

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

The Phetchaburi River, already over its banks in places last week, should peak today, and folks in the main town are as nervous as an African family knowing Angelina Jolie's in town. High-ranking Phetchaburi province officials said it would be best if there's no rain at all for a week.

The royal decree for cryptocurren... whoops "digital assets" comes into force at midnight. If you've not registered your assets or tokens with the Securities and Exchange Commission by then, you'll be looking at heavy penalties — two years of free room and board and a fine of half a million baht — when they find you. Which they will. For starters. If you are in Portugal reading this, do not get sick. The nurses are going on strike today.

TUESDAY

The second of three pre-trial hearings to decide whether there's enough to charge Lord Voldemort na Dubai with malfeasance will take place today at the Supreme Court's Criminal Division for Political Office Holders. The third hearing is next Tuesday. The complainant is the highly efficient, fast-working National Anti-Corruption Commission. Any trial will be held in absentia.

Thailand begin their quest for the Asian Games football championship at 7pm with a Group B match against Qatar.

The War Elephants face Bangladesh on Thursday at 4pm and Uzbekistan on Sunday at 7pm.

The Philippines' Supreme Court will rule today on whether President Rodrigo "The Punisher" Duterte can pull the country from the International Criminal Court.

WEDNESDAY

Pretty well every bank is going to raise the cost of an auto loan today by between a half to one full percent.

Cambodia will announce today the official results of the "election" engineered by Asia's longest-installed strongman Hun Sen. The prime minister said his Cambodian People's Party won all 125 parliamentary seats. You want to argue with that?

The five-day World Robot Conference, which is really a competition, begins today in Beijing. Get this: 12,000 competing teams will come from about a dozen countries.

Labour Minister Adul Sangsingkeo is calling his counterparts from Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam to discuss legal migration for labour. The fishing industry alone needs 40,000 workers.

THURSDAY

Home Buyers Expo opens today at Queen Sirikit National Convention Center, loans available. The event runs through Sunday.

Pheu Thai loyalist and ex-energy minister Phichai Nariphaphan said he will appear today at the Technology Crime Suppression Division (TCSD) to hear charges laid by the junta that he typed in false information and faces five years in prison.

It's his 11th summons to face down the junta's version of rule of law.

The lady golfers are in Indianapolis for the start of the \$2 million Indy Women in Tech Championship at the Brickyard Crossing Golf Club.

Hollywood director Jon Chu will open *Crazy Rich Asians* in the US today, notable because Chu has announced

plans to make a movie about the Wild Boars, with the participation of the Royal Thai Navy. The movie opens next Thursday in Bangkok.

FRIDAY

Today is the last day of Operation Pitch Black, the 12-nation air war games exercise including the Royal Thai Air Force and organised by the Royal Australian Air Force.

It's the last chance to see a re-creation of old Ayutthaya, in front of CentralWorld, Ratchadamri Road. The centrepiece is a floating market in the style of 1418, 700 years ago.

The Thailand Philharmonic Orchestra presents its third Latin American Night at 7pm, at Mahidol University's Prince Mahidol Hall, Salaya campus, with exuberant input from Brazil, Panama, Chile, Mexico, Argentina, Cuba.

Asean's oldest prime minister, Mahathir Mohammad of Malaysia, will call on Asia's most powerful president, Xi Jinping of China, in Beijing.

SATURDAY

The always interesting National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC) will auction off portions of the 1800MHz spectrum to AIS and DTAC today. It couldn't raise any interest in a 900MHz offer.

Also, today and tomorrow BNK48 (eeee!) will be introducing their third single, *Shonichi* from 9am to 8pm at Bitec Bangna.

Just in time to catch the new, higher interest rates, the Big 2018 Motor Sale opens today through next Sunday at Bitec Bangna.