

Saving the Wild Life

by Shahed Latif

I have been working in the WWF for about ten years now. I have been to almost around the globe and seen almost all kinds of animals; starting from mere insects to mammoth beings.

Now, I am here in Bangladesh for the last six months helping the wild life activists here in their mission, to save the endangered Royal Bengal Tigers.

I have looked into things tried to reason out why this ferociously stunting animal is leaving its original grounds and migrating to some other places. I strongly believe that, human habitation is responsible for the cause. The people living in and around the Sundarbans are cutting down the trees for fuel and burning the forest so that they can live there.

The main food for the tigers are usually the deer and the monkeys and other plant eating animals. These animals specially the deer are on the verge of extinction and all due to man's interference with nature.

As because the trees are being cut off and the forest burnt out by man, other animals are also migrating to grounds that are more habitable.

This according to me can only be stopped if the government tries to put an end to the rape of the world's largest mangrove forest.

So, last week after making an exclusive three weeks trip to Sundarban, I have returned to Dhaka, and I have prepared a report. I wanted the government authorities here to know about my assessment and find.

But my work could not proceed further as the government officials here were utterly reluctant to help me. They were totally unaware and seemed nonchalant to the mere existence of these precious wild life. Therefore I decided to take my own step and started gathering support for my cause. I became desperate to let the people of the country know what was happening in the Sundarbans, and what the authorities were doing

to prevent the country from this ecological disaster.

I called press conferences and held meetings with high level government officials, arranged street protests, tried to block highways and roads, informed the WWF about the situation, but nothing seemed to work out. Our protesters were brutally beaten and arrested by

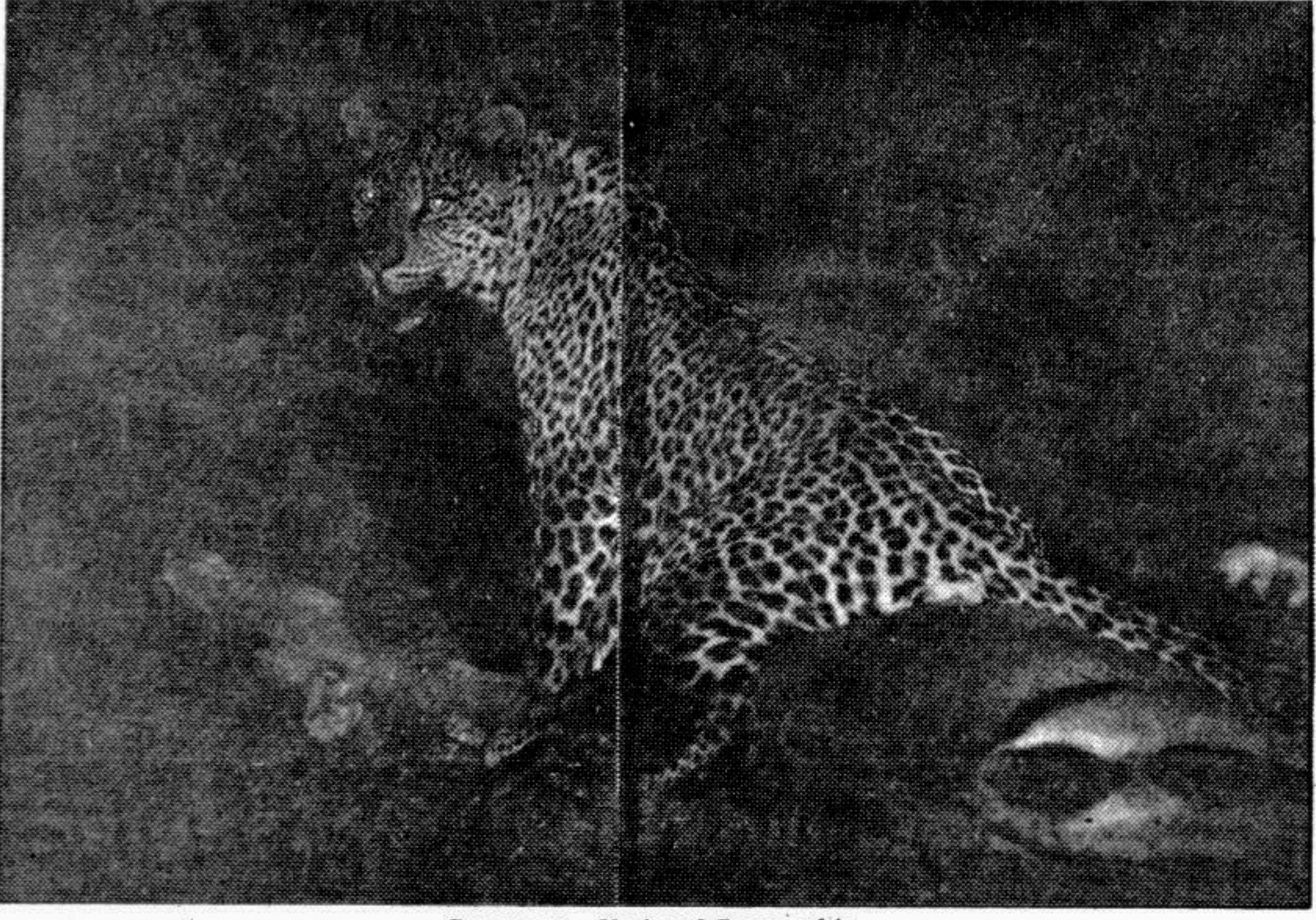
authorities to take quick measures, before things get out of hand.

