

## Weekly Country Report

### Thailand

23 - 29 June 2008

Limited train services to Southern Thailand resumed on 28 June 2008, a week after four people were shot dead and a railway policeman was injured in an attack by suspected insurgents.

#### Yala

Six suspected Muslim rebels were killed by security forces during a raid in Yala on 23 June 2008. Police also found a rifle with telescopic sights and a dozen mobile phones used for detonating bombs.<sup>1</sup>

On 24 June 2008, seven villagers and three soldiers were injured in a bombing on a market in Yala. The bomb had been hidden in a motorcycle.<sup>2</sup>

#### Pattani

A Muslim village chief was shot dead by suspected insurgents in a drive by shooting on 27 June 2008.<sup>3</sup>

#### Narathiwat

A 36-year-old Muslim man was killed by suspected insurgents on 27 June 2008 after dropping his children off at school.<sup>4</sup> Kamaruding Timoh had been taken in for questioning by the authorities two months ago but was released after police found no strong reason to detain him. An 18-year-old man was also injured by a stray bullet during the drive by shooting.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 'Six rebels killed, trains halted in Thai south', *Reuters India*, 23 June 2008, <http://in.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idINIndia-34187620080623>

<sup>2</sup> '10 wounded in Yala market bombing', *Bangkok Post*, 24 June 2008, [http://www.bangkokpost.com/breaking\\_news/breakingnews.php?id=128472](http://www.bangkokpost.com/breaking_news/breakingnews.php?id=128472)

<sup>3</sup> '2 Muslims killed in restive south', *Straits Times*, 27 June 2008, [http://www.straitstimes.com/Latest%2BNews/Asia/STISStory\\_252258.html](http://www.straitstimes.com/Latest%2BNews/Asia/STISStory_252258.html)

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>5</sup> 'Muslim man killed in drive by shooting in Narathiwat', *The Nation*, 27 June 2008, <http://nationmultimedia.com/breakingnews/read.php?newsid=30076689>