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## The Hunt for the Moustachio Individual MSM requests Commission of Inquiry into allegations of national spying by itself in Government



### COMMUNIQUÉ DE PRESSE

Le Mouvement Socialiste Militant (MSM) réclame la mise sur pied d'une commission d'enquête afin de faire la lumière sur les allégations d'écoutes téléphoniques de masse ainsi que sur l'affaire « Missié Moustass ».

Étant donné l'importance d'établir la vérité sur ces allégations et cette affaire, le MSM propose que cette commission d'enquête soit présidée par un ancien juge de la Cour Suprême.

Il est impératif que le peuple mauricien soit informé de la vérité, en toute transparence, et sans aucune influence politique.

La Direction

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Prime Minister Navin Ramgoolam, at the opening of the first sitting of the National Assembly on 4 February, in reply to a parliamentary question from MLA Adrien Duval of the opposite benches, informed the House of the wide extent of spying that had been taking place during the past few years under the previous government.

The creature known as Missié Moustass, a party to the spying web, had first-hand access to the spying equipment. He had made tons of revelations that caused a real tsunami at the last November General Election where the party in power was totally wiped out.

PM Ramgoolam told the Assembly that millions of rupees had been spent by the previous, government, headed by the MSM under Pravind Jugnauth, to purchase from overseas the most sophisticated equipment to spy on the nation as a whole, the more so, on the Opposition headed then by Navin Ramgoolam himself.

The PM also declared that a proper inquiry

would be set up to delve into the spying network of the previous government. As a matter of fact, the whole country wants a proper inquiry to be set up to investigate the degree of spying that took place during the reign of Pravind Jugnauth. Roshi Bhadain, a former MSM adherent, now leader of the Reform Party, says that he wants answers from his former boss, MSM leader, Pravind Jugnauth about the surveillance and snooping under his government.

What do you know !!! The MSM itself, still under the leadership of Pravind Jugnauth, issued a communiqué on 8 February (see opposite) demanding the setting-up of a Commission of Inquiry, to be headed by a former judge of the Supreme Court, to investigate the allegations of wide-spread telephone tapping and the revelations made by the creature known as Missié Moustass under his own government.

**Pierre Louis**

### Ministers and MPs investigated

Several parliamentarians will be investigated for exceeding the authorised amount of Rs150,000 as expenses for their electoral campaign.

The MPs (including ministers) are reported to have gone beyond the limit they may spend. Some are claiming that there has been a mistake in the calculation by their campaign team.

Others argue that the provision of Rs150,000 which has been in force for decades is inadequate

and should be revised upwards. The law should therefore be amended accordingly, they state. But, will an amendment to the law have retroactive effect or will the present investigation be still carried out and sanctions applied? Sanctions mean the MPs election to the Assembly cancelled and seat lost.

### Metro runs at loss

It has been pointed out that the Metro Express, Mauritius light railway, introduced in October 2019 has been running at a loss of several million rupees per year.

Ways are being studied to reduce the loss, and experts have been brought from America to advise the new government.

Some people have been asking whether the authorities should really be worried about the loss when the present PM did promise, during the election campaign, free transport for every Mauritian. Free transport would still cost millions, wouldn't it?

However, it stands to reason that costs of operations should always be brought down to make a project viable long-term.

### Traffic congestion via Port Louis

It has been reported that Transport Minister Osman Mahomed has expressed the view that the SAJ Bridge is one of the causes of the traffic congestion in Port Louis, over three miles away, every morning and afternoon.

The SAJ Bridge hailed as the longest suspension bridge, and as a marvel in the Indian Ocean was meant to ease up traffic as a link between the A1 Road and M1 Road. This objective has been achieved and drivers are happy with this arrangement. How can the SAJ Bridge be blamed for traffic congestion that is happening some three miles away?

For a population of just over one million people there are in the island some 700,000 cars (plus) excluding the other vehicles (bikes and all). Every morning and afternoon, some 20,000 vehicles use the Port Louis artery across the Chien de Plomb along the waterfront to go to the north of the island. The con-

gestion is bad and it will get worse. The better-off younger generation's dream is to buy a car once they start earning in whatever field. Possession of a car is their priority. This will add more and more to the road traffic.

It was reported at one time that the previous government had a vision to build a flyover across the Chien de Plomb, sur le port, to meet the flyover at Terre Rouge.

One may think that such a vision is farfetched, but if we search the internet for the longest flyover in the world, the longest bridge in the world and the longest suspension train in the world we may find that the know-how is there. But how do we get it? This is what the new parliamentarians should find out.

