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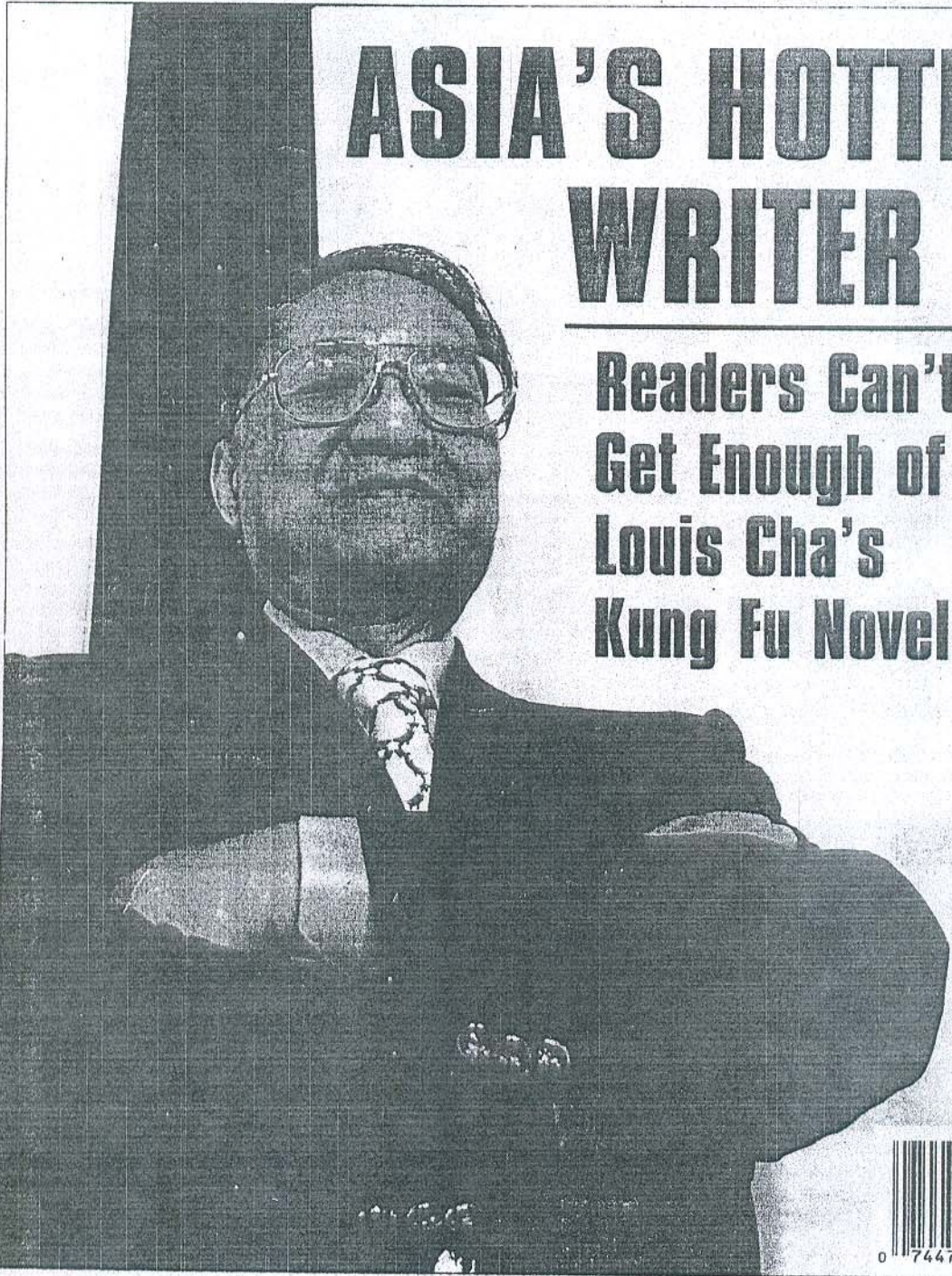
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**NOORUL QUADER**

*Noorul Quader, former civil servant, industrialist and a visionary. He has been described as the "father of the Bangladesh garment industry."*

**Occupation.** Chairman and managing director of Desh Group of Industries.

**Most remarkable development over the past 50 years.** The withdrawal of the imperial powers from South and Southeast Asia and the economic emancipation of several countries within the region, including Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia; the emergence of Japan as an economic superpower and China as a potential world leader.

**Most surprising development.** Retaining Oriental values in spite of induction of Western technology and lifestyle in the region. Embracing martyrdom by Bangladeshis to earn Bangla as a state language, as opposed to the imposed Urdu in 1952, and sovereignty through war in 1971.

**Most vivid personal memory.** Atrocities of Pakistani junta aided by a cross section of civilian Bangla- and Urdu-speaking collaborators. Direct engagement in as many as 17 combats in the liberation war and liberating the first territory. Taking train-loads of provisions for the liberation army and commandeering truck-loads of money to sustain the liberation war. Founding of the government-in-exile as the secretary to the government and the transfer of the government of Bangladesh to Dhaka after liberation in December 1971.

**Greatest achievement.** To be able to earn the confidence of Daewoo Chairman Kim Woo Choong and enter into the first-ever joint venture. The transfer of garment-manufacturing know-how through the training of 130 Bangladeshi workers and technicians in Daewoo's factory in Korea. The setting up of the first 100% export-oriented, ready-made-garment industry in Bangladesh which eventually earned the country a place on the industrial map of the world. The opening of a back-to-back letter-of-credit system—a non-funded financing mechanism for import of raw materials on deferred payment and generation of working capital.

**Greatest missed investment.** Losing association with Daewoo due to Chairman Kim leaving South Korea after political changes in the country in 1981.

**Advice to government for the next 50 years.** Develop human resources through education and leave the private sector alone.

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