

# WORLD AGENDA

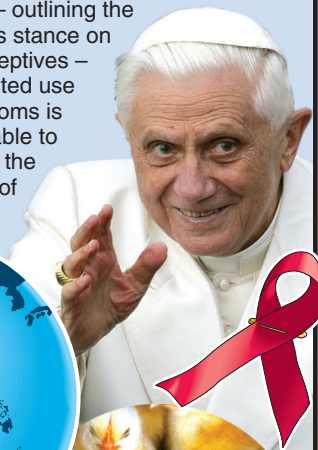
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**1 Feb 2, Paris:** The **UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change** issues its most authoritative report to date warning that human use of fossil fuels is stoking global warming. The panel of 2,500 scientists is expected to say the link is "very likely"



**2 Early February, Washington:** The spiralling cost of the war in Iraq will come under the spotlight when the Bush administration is expected to ask Congress for a further \$100 billion in "emergency" war money, on top of the \$70 billion approved for this year

**3 Feb 22, Vatican:** In an historic shift, the Roman Catholic church may announce on the 20th anniversary of the publication of the *Donum Vitae* – outlining the church's stance on contraceptives – that limited use of condoms is acceptable to prevent the spread of AIDS



**4 Feb 15, Spain:** The trial begins of 29 people accused in the Madrid train bombings which killed 191 people in March 2004

**5 Feb 1, France:** A ban on smoking in public places comes into force. France has around 12 million smokers and 66,000 smoking-related deaths a year



**6 Feb 5-7, Kuala Lumpur:** Former Malaysian premier **Mahathir Mohamad**, who has branded U.S. President **George Bush** a war criminal, hosts a conference entitled **Expose War Criminals: Criminalise War**



**8 Feb 17, Hanoi:** The Lunar new year, the busiest time for the movement of people and poultry in Vietnam, will reignite fears of a bird flu epidemic



**9 Feb 25, Hollywood:** **Martin Scorsese** may finally take home a golden statuette with his film *The Departed*, tipped for Oscar success at the 79th Academy Awards



**7 Feb 19, Mumbai, India:** Feverish speculation predicts this could be the wedding day of two of Bollywood's biggest stars, **Abhishek Bachchan** and former Miss World **Aishwarya Rai**

