany (1), the Netherlands (1), India (1), Cambodia (3) and Myanmar (1).

500,000 Covid19 doses set aside for foreign workers

Low-Medium

In similar news, 500,000 Covid19 vaccine doses have been set aside for foreign workers from Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos who will return next month to help fill job shortages in export industries. The Labour Ministry estimates there is an immediate demand for 420,000 migrant workers. Meanwhile, the US has offered to donate a million additional Covid19 vaccine doses to Thailand, most likely Moderna.

Court issues arrest warrant for former PAO chairman

Low

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of former chairman of the Ubon Ratchathani provincial administrative organisation (PAO), 5.1.2e after he didn't turn up to the Appeal Court to hear a lower courts corruption ruling against him. The case is related to two projects, graft in the 2.7-million-baht construction of a bridge in the province and the procurement of scientific equipment for educational purposes. Both projects were connected to 5.1.2e chairmanship.

Crystal meth found in shipment of sofas

Low

In Bangkok, the police task force found 210kgs of crystal meth hidden in a shipment of 19 sofas at Klong Toey port destined for Malaysia. The drugs were in packages labelled as tea. The seizure followed a tip-off drugs were being shipped to Malaysia in sofas on 8 November using a private logistics company. 5.1.2e was arrested and admitted she was paid to smuggle the drugs. The Narcotics Control Board has seized many kinds of drugs in 68 cases this year destined for 13 countries. The seizures include 204.14kg of crystal meth, 21.6kg of heroin, 10.02kg of marijuana, 515kg of ketamine, 730gm of cocaine, 990 ecstasy pills and 6,040 meth pills.

61 illegal job seekers caught in Chiang Mai

Low

In Chiang Mai, on Monday a patrol caught 61 illegal Myanmar migrants in a wooded area in Fang district. Many arrests have been made over the past two months of people from Myanmar seeking work in factories, agriculture, markets and construction camps. Most of them used natural border crossings in Ban Luang in Fang district and Kiew Pha Wok in Chiang Dao districts.

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Ha 5.1.2e,

Ik zou hem verwijzen naar de algemene informatie over reisadviezen op Nederlandwereldwijd, en daar staat ook algemene informatie over bronnen, etc. Verder gaan we niet.

Er zijn ook filmpjes te vinden, over hoe reisadviezen werden opgesteld voor Covid (BZ), en van nu (RIVM en BZ). Je kan hem dus een paar links sturen.

Als hij dan nog een keer terugkomt zou ik hem verwijzen naar DCV/CA/RE.

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Deze man, ontmoet in Chiang Mai, blijft zich vastbijten in deze materie.

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Iemand input om hem te antwoorden.

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Beste 5.1.2e,

Goedemiddag. Hoe gaat het? Alvast vooruitlopend op onze ontmoeting volgende maand heb ik een paar vragen over onderstaande informatie in het reisadvies:

Grensgebied met Myanmar

Reis niet naar de streek ten noorden van Thailand aan de grens met Laos in de staat Shan (de Gouden Driehoek), het grensgebied tussen Mae Sai en Laos. Hier zijn drugsbendes actief.

Oranje: alleen noodzakelijke reizen

Grensgebied met Myanmar

Wees alert als u in het grensgebied met Myanmar reist. Met name in de provincies Mae Hong Son en Tak komen gewelddadige incidenten voor tussen Thaise veiligheidsautoriteiten en in het gebied actieve criminele organisaties.

Wat is de feitelijke onderbouwing voor dit verhaal?

Wat is de bron?

Dank en hartelijke groetjes

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Eens. Graag vriendelijk corrigeren richting 5.1.2e dat je instemt met ze aan te horen en dat we niet hun mening delen dat het reisadvies niet "zuiver" is.

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Beste 5.1.2e en 5.1.2e,

Ik informeerde jullie al dat tijdens board meeting NTCC dit onderwerp opkwam. We zullen hen kunnen informeren over de totstandkoming van de reisadviezen, en hen aanhoren wat betreft informatie die zij hebben over de tekst/kleur van het huidige reisadvies. Ze weten dat wij niet het reisadvies vaststellen, de ambassade één van meerdere bronnen is, en wij dus ook niks kunnen beslissen of toezeggen over hun informatie.

Wel goed om dit gesprek aan te gaan, en laten merken dat we openstaan voor input.

