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## Thai Enquirer Summary

### **Political News**

- The government came under fire for its move to send representatives to join Myanmar's Armed Forces Day.
  - ❖ Anusorn Iamsa-ard, spokesman of the opposition Pheu Thai Party, said the decision of the Thai government to send its military personnel to attend the event along with 8 countries raised the question of Thailand's stance towards Myanmar amid ongoing violence against civilians.
    - Thailand/Russia/China/India/Vietnam/Laos/Bangladesh & Pakistan were the countries which sent representatives, with only Russia sending their ministerial level.
  - ❖ Former Democrat MP for Nakhon Si Thammarat Thepthai Senpong called on the Thai government to impose sanctions on Myanmar's army in all aspects.
  - ❖ The number of Myanmar protest deaths has risen close to **440** in a latest update while the defence chiefs of 12 countries jointly condemned the bloodbath in Myanmar on the weekend when at least 90 people including a 5-year-old boy were killed. The 12 nations that condemned the atrocities includes US, the UK,

Canada, Germany, Greece, Italy, Denmark, the Netherlands, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and South Korea.

- On the domestic political front, riot police took a swift action to disperse anti-government rallies by 2 groups of protesters near Government House. A total of 99 demonstrators were reportedly arrested in an operation at dawn and dusk on Sunday by the Metropolitan Police Bureau.
  - ❖ Two groups of protesters set up camps near Government House. The 1<sup>st</sup> group was the Save Bang Kloi Coalition of ethnic Karen people from the Kaeng Krachan National Park in Phetchaburi. The group held a rally to demand justice for ethnic minorities.
  - ❖ The 2<sup>nd</sup> group comprised members of the Ratsakon group who had marched to Bangkok from Nakhon Ratchasima who rallied under the name “Ban Thalu Fah (“Through the Sky”) Village to demand the release of their arrested leaders, the resignation of Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha and his government, amendment of the constitution and reform of the lese majeste law.
  - ❖ The police said a total of 99 protesters were arrested and taken to the Border Patrol Police Region 1 headquarters where they would be initially charged with violating the Communicable Disease Control Act and the emergency decree. Several monks were also apprehended and disrobed at Wat Benjamaborphit near the site, according to Deputy Metropolitan Bureau chief Pol Maj Gen Piya Tawichai.
    - Pol Maj Gen Piya said the anti-government rally was against the law and police had issued warnings to protesters to dismantle several times. Police also found some protesters raised some parts of state agencies, stole electricity and tap water at state offices and vandalised state property. Police also seized illicit substance dried marijuana, condoms and sex toys from some protesters.

- ❖ A highly-placed source with security agencies said the reason that police took swift action to disperse the “Ban Thalu Fah Village” mob because they were concerned by the rally site that is adjacent to Government House. The position of the rally camp put the area at high risk of Covid-19 infections.
- Meanwhile Wassana Nanuam, a senior reporter covering military affairs, said on her Facebook page that the reason that the “Ban Thalu Fah Village” mob was dispersed to clear space for new cabinet ministers who will have their photo taken at Government House today.
  - ❖ In fact, Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha has instructed police to evict protesters from the rally site for quite some time following the incident involving some protesters who shouted for his ouster.



- The parliament looks set to hold an extraordinary parliamentary session scheduled for April 7 to deliberate the referendum bill after the Royal Gazette published His Majesty the King’s royal endorsement for the special House session.

- The recently downed constitutional amendment plans continues to remain a hot topic as the list of people from the Pheu Thai party who did not vote for the passage of the charter amendment seems to out in public now.
  - ❖ A total of 26 MPs of the Pheu Thai party voted against the party and opposition's motion.

