



Jim Truscott

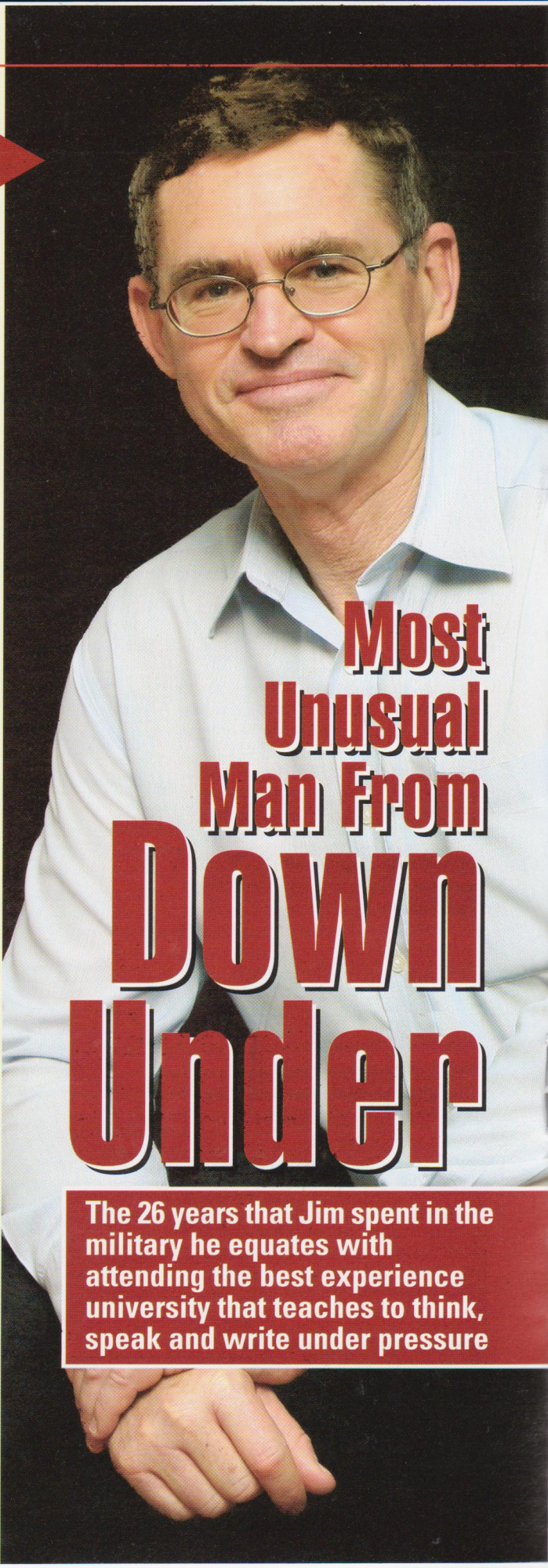
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I sat down with Jim Truscott after his Octara Workshop to find out more about this most unusual man from Down Under. He told me of some interesting findings that he has arrived at during the course of his work. Speaking of prioritization, Jim said that the Federal Government of Australia did a multimodal exercise with all transport stakeholders to determine Western Sydney's traffic choke points. It was found that getting kids to school was a high priority so that the parents could get to work! Talking about future risk in Arab culture is looked upon with suspicion as if you were going to start something! The same is true of multinational companies working in high risk situations. The fact that there is 40 percent of Pakistan's liquid fuel passing through a single PARCO pipeline makes for a scary thought.

Jim Truscott is a Civil Engineer by profession, and attended the Duntroon Officer Training School in Canberra which is associated with the University of New South Wales. He admits to have spent more time deconstructing (counter-terrorism) than constructing! He is the same age as Osama Bin Laden who, he points out, is also an engineer. Jim speaks Indonesian as a second language, and his first exposure to violence was in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) where he was assigned to supervise the separation of Mugabe's troops from those of Ian Smith. Jim has also been involved in patrolling the Southern Ocean near the Artic, and seizing fishing vessels caught poaching the Patagonian Toothfish. He has done a bit of mountaineering as well, and climbed Broad Peak in Pakistan in 1986, which was a bad year for mountaineering he says considering the number of fatalities. In 1988 he climbed Mount Everest.

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There was blood aplenty when suicide bombers struck two five star hotels in Jakarta, Indonesia, claiming the life of Truscott Crisis Leaders' Country Manager for Indonesia, Nathan Verity. Jim was devastated. "It was a harrowing day last Friday.," he wrote in an email. "The media demands have been incessant for the last three days." . May the Lord keep us all in His Protection.



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