Political Deadlock inThailand

led to the

Military Intervention

on

19 September 2006

The Smiling

Military Intervention

AFP

No

Bloodshed

Not a Single Bullet Fired

Everyday Life is

N O R M A L

AP

The inauguration of the

Suvarnabhumi

International Airport

on 28 September 2006

proceeded as scheduled

SUVARNABHUMI AIRPORT
The New Bangkok International Airport

Thai

International
Departure Corridor

The 2006

Thailand Open Tennis Tournament

in Bangkok

(25 September - 1 October 2006)

proceeded **without** any interruptions

German tennis player Benjamin Becker, 2nd from left, and Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic, 2nd from right, along with unidentified officials pose for a picture in front of a tank at the Royal Plaza in Bangkok

23 September 2006

Source: AP Photo

Croatian tennis player Ivan Ljubicic, 2nd from right, and Germany's Benjamin Becker, 2nd from left, along with unidentified officials, pose for a picture in front of a tank parked at the Royal Plaza four days after the bloodless military coup in Bangkok, Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006. Ljubicic and Becker are in Thailand for the Thailand Open Tennis Tournament starting September 25.

(AP Photo/Vincent Thian)

POLLS

CNN Poll:

77% believe the military coup will ease the conflicts in Thailand (14,068 votes)

POLLS

Suan Dusit University Poll:

83.98% agreed with the change

75.04% felt that its effects will have a positive impact on Thai politics

POLLS

ABAC University Poll:

73.1% of Thais believe that political stability will prevail over the next 6 months

POLLS

ABAC University Poll (18-25 November 2006):

73.4% Perceived the Improvement on Current Political Atmosphere Compared to the beginning of 2006

74.4% Agreed upon Government's Direction to Solve the Problems

71.3% Realized that It Took this Cabinet a Great Sacrifice to do the work

70.5% Expressed Great Admiration to PM Surayud Chulanont

The Council for Democratic Reform

was formed

The Council promised to the public:

- **A Civilian Prime Minister**

and

- **An Interim Constitution**

within 2 weeks

They kept their promise

1 October 2006

(in less than 2 weeks)

- **The 24th Prime Minister,**

  General Surayud Chulanont,

  was appointed

- **An Interim Constitution**

  was promulgated

on 1 October 2006

General Surayud Chulanont

24th Prime Minister of Thailand

- Joint Staff College, USA
- Resource Management Program, Ministry of Defence, USA
- Supreme Commander
- Privy Councilor
- TIME Magazine considered him an Asian hero (28 April 2003)

Surayud Chulanont

“A soldier who answered to the people”

by Robert Horn

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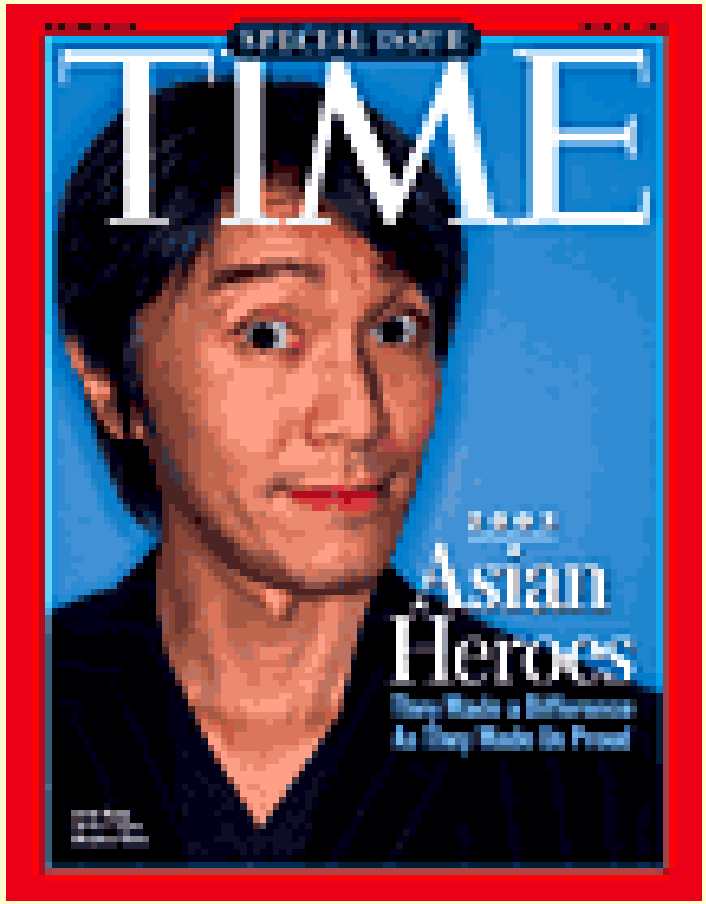

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One week later

8 October 2006

An Interim Civilian Cabinet

was formed

Biography of Some Ministers

M.R. Pridiyathorn Devakula

Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister

- **Bachelor of Economics (First Class Honors), Thammasat University**
- **MBA (International Business) Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania**
- **Former Deputy of Commerce**
- **Governor of the Bank of Thailand**

Mr. Kosit Panpiemras

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industry

- Master of Arts in Economics from the University of Maryland
- Executive Chairman of Bangkok Bank
- Economist at the World Bank, Washington D.C.

