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SAIGON, June 16—Saigon's Gai Phong newspaper has unwittingly proved to be the vehicle of the city's famed con men.

The newspaper said thieves were taking advantage of its most widely read column, one listing names and addresses of people separated from their friends and families, to extort money.

The thieves pass themselves off as long-lost relatives and ask for money in replies to the messages, the paper said. It appealed to people who had been tricked in this way to inform the authorities.