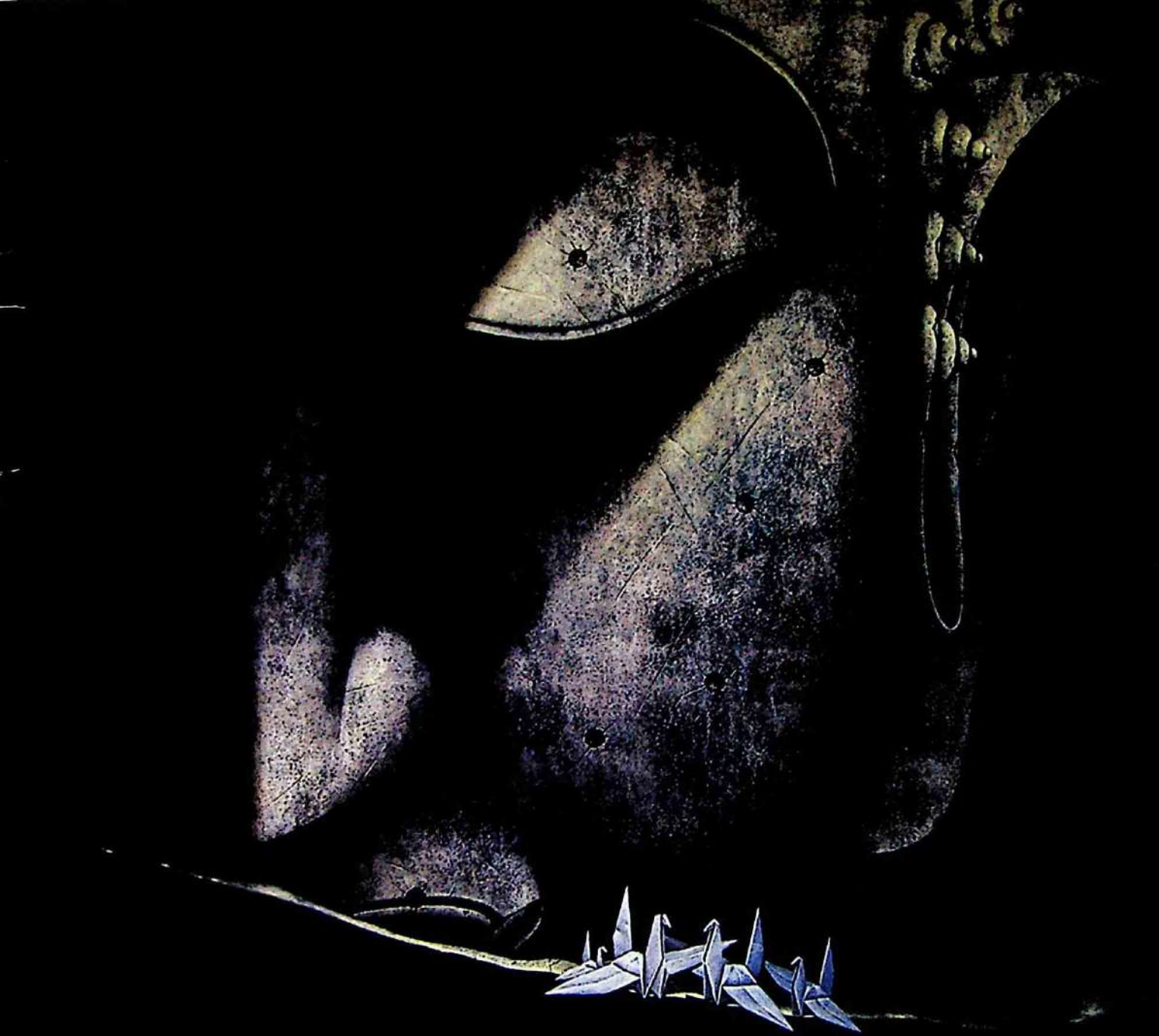




"Silent Wish"

by Pearapong Khireewong
at Carpediem Galleries





Guardian Angel

130x150 cm.

Paper birds dropped on Southern provinces : Gesture of peace to south Thailand

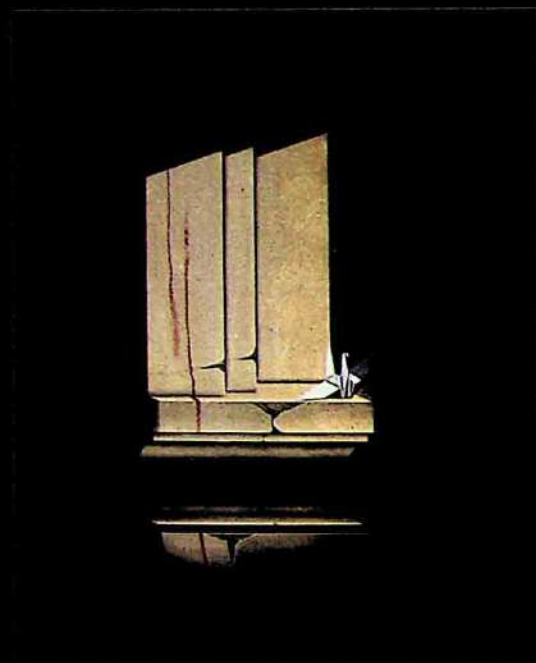
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International Herald Tribune

Military aircraft gently bombed southern Thailand with 100 million paper birds. Sunday, in a gesture intended to promote peace in mainly Muslim provinces where more than 500 people have died this year in attacks by separatist militants and countermeasures by security forces.

