



# THAILAND SECURITY ANALYSIS REPORT

## AI-Assisted Open Source Intelligence Assessment

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## Executive Summary

Thailand's security landscape from May 17 to May 24, 2026, was characterized by a complex interplay of persistent border tensions, proactive diplomatic engagement, and a strong focus on enhancing national defense capabilities, particularly in the cyber domain. Significant diplomatic efforts were underway to de-escalate maritime and land disputes with Cambodia, including proposed trilateral talks at the ASEAN Summit. Internally, the Royal Thai Armed Forces continued their modernization drive, emphasizing autonomous systems and multi-domain operations, while the nation grappled with ongoing cybersecurity threats and transnational crime. Economically, the country's outlook remained cautious due to global geopolitical uncertainties, particularly the Middle East conflict, which could impact energy and trade.

## Key Security Developments

- Border Tensions with Cambodia and Diplomatic Engagement

Tensions along the Thai-Cambodian border remained a significant concern, following a "provocative incident" on May 13, 2026, where Cambodian soldiers were reported near the barbed-wire boundary in the O'Smach area near Chong Chom in Surin province. Thai soldiers reportedly fired warning shots after verbal warnings were ignored. Concurrently, diplomatic efforts intensified, with the Cambodian Defence Minister welcoming the increased likelihood of a General Border Committee (GBC) meeting on May 23, 2026, to strengthen mutual trust and resolve issues peacefully. Thailand's Army Chief also met with the ASEAN Observer Team from the Philippines on May 21, 2026, to reaffirm commitment to stability along the border.

- Maritime Dispute with Cambodia

A long-standing maritime dispute with Cambodia continued, with Cambodian Senate President Hun Sen urging his government not to rely on bilateral talks with Thailand to resolve the issue, instead advocating for compulsory conciliation under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). This stance followed Thailand's cancellation of MOU 44.

- ASEAN Summit and Regional Diplomacy

Thai Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul attended the 48th ASEAN Summit in Cebu City, Philippines, from May 7-9, 2026, marking his first official overseas trip of his second term. During the summit, Thailand pushed for ASEAN unity, emphasizing energy security, food security, and the protection of citizens during crises, particularly

in light of geopolitical uncertainties in the Middle East. The summit also served as a platform for potential trilateral talks between Thailand, Cambodia, and the Philippines to build trust regarding border issues.

- Military Activities and Exercises (Previous Period)

While no major military exercises were reported within the May 17-24 period, the significant Cobra Gold 2026 exercise, co-hosted by the Royal Thai Armed Forces and the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, concluded on March 6, 2026, in Rayong province. This 45th iteration involved over 8,000 personnel from 30 nations and focused on Combined Joint All-Domain Operations (CJADO), including advanced space and cyber operations.

- Defense Policy and Strategic Shifts

The Royal Thai Armed Forces announced plans on May 18, 2026, to establish a new Joint Capabilities Command (JCC) in the next fiscal year. This initiative, discussed at a meeting chaired by Chief of Defence Forces Gen Ukris Boontanondha in Bangkok, aims to develop autonomous military systems and enhance multi-domain warfare capabilities across land, sea, air, space, and cyber domains.

- Defense Acquisitions and Arms Deals

Thailand is actively pursuing defense modernization. The Royal Thai Navy is progressing with its first frigate procurement project, with the selection of a private contractor from six companies across four countries expected before October 30, 2026. Earlier in the year, the Royal Thai Army finalized a deal in January 2026 to acquire an additional batch of Chinese-made VN-1 armored vehicles for 1 billion baht (US\$32 million). In March 2026, the Royal Thai Army also received 17 Stryker armored vehicles from the United States under the Excess Defense Articles (EDA) program, enhancing its mechanized infantry capabilities and reinforcing bilateral defense ties.

- Cybersecurity Focus

Thailand demonstrated a strong commitment to cybersecurity, with several major summits scheduled for late May 2026 in Bangkok, including the Thai CyberX Summit and the Cyber Security Summit Thailand 2026. These events aim to strengthen the nation's digital future, address evolving cyber threats, and improve infrastructure security and threat intelligence for both public and private sectors.

- Transnational Crime and Border Control

On May 19, 2026, Thailand announced it would halve the length of visa-free stays for tourists from over 90 countries, reducing it from 60 to 30 days, to curb crime involving foreign nationals and transnational criminal groups exploiting immigration rules. Additionally, Thailand is tightening its grip on cybercriminal networks operating from Cambodia, with discussions on increasing efforts to cope with security and economic threats posed by organized cybercrime.

- Economic Security Concerns

The National Economic and Social Development Council (NESDC) maintained its 2026 economic growth forecast for Thailand at 1.5-2.5% on May 24, 2026, but warned that a prolonged Middle East conflict could significantly impact the Thai economy. The NESDC identified five key channels of impact: energy prices, production costs, supply chains, international trade, tourism, and financial market volatility. Thailand imported 46.8% of its energy from the Middle East in 2025.

## Geopolitical Impact and Regional Dynamics

Thailand's recent security developments underscore its strategic position in Southeast Asia and its ongoing efforts to navigate complex regional and global dynamics. The persistent border and maritime disputes with Cambodia, while localized, have broader implications for ASEAN's ability to foster regional stability and resolve internal conflicts peacefully. Thailand's proactive diplomatic engagement at the ASEAN Summit, including facilitating potential trilateral talks, demonstrates its commitment to regional mechanisms for conflict resolution.

The country continues its delicate balancing act between major powers, particularly the United States and China. While the successful conclusion of Cobra Gold 2026 in March highlighted the enduring US-Thai security alliance and interoperability, Thailand's ongoing acquisition of Chinese military hardware and China's expressed desire for deeper cooperation in areas like AI and the digital economy reflect a pragmatic foreign policy aimed at maximizing benefits from both sides. This "hedging" strategy, as some analysts describe it, allows Thailand to maintain strategic autonomy but also creates a dynamic where its nearest neighbors are reportedly moving more towards the United States, while Thailand shows a preference for improving relations with China.

The broader strategic landscape is also influenced by global events, such as the Middle East conflict, which the NESDC warned could significantly impact Thailand's energy security and economic stability. This external vulnerability reinforces Thailand's push for regional energy and food security initiatives within ASEAN. Thailand's increasing focus on cybersecurity and combating transnational crime, often with cross-border elements involving Cambodia and Myanmar, also highlights the interconnectedness of internal and regional security challenges.

## Military and Defense Analysis

The Royal Thai Armed Forces are actively pursuing a modernization program aimed at developing a more agile and technologically advanced military. The planned establishment of a Joint Capabilities Command (JCC), discussed on May 18, 2026, signifies a strategic shift towards integrating autonomous military systems and enhancing multi-domain warfare capabilities across land, sea, air, space, and cyber domains. This move reflects a recognition of the evolving nature of modern warfare and the need for greater operational precision and reduced troop casualties.

Defense spending trends indicate a continued investment in new acquisitions. The ongoing procurement of a frigate for the Royal Thai Navy and recent acquisitions of Chinese VN-1 armored vehicles and US Stryker vehicles demonstrate a diversified approach to arms procurement. While the US remains a key defense partner, as evidenced by the Cobra Gold exercises and Stryker vehicle transfers, Thailand's purchases from China suggest a strategy to enhance capabilities from multiple sources, potentially impacting long-term interoperability with Western allies. The emphasis on domestic defense industry cooperation with academic institutions also points towards a long-term goal of self-reliance in defense technology.

The Royal Thai Air Force is also facing modernization needs, with plans to replace its aging F-16 fleet with Swedish Saab JAS 39 Gripen fighter jets in phases, starting with four jets by 2029. This comprehensive approach to modernizing all branches of the armed forces, coupled with the focus on cyber and space domains, indicates a robust effort to adapt to contemporary security challenges and maintain a credible defense posture in the region.

## Outlook and Forecast

Short-term trends (1-3 months): In the immediate future, diplomatic efforts to de-escalate tensions with Cambodia are likely to continue, with a focus on establishing formal border committee meetings. The discussions initiated at the ASEAN Summit regarding the Thai-Cambodian border dispute are expected to progress, aiming for trust-building and peaceful resolution. Thailand will also likely continue to enhance its cybersecurity posture, driven by the upcoming summits and the increasing threat landscape. The economic impact of the Middle East conflict, particularly on energy prices and supply chains, will remain a critical concern, potentially influencing domestic economic policies.

Critical flashpoints and risk areas: The Thai-Cambodian border remains a critical flashpoint, both on land (e.g., O'Smach area) and in disputed maritime zones, where miscalculations or provocative actions could quickly escalate. The Southern Thailand insurgency continues to pose an internal security risk, with the potential for sporadic violence, though no major incidents were reported in the past week. Cybersecurity is

an increasingly critical risk area, with the expanding digital economy making Thailand more vulnerable to sophisticated cyberattacks and transnational cybercrime.

Indicators to monitor: Key indicators to monitor include the progress of the Thai-Cambodian General Border Committee (GBC) meetings and any agreements reached on border demarcation or resource sharing. Developments in regional diplomatic initiatives, particularly within ASEAN, regarding regional stability and major power competition, will also be crucial. Domestically, the implementation of the Royal Thai Armed Forces' JCC and autonomous systems development will indicate the pace of military modernization. Furthermore, the effectiveness of new visa regulations in curbing transnational crime and the government's response to economic pressures from global events, such as the Middle East conflict, should be closely watched.

Strategic recommendations: Thailand should continue to prioritize diplomatic engagement with Cambodia to resolve border disputes through established bilateral and multilateral mechanisms, leveraging ASEAN's role as a facilitator. Investing further in comprehensive cybersecurity defenses, including public-private partnerships and international cooperation, is essential to protect critical infrastructure and the digital economy. The military modernization program should continue with a balanced approach to arms procurement, ensuring interoperability with key allies while fostering domestic defense industry capabilities. Finally, the government should implement robust economic resilience strategies to mitigate external shocks, particularly those related to energy and global supply chains, to safeguard national security and stability.

