



Press Statement by PDRC Spokesperson Akanat Promphan: 15 Feb. 2014

Yingluck, stuck in dead-end, continues to commit inexcusable mistakes

(15 Feb. 2014) On the second day of the PDRC's "Thailand Love Fest" celebration, spokesperson Akanat Promphan stressed that the majority of the public had already rejected the Thaksin regime and caretaker premier Yingluck Shinawatra, and were ready to advance to initiating reforms before the next elections. Akanat stated that support for the PDRC continued to increase in light of Yingluck's incompetence as a leader, her inability to resolve the rice pledging failure, and her discriminatory treatment of citizens.

Criticized Akanat: "Yingluck and Thaksin's cronies have pleaded for demonstrators to disperse and let 'the situation return to normal.' Their definition of 'normal' is skewed. In a truly democratic society, 'normal' could never mean allowing an escaped convict to run the country from abroad in flagrant violation of the constitution, using faulty populist politics to manipulate voters and destroy the economy."

"Thais everywhere are sacrificing to move our country forward," continued Akanat. "They can no longer tolerate unsustainable superficial populist policies that are further demented by corruption such as the rice pledging scheme and water management scheme. However, Yingluck continues to prove that she cannot manage the problems created by her own poorly-developed economic policies. The most productive step that she can take is to resign immediately so the reform process can begin."

Instead of putting the national interest first, Yingluck is using the CMPO (Centre for Maintaining Peace and Order) to maintain "peace and order" perpetuating the Thaksin regime by suppressing demonstrations of other political standpoints and facilitating attacks on them. The most recent examples include the 14 February 2014 shootings at the Criminal Court that ordered the temporary release of PDRC stage leader Sonthiyarn Chuenruethainaitam on bail, and at the residence of Pramon Sutivong, chairman of the Anti-Corruption Organization of Thailand. Explosives were also reportedly lobbed at PDRC supporters in Rayong province last night, injuring 4 demonstrators.

"Yingluck's discriminatory treatment of citizens is inexcusable," rebuked Akanat. "Now she is even turning against her own supporters. She continues to lie to farmers and claims she will pay an unspecified amount of money next week. This most likely means only certain farmers will be paid. What will Yingluck use as criteria to determine payment priorities? We fully anticipate the discriminatory treatment characteristic of her government and ensuing problems."
