

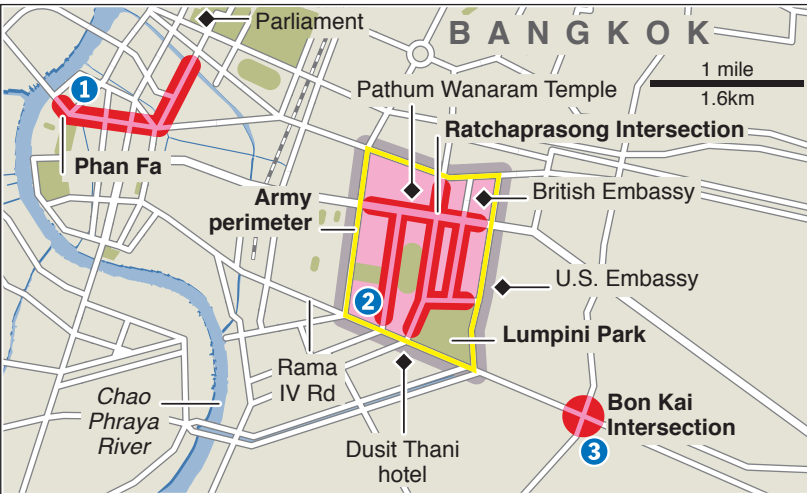
Troops prepare for “red shirt” crackdown



Thai army troops have surrounded an estimated 5,000 anti-government “red shirt” protesters in the fortified camp they have occupied in central Bangkok. 65 people have been killed and 1,600 wounded since protests began in March



1 April 10, Phan Fa: Red shirt protest demanding Prime Minister **Abhisit Vejjajiva** dissolve parliament and call new elections is broken up by thousands of troops. Bloody confrontation leaves 25 dead and more than 800 injured



2 April 15, Ratchaprasong Intersection: Red shirts take over Bangkok’s upscale central shopping and tourism district

May 3: Prime Minister Abhisit offers fresh elections in November but red shirts make additional demands – offer is withdrawn

May 12-17: Five days of violence leaves 37 people dead including pro-protest general **Khattiya Sawastipol**, also known as **Seh Daeng (Commander Red)**

3 Bon Kai Intersection: Flashpoint and scene of violent clashes between army and red shirts on Sunday. Protesters seize petrol tanker which is used as barricade

Dusit Thani hotel: Guests evacuated Monday after rocket-propelled grenades target building

Pathum Wanaram Temple: Safe area for women and children

Lumpini Park: Site of protesters’ largest barricade, major flashpoint