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## ANNEX: COLLECTED ARTICLES BY SOURCE

### Source: Khaosod English

- [Drunk driver crashes into fish pond after hit-and-run](#) (2026-05-24 04:57)

SAMUT PRAKAN — 24 May 2026, A drunk driver crashed his car into a roadside fish pond after allegedly rear-ending a motorcycle and attempting to flee, police said. The incident occurred at about 00:40 on 24 May along the Sri Waree Noi road near Khlong Don bridge in Si Sa Chorakhe Noi subdistrict, Bang Sao [...] The post Drunk driver crashes into fish pond after hit-and-run appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Monk defrocked after drunken outburst near Udon Thani shopping centre](#) (2026-05-24 03:43)

UDON THANI — 23 May 2026, A heavily intoxicated Buddhist monk caused a disturbance near a shopping centre in Udon Thani on the eve of Wan Kon, allegedly attempting to enter a popular shabu buffet restaurant and later a nearby bar before challenging police officers to a fight. A 55-year-old shopping centre security guard said [...] The post Monk defrocked after drunken outburst near Udon Thani shopping centre appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Car crashes into house in Chumphon, injuring two](#) (2026-05-24 03:23)

CHUMPHON — 24 May 2026, A woman narrowly escaped death after a car crashed through the wall of her house in the middle of the night in southern Thailand's Chumphon province, leaving both the homeowner and driver injured, police said. The incident occurred at about 00:30 on 24 May in front of Municipal Soi 6, [...] The post Car crashes into house in Chumphon, injuring two appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Thai masseuse wins gold at world massage championship](#) (2026-05-22 13:13)

A Thai woman from Nakhon Si Thammarat province has won a gold medal in the oil massage category at the Wellness World Championship 2026 in Bangkok. Soraya Thaoram claimed the top prize during the international competition held on 18 May at TK Palace & Convention Hotel on Chaeng Watthana Road. The event featured around 200 [...] The post Thai masseuse wins gold at world massage championship appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Emergency worker killed on duty in ambulance crash](#) (2026-05-22 12:56)

An emergency medical worker in Uttaradit province has died after an ambulance crashed while responding to an emergency call during heavy rain. The accident occurred on 21 May involving an ambulance from Nam Pat Hospital in Uttaradit. Officials said the vehicle lost control and veered off the road due to slippery conditions while transporting staff [...] The post Emergency

worker killed on duty in ambulance crash appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Thai TV personality DJ Nui trademarks signature laugh over AI concerns](#) (2026-05-22 12:40)

Thailand's Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) says sound trademarks are becoming increasingly important in branding and marketing, with Thai TV personality DJ Nui Thanawat Prasitsomporn among those seeking legal protection for a signature sound. DIP director-general Oramon Saphaweetham said on 21 May that sounds such as jingles, catchphrases, app tones and voice introductions are now [...] The post Thai TV personality DJ Nui trademarks signature laugh over AI concerns appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [What to know about the outbreak of a rare kind of Ebola as cases and deaths rise](#) (2026-05-22 12:15)

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — The World Health Organization has declared the Ebola disease outbreak in Congo and Uganda a public health emergency of international concern. Africa's top public health body confirmed the outbreak in Congo's Ituri Province on May 15. The case count has risen to around 150 suspected deaths and more than 600 suspected cases. Health authorities say the outbreak is [...] The post What to know about the outbreak of a rare kind of Ebola as cases and deaths rise appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Thai Panel Defends Scrapping Border MOUs to ASEAN+3 Diplomats](#) (2026-05-22 10:33)

BANGKOK — 22 May 2026, Thai Senator Noppadon Inna briefed ASEAN+3 diplomats on Thailand's push to revoke the 2000 and 2001 Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with Cambodia, arguing the agreements undermine Thailand's sovereignty and national interests amid unresolved border and maritime disputes. On Friday, the Senate Extraordinary Committee studying the advantages and disadvantages of canceling [...] The post Thai Panel Defends Scrapping Border MOUs to ASEAN+3 Diplomats appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Can Thailand Finally Wake Up to Its Dismal Safety Standards?](#) (2026-05-22 10:16)

Saturday's horrific accident — in which a freight train crashed into a public bus at the Makkasan crossing, killing eight people and injuring more than 30 — can be viewed in at least two ways. The first perspective: An unfortunate freak accident The first view is that this was merely an unfortunate, one-off accident. Under [...] The post Can Thailand Finally Wake Up to Its Dismal Safety Standards? appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Kris Jenner draws global attention to Thai sunscreen](#) (2026-05-22 09:45)

BANGKOK — 22 May 2026, Kris Jenner has once again highlighted a Thai sunscreen product on Instagram, drawing fresh international attention to Thailand's beauty industry. The Instagram story featured a sunscreen product from a Thai brand among Jenner's daily skincare items, further highlighting the growing reputation of Thai beauty products among international celebrities. Industry observers [...] The post Kris Jenner draws global attention to Thai sunscreen appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Thailand signs contracts for Red Line extensions to Thammasat, Salaya](#) (2026-05-22 08:17)

The State Railway of Thailand (SRT) has signed contracts for two extensions of Bangkok's Red Line suburban railway network, with construction expected to begin in July 2026. The projects include the Dark Red Line extension from Rangsit to Thammasat University's Rangsit campus and the Light Red Line extension from Siriraj to Taling Chan and Salaya. [...] The post Thailand signs contracts for Red Line extensions to Thammasat, Salaya appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Thailand introduces Muslim prayer carriages on southern trains](#) (2026-05-22 06:39)

Thailand's State Railway will introduce dedicated prayer carriages on southern train routes from 22 May to accommodate Muslim passengers travelling during the upcoming Eid al-Adha festival. Deputy Prime Minister and Transport Minister Phiphat Ratchakitprakarn ordered the State Railway of Thailand (SRT) to modify train carriages into "prayer cars" to support Muslim passengers returning to their [...] The post Thailand introduces Muslim prayer carriages on southern trains appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Cargo traffic to Myanmar halted at Mae Hong Son border crossing](#) (2026-05-22 04:46)

MAE HONG SON — 22 May 2026, Security forces have tightened restrictions at the Huai Phueng border crossing, allowing pedestrian travel while suspending cargo exports and cross-border vehicle traffic amid efforts to curb drug trafficking and the movement of precursor chemicals. On Friday, more than 20 border traders from Ban Huai Phueng in Huay Pha [...] The post Cargo traffic to Myanmar halted at Mae Hong Son border crossing appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [France to award Princess Sirivannavari highest national honour](#) (2026-05-21 12:07)

The French government will award Princess Sirivannavari Nariratana Rajakanya the Légion d'honneur, France's highest national order, in recognition of her contributions to arts, culture and fashion, the French Embassy in Thailand announced on 21 May. According to the embassy, the princess is being honoured for her achievements and royal initiatives in promoting arts and culture, [...] The post France to award Princess Sirivannavari highest national honour appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Thai fans may turn to online streams if World Cup rights talks fail, minister says](#) (2026-05-21 11:28)

Thailand's government is continuing negotiations over broadcasting rights for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, but a senior minister said football fans may seek alternative online channels to watch matches if no agreement is reached. Supamas Isarabhakdi, the minister attached to the Prime Minister's Office overseeing the Public Relations Department, said on 20 May that the [...] The post Thai fans may turn to online streams if World Cup rights talks fail, minister says appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [PM to hold dinner talks with Macron in Paris](#) (2026-05-21 10:56)

Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul said his upcoming visit to France will focus on artificial intelligence, energy, trade and investment opportunities, as Thailand seeks to strengthen ties with French businesses and political leaders. Speaking at Government House on 21 May before departing for France from 21-27 May, Anutin said he had already assigned responsibilities to relevant [...] The post PM to hold dinner talks with Macron in Paris appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Army Chief Welcomes AOT, Affirming Border Stability](#) (2026-05-21 10:21)

RAYONG — 21 May 2026, Thailand's Army Chief met with the head of the ASEAN Observer Team (AOT) from the Philippines on Thursday to reaffirm a joint commitment to maintaining stability and security along the Thai-Cambodian border. Gen. Pana Claewplodtook, Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Army, alongside high-ranking military officials, welcomed Brig. Gen. Gregorio Sibayan [...] The post Army Chief Welcomes AOT, Affirming Border Stability appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Thailand plans tourist 'landing fee' above 300 baht](#) (2026-05-21 09:50)

Thailand is considering raising its proposed tourist "landing fee" to more than 300 baht as authorities work on a new collection system that would include premium insurance coverage for foreign visitors. Tourism and Sports Minister Surasak Phanchaoenworakul said the government is finalising both the collection model and appropriate pricing to avoid negatively affecting tourists' travel [...] The post Thailand plans tourist 'landing fee' above 300 baht appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Immigration Police Raid Chinese Spa in Rayong Over Prostitution Services](#) (2026-05-21 09:09)

RAYONG — 21 May 2026, Immigration authorities have raided a Chinese-operated health spa in Rayong province after undercover officers exposed an illicit prostitution services targeting foreign nationals behind the facade of a traditional massage business. On Thursday, Pol. Col. Parinya Klinkesorn, Spokesperson of Immigration Division 3, revealed that following directives from national police chief, Pol. [...] The post Immigration Police Raid Chinese Spa in Rayong Over Prostitution Services appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Palace: Severe infection affects multiple organs of Princess Bajrakitiyabha](#) (2026-05-21 05:46)

The Royal Household Bureau on Thursday said a severe and uncontrolled infection has affected multiple vital organs of Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha Narendiradebyavati. In its seventh statement on the princess' s condition issued on 21 May, the bureau said doctors treating the princess at King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital had detected an abdominal infection since April [...] The post Palace: Severe infection affects multiple organs of Princess Bajrakitiyabha appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Thai crafts showcased at world-famous Milan Design Week 2026](#) (2026-05-21 04:29)

MILAN — 21 May 2026, Thailand's Department of International Trade Promotion (DITP) brought 25 Thai brands to exhibit handcrafted products and sustainable material innovations at Milan Design Week 2026, one of the world's largest design festivals, held in April. The exhibition, titled "Slow Hand Design 2026", was held at Superstudio Events in Milan under the [...] The post Thai crafts showcased at world-famous Milan Design Week 2026 appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Police Lieutenant Accused of Sexually Assaulting Server, Claims It is "Normal"](#) (2026-05-21 04:22)

KANCHANABURI — 21 May 2026, A Moo Kata (Thai BBQ) restaurant owner has released security camera footage and demanded swift disciplinary action after a police sub-lieutenant allegedly sexually assaulted a 20-year-old waitress and members of his party allegedly dismissed the incident as a "normal" occurrence. A CCTV video shared on Facebook on Wednesday appeared to [...] The post Police Lieutenant Accused of Sexually Assaulting Server, Claims It is "Normal" appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Myanmar Military Retakes Thai Border Town After Siege, Forcing 4,000 to Flee](#) (2026-05-21 03:40)

YANGON, Myanmar — 20 May 2026, Myanmar's military recaptured the Thai border trading town of Mawtaung on Tuesday after a two-week offensive, resistance forces confirmed, with at least 4,000 civilians displaced amid the fighting. Myanmar's military regime announced Wednesday that it had retaken the border trading town of Mawtaung in Tanintharyi Region, concluding a 15-day [...] The post Myanmar Military Retakes Thai Border Town After Siege, Forcing 4,000 to Flee appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Myanmar man found stabbed near Korat railway station](#) (2026-05-21 03:15)

NAKHON RATCHASIMA — 21 May 2026, A Myanmar national was found seriously injured with a stab wound beside a railway line near Jira railway station in northeastern Thailand, police said. Police in Nakhon Ratchasima province said they were alerted on the evening of 20 May to a stabbing near the railway tracks on Jira Road [...] The post Myanmar man found stabbed near Korat railway station appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [TSTE Drives "Nature Best Food" at THAIFEX 2026](#) (2026-05-20 10:46)

TSTE Drives "Nature Best Food" and Group Companies into Full-Service OEM Food, Beverage, and Snack Business at THAIFEX 2026, Targeting THB 1 Billion in Sales TSTE Group is accelerating its expansion into the food, beverage, and snack industries through Nature Best Food (NBF) and TSTE's subsidiaries, positioning themselves as comprehensive OEM One Stop Service [...] The post TSTE Drives "Nature Best Food" at THAIFEX 2026 appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Fatal Bus-Train Crash Victim "Rose" Returned to Ubon Ratchathani](#) (2026-05-20 10:08)

