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Many people want neutral prime minister, survey finds

Half of the respondents to a Bangkok Poll survey released yesterday believe the country has reached the situation where it needs a "neutral PM" to help bring about national reform before a new election is called.

Of the 1,068 respondents, 50.7 per cent agreed with appointing a neutral PM, 29.2 per cent disapproved of the move and 20.1 per cent said they were not certain.

Asked who they most want to help mediate and iron out differences between political camps, the respondents picked Anand Panyarachun as number one, followed by General Prem Tinsulanonda.

Caretaker Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's job approval rating dropped from 26.7 per cent in November to 24.8 per cent.

Democrat Party leader Abhisit Vejjajiva's popularity plunged from 34.8 per cent to 18.7 per cent.

The Pheu Thai Party's popularity declined from 28.2 per cent to 27 per cent and the Democrat Party's popularity decreased from 37.2 per cent to 20.3 per cent.