

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI

No. 515 /PRO/PHQ , dated, Delhi the 24-12-/2009

To

The Editor,
The Hindustan Times,
New Delhi.

Subject: - Regarding news item "He said he will strike again, soon"

Sir,

This refers to the caption of photograph of the under subject news item appeared in The Hindustan Times, dated 23-12-2009, which is found incorrect.

It is clarified that the photograph shown in the news item was of accused Sanjay alias "Dai" not the juvenile in conflict with law as claimed in the caption of photograph. There was no meeting of the press with juvenile while in police custody as the juvenile was produced at juvenile court at 11.30 A.M. , whereas the press conference was held at 2 P.M. at DCP/South office, during which only the other accused Sanjay @Dai @ Bahadur who is a major and also the main accused was present in a muffled face. Sanjay @ Bahadur who has been quoted in the article and also referred to be a juvenile is not a juvenile but is aged 20 years.

Since the incorrect caption amounts to violation of the section 21 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children Act, 2000) which clearly prohibits publication of picture of juvenile in conflict with the law in newspaper, magazine, new-sheet or visual media etc which may lead to the identification of the juvenile, the same needs to be corrected.

In view of the above stated facts, it is requested that the correct facts of the matter may be published with same prominence for your esteemed readers. It may also be appreciated if the concerned photographer/reporter verifies the facts from the authorized officer before filing report on such sensitive matters.

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