UBON RATCHATHANI — 20 May 2026, the family of “Rose,” a woman killed in Saturday’ s catastrophic collision between a train and a public bus, has brought her body back to her hometown in Ubon Ratchathani Province for funeral rites, amid desperate calls from her family for stricter public transport passenger safety. A funeral service was [...] The post Fatal Bus-Train Crash Victim “Rose” Returned to Ubon Ratchathani appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Police seize illegal whitening serums worth 22 million baht](#) (2026-05-20 09:23)

BANGKOK — 20 May 2026, Thailand’ s Central Investigation Bureau and the Food and Drug Administration have raided locations linked to an illegal skin-whitening serum operation accused of registering injectable products as cosmetics to evade stricter drug controls. Authorities seized more than 35,000 items worth over 22 million baht (£470,000), including cosmetics, unregistered medicines and medical [...] The post Police seize illegal whitening serums worth 22 million baht appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Aluminium Factory Fire Destroys Myanmar Worker’ s Gold and Cash](#) (2026-05-20 08:36)

SAMUT SAKHON — A massive fire ripped through an aluminium manufacturing plant in Samut Sakhon province on Wednesday, destroying the life savings of a Myanmar worker who kept gold and cash at his workstation. At about 10:00 on Wednesday, the radio centre at Krathum Baen Police Station received reports of a fire at an aluminium [...] The post Aluminium Factory Fire Destroys Myanmar Worker’ s Gold and Cash appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Thai water polo duo make history with Israel Cup win](#) (2026-05-20 07:47)

BANGKOK — 20 May 2026, two Thai women’ s water polo players preparing for the 20th Asian Games have helped their Israeli club win the Israel Cup, with Thailand’ s head coach describing them as key members of the national team. Panthila Asayut, known as “Amp” , and Raksina Ruangsapphaisan, known as “Praewa” , currently play professionally for Hapoel [...] The post Thai water polo duo make history with Israel Cup win appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Motorcyclist Killed After Falling Under Moving Bus on Rama II Road](#) (2026-05-20 05:56)

BANGKOK — 20 May 2026, A motorcyclist was killed on Wednesday morning after losing control of his motorcycle, falling, and sliding underneath a moving No. 140 public bus on Rama II Road. At 09:00 on Wednesday, Inspector of Inquiry, Samae Dam Police Station, received a report of a fatal accident involving a public bus and [...] The post Motorcyclist Killed After Falling Under Moving Bus on Rama II Road appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Xi and Putin meet to reaffirm China-Russia ties days after Trump’ s visit to Beijing](#) (2026-05-20 05:48)

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese leader Xi Jinping welcomed Russian President Vladimir Putin in Beijing on Wednesday in a meeting meant to reaffirm ties and that takes place only days after a visit by U.S. President Donald Trump to China. Xi welcomed Putin with a ceremony at the Great Hall of the People. The two delegations later [...] The post Xi and Putin meet to reaffirm China-Russia

ties days after Trump's visit to Beijing appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Cambodia's Kem Sokha reunited with critically ill mother amid house arrest](#) (2026-05-20 05:27)

Kem Sokha, Cambodia's former opposition leader who remains under house arrest, was reunited with his critically ill mother on the morning of 20 May after authorities granted permission for the visit. According to his lawyer, Pheng Heng, Kem Sokha was escorted by Ministry of Interior officers to visit his mother, Sao Nget, at his sibling's [...] The post Cambodia's Kem Sokha reunited with critically ill mother amid house arrest appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Princess Ubolratana Opens 'Thai Night' at Cannes Film Festival](#) (2026-05-20 04:51)

CANNES, France — 20 May 2026, Princess Ubolratana Rajakanya Sirivadhana Barnavadi presided over the opening ceremony of “Thai Night Cannes 2026,” an elite gala designed to showcase Thailand's entertainment industry on the global stage. The event took place at 19:30 (local French time) on 14 May in the Grand Salon of the Carlton Cannes Hotel [...] The post Princess Ubolratana Opens 'Thai Night' at Cannes Film Festival appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Meet the five-boyfriend relationship "The Cule Kids" going viral online](#) (2026-05-20 04:49)

A group of five boyfriends from California are drawing attention online after opening up about their unusual polyamorous relationship, sharing details of how they manage love, dating and daily life together. The group — who call themselves “The Cule Kids” — live in the South Bay area of California and describe their relationship as a [...] The post Meet the five-boyfriend relationship “The Cule Kids” going viral online appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [King posthumously honours teacher killed protecting students](#) (2026-05-19 12:53)

The King has posthumously bestowed a royal decoration on Sasiphat Sinsamosorn, the former director of Phatong Prathan Khirawat School in Songkhla province, in recognition of her sacrifice in protecting teachers and students during a hostage incident earlier this year. According to a Royal Gazette announcement published on 19 May, Sasiphat was awarded the Knight Grand [...] The post King posthumously honours teacher killed protecting students appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [China calls for transparent investigation into Sa Kaeo kidnapping case](#) (2026-05-19 12:00)

BANGKOK — The Chinese Embassy in Thailand has urged Thai authorities to conduct a lawful, fair and transparent investigation following reports that a Chinese national was allegedly abducted and held for ransom in Sa Kaeo province. In a statement issued on 19 May, a spokesperson for the embassy said the Chinese side had attached great [...] The post China calls for transparent investigation into Sa Kaeo kidnapping case appeared first on Khaosod

English.

- [What to know about Thailand ending 60-day visa-free stays](#) (2026-05-19 11:46)

BANGKOK — Thailand will revoke the 60-day visa-free stay scheme for all 93 eligible countries and territories as part of a sweeping overhaul of the country’s visa policy, the Department of Consular Affairs announced on 19 May. Mangkorn Pratoomkaew, director-general of the Department of Consular Affairs, said the Cabinet had approved a review of Thailand’s [...] The post What to know about Thailand ending 60-day visa-free stays appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Thai Teen “Mind Sakol” Wins 2026 World Women’s Snooker Title](#) (2026-05-19 10:44)

DONGGUAN, China — 19 May 2026, Thai teenager, “Mind Sakol” Panchaya Channoi made snooker history on Tuesday by defeating 12-time world champion, Reanne Evans, to capture her maiden World Women’s Snooker Championship title and become Thailand’s 3rd World Snooker Champion. The 2026 “World Women’s Snooker Championship,” held at the Changping Snooker Center in Dongguan, Guangdong [...] The post Thai Teen “Mind Sakol” Wins 2026 World Women’s Snooker Title appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Rescuers search for 3 missing after German building collapse possibly caused by gas explosion](#) (2026-05-19 10:24)

GÖRLITZ, Germany (AP) — Rescue teams in eastern Germany searched Tuesday morning for three people who were missing after a building collapsed in the eastern city of Görlitz near the Polish border. Police said a gas explosion may have been the cause for the collapse of the building, which took place Monday night. Emergency responders [...] The post Rescuers search for 3 missing after German building collapse possibly caused by gas explosion appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Young Thai barber turns old bus bus into trendy barbershop](#) (2026-05-19 09:58)

UTHAI THANI — 19 May 2026, a 22-year-old Thai barber has drawn attention after transforming an old passenger bus into an air-conditioned barbershop offering low-cost haircuts and free Wi-Fi in central Thailand. The unusual salon, called Luk Chang Barber, is located in Nong Khayang district of Uthai Thani province and has become popular among local [...] The post Young Thai barber turns old bus bus into trendy barbershop appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Congo health ministry reports 131 deaths and 513 suspected Ebola cases in eastern Congo](#) (2026-05-19 09:51)

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — At least 131 deaths and over 500 suspected cases have been reported in the ongoing Ebola outbreak in eastern Congo, the Congolese health ministry said Tuesday as details emerged about the government’s delayed response. Samuel Roger Kamba, the minister of public health, said: “513 suspected cases and 131 deaths have been [...] The post Congo health ministry reports 131 deaths and 513 suspected Ebola cases in eastern Congo

appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Families demand answers from transit chiefs after fatal crash](#) (2026-05-19 09:16)

BANGKOK — 19 May 2026, relatives of victims killed in Saturday’ s catastrophic train and public bus crash at the Makkasan railway crossing have accused state transit agencies of institutional negligence, demanding direct accountability over the fatal accident. At 10:50 on Tuesday, the relatives of a fatality from the train-bus crash, identified affectionately as Aunt Eiang, [...] The post Families demand answers from transit chiefs after fatal crash appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Supreme commander joins F-16 patrol flight to inspect border areas](#) (2026-05-19 05:33)

TAKHLI —Thailand’ s top military commander flew aboard an F-16 fighter jet on Tuesday during a combat readiness inspection at Wing 4 in Nakhon Sawan province, as the Royal Thai Air Force reaffirmed its capability to defend the country and monitor border areas. At 09:00 on 19 May, Air Force Commander ACM Seksan Kanta welcomed Supreme [...] The post Supreme commander joins F-16 patrol flight to inspect border areas appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [What to know about a deadly attack by teen gunmen on a San Diego mosque](#) (2026-05-19 05:00)

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Police raced Monday to catch an armed teenage runaway before he and another teen opened fire on a San Diego mosque, killing three men and then themselves. About two hours after one boy’ s mother called to warn police that he had run away with her weapons and vehicle, shots rang out at [...] The post What to know about a deadly attack by teen gunmen on a San Diego mosque appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Regional Army Chief Inspects Border Blast Site Near Cambodia](#) (2026-05-19 04:41)

SISAKET — 19 May 2026, A senior Thai military commander has inspected the “Ta Maria” frontline border base at Phu Makhuea in Kantharalak District, Sisaket Province, where linked to reports of an explosion near the Thai-Cambodian frontier earlier this month, and distributed morale-boosting supplies to troops and local residents along the border. Maj. Gen. Kampanart [...] The post Regional Army Chief Inspects Border Blast Site Near Cambodia appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Thai man confirms crossing into Cambodia while foraging](#) (2026-05-19 03:36)

SURIN — 19 May 2026, Thailand’ s Second Army Region said an investigation had confirmed that Yot Sainoi, a Thai villager detained by Cambodian soldiers near the border last month, had accidentally crossed into Cambodian territory while foraging for forest produce. The Suranaree Task Force under the Second Army Region assigned a military unit to inspect [...] The post Thai man confirms crossing into Cambodia while foraging appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Myanmar Teens Held After Assault on Thai Youth in Pattaya](#) (2026-05-19 03:19)

CHONBURI — 19 May 2026, Police detained a group of Myanmar teenagers accused of attacking a 16-year-old Thai boy in a street assault. The suspects, however, gave their account of events, claiming they had earlier been held at gunpoint and robbed of a pair of Converse sneakers by the victim's group. They are now asking [...] The post Myanmar Teens Held After Assault on Thai Youth in Pattaya appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [La Mode en Majesté: Thai royal fashion shines in Paris exhibition](#) (2026-05-18 12:35)

