



Press Statement by PDRC Spokesperson Akanat Promphan: 22 Feb. 2014

**Civil movement to return sovereign authority to the people;
Pheu Thai and UDD leaders must stop slandering the PDRC**

(22 Feb. 2014) PDRC spokesperson Akanat Promphan slammed Pheu Thai and UDD (United Front of Democracy against Dictatorship) leaders today following reports they had accused the PDRC of seeking to overthrow the sovereign authority of Yingluck and her government through a “4-step plan.”

“Thailand’s Constitution prescribes that sovereign authority originates and resides in the people,” Akanat declared. “The Thaksin regime usurped this through political capitalism and graft. This civil uprising will therefore reclaim and return Thai sovereignty to all Thais.

There is no “4-step plan” to overthrow anything. The UDD leaders are slandering us. The PDRC is simply pursuing the same objectives we always have: uprooting the Thaksin regime to restore the rule of law, initiating reforms, and returning true democratic values to Thailand before the next elections.”

Spokesperson Akanat also cautioned UDD supporters to carefully assess their leaders’ actions. “The PDRC is fighting the Thaksin regime - not red shirt supporters,” Akanat noted. “UDD supporters are as much a casualty of the Thaksin regime as the farmers. Both groups were tricked into lending the regime their support only to be betrayed: the attempted passing of the Amnesty Bill ultimately failed red shirt demonstrators imprisoned since 2010 and the rice scheme is now killing the farmers.”

Continued Akanat, “I fear that the Thaksin regime will betray red shirt supporters again by using them as an unsuspecting front for men-in-black renegades attacking citizens. To prevent further bloodshed and to set Thailand on the right track, the PM must resign. Her departure would be the swiftest way to uproot the Thaksin regime and the most efficient method to restart Thailand and pave the way for reform before the next elections.

The spokesperson indicated that the PDRC would continue to target the business interests of the Thaksin regime. At present a public initiative to switch mobile carriers from AIS (founded by Thaksin) had already proven to be very popular, as evidenced by on-line activity.
