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Ex-senator won Bt50,000 lawsuit against DCA in bomb detector case

The Civil Court has ordered the Department of Civil Aviation to compensate Bt50,000 to an ex-senator due to its failure to install bomb detectors at Nakhon Si Thammarat Airport.

The Civil Court has handed down its verdict over the bomb detector case lodged by former Senator Jernsak Pinthong (เจิมศักดิ์ ปิ่นทอง) against Nok Air Co., Ltd. and the Department of Civil Aviation in charge of Nakorn Si Thammarat Airport management. The charge was made due to the Airport's failure to install explosive and metal detectors on August 16th, 2008, allowing passengers to go on board unexamined and as a result threatening overall safety.

The Department of Civil Aviation was ruled by the Court to pay Mr. Jernsak a Bt50,000 compensation for his insecurity resulted from its defectiveness in installing the bomb detectors once they were returned from Walailak University on August 15th, 2008, which violated the 2008 Consumer Protection Act. However, Nok Air was acquitted of the allegation since the Court viewed the company as only a private airline operator responsible for providing convenience to passengers and readiness of the aircraft.

Mr. Jernsak expressed satisfaction over the Court's verdict and highlighted the case as an example for security measures at all airports nationwide.

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