Thai textiles, royal fashion and contemporary design have taken centre stage in Paris with the opening of “La Mode en Majesté: Royal Thai Dress from Tradition to Modernity,” a major exhibition celebrating the artistry and evolution of Thai dress. The exhibition is now open to the public at Musée des Arts Décoratifs until 1 November [...] The post La Mode en Majesté: Thai royal fashion shines in Paris exhibition appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Thai Smile Bus joins UITP, expands global standing](#) (2026-05-18 10:51)

BANGKOK, 18 May 2026 — Thai Smile Bus Co., Ltd. has officially joined the International Association of Public Transport, marking a major step in bringing Thailand's public transport sector closer to international standards. Thai Smile Bus (TSB), a Thai-owned public transport enterprise, has stepped onto the international stage after officially received its membership certificate from [...] The post Thai Smile Bus joins UITP, expands global standing appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Thai national ice hockey player Chanokchon dies at 27](#) (2026-05-18 10:18)

BANGKOK — Chanokchon Limpinetch, a member of Thailand's national ice hockey team, has died at the age of 27 after suffering a severe bloodstream infection, officials said. According to reports, Chanokchon travelled from Chumphon province to Bangkok on 15 May and stayed at a residence in Bang Bua Thong district. Early on 16 May, he [...] The post Thai national ice hockey player Chanokchon dies at 27 appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [First Army Region Commander inspects combat readiness at Thai-Cambodian border”](#) (2026-05-18 10:07)

SA KAEO — First Army Region commander Lt. Gen. Worayot Luangsuwan visited Sa Kaeo province on 18 May to inspect combat readiness and annual military exercises along the Thai-Cambodian border, reaffirming the army's preparedness to protect national sovereignty and respond to all forms of threats. The inspection covered training exercises and combat readiness assessments of [...] The post First Army Region Commander inspects combat readiness at Thai-Cambodian border” appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Every child has the right to live safely at home](#) (2026-05-18 09:53)

Op-Ed by Her Excellency Mrs. Luisa Ragher, Ambassador of the European Union to the Kingdom of Thailand, Her Excellency Ms. Ping Kitnikone, Ambassador of Canada to the Kingdom of Thailand, and Mr. Viktor Semenov, Chargé d' Affaires a.i. of Ukraine in the Kingdom of

Thailand. In times of conflict, and in times of peace, the rights [...] The post Every child has the right to live safely at home appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Cambodia brings ASEAN observers to inspect disputed Thai frontier](#) (2026-05-18 09:28)

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — 17 May 2026, A joint delegation of Cambodian officials and ASEAN observers carried out a monitoring mission along a contested section of the Thailand-Cambodia border on Sunday, according to a statement released by Cambodia's Ministry of National Defense. Lt. Gen. Maly Socheata, Spokeswoman of the Ministry of National Defense of the [...] The post Cambodia brings ASEAN observers to inspect disputed Thai frontier appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Thailand, Peru Push to Finalise Free Trade Deal in 2026](#) (2026-05-18 05:55)

BANGKOK — 18 May 2026, Thai Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul and Peru's ambassador agreed Monday to accelerate free trade negotiations between the two countries, with both sides expressing hope a deal could be signed before the end of 2026. The commitment came during a farewell visit to Government House by Ambassador Cecilia Zunilda Galarreta Bazán, [...] The post Thailand, Peru Push to Finalise Free Trade Deal in 2026 appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Thai abbot wounded in shotgun attack at temple](#) (2026-05-18 05:43)

KAMPHAENG PHET — 18 May 2026, An abbot was seriously injured after unidentified attackers opened fire on him inside his temple residence in Kamphaeng Phet province, leaving him with 16 gunshot wounds, police said. The attack took place at about 21:00 on 17 May 2026 at Wat Krajom Thong in Ang Thong subdistrict, Muang district, [...] The post Thai abbot wounded in shotgun attack at temple appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [5.3 Magnitude Myanmar Earthquake Rattles Bangkok High-Rises](#) (2026-05-18 04:49)

BANGKOK — 18 May 2026, A 5.3 magnitude earthquake struck off the southern coast of Myanmar on Monday morning, sending distinct tremors across Bangkok and prompting evacuations of high-rise buildings in the Thai capital. Thailand's Earthquake Observation Division (TMD) said the quake struck at 09:05 local time near the southern coast of Myanmar. The epicenter [...] The post 5.3 Magnitude Myanmar Earthquake Rattles Bangkok High-Rises appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Khao Kheow zoo hatches Greater Adjutant chick for first time](#) (2026-05-18 03:25)

CHONBURI — 17 May 2026, Thailand's Khao Kheow Open Zoo has successfully hatched a Greater Adjutant chick for the first time in the country, marking a major milestone in wildlife conservation after the species disappeared from Thailand's natural habitats more than 40 years ago, officials said. Natural Resources and Environment Minister Suchart Chomklin said the [...] The post Khao Kheow zoo hatches Greater Adjutant chick for first time appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Thai authorities seize 130 kg of ivory near Lao border](#) (2026-05-18 02:51)

NONG KHAI — 18 May 2026 — Thai authorities seized more than 150 kilograms of ivory and animal remains along the Mekong River in Nong Khai province and are co-operating with Laos to expand an investigation into a suspected transnational wildlife trafficking network, officials said on Sunday. Sadudee Phanphakdee, Director of the Wildlife and Flora [...] The post Thai authorities seize 130 kg of ivory near Lao border appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [North Korean women' s soccer team arrives in South Korea for regional tournament](#) (2026-05-17 12:14)

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A North Korean women' s soccer team arrived in South Korea on Sunday to compete in a regional tournament, the first visit by North Korean athletes in eight years amid political tensions between the two nations. A total of 39 players and staff with North Korea' s Naegohyang Women' s FC arrived at Incheon International [...] The post North Korean women' s soccer team arrives in South Korea for regional tournament appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Saab eyes Thailand as regional defence production hub after Gripen deal](#) (2026-05-17 10:52)

BANGKOK — Swedish defence company Saab plans to expand investment in Thailand following the Royal Thai Air Force' s decision to procure Gripen E/F fighter jets, with ambitions to develop the country into a regional defence technology and production hub. Fredrik Lindblom, vice president and country manager of Saab Thailand, said the company was seeking Thai [...] The post Saab eyes Thailand as regional defence production hub after Gripen deal appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Authorities identify two victims in deadly Bangkok train-bus crash](#) (2026-05-17 10:30)

BANGKOK — Authorities have identified two of the eight people killed in the deadly train-bus collision near Makkasan Airport Rail Link station, as officials continue efforts to locate relatives of the remaining victims. The crash occurred on 16 May when a freight train slammed into an air-conditioned public bus operating on route 23 between Bang [...] The post Authorities identify two victims in deadly Bangkok train-bus crash appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Mother recounts desperate search after train-bus crash near Makkasan](#) (2026-05-17 09:04)

BANGKOK — The adoptive mother of a missing woman broke down in tears while recounting the final moments before learning her daughter may have been involved in the deadly train-bus collision near Makkasan Airport Rail Link station that killed eight people. The crash occurred on 16 May and left several others injured after a train [...] The post Mother recounts desperate search after train-bus crash near Makkasan appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Khon Kaen monk wins 12 million baht lottery jackpot](#) (2026-05-17 08:23)

**KHON KAEN** — A monk in northeastern Thailand became an online sensation after winning 12 million baht in the government lottery draw on 16 May. Photos shared on social media showed Phra Khru Amnuay, a monk at Pa Nong Du Thammaram temple in Waeng Noi district, smiling while holding two winning lottery tickets bearing the [...] The post Khon Kaen monk wins 12 million baht lottery jackpot appeared first on Khaosod English.

- [Foreigner filmed dancing on Phuket road median sparks safety concerns](#) (2026-05-17 07:35)

**PHUKET** — A video showing a foreign man dancing on a road median at a busy intersection in Phuket has sparked criticism and concern among social media users over road safety. The clip, shared on Facebook on 17 May by user “Anintita Nameekul” , showed a man dressed in black dancing on the traffic island at [...] The post Foreigner filmed dancing on Phuket road median sparks safety concerns appeared first on Khaosod English.

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- [Chiang Mai police arrest 19 year old illegal loan tout for fourth time](#) (2026-05-24 05:45)

Chiang Mai police have arrested a 19 year old man linked to the ‘Instant Cash’ illegal loan network for the fourth time in a year, after residents complained about loan flyers flooding their neighbourhood. The suspect, Pakin, was apprehended on May 23 on a road in the Chomphu village area of Saraphi district, Chiang Mai. ... The story Chiang Mai police arrest 19 year old illegal loan tout for fourth time as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Gun videos lead police to Indian man with drugs on Koh Pha Ngan](#) (2026-05-24 05:05)

Police arrested an Indian man on Koh Pha Ngan yesterday, May 23, after videos showed a foreigner posing with guns and practising shooting, with officers later finding drugs and drug price lists on his phone. The suspect, identified as 33 year old Shabeelkunnon Valappil, was arrested at a residence in Koh Pha Ngan district, Surat ... The story Gun videos lead police to Indian man with drugs on Koh Pha Ngan as seen on Thaiger News.

- [School van driver fined 2000 baht for railway crossing violation](#) (2026-05-24 04:15)

A school van driver handed himself over to Lop Buri police after footage emerged showing his vehicle crossing railway tracks as a train approached. The driver, 55 year old Sangwan, said it was his first day on the route and he was unfamiliar with the area. The incident occurred on May 23, when the school ... The story School van driver fined 2000 baht for railway crossing violation as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Foreign tourist accused of theft runs from brawl outside Pattaya shop](#) (2026-05-24 03:57)

A foreign tourist accused of stealing two energy drinks fled a convenience store near Jomtien Beach in Pattaya after getting into a brawl with multiple Thai men outside the shop. A video

shared on social media showed the incident inside and outside a convenience store near Jomtien Beach. The post claimed that a foreigner had ... The story Foreign tourist accused of theft runs from brawl outside Pattaya shop as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Ancient Khmer fortune teller arrested for 1.7 million baht ritual scam](#) (2026-05-24 02:45)

A 65 year old ancient Khmer fortune teller has been arrested in Na Jomtien for allegedly defrauding a woman out of more than 1.7 million baht through ritual services, with additional allegations of sexual assault. The incidents reportedly took place between January and April. Police Colonel Pisit Tangsirasiatien, accompanied by deputy investigation chief Pol. Lt. Col. ... The story Ancient Khmer fortune teller arrested for 1.7 million baht ritual scam as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Chinese suspect Mingchen linked to 815 million baht crime losses](#) (2026-05-24 02:27)

Police have expanded their investigation into Chinese weapon suspect Sun Mingchen after finding alleged links to a Cambodia-based crime network and more than 815 million baht in losses. Royal Thai Police spokesperson Trairong Phiwpan said yesterday, May 21, that the case had been divided into seven areas, covering weapons, explosives, immigration offences, customs offences, transnational ... The story Chinese suspect Mingchen linked to 815 million baht crime losses as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Phuket and Pattaya back 30-day visa-free stays to boost tourism](#) (2026-05-23 08:30)

Tourism businesses in Phuket and Pattaya have backed the government's decision to reinstate 30-day visa-free stays, saying the move will deter illegal operations and budget long-stay tourists. The Department of Consular Affairs, under the Foreign Affairs Ministry, said the policy shift is part of a broader restructuring of Thailand's visa system to cut confusion, tighten ... The story Phuket and Pattaya back 30-day visa-free stays to boost tourism as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Thai economy threatened by migrant worker shortage amid rising costs](#) (2026-05-23 06:45)

Thailand's government faces growing pressure to tackle a migrant worker shortage that is compounding economic difficulties driven by high energy costs and threatening key industries, a business group warned on Friday. The Thai Chamber of Commerce called on the government to speed up work permit renewals, particularly for Cambodian workers, to prevent them losing their ... The story Thai economy threatened by migrant worker shortage amid rising costs as seen on Thaiger News.

