**Internal Security Affairs Bureau**

**Sitemap Structure**

**Agency Name: Internal Security Affairs Bureau**

**I. About Us**

**- Background Information on the Bureau**

In the beginning, the Department of Provincial Administration established Mass Coordination Division on 17 August 1993 with three Divisions, namely, Mass Affairs Division, Security Affairs Division and Government Affairs Coordination Division.

On 9 October 2002 all Ministries, Bureaus and Divisions were restructured and the Mass Coordination Division was changed to Internal Security Affairs Bureau comprising the following divisions:

1. Intelligence Division

2. Border and Refugee Affairs Division

3. Mass Affairs Division

4. Government Affairs Coordination Division

The Internal Security Affairs Bureau is responsible for the overall security of the country, mass affairs, intelligence, government affairs coordination and socio- psychological affairs.

**- Vision and Missions**

**Vision:** For the Bureau to be highly capable of vigilance and analysis of internal security integration among civilian sectors with all sectors in order to promote peace in the locality

**Missions:**

1. To propose policies, provide plans and measures and monitor internal security maintenance

2. To integrate intelligence; border; immigration affairs; supervision of hill tribes and minorities, refugees fleeing from armed conflict, and illegal immigrants; nationality affairs; Islamic affairs; and mass affairs in relation to the maintenance of internal security

3. To develop human resources for internal security maintenance.

4. To cooperate with all sectors in internal security maintenance.

**- Related Laws**

- Organization of Village Development and Self-Defense Volunteer Act

B.E. 2522 (1979)

- Ministerial Regulation of the Ministry of Interior on Officials of the Security Unit to Protect and Maintain Peace and Order in a Village B.E. 2551 (2008) and its amendment (No. 2) B.E. 2554 (2011)

**- Internal Agencies**

Internal Security Affairs Bureau is divided internally into four divisions and one group of Intelligence Specialist Office as follows:

**1. Office of Intelligence Specialist**

The Office of Intelligence Specialist is responsible for analyzing and proposing solutions in relation to intelligence of public interest that directly affects the Ministry of Interior or the Department of Provincial Administration, and other duties as assigned.

**2. Intelligence Division**

The Intelligence Division is responsible for intelligence operations; analysis and evaluation of situations that affect internal security and public order; research and development of operation models for intelligence, analytical systems, assessment and information filing systems; as well as promoting and supporting local intelligence operations and coordinating intelligence operations among relevant agencies; and other duties as assigned.

The Intelligence Division is divided into three groups as follows:

1. System Development and Intelligence Technology Group

2. Situation Analysis Group

3. Intelligence Operation Group

**3. Border and Refugee Affairs Division**

The Border and Refugee Affairs Division is responsible for:

- Proposing policies, designating measures, providing plans, providing practical guidelines, researching, developing and monitoring border security administration;

- Administering and coordinating in solving problems related to borders, border crossing agreements, border crossing with neighboring countries;

- Promoting international relations with neighboring countries at a local level;

- Solving socio-psychological problems and promoting good understanding at border areas;

- Promoting public participation in border security maintenance;

- Preventing and intercepting illegal immigrants, and other duties related to border affairs at border areas according to policies and strategies on national security, including coordinating and supporting works related to refugees and people fleeing armed conflict affairs; controlling order maintenance, providing assistance, registering refugees and people fleeing armed conflict in refugee camps or in temporary shelters supported by ministries, departments and other relevant agencies according to their policies, including promoting and supporting the border and refugee affairs of provinces, districts; and

- Performing other duties as assigned.

The Border and Refugee Affairs Division is divided internally into two groups as follows:

1. Border Affairs Group

2. Refugee Affairs Group

**4. Mass Affairs Division**

The Mass Affairs Division is responsible for:

- Administering, coordinating tasks with government and private sectors and with public in mass power mode, providing strategies, developing, studying, researching, monitoring mass affairs system, designating measures, prevention guidelines, controlling and mitigating violence from demonstrations;

- Solving social conflicts and promoting reconciliation and unity among the population;

- Administering, establishing, dissolving Village Development and Self Defense Volunteer units and other relevant duties according to Organization of Village Development and Self-Defense Volunteer Act; strengthening villages in southern border provinces by Village Security Teams; developing the capacity for village leaders, community leaders and mass power groups, including promoting order and internal security maintenance; and

- Performing other duties as assigned.

The Mass Affairs Division is divided internally into four groups as follows:

1. Mass Affairs Group

2. Mass Strategy Group

3. Peaceful Means and Reconciliation Group

4. Mass Efficiency Development Group

**5. Government Affairs Coordination Division**

The Government Affairs Coordination Division is responsible for:

- Implementing and supporting government policy on state administration, recommending policies, designating measures, providing plans, establishing guidelines and monitoring performances related to strategies towards solving personal rights and status problems and strategies for solving illegal immigrant problems related to the entire system;

- Supporting the implementation of strategies aimed at southern border provinces security;

- Developing lives and strengthening immunity according to the philosophy of sufficiency economy, including promoting Thai consciousness to highland communities and southern border provinces;

- Inspecting work, organizing screening committee and subcommittee meetings and providing opinions on status determination a well as granting Thai nationality to minorities and other nationality and immigration tasks according to nationality laws and immigration laws;

- Overseeing, intercepting and relocating hill tribes and minorities;

- Supporting and promoting tasks, administering Islamic affairs of Islamic organizations and Sheikhul Islam according to the Royal Decree Concerning the Administration of Islamic Organizations, administering National Islamic Organization Center, Chalermprakiat, promoting relationship with international Islamic organizations;

- Carrying out social psychology work to promote internal security, including coordinating and supporting implementation of policies and strategies on security in southern border provinces;

- Organizing orientation for government officials, promoting religious relationships; and

- Performing other duties as assigned.

