

(Unofficial Translation)

**Announcement by the Council for Democratic Reform No. 15:
Ban on Meetings and other Political Activities by Political Parties**

Following the abrogation of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand B.E. 2540 (1997), pursuant to Announcement No. 3 of the Council for Democratic Reform on 19 September B.E. 2549 (2006), and the banning of political gatherings pursuant to Announcement No. 7 of the Council on 20 September B.E. 2549 (2006), however, so as to ensure the democratic system with a monarch as head of state is preserved after normalcy is restored, the Council has decided as follows:

1. The Organic Law on Political Parties B.E. 2541 (1998) shall continue to be effective so as to maintain the status of political parties,
2. For the purpose of maintaining peace and order, existing political parties are prohibited from meeting or conducting other political activities. Furthermore, the establishment or registration of new political parties shall be suspended temporarily.

This announcement shall remain in effect until announced otherwise.

Announced on 21 September B.E. 2549 (2006)
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