

# Thailand to talk peace with insurgent groups

The Thai government will meet with Muslim rebels in neighbouring Malaysia in an effort to end almost a decade of unrest in Thailand's southern provinces which has claimed the lives of over 5,300 people



## Barisan Revolusi Nasional (National Revolutionary Front, or BRN)

Rebel group signed deal in February to begin talks with Thai government. Key insurgent leaders **Masae Useng** and **Sapaeng Basor** will send representatives to negotiations. BRN wants independent **Republic of Patani**, composed of Thailand's three southernmost Muslim provinces



## Patani United Liberation Organization (PULO)

Rebel group will also join talks. PULO proposes Islamic state covering area which it claims was historically ruled by **Sultanate of Patani** – established in 15th century – comprising five southern Thai provinces

