

Protests continue for 2nd day in Thailand

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BANGKOK - Thousands of supporters of former Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra came out for a second day of protest Wednesday in Bangkok.

Red-shirted members of the United Front for Democracy against Dictatorship said they would continue to demonstrate peacefully, the Bangkok Post reported. But they said they would try to surround the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, demanding the resignation of Foreign Minister Kasit Piromya.

On Tuesday, about 5,000 police officers stood guard outside Government House as protesters filled the streets, CNN reported.

Thaksin was ousted in a bloodless military coup while he was out of the country in 2006. In December, a court found that his People Power Party had committed electoral fraud and forced his brother-in-law out as prime minister.

Last year, opponents of Thaksin occupied government buildings and the airport.

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva has said he will focus on the faltering economy while trying to negotiate with the UFDD.

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