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๒	นาย กฤษณ โทษกุล	เพื่อไทย
๓	นาย  कुमारณิษฐ์ สัจจาม	เพื่อไทย
๔	นาย จาตุรงค์ เจริญวัฒน์	เพื่อไทย
๕	นาย จิรศักดิ์ ไกรเดชา	เพื่อไทย
๖	นาย จิรายุ ทวีทรัพย์	เพื่อไทย
๗	นาย ชวลิต วิเศษสุธี	เพื่อไทย
๘	นาย ศีโรจน์ ชูศรีวงกุล	เพื่อไทย
๙	นาย พายท เมียรศิริศักดิ์	เพื่อไทย
๑๐	นาย นพพล เจริญทองนารา	เพื่อไทย
๑๑	นาย ประเสริฐชัย บุญช่วยเหลือ	เพื่อไทย
๑๒	นางสาว พรรณิลา อรรถสาร	เพื่อไทย
๑๓	นาย ภณณัฐ ศรีจันทร์สุธี	เพื่อไทย
๑๔	นาย มนตรี ศักดิ์เจริญถาวร	เพื่อไทย
๑๕	นาย มานะศักดิ์ จันทน์ประสงค์	เพื่อไทย
๑๖	นาย สุพจน์ศักดิ์ จรัสพันธ์	เพื่อไทย
๑๗	นาย วัน อนุภากร	เพื่อไทย
๑๘	นาย วันชัย เจริญนงสิทธิ์	เพื่อไทย
๑๙	นาย วุฒิชัย กิตติงเศวต	เพื่อไทย
๒๐	นาย ศักดา คณพร	เพื่อไทย
๒๑	นาย สุวิชัย นพชา	เพื่อไทย
๒๒	นาย สุรพงษ์ อิ่มจันทร์โลก	เพื่อไทย
๒๓	นาย อธิชา วรพงษ์สุร	เพื่อไทย
๒๔	น.อ. อนุสิทธิ์ นาคกรรพ	เพื่อไทย
๒๕	นาย อนุสรณ์ ปิ่นทอง	เพื่อไทย
๒๖	นาย อุบลศักดิ์ บัวทองงาม	เพื่อไทย

- Elections for the mayors and councillors of municipalities in most provinces in the country met with a lively atmosphere. There are various reports that suggest that some big and powerful families may have lost their stronghold positions but results of the local elections would be known in over the next couple of days. Elections were held in all provinces except in Bangkok and Pattaya.
  - ❖ Election Commission (EC) secretary-general Jarungvith Phumma said the EC had received 289 complaints for municipal elections, divided into 190 fraud complaints at the tambon level; 83 complaints at the muang level and 16 complaints at the Nakhon level.

- ❖ Jarungvith said the EC has up to 30 days to finalize the results of Sunday’s municipal elections or on April 27, 2021.
- Reports have come out that Chaturon Chaisang along with the “October People” will form a group of “OCTDEM” as a key mouthpiece against the government of Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha over its unaccountability to be held under the rule of law.
  - ❖ The so-called “OCTDEM” group will comprise a group of nearly 20 people known as “October People” including Chaturon himself, former finance minister Surapong Suebwonglee, former deputy minister Prommin Lertsuridej, Kriengkamol Laohapairot, former president of the National Student Centre of Thailand, Krissadang Nuttajaras, lawyer and former president of the Thammasat University Student Union and Surachart Bamrungsuk, former vice president of Chulalongkorn University’s Student Council.
  - ❖ The group has set its 1<sup>st</sup> task to set up a chatroom with the CARE group (Creative, Action, Revival and People Empowerment) on the clubhouse app. It plans to invite prominent scholar Thongchai Winichakul, one of the October People, to join a forum with Chaturon, Surapong and Panas Thasaneeyanont. The group also plans to release a statement calling on the government to treat people with different political views equally.



