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To the Editor-in-Chief

Khaosod Daily

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Greetings from ANFREL Foundation,

We are writing to address our concern with the headline in your paper today (7 January 2014), which we believe did not fairly reflect the substance of your reporter's interview with me. Moreover, the conclusion in your story did not represent the essence of what we said. By reporting that ANFREL is supportive of the 2nd February elections without also including our remarks that ANFREL is hoping for peaceful resolution of the current disputes so that there can be elections with broad popular participation, I think that your paper has confused with what I said. Moreover, I also emphasized the fact that we are still observing the ongoing political processes in Thailand, which is very fluid right now. Because your readers might be left with the impression that ANFREL is taking sides, we thought it necessary to respond and request that you clarify your story accordingly in tomorrow's newspaper.

In addition, your paper quoted ANFREL as being in disagreement with the PDRC's people assembly proposal, but no such statement was made during the interview.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that you make appropriate clarifications so that your readers can be accurately informed of ANFREL's position. As you can appreciate, ANFREL works diligently to maintain its independence and professionalism, and we do not take sides on political issues such as those currently being debated in Thailand.

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Director