

## **2. Policy on National Security**

**2.1** Protect and uphold the Monarchy as the centre of national unity and harmony among all Thais by promoting public consciousness in the loyalty and respect towards the Monarchy, as well as preventing any infringement of the royal inviolable position;

**2.2** Strengthen and develop national defence capability in safeguarding the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the state, as well as in protecting the national interest, by enhancing the preparedness of the armed forces, training troops in the conduct of operations, and aligning the budget of the armed forces with their respective missions, instituting plans on weapons and energy reserves to ensure security; support and promote research and development of the national defence industry on the part of both the public and private sectors so as to be able to produce our own weapons and equipment; revise the rights and benefits for troops, per diems and field allowances for the professional military and para-military as well as troops welfare to be in line with current economic conditions; develop military cooperation with neighbouring and other countries; and promote Thailand's role in international peace-keeping under the framework of the United Nations.

**2.3** Enhance peaceful coexistence with neighbouring countries, emphasize conflict resolution through peaceful negotiations, attach importance to the survey and demarcation of borders with neighbouring countries in accordance with agreements and treaties, coordinate and cooperate with neighbouring countries in the protection and resolution of problems affecting security in the border areas, including enhancing the safety in life and property of people living in the border areas.

**2.4** Resolve the problem of illegal immigrants in its entirety so that it does not affect security, by improving the immigration system, border management and alien worker regulation, including clearly addressing the problem of individuals' status and rights, on the basis of keeping balance between protecting basic individual rights and maintaining national security.

**2.5** Strengthen the capacity to handle transnational threats by giving importance to the development of systems and mechanisms to prevent and deal with all forms of terrorism and transnational crime, developing laws and effectively enforcing related laws as well as developing networks of international cooperation, and promoting compliance with international commitments under the framework of the United Nations.