Sugarcane planters held demonstration
A group of sugarcane planters from four central provinces rallied for 2 days in Bangkok to demand higher prices for the crop despite efforts from provincial authorities to persuade them to abandon their plan. (Dec 12, 85)

SAP candidate: 'Some MPs are in CPT'
Social Action Party candidate said he planned to halt the communist infiltration by running in the Dec 26 by-election. He declined to disclose the identities of those MPs, but vowed to expose them if elected. (Dec 14, 85)

15 Journalists in SE Asia killed in 1985
A survey by Associated Press bureaus showed at least 15 journalists were killed, international publications faced court actions and newsmen had to exercise a great deal of self-censorship. (25 Dec. 1985)

Newsmen attacked
Reporters from the Matichon, Naewna the Nation Review and a volunteer from the Democrat Party were attacked by 50 hooligans while trying to investigate alleged trickery at a polling unit during the by-election on Dec 26, 85. (28 Dec. 1985)

Chak acquitted of lese majeste
Chak Pattanachai, a Ramkhamhaeng University student was cleared of lese majeste charges by the Chiang Mai Military Court after the prosecutors failed to produce witnesses to back charges that Chak was responsible for the documents deemed derogatory to the Royal Family. (21 Dec. 1985)

U-Tapao to be developed into airport
U-Tapao, a former US base in Thailand will be developed into a commercial-cum-military airport to help boost Pattaya's tourism industry. (27 Dec. 1985)

200 Students to campaign for Democrats
170 students from Ramkhamhaeng and Kasetsart Universities have been actively participating in the Democrat Party's Dec. 26 city by-election campaign. (17 Dec. 1985)

Health problems among Schoolchildren.
About 40% of primary Schoolchildren in the Countryside are suffering from malnutrition and tooth decay and lice. These problems significantly reduces their learning ability ; a large number of them have failed in exams. (28 Dec. 1985)

Farmers to form new alliance
Famer groups in 42 provinces are to form the Farmers' Confederation of Thailand. The more was aimed at giving more bargaining power to farmers who have been suffering financial and social hardship. (25 Dec. 1985)

13 Convicts killed in Sakon Nakorn Jailbreak
13 prisoners armed with hand grenades took the prison governor and 4 warders hostage in an attempt to break out of jail. They were all gunned down despite the desperate plea to surrender by some of them. (1-3 Jan. 85)