Ik stel voor dat 5.1.2e en ik het gesprek doen. Eens?

Groet,

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Goede middag 5.1.2e

Tijdens de laatste NTCC board meeting heb ik je gevraagd om de opties voor een zuiverder Thailand reisadvies te bespreken.

Je stemde ermee in en gaf ook meteen aan dat de eindbeslissing wat gepubliceerd wordt bij Min BuZa ligt.

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Is er een overleg optie mogelijk op een van deze dagen, 15-16-17 februari?

Wij komen met drie man sterk:

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Het zou gunstig zijn om direct met alle verantwoordelijken te kunnen overleggen

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Met vriendelijke groet,

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Coronavirus

As of 10 January 2022 at 12:30 pm BKK time:

Total confirmed cases: 2,277,476 (+7,926 from the day before)

Probable cases (ATK/RAT): 390,784 (+1,423)

Still hospitalised/home isolation: 58,159; 495 (+11) people in critical condition, with 115 (+2) on ventilators.

Recovered and discharged: 2,197,479 (+3,612).

Total deaths: 21,838 (+13)

Of the 7,926 new cases today, 7,319 were local infections, 195 were in prisons, and 412 are imported cases (i.e. AQ). Of the local infections, 7,229 people sought medical attention themselves and 90 were through proactive case finding. There were 534 cases in Bangkok and 1,337 in Greater Bangkok, 109 in the four southern provinces with another 5,339 cases in the rest of Thailand.

Total vaccinated as of 9 January 2022:

One dose: 51,514,791 (+12,766 from the day before) or 71.51 per 100 residents

Fully vaccinated: 46,853,598 (+32,977 from the day before) or 65.04 per 100 residents

Third dose: 8,106,733 (+93,142 from the day before) or 11.25 per 100 residents

Total doses: 106,475,122 or 147.81 per 100 residents

New testing centre opens in capital

A new Covid-19 testing centre will be on the first floor of Car Park Building B at the government complex on Chaeng Watthana Road and is set to operate starting from Tuesday to 21 January, said Deputy Prime Minister and Public Health Minister Anutin Charnvirakul on Sunday. [Bangkok Post]

The updates to the Thailand Pass have now officially been published in the Royal Gazette. I read it twice and I saw no mention of a [15 January] cut-off date. The way I read it is that Test & Go people, who already have a QR Code, can continue to enter #Thailand until further notice. [Richard Barrow]

Omicron cases likely undetected

More than 30% of Covid-19 infections in Thailand are believed to be of the Omicron variant, says virologist Yong Poovorawan of the Centre of Excellence in Clinical Virology at Chulalongkorn University. He said that in every country, the reported number of Omicron infections is lower than the actual number due to a lack of variant identification efforts. Meanwhile, the Department of Disease Control (DDC) has indicated the Delta variant is still the dominant strain in Thailand and accounts for 70–80% of cases. [Bangkok Post, 09.01]

Tuesday opening of new sandbox provinces confirmed

The three southern provinces of Surat Thani, Krabi and Phangnga will start accepting people flying in from abroad under the sandbox formula on Tuesday. The date was confirmed in the announcement of the *Royal Gazette* published on Saturday. Visitors have to follow the same protocol as the sandbox in Phuket, which requires one RT-PCR test upon their arrival at registered hotels and another five or six days later. [Bangkok Post, 09.01]

Ministry jab plan for this year gets nod

The Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) has approved the Public Health Ministry's vaccination plan for this year which includes the inoculation of 9.3 million people this month. The CCSA has also approved a fourth booster shot against Covid-19 for medical workers and people with underlying health conditions. [Bangkok Post, 08.01]

Young children to receive Pfizer jabs

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The government has prepared doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine for children between the ages of 5-11, deputy government spokeswoman Rachada Dhnadirek said on Saturday. The vaccination drive for those aged 5-11 is expected to begin next month, according to the Public Health Ministry. The Education Ministry is taking a voluntary survey to gauge the demand. [Bangkok Post, 08.01]

Politics

[Can Thaksin secure a pardon?](#)

Thaksin Shinawatra, who was ousted as prime minister in a 2006 coup and now lives in exile, has recently been expressing his wish to return to Thailand. During an online chat hosted by the Care group on social app Clubhouse last week, the 72-year-old once again discussed ending his self-imposed expulsion and returning to his homeland as "a gift for Thais". However, Thaksin faces a total of 12 years in prison over corruption and abuse-of-power convictions stemming from his two terms as premier, prompting speculation that Thaksin is aiming to secure a pardon as a ticket home. [Bangkok Post]

