

Yingluck-Abhisit Discuss Flood Woes

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BANGKOK, Oct 11 (Bernama) -- As Thailand faces a critical flood situation, both government and opposition politicians are working hand-in-hand to address the crisis, in a display of rare political spirit shown in this region.

Opposition leader Abhisit Vejjajiva, who was the former prime minister and some Democrat party leaders, visited the Don Mueang Airport here at 12.20pm, where the Flood Relief Command Centre is located.

At that time, his successor, Yingluck Shinawatra, had just finished chairing a weekly Cabinet meeting at the airport.

They greeted each other and both began discussing the flood problem.

During the discussion, Abhisit made various proposals, including calling on the government to turn the 70,000 square metre cargo area at the airport into an evacuation centre.

At the moment, that part of the airport serves as a flood relief collection and distribution centre, as well as command centre. Abhisit was accompanied by former finance minister Korn Chatikavanij and Democrat party spokesman Chavanond Intarakomalsut during the discussion.

Earlier, Abhisit visited the flood victims evacuation centre at Thammasat University's Rangsit campus.

The opposition party had also handed out flood relief supplies, as well as financial assistance to the flood victims, from time to time, during the crisis.

Even Yingluck's brother, Thaksin, expressed appreciation for the opposition's efforts to help provide food and essential items to flood victims.

This is a very good signal for the country. When we are facing a crisis, all political parties brush aside their political differences and work together to help the country," he said during a special interview with a Thai newspaper with a Dubai dateline, which was published Tuesday.

About 40 per cent of the country is still inundated, with the death toll reaching 269, as the floods hit the country in stages, since last July, before reaching the critical level recently.

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