

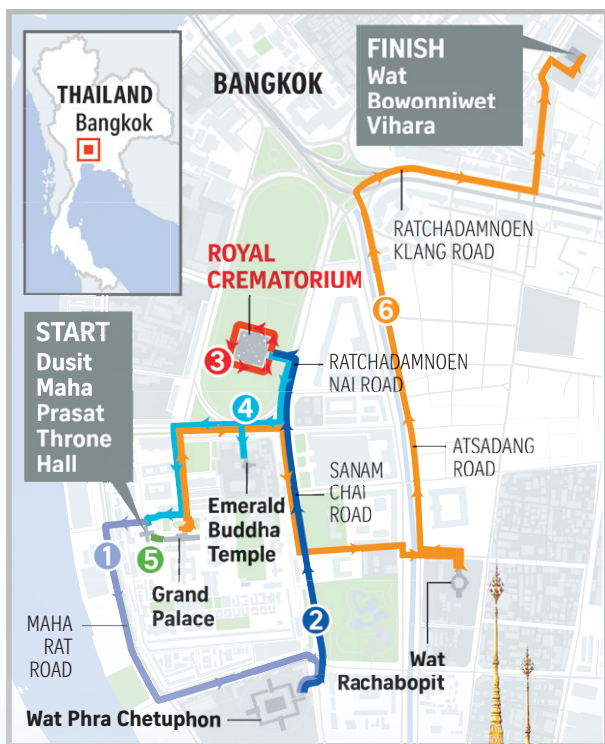
# Thailand's royal cremation

King Bhumibol Adulyadej died on Oct 13 last year, aged 88. He will receive a lavish send-off this week during a five-day funeral that will culminate in a cremation ceremony.

## THE ROYAL CREMATORIUM

- Custom-made structure for the royal funeral
- Modelled after Mount Meru, the centre of the universe in Buddhist cosmology.
- Gold-painted structure
- The tower will be decorated by over 500 sculptures of animals, gods and mythical creatures, including a pair of royal dogs
- Four monks sit and pray in the corner pavilions surrounding the main structure
- Fire screen (centre) features paintings depicting 4,000 years of royal activities
- Enshrines the sandalwood royal urn

## PROCESSIONS



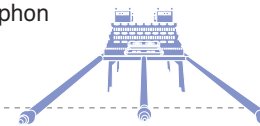
## LEGEND

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**Oct 26**

Royal urn at Grand Palace transferred to the Golden Palanquin with three poles and moves to Wat Phra Chetuphon

Length: **817m**  
Troops: **965**



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**Oct 26**

Urn placed on the Great Victory Chariot and moves to royal crematorium

Length: **890m**  
Troops: **2,406**



3

**Oct 26**

Urn transferred to the royal gun carriage, circles royal crematorium three times in counter-clockwise direction before cremation

Length: **260m**  
Troops: **781**



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**Oct 27**

Urn containing royal relics transferred to the palanquin with four poles. Royal ashes move to Emerald Buddha Temple

Length: **1,074m**  
Troops: **834**



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**Oct 29**

Relics transferred to the palanquin with four poles at Grand Palace

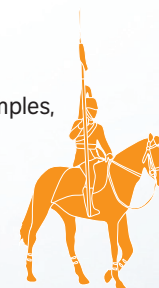
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**Oct 29**

Ashes enshrined in two temples, Wat Rachabopit and Wat Bowonniwet Vihara; 77 mounted soldiers in two groups



## PHRA MERU MAS

Funeral pyre

Height: **50.5m**  
Width: **60m** on each side

