

Extraditions & Fugitive Apprehensions

Under the framework of bilateral and multilateral law enforcement treaties our two governments cooperate on the extraditions of fugitives and the collection of evidence to further Thai-American law enforcement efforts. This cooperation has resulted in over 100 extraditions between the two countries. RTP assistance related to the U.S. Felon Apprehension and Repatriation Program, has made it the most successful program of its kind in the world, capturing and returning dozens of wanted U.S. felons annually to the United States to serve out their time.

Combating Trafficking in Persons, Human Smuggling and Child Sexual Exploitation

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) cooperate with Thai law enforcement on joint investigations of crimes involving human trafficking, human smuggling, and child sexual exploitation. U.S.-funded local non-governmental organizations provide critical support to these efforts that have yielded numerous arrests, as well as deportations and extraditions of criminals.

Counterterrorism

The FBI leads U.S. government support to the RTP through direct coordination with the Department of State, Interpol, and other law enforcement entities regarding terrorism and transnational crime investigations, including computer fraud, money laundering, and other forms of transnational organized crime.

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Law Enforcement Cooperation

The United States and Thailand stand together as partners against criminal networks through a wide range of cooperative activities aimed at improving the capacity of law enforcement and strengthening criminal justice institutions. Our two governments also cooperate directly in law enforcement operations to help ensure peace, stability, and security by combating transnational crime, terrorism, and related threats.

Training and Capacity-Building

American and Thai counterparts have worked together over several decades to improve the capacity of Thai law enforcement and criminal justice systems to combat criminal and terrorist elements.



Royal Thai Police Commissioner General Adul meets with Ambassador Kenney to discuss law enforcement cooperation

Police Development

Drawing on resources from various U.S. government entities, the U.S. Embassy arranges, finances, and conducts a wide array of training and professional development courses for Thai officials. Thousands of members of the Royal Thai Police (RTP) and other Thai law enforcement agencies have participated in hundreds of capacity building activities that have helped strengthen skills and build our cooperation. Additionally, Thai police are trained at the International Law Enforcement Academy, jointly operated by our two governments. The Embassy also supports the development of the RTP's Police Education Bureau.



A Thai police tactics instructor trained by a U.S. program trains other police tactics instructors.

Anti-Terrorism

Through the Anti-Terrorism Assistance (ATA) program, the United States provides approximately \$1 million per year to help improve Thailand's anti-terrorism posture. This funding provides needed training, equipment, and detection dogs to the Thai Government. In addition, a variety of U.S. agencies also provide a variety of training programs that enhance Thailand's ability to combat terrorism. Training topics have included airport security, document fraud, suicide bomber detection, and VIP protection.



Thai police improving their bomb blast investigations skills at a U.S.-run course in Cha-am.

Counternarcotics

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) supplements its narcotics enforcement mission with training, in particular for a set of Sensitive Investigative Units (SIUs) to enhance Thailand's ability to combat the narcotics trade. DEA uses a variety of U.S. government funding sources to support installations, equipment, and numerous training events related to narcotics suppression in Thailand.

The DEA and Thai law enforcement counterparts cooperate closely to dismantle drug-trafficking networks, apprehend fugitives, and seize illegal drug shipments in Thailand and the region. These operations have resulted in numerous arrests and seizures.

Justice Sector Development

Lawyers from the U.S. Department of Justice and other experts annually conduct a range of workshops, seminars, conferences, and study trips to help build the capacity of Thai prosecutors, judges, and other justice sector officials. Topics for these activities have included combating trafficking in persons, intellectual property rights, case management, and courtroom procedures, among many others. In conjunction with Thai and international partners, the U.S. government also supports efforts to combat corruption in Thailand and the region.

Operational Cooperation

In addition to capacity-building activities, Thai and American counterparts cooperate on a number of investigations and operations to combat transnational crime.