

《泰国国王阿杜德去世，享年88岁》

导读:泰国在位时间最长的君主阿杜德今日离世，享年88岁。



Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the world's longest-reigning monarch, has died after 70 years on the throne, the palace says.

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The king, 88, was widely revered in Thailand. He was seen as a stabilising figure in a country hit by cycles of political turmoil and multiple coups.

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He had been in poor health in recent years, making few public appearances.

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Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn will be the new monarch, the prime minister has said.

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Prayuth Chan-ocha also said Thailand would observe a year-long mourning period for King Bhumibol.

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"He is now in heaven and may be looking over Thai citizens from there," he said.

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The king's death comes as Thailand remains under military rule following a coup in 2014.

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The palace had warned on Sunday that the king's health was "not stable".

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Many Thais had been wearing pink to try to bring good luck to the ailing monarch. Hundreds of people had gathered outside the hospital where he was being treated.

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"His Majesty has passed away at Siriraj Hospital peacefully," the palace statement said, adding he had died at 15:52 (08:52 GMT).

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Parliament is to hold a special session at 21:00 local time (14:00 GMT).

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Given the pivotal role the king has played in maintaining the balance of power in Thailand's volatile political environment, the succession will be a formidable challenge for the government, says the BBC's Jonathan Head in Bangkok.

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King Bhumibol, who was born in Cambridge in the US state of Massachusetts, acceded to the throne on 9 June 1946 after his brother, King Ananda Mahidol, died.

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Though a constitutional monarch with limited powers, King Bhumibol was regarded by many Thais as semi-divine. They looked to him to intervene in times of high tension.

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He was seen as a unifying and calming influence through numerous coups and 20 constitutions.

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However, his critics argued he had endorsed military takeovers and at times had failed to speak out against human rights abuses.

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Crown Prince Vajiralongkorn, who is 63, does not attract the same level of affection as his father.

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Strict lese-majeste laws mean public discussion of the succession are punishable by lengthy jail terms.

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