

# “The Bangkok Shutdown”: Regime Plans to Counter Protest Movement with Police and Pro-Thaksin Mobs

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In a last desperate bid to cling to power, the regime plans to once again bus in mobs of its fanatical “red shirts” on January 13, 2014, just as anti-regime protesters announced [plans to stage a massive, city-wide rally](#) on the same day. Thai PBS reported in its article, “[UDD to stage counter-rally on January 13,](#)” that:

The pro-government United Front for Democracy against Dictatorship (UDD) will stage a rally in Bangkok to counter the People’s Democratic Reform Committee’s “Bangkok Shutdown” mass demonstration on January 13.

UDD co-leader Jatuporn Promphan said Thursday that the red-shirt movement would stage the counter-rally to open up Bangkok against the PDRC’s attempt to shut down the capital.

He said that red-shirt followers in the provinces had been told to hold mini rallies in their respective provinces from this coming Sunday onward before descending on Bangkok for the counter-demonstration.

Jatuporn also criticized the Election Commission for not seriously attempting to press ahead with staging the election of February 2. He demanded election commissioners who are not impartial to resign.

Last November, a similar stunt by the regime led to violent clashes and several deaths, [with regime gunmen photographed and videoed shooting into crowds](#). The regime [has conspired to use agent provocateurs to kill both their own “red shirt” supporters and police](#), has actually [carried out the killings](#), and has since attempted to discredit the protesters despite ample evidence exposing the insidious plot.



Image: [Astroturf – by the bus load](#). Last November, the fumbling regime resorted to busing in supporters to counter unprecedented numbers of protesters in the streets demanding an end to the [Wall Street-backed Shinawatra regime](#). State resources, including an extensive police escort, were spent in an attempt to bolster the illusion that the current regime has the people’s backing – a page out of the old tattered playbook of despots everywhere. Not long after, violence predictably erupted.

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Just today, the regime announced that gunmen suspected of killing one of the regime’s own policemen [were in fact deployed by them](#) – meaning they, not the protesters, were responsible for the policeman’s death. The motivation behind the murder was to politicize the police [and create an armed bloc to oppose the growing protests](#).

The regime’s Jatuporn Promphan and his plan to bus in red shirt supporters to Bangkok will only lead to more violence. The regime knows this, and is moving ahead in earnest, fully planning on escalating tensions and leveraging the subsequent violence to their advantage.



Images: Jatuporn Promphan has already led the regime’s “red shirt” supporters into Bangkok last November predictably leading to violence and loss of life. The [only gunmen photographed and videoed](#) were those of the regime, who, just as they did in 2010, seemed intent on killing those on both sides to escalate the conflict. However, within minutes of the violence, images of the regime’s gunmen began spreading across the Internet prompting the regime to call off the rally and bus its supporters back to the rural north and northeast the next day.

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Jatuporn Promphan, it should be noted, is currently a minister under the current regime of Thaksin Shinawatra and his nepotist-appointed proxy, sister Yingluck Shinawatra. He is [on bail regarding terrorism charges](#) related to [a failed armed insurrection he helped lead in 2010](#) that led to the death of 92, thousands more injured, and extensive damage as a result of a campaign of looting and arson he and fellow “red shirt” leaders organized in the closing days of the conflict.

Video: A brief exposé of what the silent majority in Thailand have had to tolerate for years under the regime of Thaksin Shinawatra and his “red shirt” mobs. Here, various red shirt leaders, including Jatuporn Promphan, take turns openly conspiring to loot, destroy, and burn to the ground buildings across Bangkok.

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Images: Just days later, scores of buildings would be left in flames, many being burnt to the ground. Of the 92 that died, many were red shirts who perished from smoke inhalation while looting buildings fellow protesters lit ablaze. In the wake of the obvious and large scale crime, red shirt leaders would shamelessly claim it was the military, not them – in a display of astounding deceit that has, like their violence, become a hallmark of their reign of terror across Thailand’s political landscape and one of many features that necessitates their complete political and organizational uprooting.

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That an accused terrorist currently out on bail pending his trial, who openly led an armed, deadly insurrection in Bangkok in 2010, is once again leading mobs that are undoubtedly going to resort to violence this coming January 13, 2014, is truly troubling. That the Western media has failed to give their audiences the full background of those openly conspiring bloodshed and violence is equally troubling – but expected.



Image: There have been 3 massive rallies that have seen hundreds of thousands flood the streets of Bangkok in peaceful protest against the illegitimate regime of Thaksin Shinawatra. This January 13, 2014, another rally is planned, but the regime has announced it will bus in [its notoriously violent “red shirt” supporters](#) to disrupt the rally. In an open conspiracy against peace and order, the regime has finally resigned the very last of its legitimacy – wholly intent on violating its duties and responsibilities in administering the country.

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Come January 13, 2014, what have been three [back-to-back-to-back](#) mass mobilizations that have seen hundreds of thousands in the streets of Bangkok peacefully protesting the illegitimate regime of Thaksin Shinawatra will only turn violent should the regime callously choose to lead their violent supporters into the heart of the city and sow the bloodshed that has become the hallmark of their reign of terror across Thailand’s political landscape. Jatuporn Promphan’s intolerable criminality is yet another reminder of just why this regime must be, and is being uprooted.

The regime has clearly abandoned its duties to faithfully administer the country and is intentionally sowing division and the seeds for large-scale violence it has already

demonstrated the capacity to create and exploit. Whichever authorities may still possess the ability to do so, have both the right and the duty to quickly and completely remove these conspirators against peace from power by whatever means necessary.

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