

(Unofficial Translation)

**Announcement by the Council for Democratic Reform No. 21:
Ban on Eavesdropping on Telephones or other Communication Devices**

Whereas in the past, there have been unlawful eavesdropping of telephone conversations, their use or disclosure of the contents of such communications via telephone or other communication devices in violation of the individual's right of free communication, causing distrust among the populace who use such communication devices, therefore, to protect liberty of communication as provided for by the law, as well as to bring about peace and order to the nation, the Council for Democratic Reform declares as follows:

1. Whosoever eavesdrops on, makes use of or discloses the contents of communications via telephone or other communication devices, without legal authority, shall be punished with imprisonment not exceeding five years or fined not exceeding 100,000 baht, or both.

2. Whosoever obtains information from the unlawful activities mentioned in paragraph 1, makes use of or discloses to others such information, without legal authority, shall be punished with imprisonment not exceeding five years or fined not exceeding 100,000 baht, or both

3. Whosoever orders others to engage in unlawful activities as described in paragraphs 1 or 2 shall be subjected to double the punishment stipulated under paragraphs 1 or 2 as the case may be.

4. In cases where the violator is also the provider of telephone or communication services, or is the concessionaire holder of such services, apart from the punishment stipulated under paragraphs 1, 2 or 3 as the case may be, the violator's license or concessionaire for such services shall also be revoked.

This Announcement shall become effective one day after it is published in the Government Gazette.

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