OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI

No. 063/PRO/PHQ, dated, Delhi the 30/01/2009.

To

The Editor
Indian Express
New Delhi

Subject : Regarding news item " Police plan to get in former Armymen to beef up crack commando unit".

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Sir,

This refers captioned news item published in the Express Newsline of The Indian Express yesterday ie.29-01-2009. It is found partially incorrect and baseless.

The news item states that the Delhi Police plans to include former Army jawan and officers in its commando unit for better reaction in emergency situations in these days of heightened security. It further suggests the ranks to be offered to the retired Army officers in the Delhi Police.

It is clarified that the plan to engage retired Army officials is only at a conceptual stage. The mechanism as to how the services of these officers will be taken in Delhi Police, if at all, is yet to be evolved. Instead of putting the communiqué in right perspective, the reporter has incorrectly indicated the ranks of officers mentioned in the note and the level of which they could be taken, if at all, in the Delhi Police. The note mooted the idea of taking retired Army officers of the rank of Captain / Major as ACsP and retired officers of the rank of Major / Lt. Col. as DCsP.

We again reiterate that this was an internal note of a conceptual nature. It has to take a final shape before it becomes a proposal and is taken up with the Govt.

In view of the above stated facts and circumstances, it is requested that the correct facts of matter may kindly be published with the same prominence for the benefit of your esteemed reader who may have been misled by the wrong information and advise the concerned reporter to verify the facts from the authority before reporting such sensitive matter.

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