- [‘Oreo Gang’ member denies drunk driving after crash injures Bangkok cop](#) (2026-05-23 05:45)

A 20 year old student has admitted to being a member of the ‘Oreo Gang’ after a white Mitsubishi Xpander struck a police officer at an alcohol checkpoint in Bangkok. He denies consuming alcohol before the crash on May 22. The incident took place at around 1.30am on

Bang Na-Trat Road, where 59 year old ... The story ‘Oreo Gang’ member denies drunk driving after crash injures Bangkok cop as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Makkasan crash lays bare decades of rail neglect](#) (2026-05-23 04:15)

A train slammed into an air-conditioned bus at the Makkasan railway crossing on Asok-Din Daeng Road, killing eight people and injuring 32 others. The crash has raised serious questions about Thailand’s rail safety standards and the many level crossings that continue to pose risks nationwide. Police investigations point to several contributing factors. The train driver ... The story Makkasan crash lays bare decades of rail neglect as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Thai weather warning: heavy rain and flash floods in 36 provinces](#) (2026-05-23 02:45)

The Thai Meteorological Department has issued a weather warning for 36 provinces today, cautioning residents of heavy rainfall affecting 60% of areas, including Bangkok and its vicinity. Flash floods and forest runoff are the main concerns. The warnings are driven by a moderate southwest monsoon covering the upper Andaman Sea and Thailand, combined with southern ... The story Thai weather warning: heavy rain and flash floods in 36 provinces as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Russian tour guide arrested for working without licence](#) (2026-05-22 10:09)

Tourist police in Phang Nga arrested a Russian national yesterday, May 21, for working illegally as a tour guide while accompanying a group of foreign tourists. The suspect, whose identity has not been released, was arrested at the car park of the Phang Nga Wildlife Breeding Station after officials earlier observed him guiding tourists at ... The story Russian tour guide arrested for working without licence as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Phuket locals demand investigation into foreign woman in police uniform](#) (2026-05-22 09:29)

Residents in Phuket are calling for an investigation after a foreign woman shared photos and videos online showing herself wearing clothing resembling a Thai police uniform. The Phuket Times Facebook page posted images of the woman yesterday, May 21. In the photos, she appeared wearing a black vest featuring a Thai flag and a Royal ... The story Phuket locals demand investigation into foreign woman in police uniform as seen on Thaiger News.

- [The Bangkok condo listing guide for buyers who hate wasting time](#) (2026-05-22 09:05)

For foreigners looking to buy property in Thailand, Bangkok’s condo and apartment market is one of the most accessible in Asia, but the quality of what you find online varies enormously. Listings that look identical on the surface can differ in almost every meaningful way: title deed type, foreign quota availability, floor area versus usable ... The story The Bangkok condo listing guide for buyers who hate wasting time as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Best places to buy Muay Thai shorts in Thailand](#) (2026-05-22 09:00)

Muay Thai shorts are one of the most recognisable pieces of kit in combat sports. Wide leg cuts, high side slits, and bold designs are built around function as much as tradition. The cut allows the hip rotation needed for kicks, knees, and defensive checks. If you are visiting Thailand to train or simply want ... The story Best places to buy Muay Thai shorts in Thailand as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Medical emergency officer killed in Uttaradit ambulance accident](#) (2026-05-22 08:32)

An ambulance accident in Uttaradit has killed a medical emergency officer after the vehicle veered off the road while responding to a car accident yesterday, May 21. The officer was identified as June, an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEM) from Nam Pat Hospital in Uttaradit, who was working with the Nam Pat Rescue Association during ... The story Medical emergency officer killed in Uttaradit ambulance accident as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Thai student injured in attempted robbery at train station in Sydney](#) (2026-05-22 08:08)

A Thai student suffered a head injury in an attack by a man who reportedly attempted to steal musical equipment at a train station in Sydney, Australia, on May 17. A Thai music teacher identified only as Luck shared details of the incident with a Facebook page operated by a Thai resident in Australia. The ... The story Thai student injured in attempted robbery at train station in Sydney as seen on Thaiger News.

- [AirAsia CEO warns airport fee hike could be ‘disaster’ for Thai tourism](#) (2026-05-22 07:41)

AirAsia founder and CEO Tony Fernandes has opposed Airports of Thailand’s (AOT) proposed increase to the international passenger service charge (PSC), warning that higher airport fees could damage Thailand’s tourism industry during a difficult period for global aviation. Fernandes, chief executive officer of Capital A, said the timing was inappropriate as airlines worldwide continue to ... The story AirAsia CEO warns airport fee hike could be ‘disaster’ for Thai tourism as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Ex-politician linked to gambling den in Samut Prakan abandoned hotel](#) (2026-05-22 06:57)

Authorities raided an illegal gambling operation inside an abandoned hotel in Samut Prakan last night, May 21, and discovered more than 43 million baht circulating through the bank account of the alleged owner, a former local politician. Officers from the Department of Provincial Administration and the Territorial Defence Volunteers Administration Bureau conducted the raid at about 8pm on the ... The story Ex-politician linked to gambling den in Samut Prakan abandoned hotel as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Thailand halts new Volvo EV registrations after battery defect](#) (2026-05-22 06:43)

New registrations of the Volvo EX30 in Thailand have been suspended after the Department of Land Transport found that a recent fire involving the electric vehicle was linked to a defect in its high-voltage battery cells. The order was issued after Siripong Angkasakulkiat, deputy transport

minister, instructed the Department of Land Transport to investigate the ... The story Thailand halts new Volvo EV registrations after battery defect as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Thai police criticised for seeking help from children during arrest](#) (2026-05-22 04:43)

Two high-school students in Nakhon Si Thammarat helped police restrain a suspect on a public road, prompting a debate online about the safety and appropriateness of civilian involvement in police operations. Footage of the incident was shared by TikTok user @jxjxens before being reposted by several news outlets and Facebook pages. It showed two police ... The story Thai police criticised for seeking help from children during arrest as seen on Thaiger News.

- [School van driver ignores barriers, stops on tracks as train approaches](#) (2026-05-22 04:41)

A video shared on Facebook yesterday, May 21, shows a school van avoiding a collision with a train after the driver crossed while barriers were lowering, then stopped on the railway tracks. Facebook user ... posted a video of the incident showing a school van attempting to cross a railway crossing while warning alarms ... The story School van driver ignores barriers, stops on tracks as train approaches as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Thailand News | Pattaya hotel fire leaves guests trapped as rescue teams respond, Mentally unwell British tourist accidentally sets himself on fire while playing a children' s game](#) (2026-05-22 04:36)

Today we' ll be talking about a hotel fire in Pattaya that left guests trapped as rescue teams responded, also, there' s been a royal update on the health condition of Princess Bajrakitiyabha, then we' have our badly behaving foreigners in the form of Chinese brothel operators, British reckless drivers, and nightmare Swiss tenants, in ASEAN News, ... The story Thailand News | Pattaya hotel fire leaves guests trapped as rescue teams respond, Mentally unwell British tourist accidentally sets himself on fire while playing a children' s game as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Another police officer involved in Chinese extortion case in Sa Kaeo surrenders](#) (2026-05-22 03:39)

Another police officer surrendered in connection with the extortion case involving five Chinese nationals after four officers and a civilian were arrested last week. Immigration officers from Sa Kaeo Provincial Immigration Office and Wang Somboon Police Station raided a house in the province on May 16 after receiving complaints from Chinese nationals claiming they were ... The story Another police officer involved in Chinese extortion case in Sa Kaeo surrenders as seen on Thaiger News.

- [May 22 weather forecast warns of heavy rain despite weaker monsoon](#) (2026-05-22 03:37)

Thailand will see less rain over the next 24 hours, but heavy rain is still expected in some areas today, May 22, mainly in the west and the east, according to the weather forecast from the Thai Meteorological Department (TMD). The department said the southwest monsoon covering the

upper Andaman Sea and Thailand has weakened, ... The story May 22 weather forecast warns of heavy rain despite weaker monsoon as seen on Thaiger News.

- [French finesse, Thai soul, great location, and long stays at La Clef in Thonglor](#) (2026-05-22 03:25)

There are serviced residences in Bangkok, and then there are addresses. La Clef Bangkok by The Crest Collection falls firmly into the second category. As the first Crest Collection property in Thailand, it arrives not just as a place to stay but as a statement about how extended living in Bangkok can feel when design, ... The story French finesse, Thai soul, great location, and long stays at La Clef in Thonglor as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Questions raised over public viewing of Suvarnabhumi Airport checkpoint cameras](#) (2026-05-22 02:53)

Concerns over passenger privacy emerged online after social media users questioned the public accessibility of CCTV footage at immigration checkpoints in Suvarnabhumi International Airport. The issue gained attention after a Thai X user criticised Airports of Thailand (AOT) when footage of a popular actor at the immigration checkpoint was circulated online. The user questioned whether sharing ... The story Questions raised over public viewing of Suvarnabhumi Airport checkpoint cameras as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Massive Fire Traps Guests at Sunday JA Plus Hotel in Pattaya](#) (2026-05-21 15:27)

A severe fire struck the Sunday JA Plus Hotel in Pattaya. The incident began around 9:00 p.m. on May 21, 2026 The hotel, formerly known as the J.A. Plus Hotel, sits on Pattaya Third Road in the Nong Prue area of Bang Lamung, Chonburi. The Facebook page Fire & Rescue Thailand reported the emergency. Early ... The story Massive Fire Traps Guests at Sunday JA Plus Hotel in Pattaya as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Hua Hin landlord issues warning after property vandalism by Swiss man](#) (2026-05-21 10:54)

A woman warned other property owners and local women after a Swiss tenant severely damaged her rental house in Hua Hin and continuing to invite women to the property after his contract ended. The homeowner shared photographs and details of the incident in a Facebook group for Hua Hin residents, where the post quickly gained ... The story Hua Hin landlord issues warning after property vandalism by Swiss man as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Bangkok train crash exposes negligence, says minister](#) (2026-05-21 10:18)

Deputy Transport Minister Siripong Angkasakulkiat admitted that a train driver was negligent during the Bangkok train-bus crash at the Asok-Din Daeng intersection, which killed eight people, as he addressed new drug testing measures for public transport staff. The issue was raised in Parliament at 10.30am today, May 21, during a House of Representatives meeting chaired ... The story Bangkok train crash exposes negligence, says minister as seen on Thaiger

News.

