



Thailand Political Situation - TCEB Update 22 May 2014 at 22.00 hrs. (GMT+7)

At 17.00 hours today, Thai military has taken control of the country to prevent further loss of life and prevent the conflict from further escalating. The move came after talks between representatives of opposing sides and top officials failed to reach a common ground, according to local media reports.

A nationwide curfew has been announced from 22.00 – 05.00 hours with effective from today, and martial law to remain in effect until further notice, army announced.

Businesses, including banks, petrol and gas stations, hotels, spas, restaurants, entertainment venues, cinemas, convention centres, shopping malls, superstores and convenient stores are adjusting their operating hours to comply with the curfew. Hospitals are open and operating as per normal. However, telephone – landline and mobile – and Internet services continue to be available 24/7 as per normal.

All airports in Thailand remain open, and air passengers with arrival and departure flights scheduled during the curfew can travel to and from the airports at any time as usual. However, Business travellers with arrival and departure flights during the curfew are advised to prepare all travel documents when travelling to and from the airports.

To provide the best service possible during the current political situation, Suvarnabhumi Airport has prepared Airport Operation Center (AOPC), opened 24 hours daily, situated behind check-in counter row R, Departure Hall, 4th floor of the Passenger Terminal. Also Passenger Assistance Center (PAC), opened 24-hours daily, situated between Entrances 7 and 8, Arrival Hall, 2nd floor of the Passenger Terminal. Furthermore, passengers can contact Airport Information Counters available throughout the Passenger Terminal. Suvarnabhumi Airport also has foreign language interpreter/translator available in Chinese, Japanese, Russian and Korean to help passengers.

TCEB will keep you updated with the situation. Should you require any further information and assistance, please call TCEB office: +66 (0) 2694 6000, TCEB call center at 1105 (within Thailand only), visit www.tceb.or.th or contact info@tceb.or.th.

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- Thai Tourist Police Call Centre 1155
- Bangkok Tourism Division Call Centre +66 (0) 2225 7612-4
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs +66 (0) 2203 4381-2
- Department of Consular Affairs +66 (0) 23833402-4
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- Airport Operation Centre (AOPC) +66 (0) 2132 9950
- Passenger Assistance Center (PAC) Tel: +66 (0) 2139 9996 -7
- Airport Information Counters Call Centre 1722.
- Bangkok Mass Transit Authority (city bus service) Call Centre 1348
- State Railway of Thailand Call Centre 1690
- Transport Co., Ltd., (inter-provincial bus service) Call Centre 1490
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