

Thailand Prime Minister Dismissed Over Leaked Phone Call

- **On August 29, 2025, Thailand's Prime Minister Ms Paetongtarn Shinawatra** was dismissed from office by the **Constitutional Court of Thailand** over serious ethical breaches in a leaked phone call with **Cambodia's Senate President Hun Sen**.
- **Paetongtarn**, a member of the powerful **Shinawatra political family dynasty**, became the country's youngest PM in August 2024 and served a year in office.
- The case stemmed from a **June call between Paetongtarn and Hun Sen** where Paetongtarn referred to **Hun Sen** as her "uncle" and a **Thai military commander** as her "opponent." These remarks drew sharp criticism and led to her **main coalition partner withdrawing support**. She was suspended from office in July, 2025.
- The **call leaked by Hun Sen himself** and phone discussion preceded violent confrontations along the border resulting in multiple deaths and displacement of thousands.
- The **nine judge panel ruled by a six to three majority** that Paetongtarn, leader of the **Pheu Thai Party** had breached constitutional ethics, **undermined national pride and prioritized personal interests over national concerns**. The court did not accuse her of corruption but the judges said **her words diminished public confidence in her role as Prime Minister**.
- **Paetongtarn defended her conduct**, stating her intention was to safeguard **national interests** and to **promote peace amid the border dispute**.
- **Caretaker PM Phumtham Wechayachai's** cabinet will remain in office until Parliament selects a new PM. **The cabinet could also dissolve Parliament and call a new election**.
- The dismissal of the PM marks another turbulent chapter in Thailand's political landscape, as **Paetongtarn, daughter of former PM Thaksin Shinawatra is the fifth prime minister removed by judicial action since 2008**.