Since, everything here is politicized and it takes time to change promises into actions. We waited patiently and at last something was happening.

It was a pretty hard job to accomplish some how they managed to do it at least about

from, literally speaking. Yes, I appointed myself as an attorney on behalf of the animals here and made the authorities concerned, committed to forward a bill to protect the threatened Sundarban and its wild treasure.

After a lot of toil a bill was finally passed in the parliament where killing of tigers and other wild life, except for self-defence, would be considered a grave crime and any one caught in action would be punished and have to pay a fine of Tk 2000 or serve life imprisonment.



Courtesy — National Geographic

the law enforcing agencies, the officials kept on saying the same old stories. So, finally the WWF intervened, they asked the government of Bangladesh to take measures or else face severe consequences.

That threat finally convinced the Bangladesh government to act, and realizing that it was time to do something about it, they ordered the local

25% of the people living in the forest started migrating to other places.

I was posted here in Bangladesh for one year. My next assignment would be in Kenya, to look into the slow disappearance of their elephant and rhinos. But, before I left for Kenya I made sure that the wild animals here had some sort of a shield to protect their skin

I was finally happy and left for the next assignment with a smile on my face. Yet a question always nagged me, when will my mission end? When will these helpless creatures be left on their own? When will man forget its beastly past to be more human?

This is a fiction based on hypothetical thoughts.

Wow! So Many Angles

By Sharier Khan

On February 30, 1996, different papers printed different versions of a same event. I present you these here:

