

**(Unofficial Translation)**

**Announcement on the  
Appointment of the Leader of the Council for Democratic Reform**

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Whereas General Sonthi Boonyaratglin has reported to His Majesty the King that the administration under the premiership of Police Lieutenant-Colonel Thaksin Shinawatra had led to problems of disunity and the erosion of solidarity among the Thai people unprecedented in the history of the Kingdom, that the majority of the people were skeptical of his administration as there were signs of rampant corruption and malfeasance and that independent agencies had been interfered with, leading to many problems and obstacles to the conduct of political activities. Although many sectors within society have continuously tried to compromise to resolve the situation, peace and order could not be maintained. The military, police and civil servants, headed by General Sonthi Boonyaratglin, have thus seized control of Thailand's administration and led the Council for Democratic Reform.

Therefore, so as to bring about peace and order to the Kingdom, His Majesty the King has graciously granted a Royal Command appointing General Sonthi Boonyaratglin as Leader of the Council for Democratic Reform. People are requested to remain calm while civil servants and government officials are to follow commands issued by General Sonthi Boonyaratglin, henceforth onwards.

Announced on 20 September B.E. 2549 (2006), being the 61<sup>st</sup> Year of the Present Reign.

Countersigned by  
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