

Thai Parliament Session To Start On Aug 1
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BANGKOK, July 28 (Bernama) -- The Thai Parliament session will be opened on Aug 1, paving the way for the formation of a new government led by the Pheu Thai party that triumphed in the July 3, general election.

During the session, the Prime Minister and Speaker of the House will be elected through a voting process by Members of Parliament.

The new House will consist of 500 seats.

The Election Commission tonight endorsed another 94 MPs, bringing the total to 496 MPs endorsed thus far.

Election Commissioner Sodsri Sattayatham said the Pheu Thai party's MP Jatuporn Prompan who is currently being detained on lese majestee charge has yet to be endorsed.

She said Jatuporn's case would be referred to the Constitution Court after complaints that he may have lost his party membership following his detention and thus was not qualified to run in the recent election.

Winners from two constituencies in Nongkhai and Sukhothai failed to be endorsed because the EC found them guilty of vote buying and ordered by-elections in the two constituencies.

Following a request, the EC also ordered a vote recount for Constituency 2 of Yala which recorded a majority of just 300 votes.

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