

**Scotland Yard to discuss Games security**

SCOTLAND Yard chief Paul Stephenson will meet Indian officials today to discuss cooperation between India and Britain to ensure that the Commonwealth Games are free of terror attacks. Speaking in Mumbai at a seminar, Stephenson shared Britain's experience in combating terrorism and a slew of preventive steps taken to avert terror attacks.

**Defective vest killed Karkare: PIL**



THE bulletproof vests, worn by slain ATS Chief Hemant Karkare and two other senior officers on 26/11, belonged to the batch of 110 defective pieces purchased in 2002, according to a PIL, filed in the Bombay HC alleged. Santosh Daundkar filed it after Kavita Karkare claimed the vest worn by her husband was missing.

**We can thwart another 26/11: Cops**

WITH intelligence agencies warning of major terror strikes, the top brass of Maharashtra and Mumbai police expressed confidence about meeting any challenge thrown by terror outfits. "The police's response mechanism has improved drastically," said DGP A N Roy.



# EKTA'S UNDERWORLD TRYST GETS COMPANY

HER FILM, ONCE UPON A TIME IN MUMBAI, BASED ON RISE OF UNDERWORLD, IS SIMILAR TO TOMORROW

**BHAIS IN THE 1970s**



AB GOLI KHA: Anuj Sawney in a still from Tomorrow, directed by Amjad Khan

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EKTA Kapoor's film, Once Upon A Time In Mumbai, exploring the rise of the underworld from the 70s to the 90s has some competition. A film starring Anuj Sawney and Seema Biswas called Tomorrow also has a similar theme.

**City's underbelly**

While Ekta's film is being directed by Milan Luthria and stars Ajay Devgn, Emraan Hashmi and Kangana Ranaut, Tomorrow is directed by Amjad Khan. Once Upon A Time In Mumbai has Ajay reportedly playing a character based on Haji Mastan, while Emraan plays the character of Dawood Ibrahim.

Anuj says, "Tomorrow

explores the underbelly of the Mumbai underworld era starting from the early 1970s right till the 1990s, which names all prominent ganglords, including Dawood Ibrahim, Chhota Rajan, Kareem Lala, Haji Mastan, etc. It is the story of a gang of petty urchins, who take it upon themselves to usurp the entire system and thus make enemies with the police and the underworld."

When asked if he's aware that Tomorrow has a similar storyline to Once Upon A Time In Mumbai, Anuj says, "I have no clue. Good for Ekta if it is, as Tomorrow has a beautifully woven script and storyline."

**It's different**

Ekta, however, says, "There can be nothing similar to Once Upon A Time In Mumbai. It's going to be one of the most

THE major players during the 70s were Haji Mastan, Karim Lala, Vardarajan Mudaliar, Yusuf Patel, Golden Babuya, Sitaram Dada, Moses Dada, Rajan Nair (Bada Rajan) and Manya Surve. They were involved in bootlegging and gambling. The narcotics trade in this decade was largely limited to hashish. The old dons mostly ruled the neighbourhood they lived in.

controversial films of its times. It has required lots of research, which we have obtained from journalists of that time. It requires skill to recreate the 70s and make a film with a controversial background. If Tomorrow is similar, I wish it all the best. Though our film has a reference to the 90s, it has mostly been shot in the early 70s."

# TALIBAN FIGHTER SALUTES CITY COPS

JOCHEM JANSSEN'S IPHONE STOLEN AT RESTAURANT, BUT HE GETS IT BACK WITHIN 10 MINUTES

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NETHERLANDS citizen Jochem Janssen experienced two diametrically opposite sides of Mumbai. On Friday, the army man, who fought against the Taliban in Afghanistan four months ago, was robbed while he had breakfast at McDonald's opposite CST.

Two college students seated next to him snatched his Apple iPhone and earphones from his hand and ran away. The people at McDonald's managed to nab one boy, but the other fled. After getting a call, officers from the Azad Maidan police station rushed to the spot in five minutes and



**HAPPY ENDING:** Jochem Janssen with Inspector Ravi Gidde and his recovered iPhone

forced the student to return Janssen's belongings.

**Grateful**

"I am very grateful to the Mumbai cops. They came within minutes, went with the

boy who was caught and retrieved my belongings. Since the earphone was damaged, the cops bought new ones for me with the boys' money. They are so fast and treated me very well. They are the world's best cops," said a thrilled Janssen.

Inspector Ravi Gidde said, "We rushed to McDonald's as soon as we got a call. Janssen is leaving for New Delhi and then to Holland, so it wouldn't have been possible for him to pursue the case." No case has been registered against the boys.

**RS 30,000**  
Approximate cost of an 8GB iPhone

**CHEATING DEATH**

JOCHEM Janssen is in India on a holiday after a near-death experience. "Six months back, my army along with the Australian and German forces were fighting against the Taliban. A bomb exploded near our van, which had four colleagues and me," said Janssen, who has been with the Netherlands army for seven years and trained as a sniper for four years.



Jochem Janssen narrates the experience on [www.mid-day.com](http://www.mid-day.com)

**OF WEEKENDS AND WEDDINGS**

Action packed two days for the rich and restless

JEWELLERY designer Reshma Bombaywala is on a pre-wedding dive trip, "My weekend social plans are hopefully with a shark. I'm in Havelock, one of the Andaman Islands ... high heels and make-up are farthest from my mind!" Fashion designer Rocky S is thinking of clubbing with friends at Zenzi Mills tonight, "before I fly to Turkey and I'm definitely attending my closest friend Shilpa Shetty's wedding on November 22." Sommelier Rajeev Samant will be attending Osh Bhabani and Mridula Chandrashekar's wedding reception.

Composer Suleiman will be at the quintessential biker brand pre-ride party at Mahalaxmi tonight and Shilpa's wedding reception next week. Shamita Singha has plans to attend "four weddings so far.

On Sunday Devieka



Bhojwani and Nonita Kalra plan to play host at their annual Carnival for a Cause. Milind Soman who will be there says, "I've always been surrounded by women who have played a very important role in my life being the only brother amongst sisters, so I would support any cause that affects the lives of women. Even actor Jackie Shroff says, "I know so many dear friends who are battling breast cancer and I want to do my bit for the cause."

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