

Country/entity	Thailand
Region	Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	General Principles of the Peace Dialogue Process
Date	31 Mar 2022
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

South Thailand Insurgency (2001 -)

The roots of the conflict go back to the early twentieth century, when Thai leadership began policies of forced assimilation of the local Muslim/Malay population. For over 200 years, the region had been under the nominal control of the Kingdom of Siam, but the Kingdom had not interfered much locally, as demonstrated by various regional legal exemptions for Civil Law and Islamic Law. However, the National Culture Act of 1939 institutionalized 'Thai-ification' practices begun five years earlier. Following the end of WWII, Patani people in the southern region of Thailand began campaigning for cultural and legal rights but were repressed in response. By the 1950s Patani nationalism began to gain currency among locals and in 1960s several separatist groups were established sparking a low-scale separatist insurgency. Violence escalated between Patani insurgents and national security forces in 2001 and by 2004, Minister Thaksin Shinawatra officially recognised fighting was not the mere product of 'bandits'. Separatist groups fought under several ideologies; however, the overarching goal was to assert regional autonomy. By the early 2000s, jihadism had also become prevalent which has made the conflict more complex. Violence continued and escalated again in 2010. Peace talks continue to be rejected by the Barisan Revolusi Nasional-Coordinate (BRN-C), one of the major opposition factions. A peace process was briefly started by Yingluck Shinawatra following the signing of a consensus document in 2013, but faced serious hurdles including the lack of support by the BRN-C. Separatist attacks against civilians in the deep South continue while Thai peace delegations urge for formal negotiation talks with the several separatist groups.

Close
South Thailand Insurgency (2001 -)

Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Thailand peace process
Parties	Peace Dialogue panel of the Royal Thai Government (PEDP) Patani Malay National Revolutionary Front (BRN)

Third parties	-
Description	Short statement setting out principles for an 'inclusive peace dialogue process' and 'based on the spirit and substance contained in the General Consensus and the Berlin Initiative'. Includes principles for seeking political solutions relating to the Patani community, establishing a mechanism for public consultation, and a mechanism for reducing violence.
Agreement document	TH_220331_General Principles of the Peace Dialogue Process_EN.pdf (opens in new tab) Download PDF
Agreement document (original language)	TH_220331_General Principles of the Process of Peaceful Dialogue.pdf (opens in new tab)
Groups	
Children/youth	No specific mention.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ethnic/national group	<p>Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical</p> <p>4. Both parties will strive to discuss details of the aforementioned matters and work towards actual implementation for peace and prosperity of the Patani community in the Southern Border provinces of Thailand.</p> <p>Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Anti-discrimination</p> <p>2. Both parties will seek to establish a safe and inclusive mechanism for public consultation within the area based on the principle of dignity, safety, and freedom of expression, which will reflect the opinions and needs of all people in the area, regardless of ethnicity and religion.</p> <p>Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive</p> <p>1. Both parties will discuss and mutually seek political solutions in accordance with the will of the Patani community under the Unitary State of Thailand in accordance with the Constitution including the form of governance, recognition of the Patani community identities, human rights, justice and legal matters, economic and development, education, culture, safety, and security.</p> <p>In this regard, appropriate safety and security measures will be provided to designated BRN representatives to participate in the mentioned consultation.</p>

Religious groups Groups→Religious groups→Anti-discrimination
2. Both parties will seek to establish a safe and inclusive mechanism for public consultation within the area based on the principle of dignity, safety, and freedom of expression, which will reflect the opinions and needs of all people in the area, regardless of ethnicity and religion.

Indigenous people No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced persons No specific mention.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/secession No specific mention.

Accession/ unification	No specific mention.
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Border delimitation	No specific mention.
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Cross-border provision	No specific mention.
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Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)	No specific mention.
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Elections	No specific mention.
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Electoral commission	No specific mention.
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Political parties reform	No specific mention.
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Civil society	No specific mention.
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Traditional/ religious leaders	No specific mention.
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Public administration	No specific mention.
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Constitution	No specific mention.
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Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
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Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
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Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
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Military power sharing	No specific mention.
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Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	1. Both parties will discuss and mutually seek political solutions in accordance with the will of the Patani community under the Unitary State of Thailand in accordance with the Constitution including the form of governance, recognition of the Patani community identities, human rights, justice and legal matters, economic and development, education, culture, safety, and security.
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Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
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Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
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Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
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Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.
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Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
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Democracy	No specific mention.
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Detention procedures	No specific mention.
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Media and communication	No specific mention.
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Mobility/access	No specific mention.
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Protection measures	<p>Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians</p> <p>3. Both parties will seek to implement a reduction of violence monitored by a jointly agreed mechanism which will create a conducive environment for peace and ensure safety for all the people in the area.</p> <p>Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of groups</p> <p>1. Both parties will discuss and mutually seek political solutions in accordance with the will of the Patani community under the Unitary State of Thailand in accordance with the Constitution including the form of governance, recognition of the Patani community identities, human rights, justice and legal matters, economic and development, education, culture, safety, and security.</p> <p>2. Both parties will seek to establish a safe and inclusive mechanism for public consultation within the area based on the principle of dignity, safety, and freedom of expression, which will reflect the opinions and needs of all people in the area, regardless of ethnicity and religion.</p> <p>4. Both parties will strive to discuss details of the aforementioned matters and work towards actual implementation for peace and prosperity of the Patani community in the Southern Border provinces of Thailand.</p> <p>Rights related issues→Protection measures→Other</p> <p>In this regard, appropriate safety and security measures will be provided to designated BRN representatives to participate in the mentioned consultation.</p>
Other	No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts 1. Both parties will discuss and mutually seek political solutions in accordance with the will of the Patani community under the Unitary State of Thailand in accordance with the Constitution including the form of governance, recognition of the Patani community identities, human rights, justice and legal matters, economic and development, education, culture, safety, and security.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
1. Both parties will discuss and mutually seek political solutions in accordance with the will of the Patani community under the Unitary State of Thailand in accordance with the Constitution including the form of governance, recognition of the Patani community identities, human rights, justice and legal matters, economic and development, education, culture, safety, and security.
4. Both parties will strive to discuss details of the aforementioned matters and work towards actual implementation for peace and prosperity of the Patani community in the Southern Border provinces of Thailand.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/nomadism rights No specific mention.

Cultural heritage Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Other
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Environment No specific mention.

Water or riparian rights or access No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees 3. Both parties will seek to implement a reduction of violence monitored by a jointly agreed mechanism which will create a conducive environment for peace and ensure safety for all the people in the area.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces No specific mention.

Withdrawal of foreign forces No specific mention.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/organised crime No specific mention.

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general No specific mention.

Amnesty/pardon No specific mention.

Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	No specific mention.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
Related cases	No specific mention.
Source	No specific mention.
