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ABSTRACT

This is a study of the Thanin Graivichien Government which came into power by military support after the military took over power over the Seni Pramoj's Government on the sixth of October 1976 after a bloody incident at Thammasat University. This study aims at finding out (1) the characteristics of authoritarianism of the Thanin's Government, and (2) what are the reasons behind which Thanin was given political power and was sacked after a year in office by the military.

Beside describing authoritarian aspects of the Thanin's Government, the study points out that the military has to topple the government due to strong discontent against Thanin's Government expressed among the military themselves, the businessmen, the massmedia, the intellectuals, and the labour. Besides, it is the military intention to make Thanin's Government a provisional one, awaiting the opportunity for the military to gain enough support by the public. Other factors contributing to the downfall of Thanin's Government are the narrow mindedness of Mr. Thanin himself and arrogant attitude and irresponsibility of some of his cabinet members.