- The Campaign for Popular Democracy (CPD) or “Kor Ror Por” organised a public forum entitled “Digest 7 years under Gen Prayut’s helm” at the October 14 Memorial near Kok Wua intersection on Ratchadamnoen Avenue.
    - ❖ The event was chaired by Pichai Ratnatilaka Na Bhuket, dean of the School of Social and Environmental Development, who served as chairman of the “CPD” and attended by Wiwatchai Atthakorn, a professor from Nida’s Graduate School of Public Administration and former foreign minister Kasit Piromya.
    - ❖ During his speech, Pichai likened Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha’s administration to a “mafia-style” administration because Gen Prayut failed to tackle any political conflict, driving a wedge of divisiveness and hatred deeper into Thai society. He went on to criticise Gen Prayut for allowing his temper tantrums to ride above logics. Pichai said the current national administration led by the 3 generals with the initial “P” has fallen into a state of despair, resulting in people taking to the streets in the hope of getting rid of those in current power.
    - ❖ Kasit said over the course of 7 years Gen Prayut’s government succeeded with 2 things; the 1<sup>st</sup> is various mega projects and the 2<sup>nd</sup> is populist policies that rely on a massive amount of taxpayers’ money for those in power to reap benefits, sending corruption to spiral at a massive scale. The ex-foreign minister said the only way to get rid of Gen Prayut is to get more than 60 million Thais to sign up for a petition to His Majesty the King like in the era of King Ramkhamhaeng the Great.
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### **Economic News**

- The value of Thailand’s exports to Myanmar via border checkpoints plunged 15.2 per cent for 2 consecutive months in the wake of Myanmar’s coup.

- ❖ The Trade Policy and Strategy Office has set up a war room to assess the Thai-Myanmar trade situation in order to help exporters to tackle problems, director-general Phusit Rattanakul Sereroengrit said.
- ❖ The war room comprises representatives of both public and private sectors such as the Thai Chamber of Commerce, the Federation of Thai Industries, the Thai National Shippers' Council, the International Trade Promotion Department, the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- ❖ The war room is tasked with assessing the impact of the Myanmar's coup on Thai exporters and the impact of sanctions by the international community on Thai exporters.
- There are reports that more than 100 Thai firms investing in Myanmar, most of which are small-sized enterprises, started to feel the pinch after the Myanmar coup forces businesses to shut down.
  - ❖ Kich Aungvitulsatit, chairman of the Thai-Myanmar Business Council, reported that more than 100 small companies began to face liquidity problems after their businesses were forced to shut down since February. They feared that they will not be able to bear the blunt and may face closure within 6 months.
  - ❖ Bunyarit Kallayanamit, permanent secretary for commerce, said the ministry had met with the private sector and discuss problems facing private operators. He promised that the ministry is looking for relief measures including tax reduction and new soft loan schemes.
  - ❖ Bunyarit, however, said Thai-Myanmar border trade in Mae Sod district of Tak continues as usual with 700-900 good transport trucks going between the 2 countries on a daily basis. He ruled out the possibility of Thailand's imposing a sanction on Myanmar because the move will affect Thai-Myanmar border trade in a greater scope.

- Thai vessels may have to be rerouted and seek an extension of deadlines for shipments if efforts to salvage a large container ship blocking Egypt's Suez Canal take longer than expected, Deputy Prime Minister Jurin Laksanawisit said.
- ❖ The 400-metre Ever Given container vessel has been stuck in one of the world's primary shipping canals since Tuesday, suspending traffic of containers taking goods, parts and equipment through the shortest sea link between Europe and Asia.
- ❖ The blockage comes as shipments have already been disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic and a surge in demand for goods. Efforts are under way to free the vessel, although salvage experts warn the process may take weeks. Roughly 10% of global trade passes through the canal annually.

## SUEZ BY THE NUMBERS

**The Suez Canal**, a critical shipping artery that connects the Mediterranean and Red Seas through Egypt, has been blocked after a large container ship ran aground, bringing traffic on the busy trade route to a halt. The Suez Canal is one of the world's most heavily used shipping lanes, carrying more than 12% of world trade by volume. It provides a shortcut for ships moving between Europe and Asia.