The Government Affairs Coordination Division is divided internally into three groups and one center as follows:

1. Minority Group

2. Nationality and Immigration Group

3. Administration of Islamic Affairs Group

4. Southern Border Provinces Administrative Center

**6. General Administration Group**

The General Administration Group is responsible for:

- General administration and clerical affairs;

- Handling the Bureau’s documentation, receiving, sending and circulating the Bureau’s official correspondences;

- Handling finance and accounting, vehicle maintenance, office supplies and durable articles of the Bureau;

- Collecting and filing documents, recording and making copies of minutes of meetings of the Bureau;

- Collecting, analyzing and summarizing articles and news for superiors;

- Facilitating secretarial work; and

- Performing other duties as assigned.

The Division is divided internally into three subdivisions as follows:

1. General Administration Subdivision

2. Policy, Plan and Public Relations Subdivision

3. Budget, Finance and Office Supplies Subdivision

**II. Organization Structure**

**- Executives**

Mr. Phutthiphong Sirimart

Director, Security Affairs Bureau

Mr. Udomkhet Radmui

Intelligence Specialist

Affairs Bureau

Mr. Thawat Charoenwai

Director, Border and Refugee Affairs

Mr. Ekarat Maneekarn

Director, Mass Affairs

Mr. Manoj Aref

Director, Government Affairs Coordination

Mr. Somchai Chamni

Director, Intelligence Affairs

Mr. Thawat Chuaychoowong

Chief, General Administration Group

**- Organization Structure**

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| **Internal Security Affairs Bureau** | |
| **Subunits** | **Number of Personnel** |
| Director of Bureau | 1 |
| Intelligence Specialist | 1 |
| Intelligence Division | 80 |
| Border and Refugee Affairs Division | 23 |
| Mass Affairs Division | 40 |
| Government Affairs Coordination Division | 44 |
| General Administration Group | 20 |
| **Total** | **209** |

**- Authority and Functions**

According to the Ministerial Regulation on Organization of Department of Provincial Administration of the Ministry of Interior, B.E. 2545 (2002), the Internal Security Affairs Bureau has the following responsibilities:

- Supervising domestic security affairs, border affairs, hill tribes and minorities supervision, Islam affairs, refugees and illegal immigrants affairs, including solving socio-psychological problems and promoting good understanding at the local level according to the security policies and strategies of the government for which the Department Provincial Administration and the Ministry of Interior have responsibility;

- Handling domestic security affairs and public order;

- Managing according to Organization of Village Development and Self-Defense Volunteer Act, including administering and coordinating to solving problems related to conflict and demonstration, promoting and supporting participation of private sectors and population in security maintenance, as well as organizing training and developing the competence and capacity of mass volunteer groups and administrative personnel;

- Coordinating or supporting the works of other relevant agencies; and

- Performing other duties as assigned.

**3. Our Services and Portfolio**

**- Outstanding Achievements of the Bureau**

**- Civilian Internal Security Maintenance**

**1. Training for Assistant Village Headmen of Security Maintenance Subdivision (Phor Ror Sor.)**

The training was organized in order to build the capacity of Assistant Village Headmen of Security Maintenance Subdivision (Phor Ror Sor.) to enable them to perform their duties by enhancing their knowledge, abilities and experience; promoting stability and security of life and property in sub-districts and villages; reducing problems related to threats from law-breakers, distributing narcotics and committing crimes; and promoting a better understanding of the democratic form of government with Monarch as Head of State.

**2. Village Security Teams (Chor Ror Bor.)**

The Internal Security Affairs Bureau promoted and supported the operation of Village Security Teams (Chor Ror Bor.) in order to strengthen communities and encourage the participation of local people and also to promote good security systems and capacity building to efficiently prevent new forms of security threats in sub-districts and villages.

**- Intelligence Affairs**

The following activities were carried out: studying, analyzing, interpreting and assessing the movements of individuals, groups or organizations that affect security; collecting and providing an intelligence database in order to prepare proposals and recommendations to higher authorities and other relevant agencies.

**- Order and Security Maintenance at border areas**

1. The following activities were carried out: improving the efficiency of administrative officials in maintaining border security and improving the capacity of border village leaders in maintaining security and promoting good relationships with neighboring countries; allocating a budget for border provinces/districts with which to promote good relationships with neighboring countries;

2. Participating as a committee member set up to solve border problems with neighboring countries.

**- Facilitating border crossing**

Systems were set up to issue E-Border Passes at 57 locations in 15 provinces for three neighboring countries and (except along the Cambodian border), a service of benefit to about 3 – 4 million people so far.

**- Promoting administration and development of southern border provinces policy**

1. The following activities were carried out: youth seminar on peace promotion in the southern border provinces;

2. Training for lecturers to bolster use of the Thai language in southern border provinces and in hill-tribe communities.

**- Works related minorities and hill-tribes (hill-tribe communities)**

1. The following activities were carried out: problem-solving and development initiatives for hill-tribe communities in accordance with the Strategy on Managing Problems Related to Status and Rights of Persons adopted by resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers on 18 January 2005 that covered establishing stability in hill-tribe communities through significant plans/projects for problem solving and developing local communities. Notable among these are the University Education Project for Hill Tribes, the Seminar on Youth Network for Development and Prevention of Narcotics, Seminar on Development and Problem Solving for Hill Tribes – jointly organized by government and private sectors – and the Project on Dissemination of Thai Language for Hill Tribe Communities.

2. Handling status determination for target groups according to the Strategy on Managing Problems Related to Status and Rights of Minorities as adopted by resolution of Cabinet Ministers;

3. Overseeing minorities from existing areas designated for minority communities according to the Notification of the Ministry of Interior.

**4. Contact us**

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**Border and Refugee Affairs Division**

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