

Prime Minister's Order
No. 249/2552 (2009)

**Subject : The National Strength to Overcome Drugs under Five-Defensive Fences Strategy
Phase II (November 2009 – September 2010)**

(Unofficial translation)

The current Thai Government has declared its national drug control policy by using what so-called “Five Defensive Fences Strategy” as the main mechanism to fully implement it. All concerned public agencies have given their efforts to solve the drug problem seriously as their outcomes could be seen substantially. However, the drug problem still exists, and it is the Government’s first priority to overcome.

To accelerate the drug control implementation to be in accordance with the Government’s policy in order to urgently help Thai people out of this serious trouble; therefore, the Government issued the following orders:

1. Set up a national drug control plan which is called “Thailand’s Strength to Permanently Overcome Drug Problems under Five- Defensive Fences Strategy Phase II.”

2. Set up strategic goals and objectives to prevent drug problems from becoming worse for better life and security of Thai people and the society as a whole. Therefore, 4 targets are set up as follows:

Target 1 Reduce the seriousness of drug problems in target areas and high risk groups by dividing them into 3 major areas and 3 major approaches as follows:

a. Target areas are divided into 3 major areas; i.e., 3 northern provinces which drug smuggling is found the most (Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, and Mae Hong Sorn); Bangkok and provinces nearby; and 3 border provinces in the Southern part.

b. 3 major approaches for solving drug problems are Therapeutic Community system, voluntary and compulsory treatment system, and correctional treatment system.

Target 2 Reduce the seriousness of drug epidemic which has a big impact on Thai people by :

a. Taking at least 300,000 drug abusers/addicts to suitable treatment and rehabilitation programme which a half of them will come from communities’ persuasion, civil society, and their voluntaries.

b. Reducing the numbers of drug traffickers/dealers all over the country, and improve environments to prevent young people and risk groups from getting involved with drugs.

c. Focusing on solving problems in serious drug epidemic areas in 285 districts all over the country.

Target 3 Strengthen communities and civil societies mechanism to play more roles in solving drug problems in those target areas.

Target 4 Strengthen mechanism, systems, and management of drug control in critical situation

3. Implementation:

3.1 Concept and framework of the Strategy in phase II will follow those of the Strategy in Phase I which are still focused on 4 main themes; i.e., control drugs, control target areas, improve environments, and control drug abusers/addicts by balancing and integrating the whole national drug control system.

3.2 Technical Implementation is set up for 5 tactics to stop the seriousness of drug problems; i.e., drug epidemic reducing tactic, solving problems at critical points tactic, government-society cooperative strength tactic, and crisis management tactic.

3.3 Measures are set up into 2 levels as follows:

- **Measure level 1** : is the general measure to be implemented in common areas according to the Five Defensive Fences Strategy which is consisted of 9 major projects as follows:

Project 1 Border Fence or Drug Interception at Border Areas Project is the project which aims at cutting the supply of drugs from outside the country by using various measures.

Project 2 Community Fence or Drug Prevention Campaigns by Enhancing a Cooperation between Communities and Civil Society Project which aims at reducing the seriousness of drug epidemic in target communities/villages.

Project 3 Social Fence or Integrated Social Orders Project which aims at eliminating all kinds of risk factors to prevent young people from getting involved with drugs, and to build up drug immunity.

Project 4 School Fence or Prevention of Drug Abuse in Schools Project which aims at strengthening educational institutions with drug prevention activities.

Project 5 Family Fence or Strong and White Family Project

Project 6 Drug Suppression Project which aims at cracking down drug trafficking networks/syndicates at different levels

Project 7 Treatment and Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts Project by taking them to suitable treatment and rehabilitation programme for their social reintegration.

Project 8 Drug Prevention in Work Places Project which aims at strengthening work places and factories to stay away from drugs.