The News Ex Law Minister, MP arrested for bank robbery

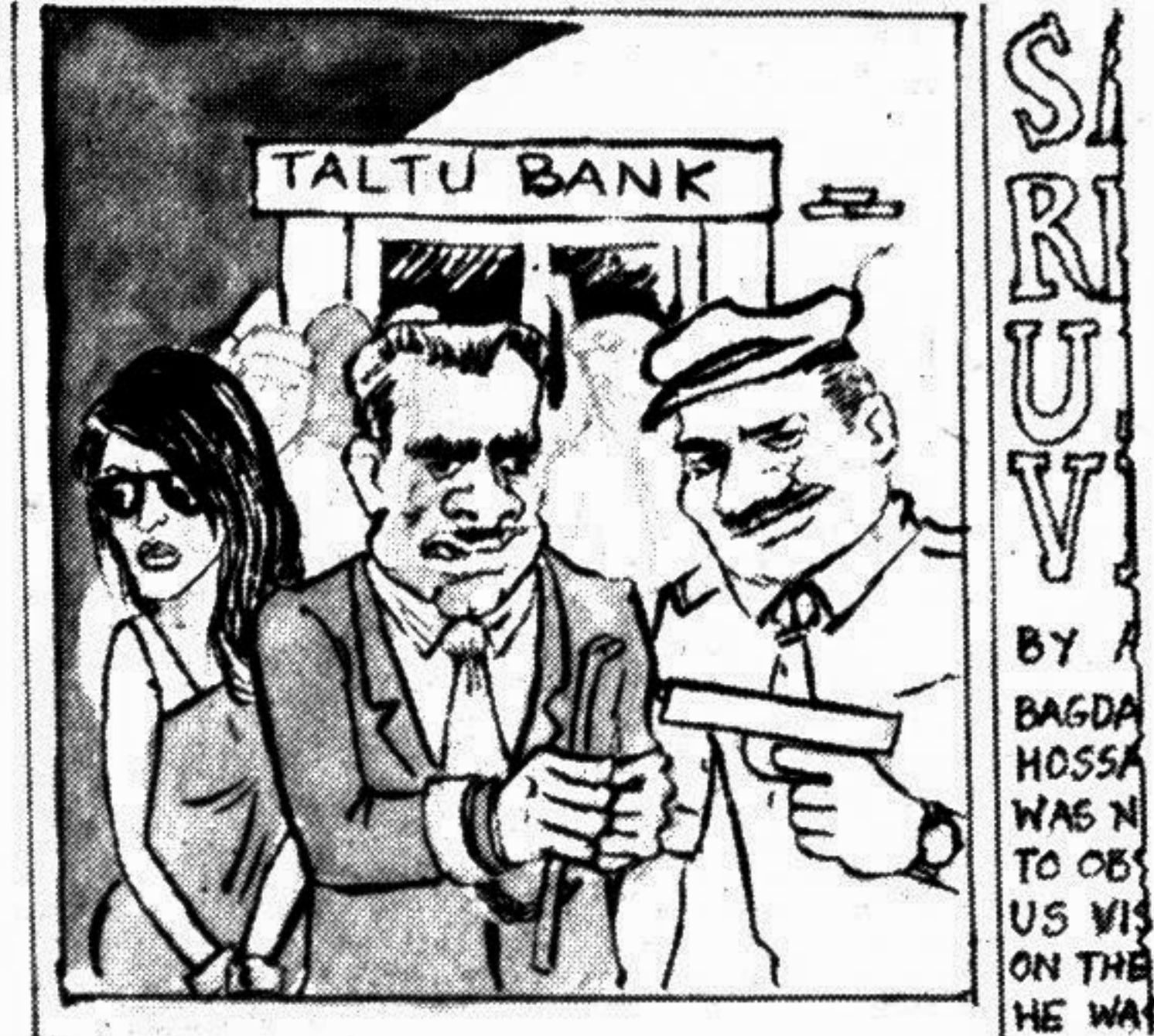
by Patho Mozammel

Former Law Minister Montu Mia and his girl friend and MP Sabrina alias Sakina were arrested red handed during a robbery at Taltu Bank last night.

Police Inspector Md Gani raided the bank at 3.30 am at Gulshan and arrested the criminals from the bank's vault.

Montu and Sakina are also central leaders of Chotta Party.

During the arrest, Montu tried to fight back the police by firing 10 rounds of bullets. Montu and Sakina were carrying AK 47, dynamite and some other weapon like a tank, a bazooka, a naan-kneif, sword, laser gun, (contd on page 10, col 2)



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STYLE Bank Robbery: ex-minister Style

By Farlora Begum

Multi millionaire ex-minister M Mia and top model Sabrina MP drove in to trouble on a Honda sports car last night... the police could not appreciate their style of drawing money from Taltu Bank at 3 am- so they were arrested.

