

## **Military Coup: Transport, Business Still Open**

### **Situation Update: Thailand Political Developments**

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According to the coup's leader, Gen Prayuth Chan-ocha, the coup would help restore normalcy and national unity, ensure reform of political, economic and social institutions, and ensure legitimacy to all sides.

A nationwide curfew has been imposed from 22.00 – 05.00 hours with effective from yesterday, and martial law to remain in effect until further notice as announced by the National Peace and Order Maintaining Council (NPOMC).

Businesses, public services and transport services throughout Thailand are operating, but have adjusted operating hours to comply with the curfew.

The NPOMC offers leniency to all air passengers with arrival and departure flights scheduled during the curfew, allowing them to travel to and from the airports at any time as usual. The following measures are advised for travellers travelling to Bangkok and the immediate vicinity:

- Individual travellers are advised to keep their passports and other travel documents on their person at all times, in case they are required for inspection by the security authorities.
- Group travellers on tour coaches will be taken care of by their respective tour leaders when passing through any security checkpoint.
- Taxi services at the Suvarnabhumi Airport are available 24 hours. These taxis have the Suvarnabhumi Airport stickers displayed on the front windscreen. Security checkpoint officers will allow access for these vehicles.
- Suvarnabhumi Airport Call Center Tel: 1722 is ready for assistance if tourists need more information.

Tourists can continue to apply for visa as usual as the NPOMC has called for civil servants at all ministries and government agencies to carry on with their normal duties.

TAT will continue to monitor the situation, and will be providing more updates as soon as there are further developments.

In the meantime, tourists can contact the following numbers for information and assistance:

TAT Call Centre **1672**

Tourist Police Call Centre **1155**

Traffic Police Call Centre **1197**

BMTA (city bus and van service) Call Centre **1348**

BTS Hotline **+66 (0) 2617 6000**

MRT Customer Relations Center **+66 (0) 2624 5200**

SRT (train service) Call Centre **1690**

Transport Co., Ltd., (inter-provincial bus service) Call Centre **1490**

AOT (Suvarnabhumi Airport) Call Centre **1722**

Don Mueang Airport Call Centre **+66 (0) 2535 3861, (0) 2535 3863**

Thai Airways International Call Centre **+66 (0) 2356 1111**

Bangkok Airways Call Centre **1771**

Nok Air Call Centre **1318**

Thai AirAsia Call Centre **+66 (0) 2515 9999**