

Outlawed party activists kill two in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent
SATKHIRA, Jan 8: Two persons were allegedly murdered by the armed activists of the outlawed Purbabanga Communist Party last Friday night.
According to police sources, Monoranjan Das, 50 of village Atara of Tala thana was kidnapped by a group of armed miscreants from his house at about 9 pm and took him near Gonali-Ferryghat where they murdered him with sharp knives. In the other incident Rejowan Gazi, 40 of village Dakkhin Naita of the same thana while returning home was murdered when he reached near his house at about 11 pm.

Several cut wounds were found on their bodies. Two separate letters were recovered from the places of occurrence in which they mentioned, in retaliation of killing of their leader, Nazrul Islam who was killed at Atrai on June 2 last they killed them. The dead bodies were sent to Satkhira hospital for autopsy. Two separate cases were lodged with Tala thana.

Materials for making arms unearthed

BHOLA, Jan 8: Police unearthed arms, materials for making arms at a house at Char Illisha village in sadar thana and recovered four cut-rifles and raw materials for making rifles, says UNB.
Following a tip-off, a police contingent led by Sub Inspector A Mukit conducted the raid at the house owned by Nur Islam on December 25 and found the arms and raw materials.

Sensing police arrival, Nur Islam went into hiding. A case has been lodged. Further investigation is on.

One killed in road mishap

SATKHIRA, Jan 8: A pedestrian was killed by a Shatkhira-bound mini bus at Jhawadanga Bazar on Shatkhira-Jessore highway on Saturday, reports UNB.
The ill-fated man, identified as Tobartak (55) of Borobila in Tala thana, was run over while going across the road on foot, witnesses said.
The driver of the killer bus bearing number Jessore Ba 1121, however, managed to escape.
The body was sent to morgue for autopsy and a case has been filed with the police.



SYLHET Professor Syed Mohuddin Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor of Shahjalal University speaking at the concluding function of the 18th National Science Week's district level programmes held here recently. — Star photo

In Savar thana Alarming rise in crimes

SAVAR, Jan 8: Crimes are alarmingly on rise due to deteriorating law and order in the thana, says UNB.
Local people said murder, dacoity, snatching, toll collection and theft are the regular feature in the thana over the last few months.
Informal sources said, at least 150 pedestrians, businessmen lost every thing and some 40 of them were injured at the hands of the so-called 'Ramdao Bahini' in the last few months.
The gang take possession after sundown at certain points of the roads equipped with long Ramdaos, swoop on the pedestrians in an opportune moment and take away the belongings.
One Jewel Ahmed, a contractor, was kidnapped by some armed miscreants of the Bahini at gun point from Export Processing Zone of

Savar and looted Tk 2.50 lakh from him on last December 8. A case was filed but none was arrested.
Meanwhile, a gang of armed dacoits raided the six roadside shops of the thana and looted valuables and cash worth Tk one lakh on the night of Dec 14.
On the same night, dacoits looted goods worth Tk 1.50 lakh from the shops of Sanaullah, Faruq and Anwar Hossain at Khejur Teek village.
A daring dacoity was also committed at the house of rice trader Alauddin of Uttarpara of the thana in the last October.
A minor girl, 9, the only daughter of a landless farmer of village Ghail, was raped by mastans on November 27. She is now fighting for life at the hospital.
Five people were murdered at the Vakurta union alone during the last nine months. Local

people said.
One Samsheer Ali was murdered on last October and Susmita Rani was stabbed by some miscreants at Rajalak farm on September 9.
Besides, the number of drug addicts is alarmingly on rise in the thana. Some 10 wine shops have sprung up in Savar bazar and are openly selling the intoxicants including wine and alcohol before the nose of the law enforcing agencies.
The sufferers alleged that police most often harass the complainants on various plea.
Local people alleged that the wanted criminals are seen moving freely under the patronage of some influential people.
They urged the higher authorities to take immediate steps to check the increasing crimes in the thana to ensure the safety and security of the peace-loving people.

Young boy crushed under wheels of truck

From Staff Correspondent
SYLHET, Jan 8: An eight-year old boy was crushed under the wheels of a speeding truck on Sylhet-Tamabil road recently. The road was blocked for about five hours by the agitated villagers following the incident.
The victim, Shahidul Islam of village Nayamati of Gowainghat thana met his tragic end of life as he fell under the killer truck at a place near Bager Sarak while crossing the road. A case in this connection had been registered. With this, the total number of deaths caused by a total of 20 accidents in the Sylhet-Tamabil road during the last 17 months.
Another report adds: Valuables worth Taka three lakh were gutted in a fire that took place at village Lengura under Gowainghat thana recently. The fire burnt two kutchha houses of Rahmatullah and Alimur Rahman. He was awarded the 'Jaharlal Nehru award' in an art competition at Lucknow in 1951.