- [3 Thai men arrested in Ecuador with 12 rare Galápagos iguanas](#) (2026-05-21 09:46)

Three Thai nationals were arrested at an airport in Ecuador for wildlife smuggling after 12 rare marine iguanas were discovered hidden in their luggage. Ecuador's Ministry of Environment and Energy said the animals were found during baggage inspections at José Joaquín de Olmedo International Airport in Guayaquil on Tuesday, May 19. Officials said specially trained ... The story 3 Thai men arrested in Ecuador with 12 rare Galápagos iguanas as seen on Thaiger News.

- [The travel trends of 2026, and what it means if you are heading to Thailand](#) (2026-05-21 09:00)

Every year produces a new set of travel trend reports, and most of them say roughly the same thing. The 2026 edition from Hilton, built on a survey of over 14,000 travellers across 14 countries conducted by Ipsos, is different in one important respect: its findings align almost point for point with what Thailand already ... The story The travel trends of 2026, and what it means if you are heading to Thailand as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Australian tourist found dead with white powder nearby in Phuket condo](#) (2026-05-21 08:53)

An Australian tourist was found dead inside a condominium in Phuket at around 7.30pm yesterday, May 20, with police finding white powder on a plate near his body. Officers at Karon Police Station received a report of a death at the condominium and went to inspect the scene. Inside, police found the body of a foreign ... The story Australian tourist found dead with white powder nearby in Phuket condo as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Jealous Thai rescuer allegedly threatens to kill wife, steals valuables](#) (2026-05-21 08:37)

A woman in Nonthaburi accused her husband, a volunteer rescuer, of physically assaulting and threatening to kill her during a fit of jealousy before stealing valuables worth more than 600,000 baht. The victim, 44 year old Promphit, sought help from the Nonthaburi Member of Parliament (MP) assistants to Kraithawat Thammatada and Saichon Nitkham, who accompanied her ... The story Jealous Thai rescuer allegedly threatens to kill wife, steals valuables as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Princess Bajrakitiyabha health update reports worsening condition](#) (2026-05-21 07:59)

Thailand's Bureau of the Royal Household today, May 21, issued its seventh statement on Princess Bajrakitiyabha's health, reporting that her condition has worsened after a severe infection linked to abdominal and intestinal inflammation. Princess Bajrakitiyabha has been receiving treatment at King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital, Thai Red Cross Society, since December 15, 2022. The bureau previously ... The story Princess Bajrakitiyabha health update reports worsening condition as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Royal Orchid Sheraton Riverside Hotel Bangkok ranked 17 in Top Meeting Hotel in Asia Pacific by Cvent](#) (2026-05-21 07:20)

Royal Orchid Sheraton Riverside Hotel Bangkok has been named the #17 Top Meeting Hotel in Asia Pacific by Cvent, marking the second consecutive year the property has been recognised on the annual list. Cvent's Top Meeting Hotels list highlights properties that deliver strong group experiences through event planner collaboration, service standards and tailored event offerings. ... The story Royal Orchid Sheraton Riverside Hotel Bangkok ranked 17 in Top Meeting Hotel in Asia Pacific by Cvent as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Austrian man deported for blocking road and demanding money in Phuket](#) (2026-05-21 06:32)

Phuket immigration police revoked the visa of an Austrian tourist and prepared to deport him after he caused public disturbances in Rawai by blocking roads and demanding money from residents and tourists. Videos showing the man's behaviour circulated on Thai social media on Tuesday, May 19. The suspect was later identified as 39 year old ... The story Austrian man deported for blocking road and demanding money in Phuket as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Alcohol bottles found after Chinese tourist dies in Pattaya hotel fall](#) (2026-05-21 06:30)

A Chinese tourist died after falling from the sixth floor of a Pattaya hotel early today, May 21, with police finding alcohol bottles in his room as they investigate what led to the fall. Pattaya City Police received the report at 3.36am and went to the scene with investigators and Sawang Boriboon Thammathathan rescue volunteers. ... The story Alcohol bottles found after Chinese tourist dies in Pattaya hotel fall as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Nigerian suspect arrested in Nonthaburi with 7 bank cards and 42 mobile phones](#) (2026-05-21 04:31)

Police arrested a Nigerian man suspected of involvement in a romance scam network in Nonthaburi after discovering dozens of mobile phones and bank cards. Rattathibet Police Station superintendent Prut Jamroonsarn announced details of the arrest at about 6pm yesterday, May 20. The suspect was identified as 24 year old Nigerian national Sinedu Heophilus Acege. Prut ... The story Nigerian suspect arrested in Nonthaburi with 7 bank cards and 42 mobile phones as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Thailand News | Thailand watches Ebola Situation after Congo Outbreak, British traveller's bag delayed after sex toy alert on Thai Flight](#) (2026-05-21 04:28)

Today we'll be talking about steps the Thai government is taking in monitoring the ebola outbreak in the Congo, of course we have some foreigners behaving badly but also – surprise, surprise – facing consequences for their actions, plus, we'll give you a full breakdown of everything we know so far regarding the Singha family ... The story Thailand News | Thailand watches Ebola Situation after Congo Outbreak, British traveller's bag delayed after sex toy alert on Thai Flight as seen on Thaiger News.

- [May 21 forecast brings heavy rain, rough seas as monsoon grips Thailand](#) (2026-05-21 04:19)

Thailand will continue to face heavy rain in several regions today, May 21, with the Thai Meteorological Department (TMD) warning of flash floods, forest runoff and rough seas in parts of the country, according to today's weather forecast. The department said a moderately strong southwest monsoon covering the upper Andaman Sea and Thailand, combined with ... The story May 21 forecast brings heavy rain, rough seas as monsoon grips Thailand as seen on Thaiger News.

- [7 year old girl and soldier injured in ambush shooting in Narathiwat](#) (2026-05-21 03:43)

A Thai soldier and a seven year old girl were injured in an ambush shooting in Narathiwat last night, May 20. The attack took place at about 7pm in Sawo subdistrict when unidentified gunmen opened fire on 29 year old Muhammad-Ammudi Waesohoh, a soldier from the 3rd Infantry Battalion, 152nd Infantry Regiment at Sirindhorn Camp ... The story 7 year old girl and soldier injured in ambush shooting in Narathiwat as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Early morning fire damages Indian restaurant, suit shop in Pattaya](#) (2026-05-21 03:26)

An early morning fire in Pattaya damaged an Indian restaurant and a neighbouring suit shop today, May 21. The initial report did not mention any injuries. Pattaya disaster prevention officials received the fire report at 4.56am. Firefighters, water trucks, and Sawang Boriboon Thammathathan rescue volunteers were sent to the scene inside Soi Pattaya Beach Road ... The story Early morning fire damages Indian restaurant, suit shop in Pattaya as seen on Thaiger News.

- [4 travel agencies on Koh Samui found operating through Thai nominees](#) (2026-05-21 02:55)

Southern Tourism Business and Tour Guide Registration Office revoked the licences of four illegal travel agencies on Koh Samui for operating through Thai nominees. The revocation followed an expanded crackdown on nominee-run businesses across Thailand. Koh Samui Tourist Police and the Surat Thani Tourism and Sports Office inspected 12 suspicious travel agencies on the island and ... The story 4 travel agencies on Koh Samui found operating through Thai nominees as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Railway drug test finds two SRT workers positive for drugs](#) (2026-05-21 02:35)

Two railway workers tested positive for drugs during random drug tests at Krung Thep Aphiwat Central Terminal conducted by the State Railway of Thailand (SRT) and the Office of the Narcotics Control Board (ONCB). The inspections were conducted on May 19 and yesterday, May 20, among railway operations staff and mechanical division employees, including train ... The story Railway drug test finds two SRT workers positive for drugs as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Foreigner criticised for paying Phuket man to pass police checkpoint](#) (2026-05-20 10:55)

A foreign tourist was caught on video paying a Thai food delivery rider to ride a rental motorcycle through a police checkpoint in Phuket, prompting speculation online about his motives. The incident was first shared by the food delivery rider on his social media account before being reposted by the Shadow Phuket Facebook page, where ... The story Foreigner criticised for paying Phuket man to pass police checkpoint as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Travel insurance in Thailand: why it's not enough for expats](#) (2026-05-20 10:29)

Travel insurance in Thailand covers the ambulance, the ER, and the first few days of treatment. For most short-term visitors, that is exactly what it is designed to do. The question changes when Thailand stops being a destination and becomes where you actually live. What travel insurance is actually designed to do Most travel policies ... The story Travel insurance in Thailand: why it's not enough for expats as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Pattaya's tourism business association backs visa-free stay cut](#) (2026-05-20 10:21)

Pattaya's tourism business association has backed the government's decision to reduce Thailand's visa-free stay periods from 60 days to around 30 days, saying the move could help address scammer concerns, illegal business activity, and support tourism revenue. Tourism and Sports Minister Surasak Phanchaoenworakul said the Cabinet agreed to cancel the 60-day visa-free scheme for more ... The story Pattaya's tourism business association backs visa-free stay cut as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Swede surrenders after attacking Indian hotel owner in Phuket](#) (2026-05-20 09:40)

A Swedish man surrendered to Phuket police yesterday, May 19, after assaulting an Indian man outside a hotel in Patong following a dispute over missing money. Footage of the incident was shared by the Newshawk Phuket Facebook page yesterday, but the incident reportedly took place on Monday, May 18, outside the Patong Platinum Hotel. The ... The story Swede surrenders after attacking Indian hotel owner in Phuket as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Homesick conscripts flee camp, steal motorcycle, fail drug test](#) (2026-05-20 09:34)

Two reportedly homesick conscripts who had been in training for just 18 days were arrested yesterday, May 19, after allegedly fleeing a military camp in Udon Thani and stealing a woman's motorcycle. The theft happened at about 6.10pm on May 17 in Non Sung subdistrict, Mueang district. The 22 year old woman had parked the ... The story Homesick conscripts flee camp, steal motorcycle, fail drug test as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Fine rubies and the new era of luxury investment](#) (2026-05-20 09:25)

As global oil prices continue to rise due to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, experts believe the effects will spread far beyond petrol stations and airline tickets. Industries around the world are already facing higher transportation, shipping, and production costs, including the gemstone trade. International oil prices recently climbed above US\$100 per barrel, ... The story Fine rubies and the new era of luxury investment as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Ebola risks in Thailand under watch after Congo outbreak](#) (2026-05-20 08:26)

The Thai government has ordered the Ministry of Public Health to closely monitor Ebola risks in Thailand after the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared an Ebola outbreak in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo an international public health emergency. Deputy government spokesperson Ploythalay Laksameesaengchan said Today, May 20, that the WHO declaration concerned an Ebola ... The story Ebola risks in Thailand under watch after Congo outbreak as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Thailand' s medical tourism recovery and rising demand for cosmetic surgery](#) (2026-05-20 08:15)

In 2018, Thailand stood at the peak of its medical tourism boom. Millions of international patients travel to the country each year, drawn by internationally trained doctors, modern hospitals, and treatment costs often significantly lower than in Western markets. Then the pandemic paused global travel. Today, that momentum has returned. By 2024 to 2025, the ... The story Thailand' s medical tourism recovery and rising demand for cosmetic surgery as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Chinese woman arrested for illegally working as land broker](#) (2026-05-20 08:15)

Immigration police in Chon Buri arrested a Chinese woman yesterday, May 19, for working illegally as a land broker while meeting Chinese investors in Sri Racha district. Officers from the Chon Buri Provincial Immigration Office said they had been monitoring the activities of the suspect, identified as 43 year old Anhan, after discovering videos she ... The story Chinese woman arrested for illegally working as land broker as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Everything you need to know about the Singha family drama in Thailand \[So far\]](#) (2026-05-20 07:35)

The Singha family drama refers to a public dispute involving members of the Bhirombhakdi family, owners of Boon Rawd Brewery, the company behind Singha and Leo beer. The case drew widespread attention across Thailand and internationally after serious allegations were made within the family and aired publicly on social media. Who are the key people ... The story Everything you need to know about the Singha family drama in Thailand [So far] as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Thailand News | Thailand Cancels 60-Day Visa-Free Entry Scheme, new EU rules could give Thai travellers longer Schengen Visas](#) (2026-05-20 04:55)

Today we' ll be talking about the cabinet' s approval of the cancellation of the 60-day visa-free entry scheme, also, yet another train collision occurred as a delivery rider is left in serious condition after standing too close to the tracks, the recurring incidents have led to the transport ministry to cut inner Bangkok routes, then a ... The story Thailand News | Thailand Cancels 60-Day Visa-Free Entry Scheme, new EU rules could give Thai travellers longer Schengen Visas as

seen on Thaiger News.