Mr. Krirk-Krai Jirapaet

Minister of Commerce

- **BA in Political Science, Chulalongkorn University**
- **MS in Economics, University of Sydney**
- **Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Thailand to the World Trade Organization**
- **Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce**

Mr. Thira Sutabutra

Minister of Agriculture and Agricultural Co-operatives

- **Doctorate Degree from University of California, Davis, California, USA**
- **President of Kasetsart University**

Mr. Nitaya Pibulsongkram

Foreign Minister

- **B.A. in Government, Darmouth College, New Hampshire, USA**
- **M.A. in Political Science, Brown University, Rhode Island, USA**
- **Former Ambassador to the United States of America**
- **Former Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Thailand**
- **Thai chief negotiator for Thai-US FTA**

The Prime Minister

pledged

to hold general elections

within 1 year

(by October 2007)

International Views

BANGKOK (Reuters)

Thailand's military rulers unveiled a stop-gap prime minister and constitution on Sunday, fulfilling a promise to step back in favor of civilians within two weeks of their coup against Thaksin Shinawatra

USA

http://today.reuters.com/

Coup in Asia, no one dead

The Thai people are remaining sanguine over the bloodless army putsch,

says JASON GAGLIARDI

FIRST POSTED, September 20, 2006

UK

http://www.thefirstpost.co.uk/

Thailand's post-coup cabinet unveiled

October 09, 2006 06:21pm

THAILAND'S army-installed premier today unveiled his post-coup cabinet, with few roles given to the military and key posts handed to prominent bureaucrats, academics and bankers.

Australia

http://www.news.com.au

Thai central bank chief becomes finance minister

Monday October 9, 2006, 3.20pm

BANGKOK - Thai central bank governor Pridiyathorn Devakula has been appointed deputy prime minister and finance minister in the interim, post-coup government, a government website said on Monday.

Pridiyathorn was one of 26 cabinet ministers announced on the Government House website www.thaigov.go.th late on Sunday.

The widely expected appointment is likely to reassure foreign and Thai investors anxious for a steady hand on the country's economic tiller amid slowing growth, and after months of political unrest that were capped by the September 19 coup against Thaksin Shinawatra.

NEW ZEALAND

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/

Coup lifts Thai bonds to two-year record rally

October 10, 2006

The military coup that toppled the government in Thailand is helping the country's bond market stage its biggest rally in more than two years.

FINLAND

http://cgi.wn.com/?SearchString=thailand&language=English&template=finlandnews%2Findex.txt&action=search&first=0

Economics

Foreign Exchange Rate
and
Stock Exchange of Thailand Index (SET Index)

18 September 2006 (1 day before Coup)	13 October 2006 (4 weeks after Coup)	21November 2006 (2 months after Coup)
Foreign Exchange Rate *(average selling rate)* 1 USD = 37.40 Baht 1 Euro = 47.45 Baht	 1 USD = 37.55 Baht 1 Euro = 47.34 Baht	 1 USD = 36.71 Baht 1 Euro = 47.07 Baht
SET Index : 705.89	712.05	724.22

Net foreign investment accounts for 24,500.61 million Baht between 21 September – 20 November 2006

Analyses by Credit Rating Agencies

(31 October 2006)

- **Moody's sees prospects for sound Economic policies in Thailand**
- **Moody's rate of foreign currency country ceiling:**

  A3
- **S&P's affirmed its Investment Rating for Thailand:**

  BBB+
- **Substantial amount of International Reserves of**

  over $62 billion

NEW AIRPORT CAPACITY

	Old Airport	Suvarnabhumi Airport
Annual Passenger Capacity	**37 million passengers**	**45 million passengers** (Phase 1 plan) **(+21.6%)** **Up to 125 million passengers** (upon full development) **(+237.8%)**
No. of Flight Operations per Hour	**60 flights / hour**	**76 flights / hour (+26.7%)**
Cargo Capacity	**700,000 tons of cargo**	**3 million tons per year** (Phase 1 plan) **(+328.6%)** **6.4 million metric tonnes** (Final Phase) **(+814.3%)**
Passenger Terminal Building	**322,067 sqm**	**563,000 sq. m (+74.8%)**
Check-in Counter	**220 international** check-in counters **43 domestic** check-in counters	**252 International** check-in counters **(+14.5%)** **108 Domestic** check-in counters **(+151.2%)**

Tourism

Ranked by: Travel and Leisure Magazine (USA)

(Over 900,000 participants worldwide)

October 6, 2006

	ASIA	WORLD
Bangkok	Ranked 1st	Ranked 3rd
Chiangmai	Ranked 2nd	Ranked 5th

Thank You