Smuggled goods worth Tk 50,000 seized

BRAHMANBARIA, Jan 8: Bangladesh Rifles seized smuggled Indian goods worth Tk 50,000 from a Dhaka-bound train at Brahmanbaria railway station on Tuesday, reports UNB.
According to official sources, the jawans of 23 Rifle Battalion, on getting secret information, raided the Urmir-Aruna Inter-city train and recovered the goods including calling bells, sarees, ganja and phensidyl syrup.
The seized goods were deposited with the Akhaura Customs godown and a case has been lodged with the police.

Housewife, young boy killed in road mishaps

SIRAJGANJ, Jan 8: A young housewife and a minor boy were killed in separate road accidents in Ullapara thana on Bogra Nagarbari highway Wednesday, reports UNB.
Police said, Mariyam Begum, 22, died on the spot when a Bogra bound lorry knocked her down at Pardhari at about 2 pm.
In another incident, a minor boy, Badal, 9, was run over under the wheels of a Nagarbari bound truck at Boala at about 11 am.
The bodies were sent to sadar hospital for autopsy.
Both the drivers fled the scene with their vehicles.
Another report adds a nine-month old baby, Din Islam, died of diarrhoea at Dukoraveri in Belkuchi thana today Wednesday, officials said.

Mahila madrasa opened in Tangail

TANGAIL, Jan 8: Tangail Rabeya Basri Mahila Madrasa was opened recently near zila sadar girls school. The madrasa is the first of its kind in the district and the sixth in the country. Madrasa course includes Quran Hafz and traditional madrasa curriculum for female students, reports BSS.
Abdul Matin Khondakar, Deputy Commissioner, Tangail inaugurated the madrasa. Mustafizur Rahman, Police Super, Tangail also attended it.
In their speech they called upon guardians to give Islamic education to their female wards. The madrasa campus included several bighas of land surrounded by corrugated iron sheet fencing to keep strict parda. Speakers on the occasion sought cooperation of the administration and local people for smooth functioning of the madrasa.

His paintings, sketches tell lot about natural beauty

From M A Ali Himu

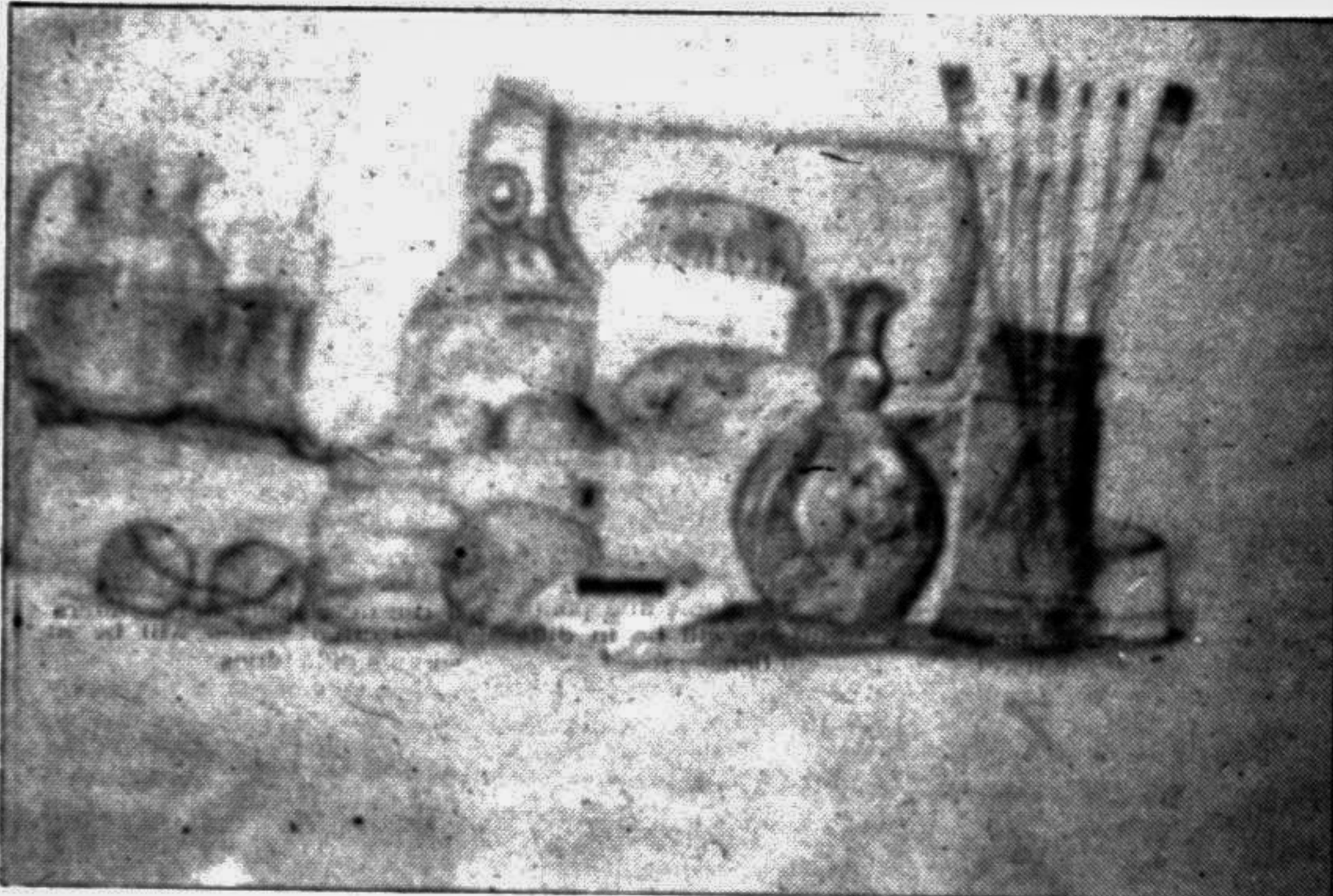
NATORE, Jan 8: Sadek Rasul Khan, a retired government official is well known in Natore for his extraordinary paintings, pencil and nail sketches.
Sadek Rasul's works include acrylic water and oil based paintings including nail and pencil sketches which have proved his control over the subject.
His application of pigments in his works creates an unique result — touch of life.
In his experimental paint-

