



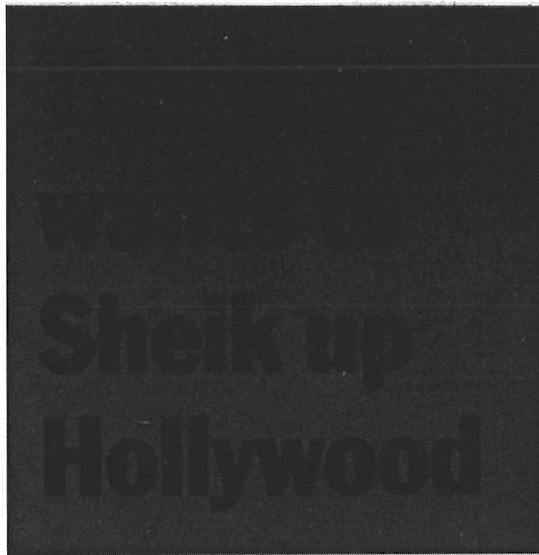
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## Should by Hollywood

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### *Two-time world silat champ Sheik Alauddin is looking for a break into movies. TEO YUN YUN reports*

**H**E'S got the looks and the skills. If all goes smoothly, this guy could become Singapore's very own Bruce Lee.

He is Sheik Alauddin, the two-time world silat champion who's hoping to break into Hollywood.

Two weeks ago, the SEA Games Open defending champion signed a two-year contract with local public relations firm Raistar International.

It will be promoting him in television, movies and advertisements.

Although Sheik Alauddin has little acting experience, apart from guest appearances on shows, Mr Fahmi Rais, 30, director (corporate and legal) of Raistar thinks that with his martial arts skills, "Hollywood is not impossible".

"They have always looked to the east for martial arts artists. Just think of Bruce Lee or Sho Kosugi (The

Karate Kid)."

Raistar is negotiating with film companies in Malaysia for Sheik to star in action movies. The pugilist wants to become Asia's 'Jean-Claude Van Damme, the Belgian actor who has made it big in Hollywood.

"I would be more comfortable with action roles because I know I can do them. But if you talk about romancing or love stories, then... I'm very shy with girls."

The 1.83 m Sheik weighs 90 kg. Married with three children, he works as a sports co-ordinator for the Housing Board.

"I've never imagined myself to be a movie star. But I love the movies and have always been a Bruce Lee and Jean-Claude Van Damme fan.

"I can't compete in silat forever. I'm 30. I've only got maybe five years left.

"That's why I'm exploring new things to do when I retire from sports."

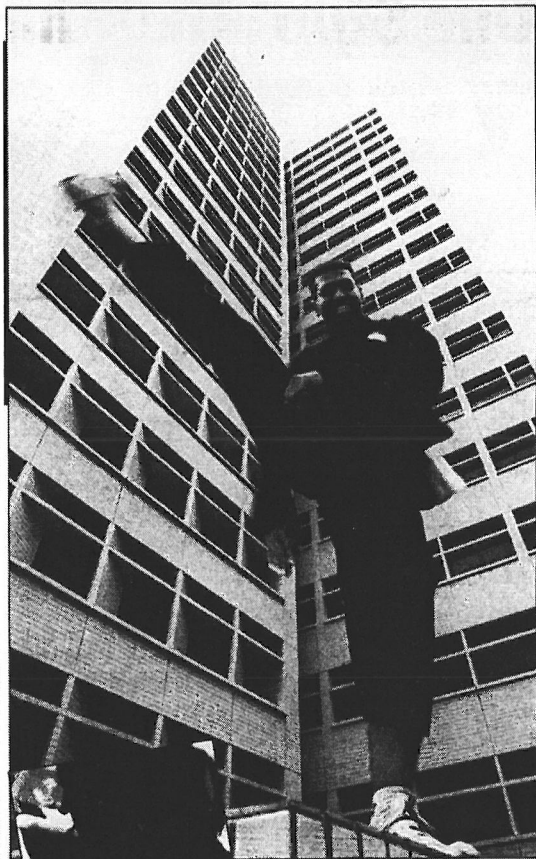
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