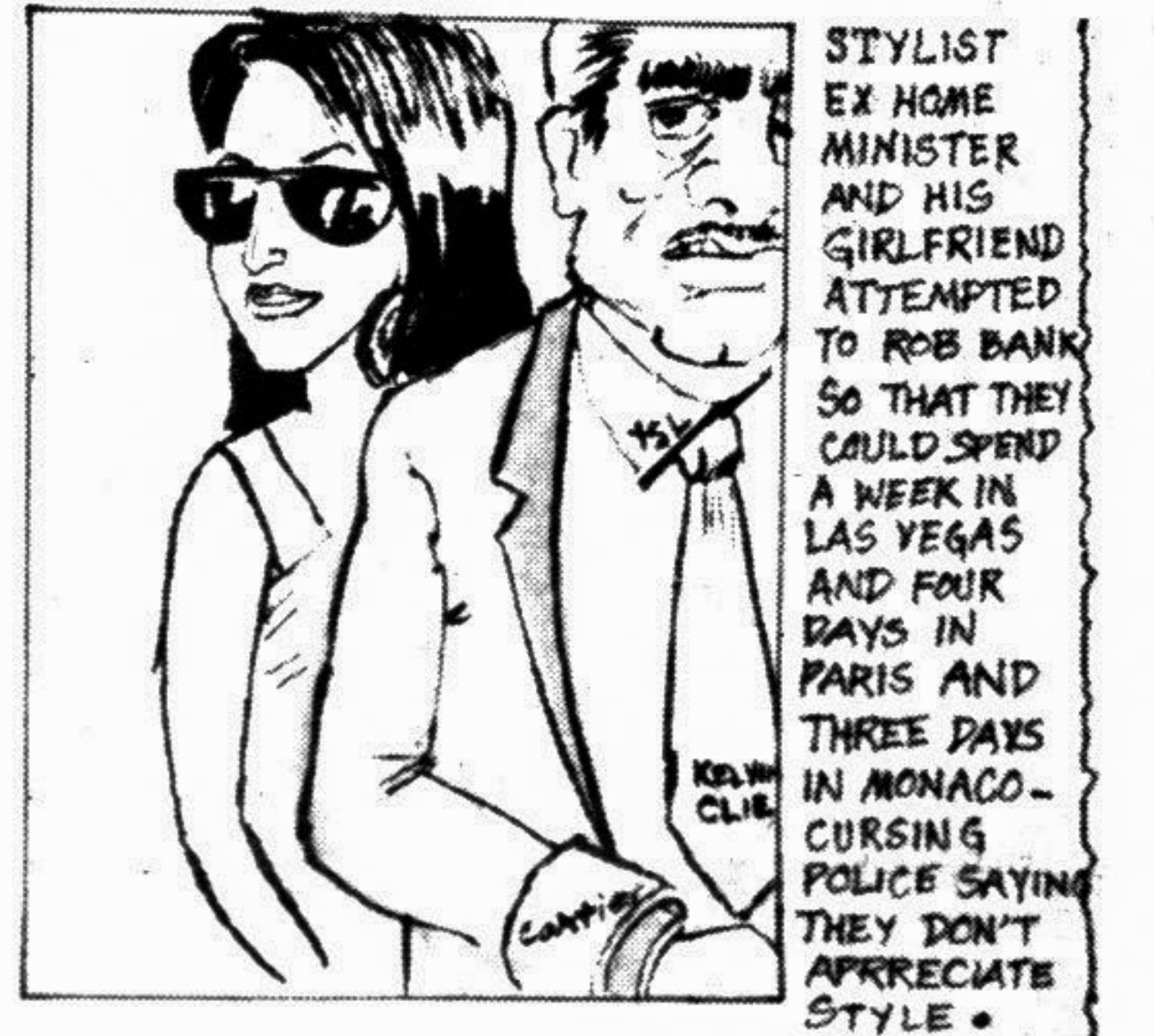
M Mia was wearing a grey Pierre Cardin suit, YSL executive shirt, Kelvin Klien tie and Gucci shoes during the arrest.

Upon request, the police chained him with a Cartier handcuff- which Mia was carrying in his pocket in case he gets arrested.

Smoking Havana and reading a back issue of Herald Tribune, Mia sounded irritated when this correspondent asked him whether he was wearing "Fruit of the Loom." He said, on his way to the Five Star Central Jail, "I am wearing Fruit of the jackfruit!"

Top model Sabrina was wearing Proful sari, Bibi blouse, Ray Ban, Rolex watch, few Gold Bars and a cheap Charlie perfume.

M Mia was seen contineously charging Sabrina saying, "I told you not to wear that 'orrible perfume...because of your perfume, the police became aware of our intrusion in the bank although they (contd on back page col 5)



STYLIST EX HOME MINISTER AND HIS GIRLFRIEND ATTEMPTED TO ROB BANK SO THAT THEY COULD SPEND A WEEK IN LAS VEGAS AND FOUR DAYS IN PARIS AND THREE DAYS IN MONACO - CURSING POLICE SAYING THEY DON'T APPRECIATE STYLE.

DURING this summer vacation, we went to Singapore. We stayed at my mother's friend's house. She told us that there was an elephant show at the zoo in Singapore. We decided that we will go there.

It was a sunny and beautiful day when we went to the zoo. There we saw many animals. We saw monkeys of different kinds; elephants, camels, birds, snakes etc. I also rode on an elephant and a camel.

