

**PM Prayut Urges Authorities to Step up Security after Bombings and Arson Attacks**  
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BANGKOK, Aug 12 (Bernama) -- Thai Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha has urged the authorities to step up security at public and tourist areas after a series of bombings and arson attacks occurring since last night, including in the tourist hot spots of Phuket, Hua Hin and Krabi.

According to government spokesman Maj Gen Sansern Kaewkamnerd, the prime minister had issued an emergency order to the relevant authorities to prevent the repeat of such attacks.

"It is still too early to identify the suspects or masterminds, but the prime minister has guaranteed to bring those responsible for these deadly blasts to justice," he said in a statement issued today.....

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