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These are what every one of us can do to help mitigate global climate change - our imminent threat.

This extra HOT NEWS is sent to you ONLY as a piece of news of much interest, showing the usefulness of IT and RS that readers may access such a big event 'live' at a mouse click. Again, WASWC is non-political.

D-Day to siege the Government House today – televised



Start of the rally at the Democracy Monument on May 25, 2008



In the Google aerial photo to the right the rally had stopped in front of the **green** UN building in Bangkok (left) and has stayed for 26 days and nights. Today, June 20, 2008, the **People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD)**, formed by people from all over the country, comprising perhaps hundreds of thousand, declares today the D-Day and will move to siege the Government House (a group of buildings under **red** roof to the right) today at 1 PM Thai time or 6 AM GMT. The movement has been televised by the ASTV from the beginning and it would be interesting to view it live through the internet today.

To view it, *click* www.manager.co.th and then *click* the yellow horizontal line in the middle of the page and *click* the logo ASTV (~1 o'clock), and you may see the live TV showing the rally in Bangkok that demands the termination of the present government under Mr Samak Sundaravej. The rally started on May 25, 2008. A very large number of protesters gathered on May 30 and May 31. The protests have been mixed in-between with concerts, showing both classical and modern Thai music and theatrical shows. Alternatively you may click www.uthaisak.com to view the rally as well as several previous concert programs but you need to click to close some of the speakers on the left side of the page.

While the advanced technology enables us to view things that happen anywhere in the world *live*, the event itself sadly reflects the degree of development in this country. Thailand's administration has never been stable. More information can be found on the internet by searching "Thailand political systems".

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The rally has got good support from people, who have so far donated almost US\$1 million to meet the expenses. The latest donation was a painting, *Mek Manokati*, given by a national artist, Mr Angkarn Kalyanapong, and it fetched as much as US\$125,000 in a bidding that ended on the D-Day eve.