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INBrief

80% say they'll vote

SURVEY: Almost 80% of people polled said they will vote on Feb 2 if the election goes ahead, and the majority opposed another coup even if anti-government rallies turn violent, Bangkok Poll said yesterday.

The pollster at Bangkok University interviewed 1,018 people aged 18 and over nationwide from Jan 21-23.

Asked whether they would vote if the election does take place, 79.6% of the polled people said yes, only 9.9% said they would not and 10.5% were unsure.

Asked if the election should go ahead on Feb 2, 51.5% of them said the poll should proceed, 28.1% said there should be national reform before an election and 20.4% said it should not go ahead.

Asked whether the ongoing political turmoil has had an effect on their plans to vote, 52.6% of the respondents said it has. Of this group, 34.3% said they would monitor the situation before making a decision, and 18.3% said it had discouraged them from voting.

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