- [Songkhla school director killed in hostage incident receives royal honour](#) (2026-05-20 04:54)

Sasiphat Sinsamosorn, the former director of a school in Songkhla, has been posthumously granted the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand after sacrificing herself to protect teachers and students during a school shooting incident that led to a hostage situation. The Royal Gazette published the royal command yesterday, May 19, announcing the royal ... The story Songkhla school director killed in hostage incident receives royal honour as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Singha removes senior family figure over sexual assault allegations](#) (2026-05-20 04:21)

Boon Rawd Brewery, renowned for its Singha and Leo beers, removed Sunit “Pi” Scott from all company positions following sexual assault allegations made against him by his younger brother, Siranudh “Psi” Scott. Psi publicly accused Pi of repeatedly sexually assaulting him during their childhood. He released a video describing the abuse and shared a voice recording ... The story Singha removes senior family figure over sexual assault allegations as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Chinese Embassy calls for transparency in Sa Kaeo extortion case](#) (2026-05-20 03:51)

The Chinese Embassy in Thailand has responded to reporters over the alleged detention and extortion of Chinese nationals in Sa Kaeo, urging Thai police to investigate the case lawfully, fairly and transparently. The response follows the arrest of five police officers and one civilian in Sa Kaeo on May 16. They were accused of detaining ... The story Chinese Embassy calls for transparency in Sa Kaeo extortion case as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Environment minister apologises after tense exchange with journalist](#) (2026-05-20 03:08)

Natural Resources and Environment Minister Suchart Chomklin apologised to a journalist after displaying aggressive behaviour during an interview about alleged corruption within the Pollution Control Department. The incident followed the release of a survey by the Zero Corruption working group under the Joint Standing Committee on Commerce, Industry and Banking (JSCCIB), which reportedly found the ... The story Environment minister apologises after tense exchange with journalist as seen on Thaiger News.

- [May 20 forecast warns of heavy rain across Thailand](#) (2026-05-20 02:58)

Thailand is expected to see continued rainfall over the next 24 hours, with heavy to very heavy rain forecast in parts of the South, Northeast and East, according to the Thai Meteorological Department (TMD) today, May 20. The department said a relatively strong southwest monsoon covering the upper Andaman Sea and Thailand, combined with a ... The story May 20 forecast warns of heavy rain across Thailand as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Russian man arrested with large drug haul on Phuket-Pattaya bus](#) (2026-05-19 11:03)

A Russian man was arrested at a Phuket checkpoint yesterday, May 18, after police found multiple types of drugs in his backpack during a search on a coach bus travelling to Pattaya. Officers at the Tha Chat Chai Checkpoint in Mai Khao subdistrict, Thalang district, stopped a Phuket-Pattaya coach bus for routine inspections and requested ... The story Russian man arrested with large drug haul on Phuket-Pattaya bus as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Two Chinese suspects detained in Chon Buri ‘zombie’ drug lab raid](#) (2026-05-19 10:12)

Police raided a luxury pool villa in Chon Buri today, May 19, after finding it had been turned into a makeshift drug lab with machines and other items linked to chemicals used in ketamine-laced e-cigarettes, locally known as Pod K. Chon Buri Governor Naris Niramaivong and Pol. Maj. Gen. Phongphan Wongmanithet, commander of Chon Buri ... The story Two Chinese suspects detained in Chon Buri ‘zombie’ drug lab raid as seen on Thaiger News.

- [5 police and 1 civilian try to extort Chinese national at 300,000 baht each](#) (2026-05-19 10:11)

Five police officers and a civilian were arrested in Sa Kaeo after allegedly detaining and attempting to extort Chinese nationals at 300,000 baht each. Another police officer accused of involvement remains at large. The arrests were made on Saturday, May 16, after officers from Wang Somboon Police Station received information from the Sa Kaeo Provincial Immigration ... The story 5 police and 1 civilian try to extort Chinese national at 300,000 baht each as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Thai Cabinet officially ends 60-day visa-free scheme](#) (2026-05-19 09:19)

Thailand’s Cabinet officially approved the cancellation of the 60-day visa-free scheme following a proposal from the Ministry of Tourism and Sports, with revised visa categories for each country expected to be announced later. The visa-free programme previously allowed travellers from more than 90 countries to stay in Thailand for up to 60 days without a ... The story Thai Cabinet officially ends 60-day visa-free scheme as seen on Thaiger News.

- [EU visa change opens path to longer Schengen visas for Thais](#) (2026-05-19 08:58)

Thai nationals residing in Thailand may now qualify for Schengen visas valid for up to five years under new European Union (EU) rules announced yesterday, May 18, aimed at making repeat travel to Europe easier. The change is part of a new “visa cascade” system adopted by the EU, giving eligible repeat travellers progressively longer ... The story EU visa change opens path to longer Schengen visas for Thais as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Ministry of Transport to cancel trains to inner Bangkok to improve road safety](#) (2026-05-19 08:13)

Thailand’s Ministry of Transport plans to cancel trains heading to inner Bangkok and tighten safety measures within three months following the fatal bus and train collision on May 16.

Officials from several government agencies are continuing investigations into the cause of the crash while also reviewing long-term safety improvements aimed at preventing similar incidents. Prime ... The story Ministry of Transport to cancel trains to inner Bangkok to improve road safety as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Foreign tourist among new Mpox cases reported in Thailand](#) (2026-05-19 08:01)

Thailand has reported 1,074 cumulative Mpox cases and 16 deaths, with health officials warning people in higher-risk groups to monitor symptoms after new Clade Ib cases and infections linked to tourist areas. Dr Montien Kanasawat, director-general of the Department of Disease Control (DDC), said today, May 19, that surveillance data from the Division of Epidemiology ... The story Foreign tourist among new Mpox cases reported in Thailand as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Gambero Rosso returns to Bangkok with its top Italian Wines Roadshow in 2026](#) (2026-05-19 07:20)

Following a successful 2025 edition, Gambero Rosso is returning to Thailand with a stop on its Top Italian Wines Roadshow. This event showcases Italian wines, presented to F&B professionals and wine specialists. The 2026 Roadshow has involved thousands of buyers and industry experts across 8 emerging markets, from Mexico to Australia, and the US to ... The story Gambero Rosso returns to Bangkok with its top Italian Wines Roadshow in 2026 as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Chinese, Pakistani nationals found packed in Sa Kaeo pickup](#) (2026-05-19 07:09)

Sixteen Chinese and Pakistani nationals were arrested in Sa Kaeo today, May 19, after they were allegedly smuggled across the border from Poipet, Cambodia, and found packed inside a pickup truck with a Thai driver. Military officers, district officials, and village security volunteers launched the operation after residents reported a suspicious vehicle circling in Non ... The story Chinese, Pakistani nationals found packed in Sa Kaeo pickup as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Chon Buri woman reports drugging and raping by bar worker](#) (2026-05-19 07:08)

A Thai woman is seeking justice after a bar worker in Sri Racha district of Chon Buri allegedly drugged her with a ketamine-laced e-cigarette, known locally as Pod K, before raping her. The 20 year old victim, Chidapa, shared details of the alleged incident with several Thai media outlets after reporting the case to police ... The story Chon Buri woman reports drugging and raping by bar worker as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Thailand News | British drug couriers targeted by Thailand-Based gangs, Bangkok chosen for Eurovision song contest Asia grand final](#) (2026-05-19 05:04)

Today we' ll be giving you some updates on the train crash situation, including bail being granted for the train driver and railway crossing signalman, plus a new documentary is exposing how Thailand-based gangs are exploiting unsuspecting brits for drug mule purposes, in a bizarre incident a rocket crashes into a woman' s home and causes ... The story Thailand

News | British drug couriers targeted by Thailand-Based gangs, Bangkok chosen for Eurovision song contest Asia grand final as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Thailand rethinks spending 1.7 billion baht on World Cup broadcast rights](#) (2026-05-19 04:48)

Thailand is reconsidering whether to spend more than 1.7 billion baht (roughly US\$52 million) on broadcast rights for the World Cup 2026 tournament, with officials questioning whether the cost would deliver long-term value for Thai football. At 4.05pm yesterday, May 18, Prime Minister's Office Minister Paradorn Prissananantakul addressed reports that the government may step back ... The story Thailand rethinks spending 1.7 billion baht on World Cup broadcast rights as seen on Thaiger News.

- [2 men attack woman with durian peel during exercise in Chachoengsao](#) (2026-05-19 04:32)

A Thai woman is seeking justice after two men attacked her with durian peel while she was exercising outside Chachoengsao Provincial Hall on Sunday, May 17. The victim, identified as 48 year old Noi, submitted a police complaint and medical certificate to several Thai media outlets following the incident, which reportedly took place at about ... The story 2 men attack woman with durian peel during exercise in Chachoengsao as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Iran agrees to help Thai cargo ships pass Strait of Hormuz](#) (2026-05-19 03:50)

Two Thai cargo ships waiting to pass through the Strait of Hormuz are expected to receive assistance from Iran after a meeting at Government House yesterday, May 18. Wan Muhamad Noor Matha, chief adviser to the prime minister, met Mehdi Zare, cultural counsellor at the Embassy of Iran in Thailand, to discuss bilateral ties and ... The story Iran agrees to help Thai cargo ships pass Strait of Hormuz as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Thai teen finds American man's body hanging over Pattaya condo balcony](#) (2026-05-19 03:31)

Police are investigating the death of an American man whose body was found hanging over the balcony of a condominium in Pattaya yesterday, May 18. Officers from Mueang Pattaya Police Station were called to the seven-storey condominium on Jomtien Sai Song Road after a Thai teenager reported seeing a body hanging from a balcony on ... The story Thai teen finds American man's body hanging over Pattaya condo balcony as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Railway officials temporarily released after deadly collision in Bangkok](#) (2026-05-19 02:58)

The Criminal Court temporarily released the train driver and station manager charged in connection with the deadly train-bus collision in Bangkok. The collision between a container train and a public bus occurred at Asok Railway Station on Saturday, May 16. The crash killed eight people, injured more than 30 others, and also damaged several vehicles. ... The story Railway officials temporarily released after deadly collision in Bangkok as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Watch out for fake Suvarnabhumi Fast Track services, officials say](#) (2026-05-19 02:41)

Thailand's Immigration Bureau posted a video on May 17, warning travellers not to trust claims that a paid Fast Track immigration service is available at Suvarnabhumi Airport, allegedly offered through Trip.com. The warning followed a post by a Chinese-Taiwanese tourist who claimed the service could be bought for 650 yuan. The post reportedly included an image ... The story [Watch out for fake Suvarnabhumi Fast Track services, officials say](#) as seen on Thaiger News.