Project 9 Drug Control Management Project

- **Measure level 2** : is the specific measure to be implemented in target areas in order to solve specific problems which consisted of 3 target areas and 3 operational systems as follows:

Target area 1 consisted of 3 northern border provinces; i.e. , Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, and Mae Hong Sorn covering 14 districts which are the front line to combat illicit drugs.

Target area 2 consisted of Bangkok the capital city and provinces nearby which are major drug epidemic areas (35% of the overall drug epidemic area in the country)

Target area 3 consisted of 3 southern border provinces; i.e., Pattanee, Yala, Narathiwat, and plus 4 districts in Songkla Province which is the area of insecurity.

Operational System 1 is aimed at taking drug abusers/addicts to treatment programme by using community and civil society mechanism as well as voluntary basis.

Operational System 2 is aimed at developing compulsory treatment programme to serve the numbers of drug abusers/addicts as many as possible.

Operational System 3 is aimed at preventing and solving drug problems in prisons to eliminate drug trafficking

Remarks: The specific measure for 3 target areas and 3 operational systems will be set up in details later.

4. Framework and mechanism to solve drug problems:

4.1 Follow work guidelines as directed by the Prime Minister Order's no. 82/2552 dated 17 March 2009 Subject : Government's Drug Control Strategy and Order from Narcotics Control Board no. 1/2552 dated 3 April 2009 Subject : Mechanism for Drug Control According to Five Defensive Fences Strategy Phase I.

4.2 Set up special task forces for drug control to be responsible for monitoring drug control works in those 3 target areas which is supervised by the Internal Security Operations

Command (ISOC) and appointed by the Chairman of Narcotics Control Board. Those special task forces are:

- 4.2.1. Coordinating Center for Drug Interception and Prevention in Northern Border Areas
- 4.2.2. Drug Control Coordination Center in Bangkok and provinces nearby
- 4.2.3. Drug Control Coordination Center in 3 Southern Border Provinces
- 4.3 Set up monitoring mechanism to catch up the serious situation/problem that has an impact on the achievement of drug control operations.
- 4.4 Set up drug prevention mechanism at district and provincial levels to mobilize drug control works between the civil society and government agencies.
- 4.5 Set up mechanism to be responsible for monitoring the abuse of power by drug law enforcement officers.
- 4.6 Set up a special task force to monitor special problems which will be appointed by the Chairman of Narcotics Control Board.
- 4.7 Organization structures, direction, coordination, follow-up, evaluation, and work reports of those centers mentioned above will be directed by the Chairman of Narcotics Control Board.

5. Period of Implementation: Start from 1st November 2009 to 30th September 2010. The first evaluation will be conducted within 6 months after the start date.

6. Direction of Implementation

6.1 To carry out policies/plans according to the Five-Defensive Fences Strategy, action plans shall be set up completely within 15th December 2009.

6.2 Every concerned agency that has the budget shall allocate it to be accord with the implementation of those action plans and transfer the budget to local concerned agencies in regions/provinces. This process shall be done within November 2009 after that inform the Provincial Center for Combating Drugs (PCCD) all over the country to carry out and integrate action plans.

6.3 Execution, direction, and outcomes of the plan implementation shall be reported the same way as they were reported in the Five-Defensive Fences Strategy in Phase I.

7. Expenses

Per diem, allowance, accommodations, traveling expense, and other expenses shall conform to the Royal Decree on the Allowance for Committee Meeting B.E. 2547 (2004).

8. Promotion and Penalty

Promotion and penalty for governmental drug control officials and concerned people shall be considered and decided by the Internal Security Operations Command with the agreement from the Chairman of Narcotics Control Board.

9. Compliance

The National Strength to Overcome Drugs under Five-Defensive Fences Strategy Phase II shall be abided by all concerned parties as long as there is no changing order from Prime Minister. Other orders that do not comply with this order shall not be used against it.

Prime Minister's Order no. 249/2552 shall be used from now on.

Ordered on 10th November 2009

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