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## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL URGES THAI GOVERNMENT TO ACT ON STUDENT KILLINGS

Amnesty International today (Thursday 14 October 1976) appealed to Prime Minister Thanin Kraivichien of Thailand to take steps to prevent further killing of students and others, and to order the release of several hundred students arrested within the last week.

Secretary General Martin Ennals cabled the new Thai prime minister today urging the Thai government to prevent killings by vigilante groups.

According to reports reaching Amnesty International, 3,000 or more students have been arrested. Many of them have reportedly been brutally treated by the police.

An AI spokesman said: "It has been reported that the police have allowed bail for 1,400 students, but large numbers are still held in extremely crowded conditions, especially at Bangkhen Police Training Center. The reports of police brutality are particularly disturbing."

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