

# Timeline of Thailand protests

Anti-government protesters in Thailand are continuing to take to the streets as they step up their demands for the removal of Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha and reform of the monarchy



Pro-democracy protesters during Oct 15 rally in Bangkok. Three-finger salute from Hunger Games film franchise is used by many demonstrators



■ **Mar 2019:** **Prayuth Chan-ocha** – former army chief and leader of 2014 coup – is returned to power in general election widely seen as rigged in his favour

■ **Nov:** Thai court disqualifies **Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit** – leader of opposition Future Forward Party (FPP) – as member of parliament, saying he violated electoral law. He disputes ruling



■ **Feb 2020:** Thousands of young Thais join street protests after court ruling forces FPP to disband

■ **Mar:** Demonstrations halted by Covid-19 restrictions



■ **Jun:** Protests begin again after self-exiled Thai pro-democracy activist **Wanchalearm Satsaksit** is abducted in Cambodia

■ **Sep 19:** Biggest rally since 2014 coup – tens of thousands gather in Bangkok calling for reforms to monarchy and removal of Prayuth

■ **Oct 16:** Government approves 30-day state of emergency after protests erupt in Bangkok. Police use water cannon for first time in attempt to disperse demonstrators defying ban on gatherings

■ **Oct 18-20:** Protesters take over two of Bangkok's main transport hubs as rallies spread across Thailand. Authorities move to block **Voice TV** station and **Telegram** messaging app, in media crackdown