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Level 4 – 18th October, 2020

Thai protests continue despite state of emergency

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Protests are taking place in Thailand, despite a state of emergency. Police arrested dozens of pro-democracy demonstrators. Many of the protestors are students. Different kinds of people are joining them. They want a new constitution under a more democratic system. They also want 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 its stability, safety, property and staff. It said they were, "no longer a peaceful assembly," and threatened national security. The government banned gatherings of more than five people and any online messages that could "harm national security". Police arrested 22 people for public disorder offences. Video of a woman being put into a police car went viral on social media.

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. despite a state | a. of the Prime Minister |
| 2. dozens of pro-democracy | b. of emergency |
| 3. Many of the protestors | c. critics |
| 4. They want a new | d. demonstrators |
| 5. under a more democratic | e. constitution |
| 6. the resignation | f. to the intimidation |
| 7. an end | g. system |
| 8. government | h. are students |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the protests have affected | a. a police car |
| 2. a peaceful | b. messages |
| 3. gatherings of | c. on social media |
| 4. online | d. its stability |
| 5. harm national | e. disorder offences |
| 6. arrested 22 people for public | f. assembly |
| 7. a woman being put into | g. security |
| 8. went viral | h. more than five people |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Protests (1) _____ in Thailand, despite a state of emergency. Police (2) _____ pro-democracy demonstrators. Many (3) _____ are students. Different kinds of people (4) _____. They want a new constitution under a more democratic system. They also (5) _____ of parliament, the resignation of the Prime Minister, and an end to "the intimidation (6) _____".

The government said the protests have (7) _____, safety, property and staff. It said they were, "no (8) _____ assembly," and threatened national security.

The government (9) _____ more than five people and any online messages that could "(10) _____". Police arrested 22 people for (11) _____. Video of a woman being put into a police car went (12) _____ media.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THAILAND SURVEY

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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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **Thailand** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
