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| <b>Country/entity</b>           | Thailand   |
| <b>Region</b>                   | Asia and Pacific                                 |
| <b>Agreement name</b>           | General Principles of the Peace Dialogue Process |
| <b>Date</b>                     | 31 Mar 2022                                      |
| <b>Agreement status</b>         | Multiparty signed/agreed                         |
| <b>Interim arrangement</b>      | Yes  |
| <b>Agreement/conflict level</b> | Intrastate/intrastate conflict                   |

### South Thailand Insurgency (2001 - )

The roots of the conflict go back to the early twentieth century, when Thai leadership began policies of forced assimilation of the local Muslim/Malay population. For over 200 years, the region had been under the nominal control of the Kingdom of Siam, but the Kingdom had not interfered much locally, as demonstrated by various regional legal exemptions for Civil Law and Islamic Law. However, the National Culture Act of 1939 institutionalized 'Thai-ification' practices begun five years earlier. Following the end of WWII, Patani people in the southern region of Thailand began campaigning for cultural and legal rights but were repressed in response. By the 1950s Patani nationalism began to gain currency among locals and in 1960s several separatist groups were established sparking a low-scale separatist insurgency. Violence escalated between Patani insurgents and national security forces in 2001 and by 2004, Minister Thaksin Shinawatra officially recognised fighting was not the mere product of 'bandits'. Separatist groups fought under several ideologies; however, the overarching goal was to assert regional autonomy. By the early 2000s, jihadism had also become prevalent which has made the conflict more complex. Violence continued and escalated again in 2010. Peace talks continue to be rejected by the Barisan Revolusi Nasional-Coordinate (BRN-C), one of the major opposition factions. A peace process was briefly started by Yingluck Shinawatra following the signing of a consensus document in 2013, but faced serious hurdles including the lack of support by the BRN-C. Separatist attacks against civilians in the deep South continue while Thai peace delegations urge for formal negotiation talks with the several separatist groups.

Close  
South Thailand Insurgency (2001 - )

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| <b>Stage</b>           | Pre-negotiation/process   |
| <b>Conflict nature</b> | Government/territory  |
| <b>Peace process</b>   | Thailand peace process  |
| <b>Parties</b>         | Peace Dialogue panel of the Royal Thai Government (PEDP)<br>Patani Malay National Revolutionary Front (BRN) |

**Third parties**

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**Description**

Short statement setting out principles for an 'inclusive peace dialogue process' and 'based on the spirit and substance contained in the General Consensus and the Berlin Initiative'. Includes principles for seeking political solutions relating to the Patani community, establishing a mechanism for public consultation, and a mechanism for reducing violence.

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**Agreement document**

[TH\\_220331\\_General Principles of the Peace Dialogue Process\\_EN.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#)  
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**Groups****Children/youth**

No specific mention.

**Disabled persons**

No specific mention.

**Elderly/age**

No specific mention.

**Migrant workers**

No specific mention.

**Racial/ethnic/national group**

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical

4. Both parties will strive to discuss details of the aforementioned matters and work towards actual implementation for peace and prosperity of the Patani community in the Southern Border provinces of Thailand.

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Anti-discrimination

2. Both parties will seek to establish a safe and inclusive mechanism for public consultation within the area based on the principle of dignity, safety, and freedom of expression, which will reflect the opinions and needs of all people in the area, regardless of ethnicity and religion.

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive

1. Both parties will discuss and mutually seek political solutions in accordance with the will of the Patani community under the Unitary State of Thailand in accordance with the Constitution including the form of governance, recognition of the Patani community identities, human rights, justice and legal matters, economic and development, education, culture, safety, and security.

In this regard, appropriate safety and security measures will be provided to designated BRN representatives to participate in the mentioned consultation.

**Religious groups** Groups→Religious groups→Anti-discrimination  
2. Both parties will seek to establish a safe and inclusive mechanism for public consultation within the area based on the principle of dignity, safety, and freedom of expression, which will reflect the opinions and needs of all people in the area, regardless of ethnicity and religion.

**Indigenous people** No specific mention.

**Other groups** No specific mention.

**Refugees/displaced persons** No specific mention.

**Social class** No specific mention.

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## **Gender**

**Women, girls and gender** No specific mention.

**Men and boys** No specific mention.

**LGBTI** No specific mention.

**Family** No specific mention.

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## **State definition**

**Nature of state (general)** No specific mention.

**State configuration** No specific mention.

**Self determination** No specific mention.

**Referendum** No specific mention.

**State symbols** No specific mention.

**Independence/secession** No specific mention.

**Accession/  
unification** No specific mention.

**Border delimitation** No specific mention.

**Cross-border  
provision** No specific mention.

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## **Governance**

**Political  
institutions (new or  
reformed)** No specific mention.

**Elections** No specific mention.

**Electoral  
commission** No specific mention.

**Political parties  
reform** No specific mention.

**Civil society** No specific mention.

**Traditional/  
religious leaders** No specific mention.

**Public  
administration** No specific mention.

**Constitution** No specific mention.

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## **Power sharing**

**Political power  
sharing** No specific mention.

**Territorial power  
sharing** No specific mention.

**Economic power  
sharing** No specific mention.

**Military power  
sharing** No specific mention.

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## Human rights and equality

**Human rights/RoL general** 1. Both parties will discuss and mutually seek political solutions in accordance with the will of the Patani community under the Unitary State of Thailand in accordance with the Constitution including the form of governance, recognition of the Patani community identities, human rights, justice and legal matters, economic and development, education, culture, safety, and security.