- [CCTV captures souvenir theft by foreign woman in Phuket](#) (2026-05-18 10:58)

A foreign woman was caught on CCTV stealing a souvenir from a shop in the Thalang district in Phuket yesterday, May 17. Footage from the shop's security cameras was shared on the Phuket Times Facebook page to warn other business owners in the area and help identify the suspect. The shop owner said the incident ... The story [CCTV captures souvenir theft by foreign woman in Phuket](#) as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Leading UK school group to establish Phuket campus as international school demand grows beyond Bangkok](#) (2026-05-18 10:00)

NLCS International has signed an agreement with VLC Group, which owns several premium hotels and resorts in Phuket and Khao Lak, to develop NLCS Phuket. The project will bring the educational model of one of the United Kingdom's highest-ranked independent schools to Thailand's expanding international education market. North London Collegiate School was founded in 1850 ... The story [Leading UK school group to establish Phuket campus as international school demand grows beyond Bangkok](#) as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Bangkok selected for final stage of Eurovision Song Contest Asia](#) (2026-05-18 09:53)

The Eurovision Song Contest will expand into Asia for the first time this year, with Bangkok selected to host the grand final of Eurovision Song Contest Asia on November 14. The official Eurovision Instagram account, @eurovision, announced the launch of Eurovision Song Contest Asia in March. Aside from being the first expansion of Asia, the ... The story [Bangkok selected for final stage of Eurovision Song Contest Asia](#) as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Thai woman suffers broken leg after rocket crashes into home](#) (2026-05-18 08:44)

A woman in Nakhon Ratchasima is seeking compensation after a bang fai rocket, part of a rocket festival in Northeastern Thailand, crashed through her home and injured her daughter-in-law, resulting in a broken leg. The incident occurred on May 6 in Bua Lai district when a rocket reportedly fell through the roof of a shared family ... The story [Thai woman suffers broken leg after rocket crashes into home](#) as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Search underway for Dutch man missing off Railay Beach in Krabi](#) (2026-05-18 07:45)

A Dutch tourist remains missing after a kayak overturned in rough seas off Railay Beach in Krabi on Saturday, May 16, while his daughter was rescued safely. Rangers from Hat Noppharat

Thara–Mu Ko Phi Phi National Park were alerted to the incident in Railay Bay involving a Dutch man, believed to be about 60 years ... The story Search underway for Dutch man missing off Railay Beach in Krabi as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Phuket locals demand action after foreign teens damage property](#) (2026-05-18 06:52)

Police arrested four foreign teenagers yesterday, May 17, after they stole and damaged a lamp shade outside a resident's home in Phuket. The incident was reported by the Phuket Times Facebook page, which also shared CCTV footage of the theft. The incident took place on Phang Nga Road in the Phuket Old Town area. In ... The story Phuket locals demand action after foreign teens damage property as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Thailand News | Train driver charged after deadly Bangkok rail crossing crash, first wife leads procession for husband's second marriage](#) (2026-05-18 06:44)

Today we'll be talking about the deadly train crash that occurred over the weekend, including charges being filed against the driver and pledges of support for victims from the Prime Minister, then, a 10-kilometer drug chase ends in three arrests, down in Pattaya a foreigner is being accused of abusing a young monkey, also in ... The story Thailand News | Train driver charged after deadly Bangkok rail crossing crash, first wife leads procession for husband's second marriage as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Families search for missing members after train-bus collision in Bangkok](#) (2026-05-18 06:14)

Families of those involved in the deadly collision between a train and a public bus in the Asok area of Bangkok are awaiting autopsy results to confirm the identities of the victims, while several relatives continue hoping their loved ones survived the incident. Eight people were confirmed dead after a container train collided with public ... The story Families search for missing members after train-bus collision in Bangkok as seen on Thaiger News.

- [PM Anutin considers tunnel after fatal collision on railway track](#) (2026-05-18 04:01)

Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul said the government plans to reduce the number of train crossing points in Bangkok following the fatal collision between a container train and a public bus in Asok on Saturday, May 16. The crash occurred at the intersection where Asok-Din Daeng Road crosses a railway track beneath Airport Rail Link Makkasan ... The story PM Anutin considers tunnel after fatal collision on railway track as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Train driver found positive for drug and driving without licence](#) (2026-05-18 03:13)

Police confirmed the train driver tested positive for drugs and was operating without a licence after the collision between a container train and a public bus on Saturday, May 16. The collision occurred on Saturday afternoon at the Asok Railway Station, where Asok-Din Daeng Road crosses the railway track beneath Airport Rail Link Makkasan Station. ... The story Train driver found positive for drug and driving without licence as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Three arrested after 10-kilometre drug chase in Chumphon](#) (2026-05-17 10:15)

Highway police arrested three suspects and seized more than 20,000 methamphetamine pills and crystal meth following a 10-kilometre car chase in Chumphon today, May 17. The suspects were identified as 33 year old Teerapong, 25 year old Suwapat, and 25 year old Pongsakorn. Police seized 20,200 methamphetamine pills and 52.13 grammes of crystal meth during ... The story Three arrested after 10-kilometre drug chase in Chumphon as seen on Thaiger News.

- [AI cameras help arrest human trafficking suspect in Pattaya](#) (2026-05-17 09:27)

Pattaya tourist police used an AI surveillance camera system to arrest a Thai man wanted in a human trafficking case near Walking Street in Pattaya on the morning of May 15. The arrest took place at around 9.15am after the AI camera system detected and identified a person matching Criminal Court arrest warrant No. 2462/2569, ... The story AI cameras help arrest human trafficking suspect in Pattaya as seen on Thaiger News.

- [13 Cambodian migrants arrested at Chanthaburi border](#) (2026-05-17 08:30)

Thai marines and local police in Chanthaburi province arrested 13 Cambodian migrants on May 16, after intensifying surveillance along the border. The first group of nine Cambodians, five men and four women, were detained at 5.30pm while crossing forested terrain near boundary marker 53 in Thep Nimit subdistrict, Pong Nam Ron district. Investigations found the ... The story 13 Cambodian migrants arrested at Chanthaburi border as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Body believed to be missing police officer found on Phuket Beach](#) (2026-05-17 08:29)

A body believed to be a missing police officer was found washed ashore at Nai Thon Beach in Sakhu subdistrict, Thalang district, Phuket, this morning, May 17, two days after he was swept into the sea by strong waves. The man went swimming at Nai Thon Beach on May 15, during strong winds and waves ... The story Body believed to be missing police officer found on Phuket Beach as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Illegal cat medicine operation busted in Samut Prakan](#) (2026-05-17 07:32)

Officials announced the results of a raid yesterday, May 16, on an illegal cat medication production and sales operation in Samut Prakan, where unregistered veterinary drugs were allegedly mixed to increase volume and sold online. The operation was carried out by the Central Investigation Bureau (CIB), the Department of Livestock Development (DLD), and the Food and ... The story Illegal cat medicine operation busted in Samut Prakan as seen on Thaiger News.

- [EC files complaints over ballot barcode photos](#) (2026-05-17 06:45)

The Election Commission (EC) has defended filing complaints against six individuals who photographed barcodes and QR codes on ballots from the February 8 general election, saying the move was necessary to protect the integrity of the vote. EC secretary-general Sawaeng

Boonmee said the step was essential to ensure the election's credibility and fairness. The six ... The story EC files complaints over ballot barcode photos as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Satun man shoots ex-wife dead, then turns gun on himself](#) (2026-05-17 05:45)

A 60 year old man shot his 58 year old ex-wife dead at her rental home in Thung Nui subdistrict, Khuan Kalong district, Satun, on May 16, before returning to his residence 1km away and turning the gun on himself. Police arrived to find the woman with three gunshot wounds to the chest. She had ... The story Satun man shoots ex-wife dead, then turns gun on himself as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Missing Kanchanaburi woman found dead in staged suicide case](#) (2026-05-17 04:59)

A woman who had been missing for four days was found dead on May 15 behind a sugar factory in Ban Kao subdistrict, Mueang district, Kanchanaburi, after her neighbour confessed to killing her and staging a suicide. The woman, identified as 44 year old Kesa, was last heard from at around 6am on May 10, ... The story Missing Kanchanaburi woman found dead in staged suicide case as seen on Thaiger News.

- [SRT warns of delays after freight train hits bus near Asok](#) (2026-05-17 04:15)

Eight people were killed and 32 others injured after a freight train crashed into a public bus near Bangkok's Asok-Din Daeng intersection yesterday afternoon, sparking a fire that engulfed the vehicle. The State Railway of Thailand (SRT) confirmed that freight train No. 2126, running from Laem Chabang Port to Bang Sue, struck an air-conditioned route ... The story SRT warns of delays after freight train hits bus near Asok as seen on Thaiger News.

- [PM orders care, compensation after Makkasan rail crossing crash](#) (2026-05-17 03:32)

Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul inspected the Bangkok train bus crash site near Makkasan Airport Rail Link station on Asok-Din Daeng Road, Bangkok, at 10pm yesterday, May 16, after a rail crossing collision. Anutin visited the scene shortly after the serious accident and monitored the response by rescue workers, emergency doctors, police, and related agencies. Officials ... The story PM orders care, compensation after Makkasan rail crossing crash as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Distressed woman on Pattaya road taken to safety](#) (2026-05-17 02:40)

Police and rescue workers in Pattaya carried out a rescue operation after a disoriented and distressed woman was found on South Pattaya Road in Pattaya at 11.36pm yesterday, May 16. Pattaya City Police Station received a report that the woman was behaving erratically on the roadside. Police then coordinated with Sawang Boriboon Thammasathan rescue volunteers ... The story Distressed woman on Pattaya road taken to safety as seen on Thaiger News.

- [Heavy rain warning issued for 40 Thai provinces on May 17](#) (2026-05-17 02:03)

The Thai Meteorological Department has issued a weather warning for today, forecasting heavy rainfall across 40 provinces, including Bangkok and surrounding areas. A strong southwest monsoon affecting the upper Andaman Sea is driving the conditions, with rain expected to cover 60% of affected regions. Residents are advised to watch out for flash floods and overflow, ... The story Heavy rain warning issued for 40 Thai provinces on May 17 as seen on Thaiger News.