

112WATCH AIMS TO HALT THE THAI AUTHORITIES' ESCALATING USE OF ARTICLE 112 TO PUNISH AND SIDELINE ACTIVISTS.

WHAT IS ARTICLE 112?

Article 112 of the Thai Criminal Code criminalises lèse-majesté and reads as follows:

"Whoever defames, insults or threatens the King, the Queen, the Heir-apparent or the Regent, shall be punished with imprisonment of three to fifteen years."

THAILAND'S USE OF ARTICLE 112 VIOLATES FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

In the last five years, at least 130 protesters have been charged with lèse-majesté. Prominent activists are judicially harassed with some facing over 50 trials each and hundreds of years' imprisonment.

ADVOCACY FOR POSITIVE POLICY CHANGE

112WATCH is establishing itself as a think tank providing recommendations in regard to the use of article 112 and as an advocate with relevant domestic and international stakeholders.

AWARENESS RAISING

112WATCH will facilitate the learning and monitor the use of article 112 in Thailand. It strives to inform the Thai public as well as the global community of the persistently discursive use of the law that deprives basic human rights.



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Dr. Pavin is an associate professor at Kyoto University and a former Thai diplomat. He is the founder of Facebook groups—the Royalists Marketplace—the first iteration of which had its access restricted by Facebook within Thailand pursuant to a legal request from the Thai government. The second iteration has more than 2.35 million members, ranking it as one of the most popular groups worldwide. A democrat and outspoken critic of the establishment, Dr. Pavin saw a warrant issued for his arrest for violations of Article 112, which led to self-exile. His family has been harassed in Bangkok and he was himself attacked at his home in Kyoto.

Injustice of Thailand's Article 112 Must Stop.

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