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TWO-time world *silat* champion Sheik Alauddin, 30, thinks the Internet is a good way to promote sports.

He uses his web page to promote the ancient Malay martial art.

The Singaporean, who was crowned national *silat* open champion for the 12th time last year, believes the Internet is the best way to reach people who would otherwise never hear about the sport. "*Silat* is not like soccer which appears on television and in the newspapers often," he said.

He started learning *silat*

publishing firm to set it up.

Mr Sheik Alauddin, who is married, and has two sons, aged three and one; and one daughter, aged four; does not intend to stop there.

The sportsman, who works as a fitness coordinator at a recreation centre, intends to set up a *silat* academy eventually.

He said: "I want to do as much as I can for the sport before I retire in one to two years' time."

His page is at <http://www.silat.com>

in school, at the age of 15.

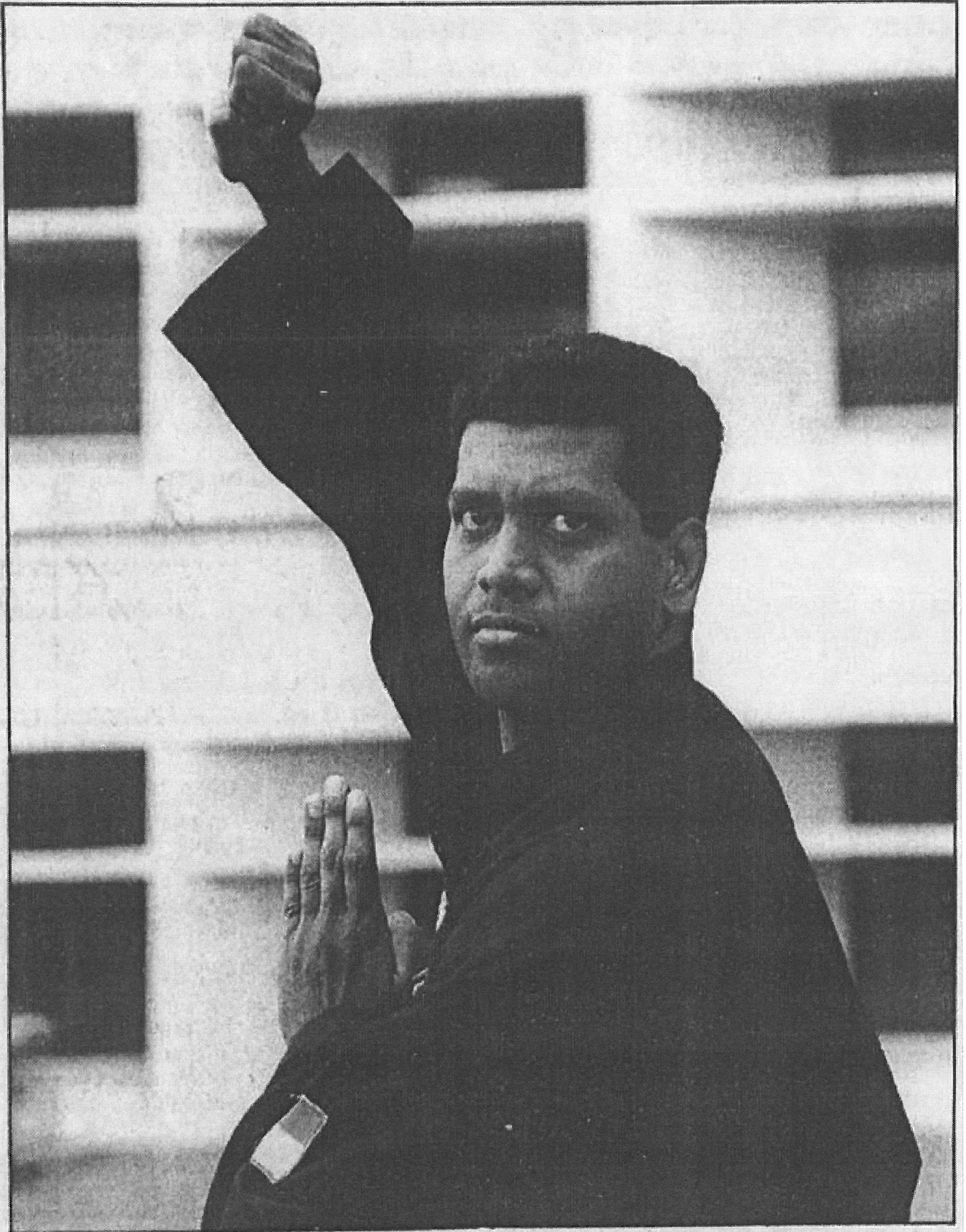
His home page, launched earlier this month, has information on the history of *silat*, which was practised by warriors who guarded royalty in countries such as Malaysia and Indonesia.

The modern-day sport is also described and the site has a list of coming *silat* contests in the region.

He decided to put the page up when he found there was little about the sport in cyberspace.

He gathered information for it and then went to a web

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Two-time world silat champion Sheik Alauddin uses his home page to promote silat, the ancient Malay martial art, as a sport. — Picture by CHEW SENG KIM.

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