Here's a look at some of the key numbers:

**Opened:** 1869  
**Length:** 193.3 kilometres  
**Maximum width:** 225 metres  
**Maximum water depth:** 24 metres  
**Maximum ship draught:** 20 metres  
**Operator:** Suez Canal Authority  
**Revenue:** \$5.6 billion in 2020  
**Headquarters:** Ismailia, Egypt  
**Maximum tonnage:** 240,000 deadweight tonnes  
**Total throughput in 2020:** 1.7 billion tonnes  
**Total ships transiting in 2020:** 19,000  
**Proportion of global trade (2019 estimate):** 10%  
**Proportion of global oil trade (2019 estimate):** 10%  
**Proportion of global LNG trade (2019 estimate):** 8%



Source: Suez Canal Authority



Infographic

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- Around 80 percent of hotel operators are expected to join state-sponsored debt relief plan worth 100 billion baht.
  - ❖ The Thai Hotels Association (THA) said it plan to send letters to survey hotel operators who may be interested in joining the plan following the cabinet's approval in early March to approve a budget of 100 billion baht to allow hotel owners to temporarily park their assets with lenders in exchange for credit to boost liquidity, instead of having to liquidate distress assets or go out of business due to their debts.
  - ❖ The THA's survey found that out of 198 hotels featuring 23,499 rooms, 79.63 per cent or 158 hotels with combined assets worth 82.437 billion baht and 32.172 in outstanding loans are interested in joining the debt relief scheme, President Marisa Sukosol Nunbhakdi revealed.
- Thai Airways International Plc (THAI) unveiled plans to send its menus to modern grocery and convenience stores.
  - ❖ THAI Managing Director for the Catering Department Varangkana Luerojvong said THAI's Catering Department is speeding up negotiations to launch its food and beverage menus in various department stores, modern trade stores and convenience stores.
  - ❖ Recently, the Department has been in talks with CP All Plc, which operates 7-Eleven, to distribute its "Nam Phrik Long Rueda" menu at 7-Eleven branches starting from the Songkran festival. Other menus queuing up to be served to the public are halal foods such as the chicken biryani dish. THAI Catering Department will also join forces with Thailand Post Distribution which has more than 1,000 branches nationwide to deliver products directly to customers.

- The Tobacco Authority of Thailand is gearing up to re-jig cigarette price at 50-55 baht per pack this year.
  - ❖ Director-General Panuphol Rattanakanjanapatra said TOAT is pursuing the idea of setting up a new price for cigarettes at 50-55 baht per pack this year. However, this will also depend on whether the amended excise tax structure for cigarettes proposed to the Excise Department will pass its approval to take effect from October 1 this year to maintain its market share.
  - ❖ TOAT could still gain profit of 0.50 baht per pack if the retail price is set at 60 baht per pack, Panuphol said, pointing that its market share will drop to 56 per cent from 79 per cent in the past because more people turned to illicit cigarettes.
- The government will sign three contracts relating to the Thai-Sino high-speed train project between Bangkok and Nakhon Ratchasima today, deputy government spokeswoman Traisuree Taisaranakul said on Sunday.
  - ❖ Ms Traisuree said the contracts which are due to be signed at the Transport Ministry today include the 4-3 contract on civil engineering works along the Nava Nakhon-Ban Pho section, the 4-4 contract to build a maintenance depot at Chiang Rak Noi, as well as the 4-6 contract on rail engineering works along the Phra Kaew-Saraburi section.
  - ❖ The contracts will be signed by the State Railway of Thailand's governor and the contracting parties. After the signing, the SRT will issue a letter to launch the work outlined in the three contracts.
- The global selloff seen with Goldman Sachs and other banks offloading close to \$20 billion of assets that prompted major correction in share prices of some of the world's leading companies.