In the old days, visionary Malcolm de Chazal used to advocate for the tunnelling of a road through the Montagne du Pouce to Moka to help the flow of traffic. That was at a time when car ownership was a luxury which was the privilege of a few and the traffic flow moved in trickle..

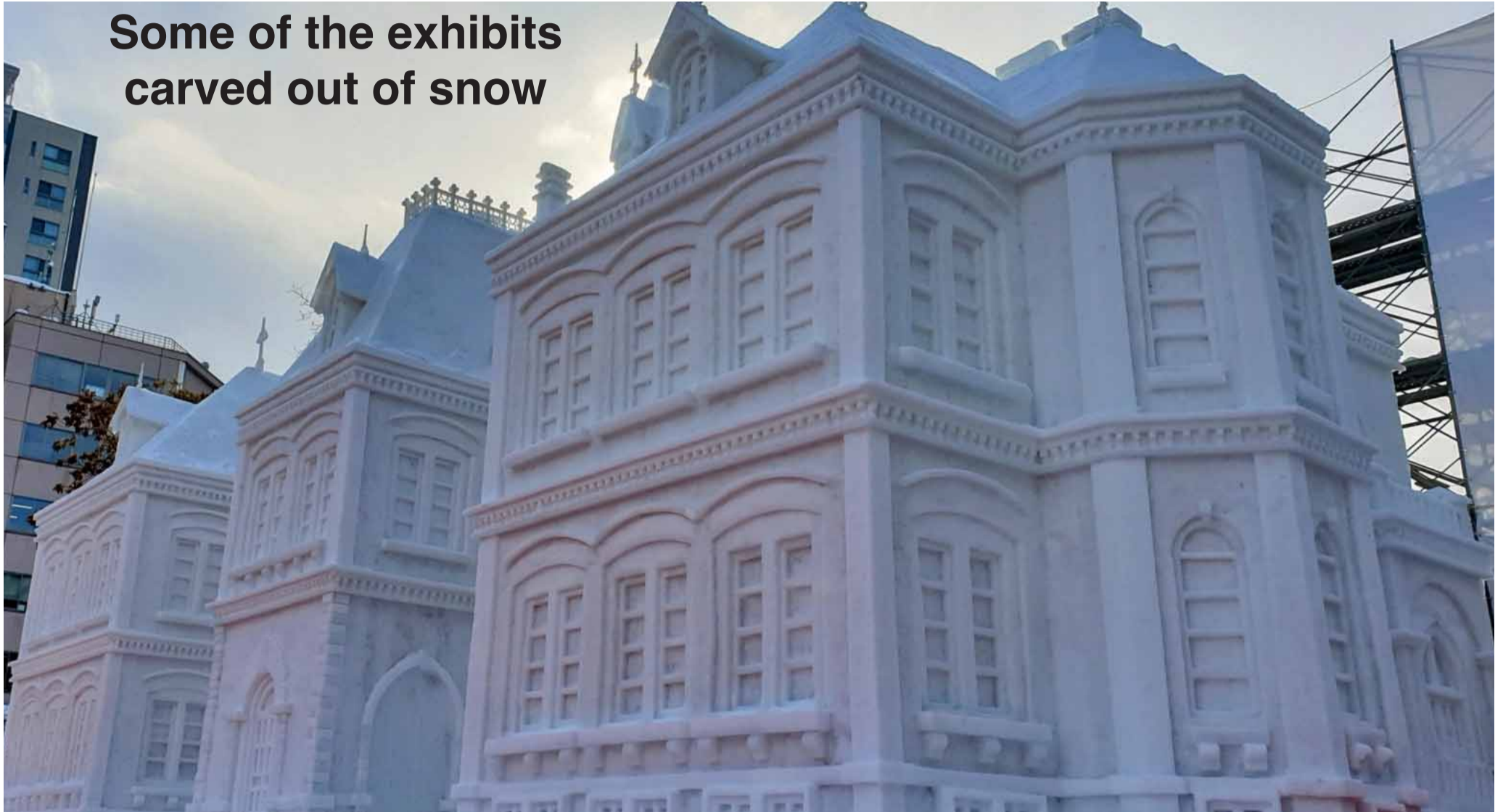
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# Sapporo Snow Festival 2025

