

NC4TM Incident Monitoring Center



Microsoft MapPoint 2004

ALERT SUMMARY: THAILAND COUP D'ETAT

DATE
September 19, 2006

LOCATION
Government Offices
Bangkok, Thailand

INCIDENT SITUATION

On September 19th, segments of the Royal Thai Army, led by General Sonthi Boonyaratglin, staged a bloodless coup d'etat in Bangkok and other cities in Thailand. Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who had been embroiled in a political crisis and accused of using his position for personal profit, was in New York City for the United Nations General Assembly. Thai military units surrounded government facilities with tanks and armored personnel carriers and commandeered television stations to play patriotic songs lauding King Bhumibol Adulyadej. PM Thaksin declared a state of emergency as an attempt to avert the coup, but was unsuccessful.

The junta called itself the Administrative Reform Council and vowed to return democracy to Thailand and free it from corruption. The council issued statements dissolving the state constitution, Parliament, and the Constitutional Court declaring martial law throughout the country. The day after the coup, the King publicly endorsed the coup and General Sonthi as the interim Prime Minister until a new constitution and democratic government is instituted in approximately one year's time.

NC4 COVERAGE

NC4 provides ongoing updates to members as the incident unfolds through the NC4 Incident Monitoring Center (NIMC). NIMC analysts follow the incident using official government sources as well as national and international media sources. - linking to the breaking Reuters news article, *Tanks Head for Central Bangkok, Reasons Unknown*, including images and video from the scene.

Selected NIMC Updates:

Tanks moving without authorization near government house in Thailand. (2006-09-19 08:26 PDT)

Ten tanks block roads near Thailand's government headquarters; state of emergency declared. (2006-09-19 08:33 PDT)

Media sources within Thailand frozen or otherwise operating irregularly. (2006-09-19 08:54 PDT)

Thai armed forces control Bangkok; no reports of violence in city. (2006-09-19 09:41 PDT)

New reports indicate General Sonthi behind coup; martial law declared throughout country. (2006-09-19 10:47 PDT)

Committee for Democratic Reform under the Monarchy in control of Thailand; marital law declared. (2006-09-19 15:28 PDT)

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- When:** 2006-09-19 08:20 PDT
- Where:** Government House, Bangkok, Thailand
- Synopsis:** General Sonthi Boonyaratkalin serving as acting Prime Minister after ousting of Thaksin. At least 14 military tanks have blocked roads near Thailand's government headquarters in central Bangkok. The tanks are operating without civilian authorization and are in place at other key locations, such as government buildings and major intersections, throughout the city. Military troops entered Government House and have taken control of the government. Soldiers, moving around the city in convoys, warned residents to stay indoors for their own safety. There are no reports of violence. [more...]
- Special Program/Event:** N/A
- Last Updated:** 2006-09-19 12:56 PDT by NC4 Analyst 31
- Notification Rule:** Use Perimeter

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