OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, DELHI

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To

The Editor,
The Times of India,
New Delhi.

Sub: Regarding news reports in the news paper "The Times of India" dated 30.07.2012 captioned (1) The report names Iran Army Arm for attack on Israeli Diplomat (2) Iran visit on cards cops zero in on suspects (3) Suspects changed 5 hotels.

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Sir,

This refers to the captioned news report that appeared on the front and fifth page of your esteemed daily dated 30.7.2012.

The headline and the contents of the news-item "that an Iranian state agency was involved in the February 13 bomb attack on an Israeli diplomat in the capital, the Delhi Police has concluded that the suspects were members of Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), a branch of the nation's military" is factually incorrect.

Also, the assertion in news-item that "the IRGC members had discussed the plan to attack Israeli diplomats in India and other countries with Indian journalist Syed Mohammad Ahmad Kazmi in January 2011" is denied.

Again, the fact mentioned in the news-item that "Delhi Police has sought more details of the five IRGC members" is denied. The Delhi Police has only sought the details of six persons of Iranian origin suspected to be involved in the conspiracy and execution of the attack.

It has been mentioned in the news item on page 5 that "the investigation report gives a detailed account of planning, execution and accommodation details of the members of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps members, in the capital for the attack on Israeli Diplomat". It must be again made clear stated that the content in the news-item that members of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) are involved in the attack is factually incorrect.

The concerned correspondent has not bothered to verify the facts with us before filing the report on such a sensitive matter. Needless to say, such unverified/unconfirmed reports lead to unnecessary speculation and confusion in the minds of your esteemed readers and, in this case, in the minds of the diplomatic corps. It may adversely affect our ongoing investigations which heavily rely on the co-operation of the Country concerned.

In view of the gravity and sensitivity of the matter, it will be appreciated if the concerned correspondent is suitably advised to exercise restraint from filing such unverified/unconfirmed news-items.

It is also requested that our rejoinder to the news item may please be published with the same prominence as the above referred news item to set the record right.

Yours faithfully,

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