

Royal Decree
Dissolving the House of Representatives,
B.E. 2549 (2006)

Translation

Bhumibol Adulyadej, PR.

Given under our Hand this 24th Day of February, B.E. 2549 (2006);

Being the 61st Year of our Reign

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej is graciously pleased to proclaim that:

Whereas the Prime Minister informed His Majesty that after the President of the House of Representatives advised His Majesty on 9 March B.E. 2550 (2007) to appoint the Prime Minister according to the resolution passed by more than one half of the total number of the existing members of the House of Representatives in a public voting held amongst the House, and after the Council of Ministers has been set up to assume the public administration, several public demonstrations have been staged to assert many political demands; that although they were held within the scope of law at the beginning, time by time they have been extended widely and have indicated a sign of violence and armed clashes against their opponents; that it could be conjectured that those aiming to throw the Nation into disorder would take advantage of this situation to stir up the troubles and the feelings of hostility amongst each of the citizens; that this event could be broken down to such an extent that riots and losses of life and property would ensue; that even though the control and supervision of the exercise of State's authority have strictly been executed, and the Government has endeavored to walk along the constitutional way by opening a general debate amongst the National Assembly without votes, these attempts were unable to solve the problems and the fundamentally different opinions of both the anti-government demonstrators and their opponents who also desire to form a movement, bringing about a fear that the confrontation between them is approaching; that this conditions are detrimental to the national economy, the democratic regime of government under the parliamentary system and the social order; that particularly, it is now the time to be united and reconciled, to nourish this secure and peaceful Nation in order to attract investment and proclaim the excellent beauty and decency in Thai style; that since the opinions amongst the society are still problematic—various and different—to the extent that such a rampant political conflict comes to pass, it is not possible to, by any means of the democratic mechanism, ascertain the true intention of the people so that every sector would be informed of it and would accept it; and that the way out pursuant to the democratic system which has been practiced internationally, and even domestically, is to return the power of political determination to the people by dissolving the House of Representatives and to further organize a general election of the new members thereof in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand;

Be it decreed by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by virtue of Section 116 and Section 221 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand, as follows:

Section 1

This Royal Decree shall be cited as the "Royal Decree Dissolving the House of Representatives, B.E. 2549 (2006)".

Section 2

This Royal Decree shall come into force as from the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Section 3

The House of Representatives shall be dissolved in order to organize an election of the new members thereof.

Section 4

A general election of the members of the House of Representatives shall be held on 2 April B.E. 2549 (2006).

Section 5

The Prime Minister and the President of the Election Commission shall be in charge of this Royal Decree.

Countersigned by:

Police Lieutenant Colonel Thaksin Shinawatra,

Prime Minister

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