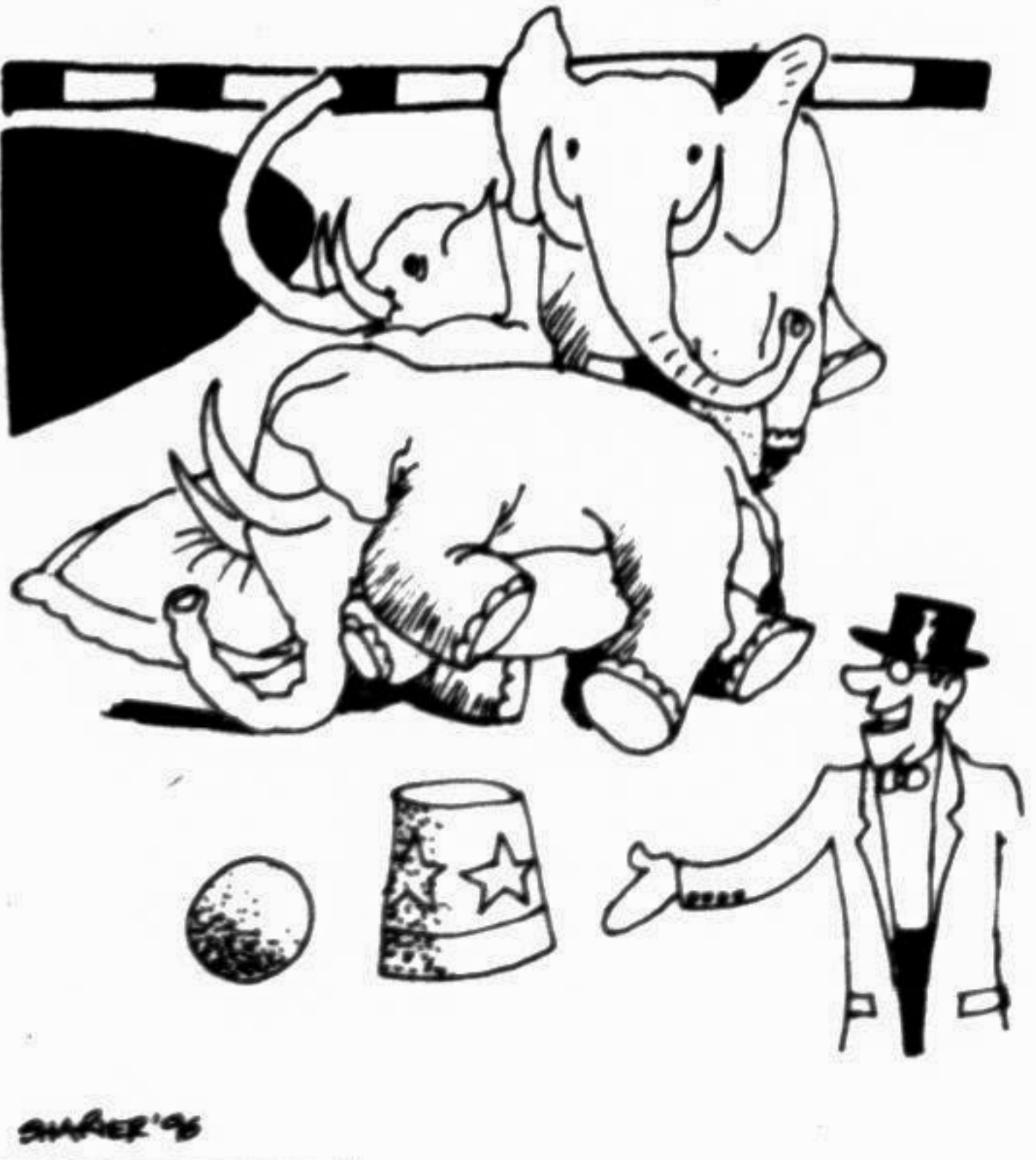
After this we found out that it was time for the elephant show. As we took our seats, a water fountain was started. In a few minutes the elephants came to the stage. There were five elephants. First they were told to lie down. But one of the elephants would not lie down because it didn't have its pillow. Their master told another elephant to bring her a pillow. After the elephant brought her a pillow, she began to fluff up the pillow with her trunk. For a few minutes, after that she placed her pillow in the right position and lay down. But when their master told them to get up the same elephant did not get up. So their master told her friend to sprinkle water on her. After she was sprinkled with water she got up.

After that their master told the youngest of the elephants to kick a black ball and said that whoever caught it, should come up to the stage with the ball in his hands. A young boy caught the ball the came up to the stage. He got kissed from the biggest elephant. Then the elephants were told to stand on a small stool. After that it was time for them to leave. As they left they sprinkled water to every body.

When we came home we were all tired but happy. We told our aunt every single thing about the show. And how she laughed when she heard about the elephant and her pillow!

All for a Kiss from an Elephant

by Naomi Ahmad



DISCOVERIES Compiled by Paula Aziz

SEIKO an American company has invented an electronic pocket dictionary or a word finder that works like a calculator. In this word finder one will get 6,60,000 synonym and 55,000 word definitions. One can also check 90,000 word meanings with this special instrument.

This mini dictionary is an ideal one for those who use desk top computers. This dictionary can also do simple mathematics for you, for instance changing measurements from metric system to British system or give you instant currency equivalent of any country you desire.

This small electronic dictionary or word finder is named Sc 1660. The price of this word finder is US 50 dollar which is comparatively cheaper.

THE cannon company has invented another surprize in the world of camera. They named this camera as Canon ES 5,000 and is being sold for US dollar 2200 each.

