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THAILAND PROTESTS

Protests have been on-going against the government of Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha, which have included demands of reform of the Thai Monarchy, unprecedented in the contemporary era.

The protests were initially triggered by the dissolution of the Future Forward Party (FFP) in February 2020. The party was critical of Prayut and the country's political landscape designed by the current 2017 constitution. The protesters are mostly students and young people without an overall leader.



Source: Financial Times Thailand

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INDONESIA PROTESTS OVER JOBS LAW

Thousands of workers in Indonesia protests against the new job jobs law that critics say will erode labor rights and weaken environmental protections.



The Confederation of Indonesian Trade Unions, or KSPI, said thousands of workers from cities in West Java and East Java provinces representing 32 labor unions took part in a mass rally near the Presidential Palace and Constitutional Court in Jakarta.

Protests also took place in other parts of the country including Yogyakarta, Banda Aceh, Medan and Makassar. The protest in Jakarta, the capital, ended peacefully after labor union representatives delivered a written statement to the Constitutional Court.

Source: Independent UK

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THE UYGHURS IN CHINA

The Chinese government is expanding detention camps in an effort to suppress the Uyghur Muslim Minority in Xinjiang, China.



At least 1 million Uyghurs have been interned since 2017 in more than 85 identified camps within Xinjiang - an autonomous region in Northwest China, according to Western reports. Most of the construction happened between 2017 and 2018.

The Chinese government long denied that the camps existed, but after images of camp construction with watch towers and barbed wire fences emerged, the government acknowledged what they call "re-education centers" for Uyghurs.

Members of the Muslim minority say they were detained, interrogated and beaten because of their religion. Many say it is clear -- they were interned, not "re-educated."

Source: [PBS.org/feature/newshour/Uighurs](https://www.pbs.org/feature/newshour/Uighurs)

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VIETNAM FLOODING DISASTER

Millions of people in Vietnam face its worst floods for decades, the Red Cross says. Flooding and landslides this month have killed over 100 people, many of them soldiers, and left dozens more missing.

"These devastating floods are some of the worst we have seen in decades," the president of the Vietnam Red Cross Society, Nguyen Thi Xuan Thu, said.

The floodwaters have so far left at least 178,000 homes submerged, food crops have been destroyed and nearly 700,000 poultry and livestock have been killed or swept away.



Source: [BBC.uk/news/world-asia](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia)

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SUPER TYPHOON GONI RIPS THROUGH THE PHILIPPINES

Goni – known as Rolly in the Philippines – is the most powerful storm to hit the country since Typhoon Haiyan killed more than 6,000 people in 2013.

At least 10 people died and three others were missing after Typhoon Goni. An initial government report showed. More than 300 houses were buried under volcanic rocks and mud flows from Mayon Volcano in severely hit Albay province in the Bicol region.

Storm surges hit some coastal towns, while rivers overflowed and dikes were destroyed, submerging several villages in Bicol.



Source: [BBC.uk/news/world-asia](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia)