

THEY SAID IT

“IF WE CAN DO IT, WE’LL DO IT IN FEBRUARY.”

Gen (Ret) Prayut Chan-o-cha, prime minister, chief aerobics instructor, head of the ruling military council (NCPO), national roadmap cartographer, political campaigner, indicates he favours holding the 2015 general election on Feb 24, 2019.

“IF WE CAN’T DO IT, THEN WE’LL DISCUSS THE MATTER AGAIN.”

Gen (Ret) Prayut indicates there is a good chance there will be no general election on Feb 24.

“THERE IS NO REASON TO POSTPONE IT.”

Maj Gen Piyapong Klinpan, National Council for Peace and Order spokesman, on the chances of holding the 2015 general on Feb 24, without consulting Gen Prayut to determine there might be reasons.

“WE DID OUR BEST.”

Gen Sukit Khamasundara, chairman, National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC), after yet another failed spectrum auction which failed to raise interest or a bid above the reserve price.

“IT IS NOT A SERIOUS OFFENCE.”

Sriumporn Salikup, senior justice, Supreme Court, on moves to increase fines by 5,000% for infractions involving drivers’ licences.

“GEN PREM [TINSULANO-NDA] REMAINS HEALTHY AND IS ABLE TO STAND AND WALK.”

Gen Pisanu Phutthawong, chief of the privy council president’s office, says his boss does not want visitors for his 98th birthday today.

“THEY ONLY SEEM TO CARE ABOUT SAVING THE MUNICIPALITY [MUANG PHETCHABURI].”

Tasaneeya Jitwasinkul, owner of one of many small, Phetchaburi province resorts put out of business by the floods.

“WE HAVE TO FOCUS ON RESTORING TOURIST CONFIDENCE AND SAFETY.”

Yuthasak Supasorn, governor, Tourism Authority of Thailand, on the falling number of Chinese tourists after the July 5 sinking of the dive boat Phoenix.

“THEY’LL RETURN IN OCTOBER.”

Virat Chatturaputpitak, vice-president of the Association of Thai Travel Agents, staunchly believes Chinese cannot sustain a boycott of Thailand once Golden Week holidays begin on Oct 1.

“WE CAN’T BUCK THE TREND.”

Veerathai Santiprabhob, governor, Bank of Thailand, says interest rates will have to rise again soon and will so in due time.