



BANGKOK, 9 August 2021. As became known to the public that, on 6 August 2021, Mr.Thanapong Kengpaiboon *et al.* filed the lawsuit against Royal Thai Police *et al.* on the ground of tort and on the basis of the Act on Tortious Liability of Officials, B.E. 2539 (1996) and the emergency motion for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction in Civil Action No.๓3683/2564, in which the Civil Court has accepted merely the petition brought against Royal Thai Police and has dismissed the case for the other defendants on the ground of the immunity granted to officials, as designated by Article 5 Paragraph 1 of such Act, as well as the emergency motion for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction. Today (9 August 2021), the plaintiffs have submitted the emergency motion for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction obligating the first defendant (Royal Thai Police) to prohibit the police officers performing crowd control duty from the use of rubber bullet against the plaintiffs, those working in media field and people not expressing or showing any intention to inflict, or threatening to inflict, harm or injury upon the life of the other person. In such motion, the plaintiffs also seek the court to force the first defendant to interdict such police officer from threatening, intimidating and limiting the area in which the plaintiffs and those working in media field perform their duties. The plaintiffs, moreover, seek the court to force the first defendant to command the police officers to perform their duties taking into account of the safety and freedom of those working in media field and people, and to enjoin the first defendant and the police officers from performing a crackdown on protest in a manner contrary to the Basic Principles of the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials and the Act on Public Demonstration, B.E. 2558 (2015).

NOW, the Civil Court has accepted such motion and has conducted the hearing for such motion in Civil Action No.๓3683/2564, fixing the day for the delivery of an order on 10 August 2021 at 1.30 pm.