Main features of this latest find are amazing; the view finder reflects the subject on the lens according to the movement of the iris. In this camera the subject changes according to the relative placement of our iris. The most interesting thing in this camera is that we can just change the eye position from one place to another and through the automatic focus box we can find out our subject.

What Is Smoke?

SMOKE is the result of incomplete combustion of certain fuels. This means that if most of our common fuels were able to burn completely, we would have no smoke! Most fuels consist of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, a little sulphur, and perhaps some mineral ash. Now, if these fuels would burn completely, the final product would be carbon dioxide, water vapor, and free nitrogen, all of which are harmless. If sulphur is present, small quantities of sulphur dioxide are also given off, and when this comes in contact with air and moisture, it becomes a corrosive acid.

For complete combustion, a fuel must have enough air for full oxidation at a high temperature. These conditions are difficult to obtain, especially with solid fuels, and the result is smoke. Anthracite and coke can be burned without producing smoke because they have no volatile matter.

But bituminous coals decompose at rather low temperatures so that gases and tarry matter are freed; they combine with dust and ash and produce smoke.

The air in any city is full of suspended solid particles, but not all of this is smoke. It may contain dust, vegetable matter, and other materials. All of these gradually settle under the force of gravity. In small towns or suburbs, probably about 70 to 90 tonnes of these deposits settle down per square mile during a year. In a big industrial city, the deposits may be 10 times as great!

Smoke can do a great deal of harm. It damages health, property, and vegetation. In big industrial towns, it lowers the intensity of the sunshine, especially the ultraviolet rays which are essential to health.

If the wind didn't spread the smoke, big industrial towns would probably have fog every day. In fact, where smoky fog occurs, it often happens that the death rate goes up from lung and heart diseases.

Today, many cities are waging active campaigns to cut down on smoke or to prevent it from doing damage.

What Is Smog?

IN Britain determined efforts have been made to reduce the harmful effects of fog by controlling smoke from domestic coal fires and factory chimneys. In some areas coal fires are banned.

In some cities the combination of different industrial gases released into the air makes up a kind of fog we call 'smog'. It makes people cough when they breathe it. If certain fumes and fine particles are present in the smog, it can become poisonous.

Now, dust is present in the air at all times. Dust is tiny particles of solid matter that can be carried in suspension by air. Dust may come from soil blowing, ocean spray, volcanic activity, forest fires, the exhaust from automobiles, and from industrial combustion processes. The latter is what you see pouring out of factory chimneys.

The amount of dust in the air is almost unbelievable. It is estimated that over the United States about 39,000,000 tonnes of dust settle every year! Of this amount, about 28,000,000 tonnes are from natural sources. That leaves about 11,000,000 tonnes of dust that are the result of human activities!

Naturally, the amount of dust is greatest in big industrial cities. For example, here is roughly how much dust falls per square mile each month in some big cities: Detroit—65 tonnes; New York—63 tonnes; Chicago—55 tonnes; Pittsburgh—42 tonnes; and Los Angeles—30 tonnes. In a section of the city where there are many industrial buildings, it might be as much as 180 tonnes per square mile each month.

This is such an important health problem that many cities are carrying on intensive campaigns to reduce the amount of industrial dust in the air. Dust-producing machinery is built with hoods to keep the dust down. Ventilation systems, blower fans, and electrical devices that cause the dust to settle are also used. In some cases, wet drilling is done and water sprays are used, too. But the problem of dangerous dust in the air—or 'smog'—has not yet been licked.

Courtesy: Tell Me Why

Economic Wackos Crime Bullish as ex-minister robs

By Biltu Ahmed

The crime market index shot up all times high last night as ex-minister M Mia and his associate Sakina joined the league by robbing the Taltu bank.

