

Motions To Remove Prime Minister, Foreign Minister
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BANGKOK, Jan 24 (Bernama) -- The Opposition Democrat has forwarded impeachment motions to seek the removal of the prime minister and foreign minister over the re-issuance of Thai passport to former premier Thaksin Shinawatra.

Two Democrat members of parliament Wirat Kallayasiri and Chaiwut Phongphaew filed the motions to Senate Speaker, Teeradej Meepien, here.

The opposition wants to impeach Yingluck Shinawatra because the prime minister failed to revoke the passport re-issued by the foreign ministry to her elder brother.

It alleged Foreign Minister Dr Surapong Tovichakchaikul re-issued the passport despite Thaksin having been sentenced in absentia to two years in prison by the Thai court over a land corruption case.

Thaksin, who was ousted in a bloodless coup on Sept 19, 2006, fled the country in 2008 before the Supreme Court convicted him of corruption over his then wife's purchase of a land in Ratchadaphisek area here.

Thaksin's passport was revoked during Yingluck's predecessor, Abhisit Vejjajiva's government.

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