

Thai Government Studies Possibility Of Curfew In Restive South
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BANGKOK, Aug 7 (Bernama) -- The Thai government is still studying the possibility of imposing curfew in the restive south following the escalation of violence in the area lately.

Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra said, here, today, that the government needed to consult with various parties including the National Security Council before deciding on the matter.

Debate on the imposition of curfew in Pattani, Yala and Narathiwat has heated up following series of attacks against civilians, soldiers and defence volunteers, as well as bomb attacks with cases reported almost daily since July 20.

They have claimed at least 10 lives and injured more than 20 people.

The most devastated incident was the car bomb attack at the eight-storey CS Pattani Hotel in Pattani last week, forcing the evacuation of its guests.

More than 5,000 people have died since suspected separatists resumed their armed campaign to seek independence for the three provinces eight years ago.

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