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra mobilized a fleet of some 50 military aircraft, from giant C-130 Hercules to helicopters, to drop the origami birds over the provinces of Pattani, Narathiwat and Yala, which have been worst hit by violence. Thaksin had called on Thais to fold a bird for each of the country's 63 million citizens, but ended up with far more as people enthusiastically took up the idea.

The operation to unload them, starting at what was deemed to be the auspicious hour of 9:09 a.m. and continuing throughout the afternoon, was timed to coincide with the birthday of Thailand's revered monarch, King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who had advised Thaksin in November to adopt a softer approach to dealing with the south.

"I've seen four aircraft. Many hundreds of birds are dropping," a villager in Yala reported as aircraft crossed his district. "People are very pleased, many people are out to pick up the birds, children are very much enjoying it."



Monument of the Selfless Heroes 120x150 cm.



Budana

120x150 cm.

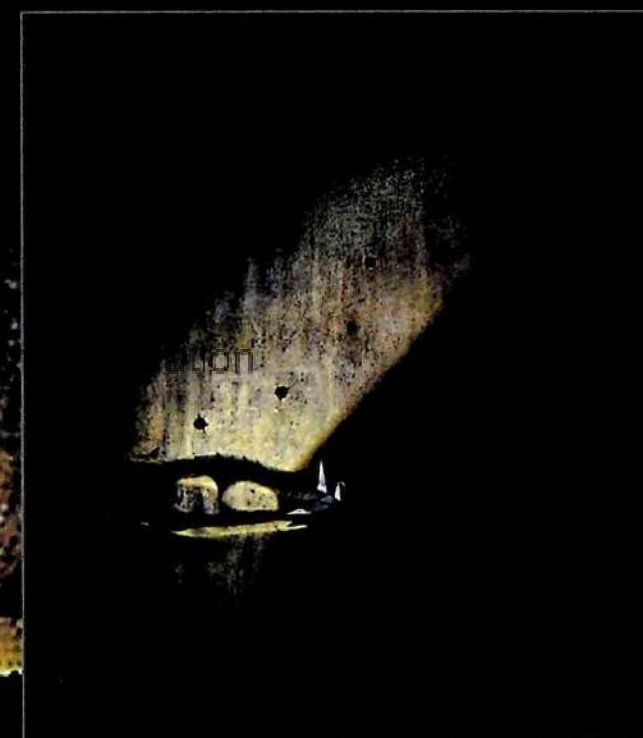


Large crowds turned out in towns and villages across the south, some people armed with baskets to collect the birds, which local authorities in some areas have offered to exchange for rice and other food. One paper crane, signed by Thaksin, reportedly carried the offer of a scholarship or a job to whoever found it.



Unity

100x120 cm.



The Bullet Holes in Narathiwat

130x150 cm.

Thais Drop Peace Bombs On Muslims

Military Drops Millions Of Paper Cranes In Troubled Muslim Areas

Bangkok, Thailand, Dec. 5, 2004

The government claims some 120 million birds — considered symbols of peace and reconciliation — have been folded for the occasion, also meant to honor Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej on his 77th birthday Sunday.



Pillar of Light

130x150 cm.



Tranquility

100x120 cm.

Concept

"Victory or loss from 'war' is meaningless. Both create a great deal of damage to the nation, religion and all being on earth. The negative memory is presented to create positive values through light, shadow and personal technique, to project both concrete and abstract perspectives."

Pearapong Khireewong

BIO

Born : 10 February 1972

Exhibitions :

- 1991 - Postal stamp design contest on the 100 year's Celebration of Silp Phirasi.
- 1993 - Post stamp design contest.
- 2002 - 17th PTT Art Exhibition.
- 2003 - Outstanding Art of Thailand.
- 2003 - Painting Exhibition "Power of Faith".
- 2005 - 51st National Art Exhibition.
- 2005 - Art Exhibition and Contest "Andaman Identity"
- 2005 - Art Exhibition "60 Happy Years under His Majesty's Reign" to celebrate H.M. the King's 60 Years of Accession to The Throne.
- 2006 - 21st PTT Art Exhibition.

Awards :

- 1992 - First Prize Art contest on "Youth's Tree Planting for forest Conservation and Cultivation of the Land" to celebrate the Queen's 60th Birthday Anniversary.
- 1993 - Consolation prize for postal stamp design contest.
- 1994 - Two Consolation prizes for postal stamp design contest.
- 2005 - Consolation prize for postal stamp design contest.

Solo Exhibitions :

- 2006 - Painting Exhibition "Khon Khon Khon", 4th of TV Burabha,
- 2007 - Painting Exhibition "The Light of Peace" at Mandarin Oriental Dhara Dhevi, Chiangmai.
- 2007 - Painting Exhibition "Silent Wish" at Carpediem Galleries, Bangkok.