- ❖ Reports are that the family office of Tiger Management trader Bill Hwang was behind the unprecedented selling has already seen impact in Asia as Japan's Nomura has come out to warn of significant' loss from an unnamed US client.
  - ❖ Shares of Nomura were down nearly 15 per cent, the biggest drop in 9-years.
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### **General News**

- The world seems to be heading into yet another round of outbreak of the Covid-19 as global outbreak number heads close to 128 million.
  - ❖ India is leading the number of new outbreak in the world with more than 68,000 new cases followed by Brazil and United States with just over 44,000 new cases.
- In Thailand Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) reported 77 new cases and 1 new death in the last 24 hours, bringing the accumulated number of confirmed infections since the pandemic began to 28,734 and 94 deaths in total.
  - ❖ Bangkok has seen the most number of infections in the country with 20 cases reported by hospitals and 12 from mass testing. Samut Sakhon registered 7 cases filed by medical facilities and nine from mass testing, while Samut Prakan logged 3 infections reported by hospitals and two from mass testing.
  - ❖ Pathum Thani recorded 2 new cases at hospitals and active case-finding in communities also uncovered 2 in Nonthaburi and 1 in Ratchaburi.
  - ❖ The 19 imported cases comprised 6 from Hungary, 3 from the United States, 2 from the United Arab Emirates, 2 from India and 1 each from South Korea, Sweden, Russia, Bulgaria, Ethiopia and Kuwait.

- A pageant contestant from Myanmar has used her moment in the spotlight to appeal for urgent international help for her country as security forces suppressing protests against last month's coup killed more than 100 people.
  - ❖ Yangon University student Han Lay made the comments Saturday night at the Miss Grand International pageant held in the Thai capital Bangkok. As she was speaking news was coming out from across the border in Myanmar that at least 114 people had been killed in the bloodiest day since the Feb. 1 coup.
  - ❖ Han Lay had made no secret of her sympathies in a publicity video interview two weeks ago and on her Instagram page, which shows memes and photos from the protest movement in her homeland. Yet it was still surprising to see a contestant at an international pageant use the event to in part criticize her own country's leaders.
  - ❖ “I deeply feel sorry for the people who have lost their lives on the streets. Every citizen of the world wants the prosperity of their country and the peaceful environment. In doing so, the leaders involved should not use their power and selfishness to apply,” she said.



- Thailand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs denied on Saturday news reports that the Thai government would detain and extradite back to Myanmar several leaders of the pro-democracy movement.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/25816/foreign-ministry-denies-policy-to-detain-pro-democracy-dissidents-from-myanmar/>
- A Chiang Mai art teacher on Friday brushed off his overnight fame after being filmed defending his students in a clash with other university staff over a politically sensitive installation.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/25809/its-a-crazy-world-art-teacher-dismisses-viral-fame-over-corpse-installation/>
- After eight months of protests, more than 400 people are being prosecuted for alleged violations ranging from littering and obstruction of traffic to sedition and lese-majeste.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/25790/charges-against-pro-democracy-protesters-an-updated-list/>
- Protection and crowd control police arrested pro-democracy protesters camped on Bangkok's Rama V Road near Government House on Sunday morning.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30404217>
- Amornrat Chokpamitkul, a party-list MP of Kao Klai Party, on Saturday met with investigation officers at Nang Leong Police Station in Bangkok in response to police summons.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30404199>
- Newly appointed Digital Economy and Society (DES) Minister Chaiwut Thanakmanusorn said on Friday that he will continue with his predecessor's policies.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30404163>
- The Ministry of Public Health has warned people not to participate in any Line group claiming that it could reserve and provide Covid-19 vaccine in addition to the ministry's official group "Mor Phrom" (doctors ready).
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30404198>

