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Level 5 – 18th October, 2020

Thai protests continue despite state of emergency

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Protests are taking place in Thailand's capital Bangkok, despite a state of emergency. Police arrested dozens of pro-democracy demonstrators. They have been protesting in cities and online for over three months. Many of the protestors are students, but they are being joined by a wider variety of people. They are calling for a new constitution and a true constitutional monarch and a more democratic system. They are also demanding the dissolution of parliament, the resignation of the Prime Minister, and an end to "the intimidation of government critics".

The government said the protests have, "affected the government's stability, safety, property and staff". It said they were, "no longer a peaceful assembly," and were a threat to national security. The government banned gatherings of more than five people. It also banned online messages that could "harm national security". Police arrested 22 people for public disorder offences, including three prominent activists. Footage showing a woman being put into a police car went viral on social media. Police photographed crowds and warned demonstrators they could be prosecuted.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2020/10/14/asia/thailand-emergency-decree-protests-intl-hnk/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Protests | a. system |
| 2. despite a state | b. to the intimidation |
| 3. dozens of pro-democracy | c. variety of people |
| 4. being joined by a wider | d. critics |
| 5. a more democratic | e. of the Prime Minister |
| 6. the resignation | f. demonstrators |
| 7. an end | g. are taking place |
| 8. government | h. of emergency |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. affected the government's | a. disorder offences |
| 2. no longer a peaceful | b. activists |
| 3. harm national | c. be prosecuted |
| 4. arrested 22 people for public | d. stability |
| 5. three prominent | e. warned demonstrators |
| 6. went viral | f. security |
| 7. photographed crowds and | g. assembly |
| 8. they could | h. on social media |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Protests (1) _____ in Thailand's capital Bangkok, despite a state of emergency. Police (2) _____ pro-democracy demonstrators. They have been protesting in cities and online for over three months. Many (3) _____ are students, but they are being joined by a wider variety of people. They are calling for (4) _____ and a true constitutional monarch and a more democratic system. They are also demanding (5) _____ parliament, the resignation of the Prime Minister, and an end to "(6) _____ government critics".

The government said (7) _____, "affected the government's stability, safety, property and staff". It said they were, "no longer (8) _____," and were a threat to national security. The government banned (9) _____ than five people. It also banned online messages that could "harm national security". Police arrested 22 people (10) _____ offences, including three prominent activists. Footage showing a woman being put into a police car (11) _____ social media. Police photographed crowds and warned demonstrators they (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THAILAND SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201018-thailand-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Thailand in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