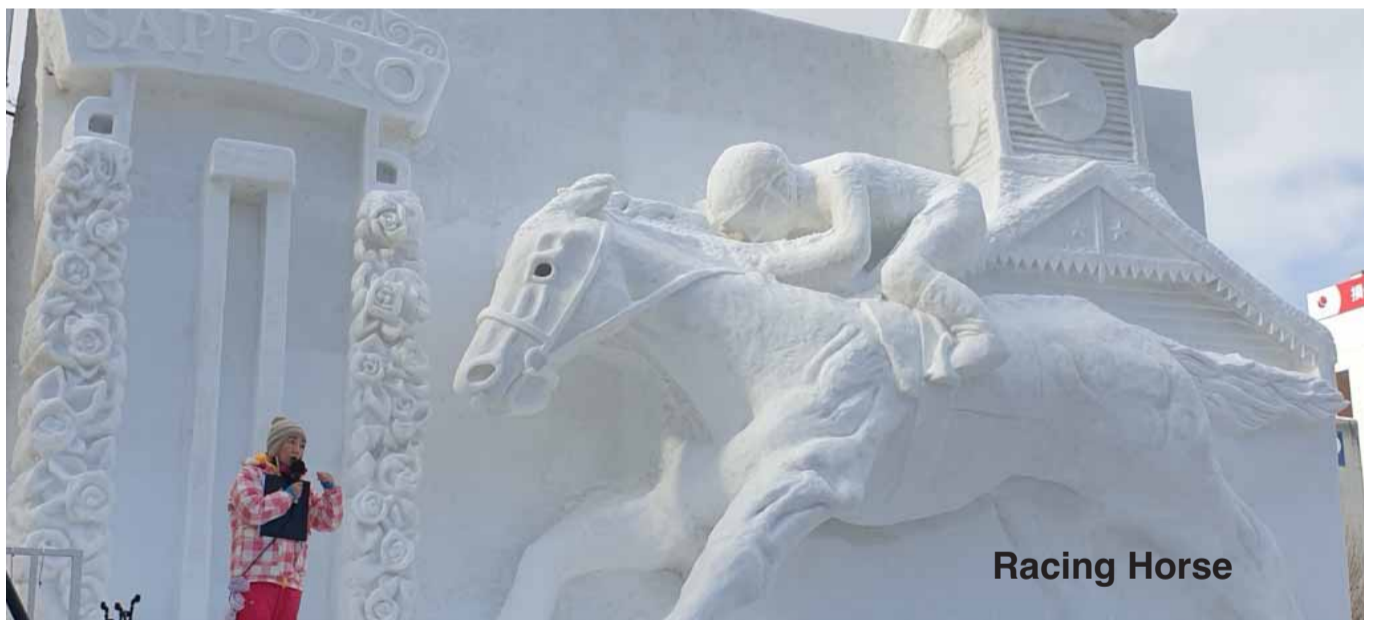
While we are grilling in temperatures as high as 34c, it is freezing cold in certain areas of Japan. We thank Mylene (seen on right) for the pictures from Sapporo where she lives, taken during this year's Snow Festival. It's so cold that the exhibits made of snow stay frozen during the whole period of the exhibition.



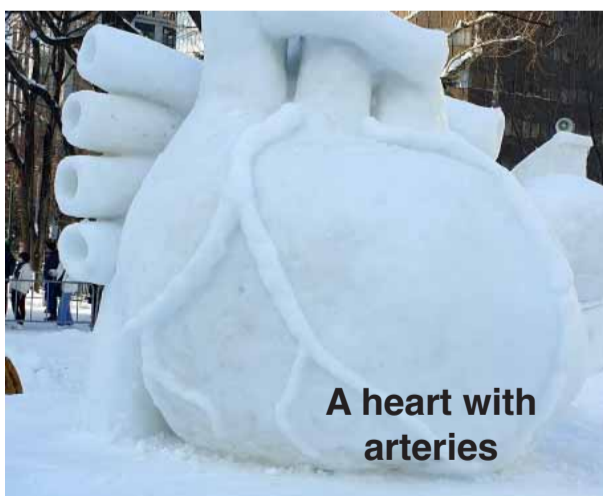
## Some of the exhibits carved out of snow



Young woman



Racing Horse



A heart with arteries



Little Girl



Fruits baskets

## Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow

Hokkaido, the northernmost island of Japan, is currently covered in snow.

Many visitors come here to ski or snowboard on the famous powder snow that is affectionately called, Japow, a combination of the words, Japan and powder.

However, the main attraction is the week-long snow festival, during which Odori Park, nestled in the heart of Sapporo, is transformed into a magical snow wonderland adorned with giant and medium-sized sculptures made out of snow.