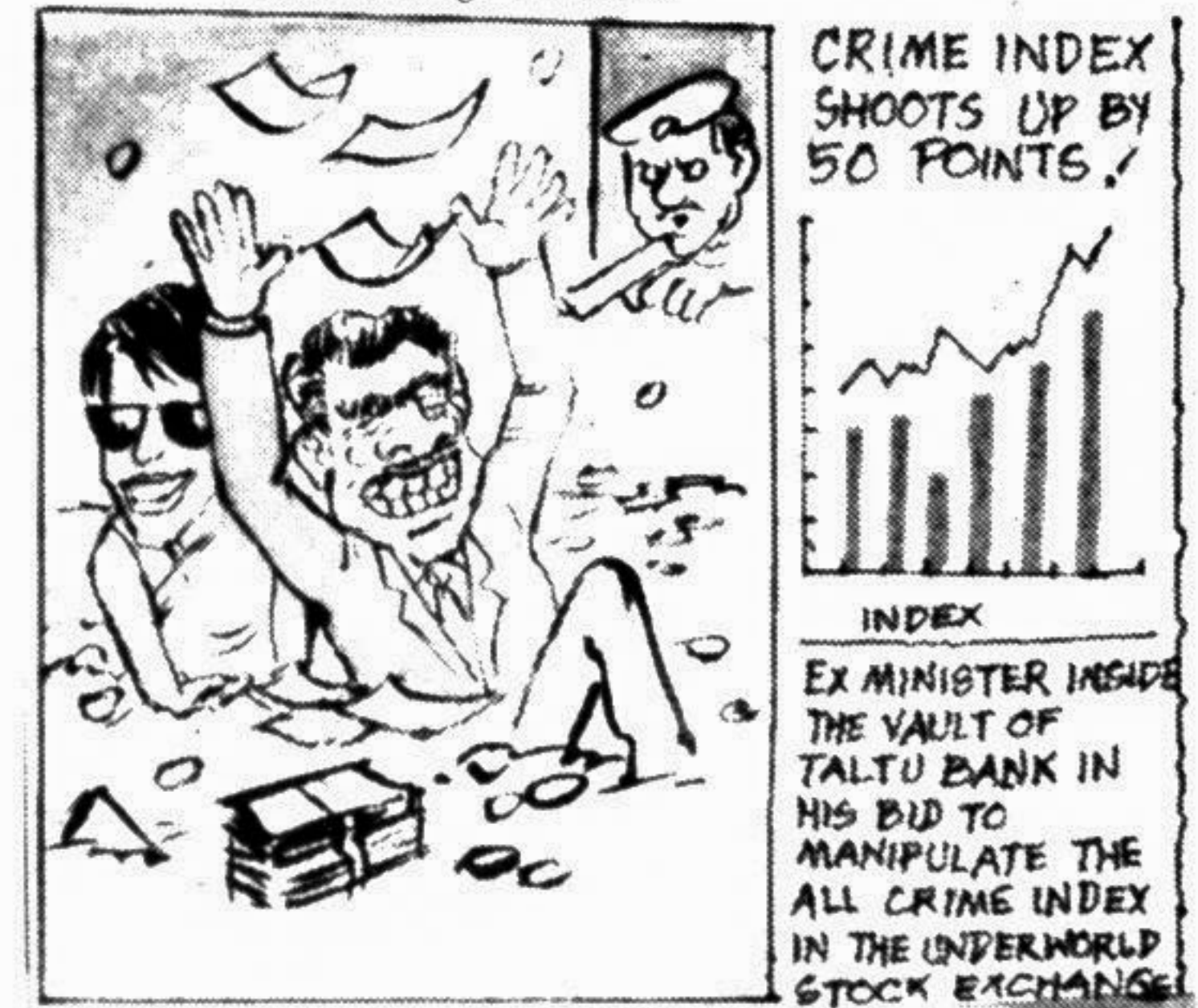
The total volume of murders yesterday rose to 12 from the previous day's 9.

The total value of robbing, mugging was tk 12 crore four annas last night. Some 288 howlas took place in different crime market venues of the city.

The volume leader of the night was M Mia (Tk 11 crore 200). He was followed by Bangu-Pear gang (50 lakh), Chandu-TP syndicate (14 lakh 25 paise), Kerew Droke and Beg Ltd (10 lakh), Shil Pata and Kheke Rofiq with Bura (5 lakh).

"The all crime Index was running too low," M Mia solemnly said after he was arrested for trying to manipulate the crime market. "I could not take it...remember the glorious days

muggers enjoyed when I was the Law Minister? Therefore, I decided to do something which will do something for the index and for the expenditure of the next election campaign." (contd on Page 11, col 6)



CRIME INDEX SHOOTS UP BY 50 POINTS. INDEX EX MINISTER INSIDE THE VAULT OF TALTU BANK IN HIS BID TO MANIPULATE THE ALL CRIME INDEX IN THE UNDERWORLD STOCK EXCHANGE.

Chotta Paper

"Things of the world, unite!"

