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NOTIFICATION OF THE COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRATIC REFORM
UNDER CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY
NO. 21
RE: PROHIBITION OF EAVESDROPPING ON THE PHONE
OR ANY OTHER COMMUNICATION DEVICES

As in the past, there have been eavesdropping, exploiting or disclosing messages that are communicated by the phone or other communication devices unlawfully, which is a violation of the freedom of the person to communicate, causing suspicion among people who use communication devices. Therefore, to protect the freedom of lawful communication and to keep order and maintain the peace of the country, the Council for Democratic Reform under Constitutional Monarchy has announced, as follows:

Clause 1. Whoever eavesdrops, exploits or discloses messages that are communicated by phones or other communication devices without lawful authority, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand Baht or to both.

Clause 2. Whoever knows the message obtained from the offense under clause 1, exploiting or disclosing that message to other person without lawful authority, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand Baht or to both.

Clause 3. Whoever instigates other persons to commit an offense under clause 1 or clause 2, shall be liable to a double penalty as provided for in the offense of clause 1 or clause 2, as the case may be.

Clause 4. If the offender is an authorized person to provide telephone or communication services or the concessionaire for such services, in addition to the penalty under clause 1, clause 2 or clause 3, as the case may be, the license or concession shall as well be terminated.

This Notification shall come into force on the day after the date of publication in the Government Gazette.

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