

**Thai PM Sets Up War Room To Monitor Widespread Floods**  
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BANGKOK, Aug 19 (Bernama) -- Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra said her government is setting up a war room to monitor on widespread floods in the country and also to assess updated developments for immediate actions and solutions, according to Thai News agency.

"I have instructed relevant agencies to dispatch their teams to inspect and take care of flood-stricken areas and victims. On Aug 20, I will call governors of all flood-hit provinces via teleconferencing calls to discuss urgent and effective measures to solve flood-related problems," she said.

As of Wednesday's official count, 29 people had drowned and 200,000 had been affected by lingering floods in 12 provinces.

Expressing her concern, Yingluck vowed to introduce long term measures to resolve the country's repeated floods, based on a thorough and discreet scrutiny of all relevant factors systematically, including a nationwide water management master plan and the possibly construction of the proposed Kaen Sua Ten Dam.

It is predicted for more downpours in several areas in the coming days caused by a low pressure mass, she said.

"The Royal Irrigation Department's contingent plan to release upstream water into Angthong and Ayutthaya will help to cater floodwater temporarily and to ease inundations in more sensitive areas," she said.

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