

Tiger tales can make a killing

Police forces the world over are reportedly worried by a new criminal organization that has surfaced, with its tentacles spread far and wide. Last week there was a most unusual meeting held in Washington, which brought together top investigators from Interpol, the FBI, CIA, what is left of the KGB, Mossad and even the secret police from China and Japan.

While Washington journalists who got wind of the hush-hush meeting initially believed it was meant to plan out joint action against the Mafia, a few extra enterprising reporters discovered that the top level confab of sleuths had nothing to do with tracking down the Mafia, but was in fact held to discuss the activities of Tiger Assassins Inc., S. Lanka's latest export venture, which is bound to have a special place in the Decade of Exports.

Tiger Assassins Inc. or TAI is reportedly headquartered in Jaffna and was recently established to augment the funds and material needs of the LTTE. The idea to launch this new venture had dawned on the LTTE leadership following the unbelievable readiness of the S. Lanka Police to place the blame for any assassination at the doorstep of the Tigers.

Some financial experts of the LTTE had reportedly done a quick feasibility study of the project and found that the Tigers could make quite a profit by the simple method of allowing them to be blamed for murders and assassinations, done anywhere in the world, by the simple method of charging a royalty fee for the use of their name

free haven of Jaffna in the democratic Socialist Republic of S. Lanka.

TAI is said to be a fully streamlined service with branches in most western capitals and a strong presence in both India and Pakistan. All it does is charge a royalty, paid in US dollars or any other convertible currency, to permit any police force, government information department or enterprising politician to claim that any embarrassing assassination, or convenient killing, has been done by the Tamil Tigers.

Once the Tigers are blamed for a killing, TAI ensures that one of their foreign offices will issue a routine denial which is not taken seriously by anybody. The service includes the supply of ID cards to be placed near the body of an alleged assassin, or even the supply of bodies to be identified as that of the assassin. On the payment of a certain extra

of criminal investigators to study the full implications of this latest development in the world of crime. They had all agreed that an invitation be extended to the S. Lanka Police to make a special presentation at this conference, based on their special knowledge in laying the blame with the Tigers.

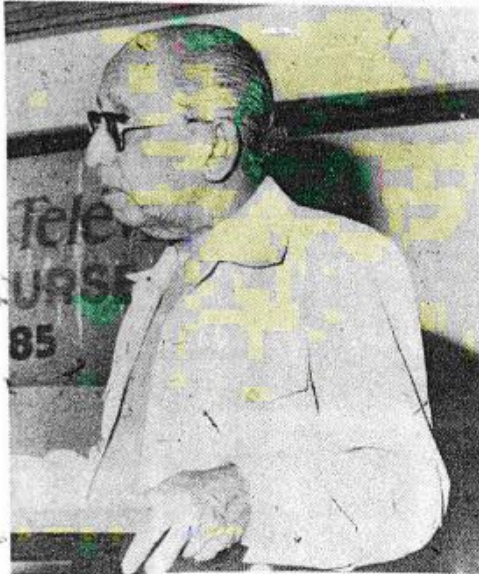
This presentation will include cleaning and washing up the scene of crime even before all possible investigations have been completed, so as to make it near impossible to find the clue to a killer. This will also include the use of police dogs to sniff out suspects from the supply of any old slipper to catch the scent, and the special capability to identify an alleged killer as a Tiger by just looking at a severed head, although not even the best policemen would call the man a Tiger when the head was well attached to the body.

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ABR or Assassination Blame Royalty be paid in kind, in the form of weapons, SAM missiles or even light aircraft. This aspect is causing special concern because some of the directors of TAI are those who have previous experience in negotiating for the supply of arms by governments.



fee they will even supply an ID with a fake photograph, just to confuse those who are supposed to conduct an investigation, and will even give the police service that

be ready (Again for a special fee) to supply what are called the fingerprints of the Tigers to be placed at the scene of a crime, and even provided the services of