- Ratsadon group leader Parit “Penguin” Chiwarak, currently being held on remand and in detention for contempt of court, has been on hunger strike for over two weeks. He allowed doctors to conduct a blood test for the first time on Saturday night, after suffering from fatigue, increased dizziness and dehydration.
  - Link- <https://www.thaipbsworld.com/thai-anti-establishment-protester-parit-still-refusing-food-being-fed-intravenously/>
- The Criminal Court has thrown out a bail request for a suspected gambling den boss in the East and his alleged collaborators.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2090615/court-denies-bail-for-suspected-gambling-boss>
- A total of 19 MPs from various political parties are currently being investigated for serious misconduct over alleged public land encroachment, according to the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC).
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2090323/19-more-mps-in-naccs-sights>
- The main opposition Pheu Thai Party has pulled out all the stops to stay relevant while locking its target on emerging stronger in the next general election, according to its secretary-general Prasert Jantararungtong.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2091115/pheu-thai-boss-strives-for-modern-look>

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### **Economic News Headlines in Thai Media**

- The government has agreed to reopen the resort island of Phuket to vaccinated international tourists with no quarantine from July 1, subject to the island’s own vaccine roll-out, the tourism authority said Friday.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/25805/government-approves-plan-to-reopen-phuket-from-july/>
- Prime Minister General Prayut Chan-o-cha is monitoring the situation in the Suez Canal after a grounded large ship has blocked the passage of hundreds of cargo ships.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30404224>

- The Government Gazette website has published new speed limits for vehicles on national highways.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30404222>
- The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) Index closed at 1,574.86 on Friday, up 3.82 points or 0.24 per cent. Total transactions amounted to Bt74 billion with an index high of 1,580.74 and a low of 1,566.89.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/business/30404171>
- The Ministry of Tourism and Sports and Faculty of Engineering at Kasetsart University have collaborated to create safety standards for land tourism and zipline adventure activities.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2091019/govt-to-launch-safety-standards-for-tourists>
- A large majority of people are worried about the presence of migrant workers, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic, saying they could cause many problems, according to an opinion survey by the Suan Dusit Rajabhat University, or Suan Dusit Poll.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2090939/people-worried-by-presence-of-migrant-workers-poll>
- Thai vessels may have to be rerouted and seek an extension of deadlines for shipments if efforts to salvage a large container ship blocking Egypt's Suez Canal take longer than expected, Deputy Prime Minister Jurin Laksanawisit said.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2091011/cargo-ships-carrying-thai-exports-mull-bypassing-suez>
- Bangkok Bank (BBL) has become the first local bank to offer cross-border QR payments between Thailand and Vietnam. The service will help support economic recovery as Thailand opens up after the pandemic, the bank says.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2090595/bbl-to-offer-cross-border-qr-payment-with-vietnam>
- SET-listed Absolute Clean Energy (ACE), a biomass power plant developer, plans 14 billion baht in capital spending to increase its power generation capacity to 449 megawatts by next year as it continues to expand business in the hope of reaching its goal of 1 gigawatt.

- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2090427/ace-plans-b14bn-outlay-for-expansion>
- Krungthai Bank (KTB) has issued US\$600 million worth of additional tier-one (AT1) bonds in a move to strengthen its capital base in preparation for uncertainty during the pandemic.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2090435/investors-lap-up-600m-worth-of-ktb-tier-one-bonds>
- Central Department Store Co plans to allocate over 1 billion baht to open and renovate department stores under two brands, Central and Robinson, keen to capitalise on improving retail shopping sentiment this month.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2090383/central-earmarks-b1bn-to-renovate>
- Thailand's economy is expected to grow 3.4% this year, down from the 4% projected earlier, and the recovery would be gradual amid high uncertainties and weak tourism, the World Bank said on Friday.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2090167/world-bank-cuts-thai-gdp-growth-outlook-to-3-4-this-year>
- The government stands ready to help businesses affected by a giant container ship blocking the Suez Canal in Egypt as the supply chain in many countries is beginning to feel the pinch from the blockage, deputy government spokeswoman Rachada Dhnadirek said.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2091107/govt-pledges-suez-relief>
- PTT has joined hands with Abu Dhabi National Oil Co (Adnoc) -- the producer of Murban crude -- and eight of the world's largest energy companies and the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) to launch ICE Futures Abu Dhabi (IFAD).
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30404229>

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**Issues to be watched out for**