Conspiracy against Patriots: Mia, Sabrina Arrested

By B Shariff & B Khorshed

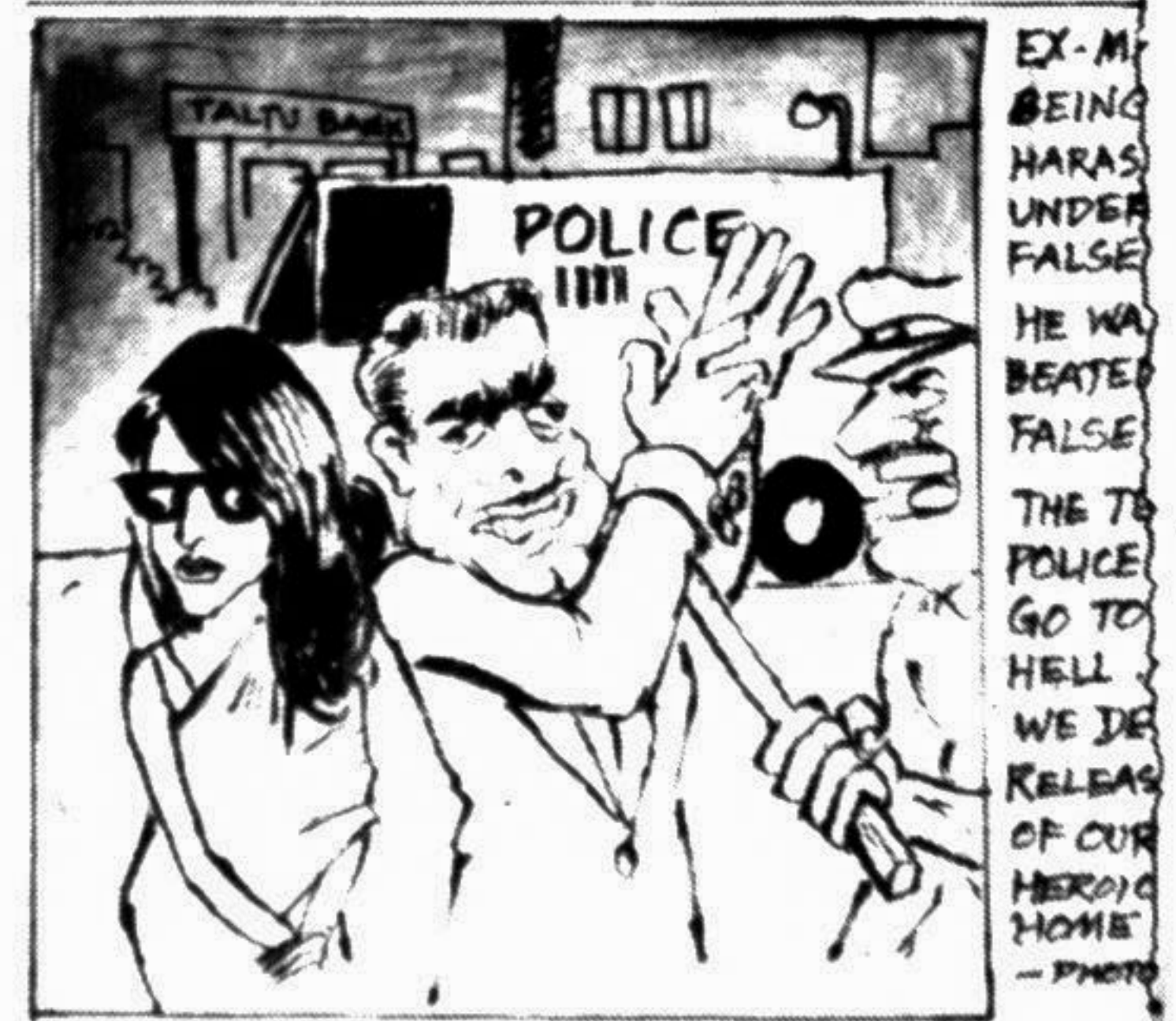
The conspiracy to oust the true patriots from the soil became exposed last night with the arrest of lovable leader of Chotta Party M Mia and Sabrina Begum from their residences.

Witnesses said, the criminal @%%% police, which used to tremble in the presence of M Mia when he was the Law Minister, gagged the brave leader from his house along with Sabrina and put them inside a bank's vault.

While M Mia was still smelling money inside the vault wondering what is going on, the police brought in a group of @%%% sychophant journalists of the government and took photos of the leaders.

If M Mia was not arrested last night, Intelligence sources said, he could have exposed the government's plot to sell the country at an auction in London next week. Since he has been arrested, there will be none to expose that now.

See Teens and Twenties for the other angle.



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Quotations

And thou shall take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous. Exodus 23:8

A gift in secret pacifieth anger; and a reward in the bosom strong wrath. Proverbs 21:14

Turn from the glittering bribe thy scornful eye, Nor sell for gold what gold could never buy. Samuel Johnson

Chance A chance may win what by mischance was lost. Robert Southwell