**Bill of rights/similar** No specific mention.

**Treaty incorporation** No specific mention.

**Civil and political rights** No specific mention.

**Socio-economic rights** No specific mention.

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## Rights related issues

**Citizenship** No specific mention.

**Democracy** No specific mention.

**Detention procedures** No specific mention.

**Media and communication** No specific mention.

**Mobility/access** No specific mention.

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| <b>Protection measures</b> | <p>Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians</p> <p>3. Both parties will seek to implement a reduction of violence monitored by a jointly agreed mechanism which will create a conducive environment for peace and ensure safety for all the people in the area.</p> <p>Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of groups</p> <p>1. Both parties will discuss and mutually seek political solutions in accordance with the will of the Patani community under the Unitary State of Thailand in accordance with the Constitution including the form of governance, recognition of the Patani community identities, human rights, justice and legal matters, economic and development, education, culture, safety, and security.</p> <p>2. Both parties will seek to establish a safe and inclusive mechanism for public consultation within the area based on the principle of dignity, safety, and freedom of expression, which will reflect the opinions and needs of all people in the area, regardless of ethnicity and religion.</p> <p>4. Both parties will strive to discuss details of the aforementioned matters and work towards actual implementation for peace and prosperity of the Patani community in the Southern Border provinces of Thailand.</p> <p>Rights related issues→Protection measures→Other</p> <p>In this regard, appropriate safety and security measures will be provided to designated BRN representatives to participate in the mentioned consultation.</p> |
| <b>Other</b>               | No specific mention.  |

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**Rights institutions**

**NHRI** No specific mention.

**Regional or international human rights institutions** No specific mention.

**Justice sector reform**

**Criminal justice and emergency law** No specific mention.

**State of emergency provisions** No specific mention.

**Judiciary and courts** 1. Both parties will discuss and mutually seek political solutions in accordance with the will of the Patani community under the Unitary State of Thailand in accordance with the Constitution including the form of governance, recognition of the Patani community identities, human rights, justice and legal matters, economic and development, education, culture, safety, and security.

**Prisons and detention** No specific mention.

**Traditional Laws** No specific mention.

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**Socio-economic reconstruction**

**Development or socio-economic reconstruction** Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development  
1. Both parties will discuss and mutually seek political solutions in accordance with the will of the Patani community under the Unitary State of Thailand in accordance with the Constitution including the form of governance, recognition of the Patani community identities, human rights, justice and legal matters, economic and development, education, culture, safety, and security.  
4. Both parties will strive to discuss details of the aforementioned matters and work towards actual implementation for peace and prosperity of the Patani community in the Southern Border provinces of Thailand.

**National economic plan** No specific mention.

**Natural resources** No specific mention.

**International funds** No specific mention.

**Business** No specific mention.

**Taxation** No specific mention.

**Banks** No specific mention.

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**Land, property and environment**

**Land reform/rights** No specific mention.

**Pastoralist/nomadism rights** No specific mention.

**Cultural heritage** Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Other  
1. Both parties will discuss and mutually seek political solutions in accordance with the will of the Patani community under the Unitary State of Thailand in accordance with the Constitution including the form of governance, recognition of the Patani community identities, human rights, justice and legal matters, economic and development, education, culture, safety, and security.

**Environment** No specific mention.

**Water or riparian rights or access** No specific mention.

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### **Security sector**

**Security Guarantees** 3. Both parties will seek to implement a reduction of violence monitored by a jointly agreed mechanism which will create a conducive environment for peace and ensure safety for all the people in the area.

**Ceasefire** No specific mention.

**Police** No specific mention.

**Armed forces** No specific mention.

**DDR** No specific mention.

**Intelligence services** No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces** No specific mention.

**Withdrawal of foreign forces** No specific mention.

**Corruption** No specific mention.

**Crime/organised crime** No specific mention.

**Drugs** No specific mention.

**Terrorism** No specific mention.

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### **Transitional justice**

**Transitional justice general** No specific mention.

**Amnesty/pardon** No specific mention.

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| <b>Courts</b>           | No specific mention. |
| <b>Mechanism</b>        | No specific mention. |
| <b>Prisoner release</b> | No specific mention. |
| <b>Vetting</b>          | No specific mention. |
| <b>Victims</b>          | No specific mention. |
| <b>Missing persons</b>  | No specific mention. |
| <b>Reparations</b>      | No specific mention. |
| <b>Reconciliation</b>   | No specific mention. |

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#### **Implementation**

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| <b>UN signatory</b>                        | No specific mention. |
| <b>Other international signatory</b>       | No specific mention. |
| <b>Referendum for agreement</b>            | No specific mention. |
| <b>International mission/force/similar</b> | No specific mention. |
| <b>Enforcement mechanism</b>               | No specific mention. |
| <b>Related cases</b>                       | No specific mention. |
| <b>Source</b>                              | No specific mention. |

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