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BANGKOK, 29 October 2021. As became known to the public that, on 29 October 2021, Miss Panusaya Sithijirawattanakul *et al.* have brought the petition against Thailand's Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha *et al.* seeking the revocation of the enforcement of Article 3 of the Regulation Issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) (No. 15) (hereinafter Regulation) together with the implemented announcement and seeking the Court's order to obligate the defendants to prohibit their officers from performing their duties in any manner obstructing the protests of the plaintiffs and to order their officers to perform their duties taking into account public safety and freedom, and the emergency motion for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction enjoining the defendants from enforcing such regulation and announcement, the Civil Court has conducted the hearing for such motion in Civil Action No.๗5080/2564.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Civil Court has examined and assessed the witnesses and the documentary evidences brought before the Court and do hereby order this 29th day of October 2021, as follows:

“Notwithstanding the Regulation and the announcement having the negative effect on public right and freedom to express opinion and to protest, it is widely known in the present time of COVID-19 outbreak. The activities on 31 October 2021 as appeared in the petition comprise of more than 10,000 persons in which case the risk of outbreak exists. It is, thus, necessary to enforce the measures as designated in the Regulation and the announcement so as to prevent the outbreak for the public benefits. In case of changed circumstances regarding the outbreak in which public safety is improved, the necessity to enforce such measures might not exist in the future.

WHEREFORE, the Court orders that there is no genuine and reasonable ground for granting the temporary restraining order as requested and thereby the motion shall be dismissed.”