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**Press Release**

**Please attend Court's order on a War on Drug Case**

**The death in custody of Mr. Kiattisak Thitboonkhong as a result of police's detention at  
Muang Kalasin Police Station**

**30 July 2012, 09.00 am, at Courtroom no. 913, Bangkok Criminal Court**

On 30 July 2012, 09.00 am, at Courtroom no. 913, Bangkok Criminal Court on Ratchadapisek Rd., the Court shall issue an order in the Black Case no. O3252/2552 between the public prosecutor v. Pol. Sen. Sgt. Maj. Angkhan Khammoonna, defendant no. 1 and other five defendants. The defendants in this case have been accused of committing premeditated murder and moving the body to conceal the cause of death. They were also accused of being competent officers in criminal investigation who have abused their power to help prevent another person from being brought to justice. The case stems from the death of Mr. Kiattisak Thitboonkhong, 17 years, a student from Kalasin province, who was found dead by hanging in a makeshift in a paddy rice field in Roi Et province. Prior to that, he had just been released from the Muang Kalasin Police Station on 22 July 2004. Please attend the court session on the date announced above.

During 2001-2006, the government implemented a policy to suppress drug trafficking causing more than 2,500 deaths as a result of extrajudicial killings. A number of people in Kalasin province have lost have lives and gone disappeared. One of the deceased was Mr. Kiattisak Thitboonkhong. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has conducted an inquiry into the case and reported its findings on human rights abuse in 2006. One NHRC's recommendations was for the government to provide the surviving family of Mr. Kiattisak Thitboonkhong remedies as he had died in custody of police officers from the Muang Kalasin Police Station.

In 2005, the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) accepted to admit the case of Mr. Kiattisak Thitboonkhong's death as a special case and on 9 September 2009, the public prosecutor of the Office of Special Litigation 1 decided to prosecute Pol. Sen. Sgt. Maj. Angkhan Khammoonna, as defendant no. 1, Pol. Sen. Sgt. Maj. Sutthinan Nonthing, defendant no. 2, Pol. Sen. Sgt. Maj. Phansin Uppanan, defendant no. 3, Pol. Sen. Sgt. Maj. Samphao Indee, defendant no. 4, Pol. Col. Montri Boonlue, defendant no. 5 and Pol. Lt. Col. Sumit Nunsathit, as defendant no. 6. It took more than eight years to compile all evidence and prove the facts in the court hearings before the delivery of the verdict soon.

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