[Thaksin hit by storm that could sink Thailand's main opposition party](#)

Former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra is seen by most neutral observers as the de-facto leader and patriarch of opposition party Pheu Thai. But the party has always insisted it is free from the influence of the wealthy ex-PM, who has been self-exiled overseas since fleeing a 2008 corruption conviction he claims was politically motivated. Officially, Thaksin is neither an executive nor even a member of Pheu Thai. However, fresh allegations of his political influence are now threatening to kill off Thailand's main opposition party. The Political Parties Act prohibits any non-member from influencing a party's affairs directly or indirectly. Parties who violate the law face disbandment by the Constitutional Court. [Thai PBS World, 09.01]

[Will the PM dissolve the House?](#)

PM Prayut Chan-o-cha has said many times that he does not have any intention of dissolving the House of Representatives before two organic laws related to the election system are amended, and he intends to remain in his job to host the Apec Summit 2022. He has also vowed to complete his term. Nevertheless, as one political expert who spoke to the Bangkok Post recently believes, questions remain over a number of political conundrums expected this year. [Bangkok Post]

[Most expect Prayut to stay in power throughout 2022: poll](#)

Most people believe Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha will remain in power throughout the year while the political situation will be as chaotic as in 2021, according to an opinion survey by the National Institute of Development Administration, or Nida Poll. On the political situation, the highest number of respondents - 46.34% - said they believed it would remain as chaotic as in 2021; 34.72% thought it would be even more chaotic; 10.04% believed it would be less chaotic; and 3.77% expected calm. The rest, 5.13%, had no answer or were not interested. [Bangkok Post, 09.01]

[Viral lies spread democratic decay from Thailand to Nepal: report](#)

When fake photos and COVID conspiracies spiral across social media, critics invariably ask how to protect people from the dregs of the internet. But a new report on disinformation in Asia suggests that focusing on technology misses the point and that a crackdown on tech may treat the symptom, not the disease. The report, How Information Disorder Affirms Authoritarianism and Destabilizes Democracy, was released last month by USAID. Regulation alone isn't a solution, the report says. Lasting fixes, it says, would get to the roots of both supply and demand of disinformation. On the demand side, this includes tackling inequality, which breeds distrust in the establishment. On the supply side, it includes strengthening institutions like an independent judiciary and press to counter actors who spread lies online to gain political influence. [Nikkei Asian Review, 09.01]

[Kla leader dares to be different](#)

The Kla Party will field candidates in all upcoming by-elections, seeing the contests as an opportunity to reach out to voters ahead of the general election, even if its chances of winning are slim. Kla leader Korn Chatikavanij said the party's best hope in the three by-elections lies with secretary-general Atavit Suwannapakdee who is running in Bangkok's Constituency 9, which covers Laksi district and part of Chatuchak. [Bangkok Post, 08.01]

Myanmar

[Suu Kyi Sentenced to 4 More Years in Prison Over Walkie-Talkies, Covid Limits](#)

A court in Myanmar sentenced ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi to four more years in prison on Monday after finding her guilty of illegally importing and possessing walkie-talkies and violating coronavirus restrictions, a legal official said. Suu Kyi was convicted last month on two other charges and given a four-year prison sentence, which was then halved by the head of the military-installed government. The cases are among about a dozen brought against the 76-year-old Nobel Peace Prize laureate since the army seized power last February, ousting her elected government. [Bloomberg]

[200 Myanmar villagers flee to Thai border amid new fighting](#)

More than 200 Myanmar villagers have begun amassing near the Thai border in Mae Hong Son's Muang district amid news of a possible air strike and renewed fighting between rebel and junta forces. Since Friday, the villagers have been gathering near a Thai military post, as they are barred from crossing the border, a source said on Saturday. [Bangkok Post, 09.01]

[Myanmar's junta invites resistance forces to join ceasefire talks](#)

The military junta in Naypyidaw has asked the country's resistance forces to join ceasefire talks and to work together to deliver effective humanitarian assistance to the needy people of Myanmar. According to a joint press statement, released on the first of a 00055 visit by ASEAN Chair and Cambodian prime minister Hun Sen, the ceasefire will be extended for the rest of this year. 984034