- January 25-March 31, 2021 – The implementation of the 2nd-phase of the co-payment scheme will allow registrants to start spending.
- March 22 –April 4, 2021 – The 42<sup>nd</sup> Bangkok International Motor Show is to be held in Nonthaburi’s Impact Arena, Muang Thong Thani.
- March 31, 2021 – The government’s half-half co-payment scheme is set to end.
- March 31-June 30, 2021 – The deadline extension to file personal income taxes for the 2020 tax year.
- April, 2021 – The Joint Standing Committee on Commerce, Industry and Banking (JSCCIB) scheduled a meeting to assess Thailand’s economic outlook in 2021.
- April 2021 – The government is set to launch “area quarantine” plan to open Thailand to foreign tourists.
- April, 2021 – Thai Airways International Plc (THAI) expects the Central Bankruptcy Court to consider its rehab blueprint for approval.
- April 2021 – The Batong Airport is scheduled to be opened after being postponed from February due to the resurgence of the Covid-19.
- April, 2021 – The central bank plans to officially implement the new rule on the rate of penalty imposed on loan defaulters in a bid to ease borrowers’ burdens and motivate them to repay their debts.
- April 7, 2021 – Parliament is set to convene a new session.
- April 7-8, 2021 – Tentative dates for an extraordinary parliamentary session to allow MPs and senators to proceed with the debate on a national referendum bill.
- April 19-20, 2021 – World Cannabis Day at Bangkok’s Carlton Hotel.
- May, 2021 – The 66<sup>th</sup> Bangkok Gems & Jewelry Fair (BGJF) Virtual Trade Fair is set to be held.
- May 7, 2021 – Thai Airways International Plc (THAI) is expected to hold a creditors meeting to inspect and vote for the rehab plan.
- May 13, 2021 – The public prosecutor set a new hearing of 13 people involved in the protest in front of the German Embassy in Bangkok on 26 October 2020. The hearing has been postponed as the prosecutor said it had yet to finish the paperwork needed to file the case against the protesters.

- June, 2021 – Siam Bioscience to start mass production plan of Covid-19 vaccines.
- June, 2021 – Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC)’s debt holiday is due to expire.
- July, 2021 – TMB-Thanachart Bank (TMB-TBank) expects to complete the integration of the 2 financial entities.
- July 1, 2021 – The government plans to open Phuket fully without mandatory quarantine.
- September 1, 2021 – The government will collect value-added tax from Netflix, Youtube, Google, Facebook as well as other e-commerce services.
- October, 2021 - Bangkok governor election is set to be held.

#### **Key Data**

<b>SET Index</b>	<b>1,574.86</b>	<b>+3.82</b>
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- Link - [https://www.set.or.th/en/company/ipo/upcoming\\_ipo\\_set.html](https://www.set.or.th/en/company/ipo/upcoming_ipo_set.html)

#### **Global Commodities**

- Metal -Link <http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/commodities/futures/metals/>
- Energy -Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/energy/>
- Baltic Dry Index (BDI)-Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/quote/BDIY:IND>

#### **Global Equity Market's Movements**

- Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/stocks/world-indexes/asia-pacific/>

#### **Asian Equity Markets Movement**

- Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/stocks/world-indexes/>

#### **Information on March 26, 2021**

#### **Buying, Selling or Transfer of shares by Owners/Management**

Stock Code	Volume	Value	Action
AIRA	100,000	2.08	Sale
BOFFICE	50,000	9.65	Purchase
CCET	200,000	2.48	Sale
CPW	3,300	3.1	Purchase
EP	200,000	6.05	Purchase
HMPRO	193,000	14.6	Sale
IIG	200,000	29	Sale
JMART	36,800	43.27	Sale
KCE	10,000	57	Sale
KOOL	100,007	1.1	Sale
KOOL	1,300,000	1.06	Sale
NEX	8,800,000	5.13	Purchase
NCAP	999,000	13.43	Sale
NCAP	210,000	12.97	Sale
NCAP	420,000	13.07	Sale
NER	1,000,000	5.4	Purchase
PJW	5,241,747	-	Transfer
PJW	5,241,747	-	Acceptance of Transfer
PJW	5,525,041	-	Transfer
PACO	200,000	3.31	Sale
PACO	100,000	3.37	Sale
PACO	200,000	3.31	Sale
	Revoked by Reporter		
PACO	100,000	3.38	Sale
	Revoked by Reporter		

