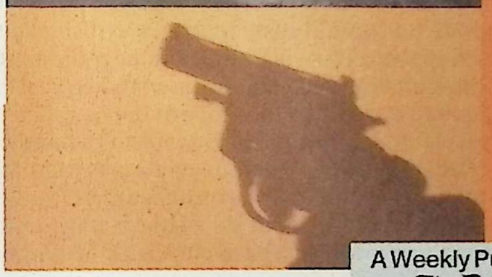
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The Culture of Fear

There are rumblings around town of a new wave of crime, but it is difficult to ascertain if that truly is the case. People are being mugged left and right, and seemingly one is never far from danger. But the police have a different side to the story, in their books crime is down. They claim the city is going through nothing more than a spike in crime, while the public at large is still living in fear. The truth lies subtly in between all of this.



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Rubaiyat Mansur was charmed by the magic of the Sundarbans. In fact, in the early and late nineties he was on board different tourist vessels of Guide Tours. It was on a visit to the Sundarbans that he met Brian Smith, zoologist and Asia coordinator of IUCN Species Survival Commission, who frequents the shores of Bangladesh and was on a trip to find more about the Irrawaddy dolphins.

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Vietnam on Fast Forward

Ho Chi Minh City is Vietnam's economic and cultural hub. With its teeming streets, colourful shops, and vibrant nightlife, it seems like a city rushing to make up for lost time. But look beyond the hustle and bustle, and the signs of a rich heritage are there in plain view. Vietnam's charm lies in the fact that it blends the contrasting images nicely.



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