PACO	100,000	3.38	Sale
RJH	63,900	28.22	Sale
RJH	21,000	28.12	Sale
KISS	25,000	16.6	Purchase
KISS	25,000	14.98	Purchase
S11	5,000	7.65	Sale
SKN	40,000	3.52	Sale
SKN	40,000	3.38	Purchase
SELIC	46,300	2.74	Sale
SELIC	25,000	3.02	Sale
SA	150,000	8.2	Purchase
SICT	5,000,000	4.8	Purchase
SICT	850,000	4.86	Sale
SICT	5,000,000	4.8	Sale
SICT	350,000	4.98	Sale
STGT	20,000	40.75	Sale
SUSCO	200,000	3.38	Purchase
TMILL	265,000	3.29	Purchase
TEAM	5,000,000	1.68	Acceptance of Transfer
TEAM	5,000,000	1.68	Acceptance of Transfer
TSTE	15,000	6.67	Purchase
TASCO	400,000	21	Sale
TASCO	600,000	21	Sale
TQM	5,000	119.5	Purchase
TVT	2,617,900	0.73	Purchase
VL	520,000	2.66	Sale
VL	1,000	2.72	Purchase
VL	2,000,000	2.4	Sale
VIBHA	102,100	1.83	Purchase

### **XD, XE or XM or other notifications**

For list of Companies that have dividend payment and AGM meeting schedules click on <http://www.set.or.th/set/calendarofevents.do>

### **Trading Breakdown on the Stock Exchange of Thailand**

Daily as of 26 Mar 2021

Unit: M.Baht

Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	5,250.27	7.05	4,394.34	5.9	855.92	-
Proprietary Trading	9,039.05	12.14	8,628.99	11.58	410.06	-
Foreign Investors	23,967.32	32.18	24,766.78	33.25	-799.45	-
Local Individuals	36,230.63	48.64	36,697.16	49.27	-466.53	-
<b>Monthly Cumulative between 1 - 26 Mar 2021</b>						
<b>Unit: M.Baht</b>						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	147,917.00	7.98	143,927.22	7.76	3,989.78	-
Proprietary Trading	197,451.84	10.65	194,221.87	10.48	3,229.97	-
Foreign Investors	659,720.66	35.59	663,321.84	35.78	-3,601.18	-
Local Individuals	848,793.12	45.78	852,411.69	45.98	-3,618.57	-
<b>Yearly Cumulative since 1 Jan - 26 Mar 2021</b>						
<b>Unit: M.Baht</b>						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	418,767.35	7.67	444,846.76	8.15	-26,079.41	-
Proprietary Trading	574,304.59	10.52	569,573.35	10.43	4,731.24	-
Foreign Investors	1,943,867.58	35.6	1,977,069.77	36.2	-33,202.19	-
Local Individuals	2,524,114.79	46.22	2,469,564.42	45.22	54,550.36	-

**Total Trading Value 74,487.28 Million Baht**

### **Background Information –**

The strength of each party in the Thai Parliament as of May 8, 2019 as per the report by the Election Commission of Thailand. Elections took place on March 24, 2019

- [https://www.ect.go.th/ect\\_th/news\\_all.php?cid=24](https://www.ect.go.th/ect_th/news_all.php?cid=24)
- List of MPs - [https://www.ect.go.th/ect\\_th/download/article/article\\_20190508184334.pdf](https://www.ect.go.th/ect_th/download/article/article_20190508184334.pdf)

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