Rasul was admitted at Murtuza High School of Rampur and studied there up to class eight.
He passed the matriculation examination from Sialkot Government High School under Punjab Education Board of Pakistan in 1956 and in 1960, he passed the intermediate examination from Zinnah Islamia College, Sialkot.
Later he studied in fine arts at National College of Arts in Lahore for two years.
In 1964, he came to the

Rasul could not paint during his busy life as a banker.
Now, after retiring from his service, he has devoted himself to painting again. Usha Khelaghar Ashar and Victoria Public Library jointly organised a 3-day long painting exhibition of Sadek Rasul at the library premises in mid December, 94.
About 40 of his works were put on display at the exhibition. The special attraction of the exhibition was the nail sketches by the artists.



A water colour painting of Sadek Rasul Khan



A pencil sketch drawn by Sadek Rasul Khan

ings, artist Sadek Rasul has tried to show the natural beauties which includes namely reality of life, sweet memo memory, inert life etc. His works represents deep rooted reality regarding human struggle for existence.
Artist Rasul was born in a respectable family of Rampur village at Uttar Pradesh in India on March 1 in 1936. He got his primary education at Montessori Model School of Nautal in India. At the time of partition of India in 1947,

then East Pakistan and joined the then United Bank (now Janata Bank). He served there for 28 years and retired as senior Principal Officer of the Janata Bank in 1993. He is now settled in Natore.
Rasul started painting from very beginning of his life. He also participated in many art competitions in different countries of the world and brought many prizes. He was awarded the 'Jaharlal Nehru award' in an art competition at Lucknow in 1951.

In these nail sketches, Rasul, simply with the help of his nails, has tried to express the natural beauty.
A few months ago the artist participated the popular magazine series of BTV 'Ityadee' and showed the technics of his drawing especially of his nail drawing.
While talking to The Daily Star, the 60-year-old artist Sadek Rasul Khan said, "I am want to be engaged with my painting rest of my life."

Royal Bengal tigers in trouble in absence of adequate 'sweet' water

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Jan 8: The health of the Royal Bengal Tiger, the most ferocious yet a beautiful wild animal of the world, is gradually deteriorating due to degradation in the environment of their habitat.
They need adequate quantity of sweet water to satisfy their thirst. But since the environment of the Sundarbans came under control of man in the fifth decade of this century, no tanks or sources of sweet water have been arranged for them as yet in the forest. They, however, drink sweet water from deep inside the dense forest.
But in absence of drinking water in some areas, the Tigers of the Sundarbans are reportedly compelled to drink saline water just for survival. This on the one hand, is caus-

ing ill health for them and on the other, because of health hazards the growth of their next generation is threatened.
According to a source of the concerned forest office, there are about 500 Royal Bengal Tigers in the Sundarbans. They have been living in comparatively high land by the sides of innumerable canals and tributaries of rivers surrounded by dense woods to save themselves from attack of nature like cyclone, storms and tidal waves.
But it has not been possible to create a sanctuary for tiger habitation in the Sundarbans as yet. Besides, due to expansion of visiting areas in the forest by human being like Mowals, Bawals, fishermen, the tigers are reportedly retreating deep inside the dense forest, where the living condition for them is unhealthy, said a forest official.
When the concerned official of the forest department was contacted, it was found that they were pondering over the matter. "We have already submitted a project proforma costing Taka nine crore as estimated cost to the Ministry of Forest and Environment few years ago," said another official.
The concerned authority hopes that the proposed project may okayed. The project proposes expansion of new areas for Royal Bengal Tigers which would have to be increased by creating a healthy atmosphere and environment in the Sundarbans congenial to

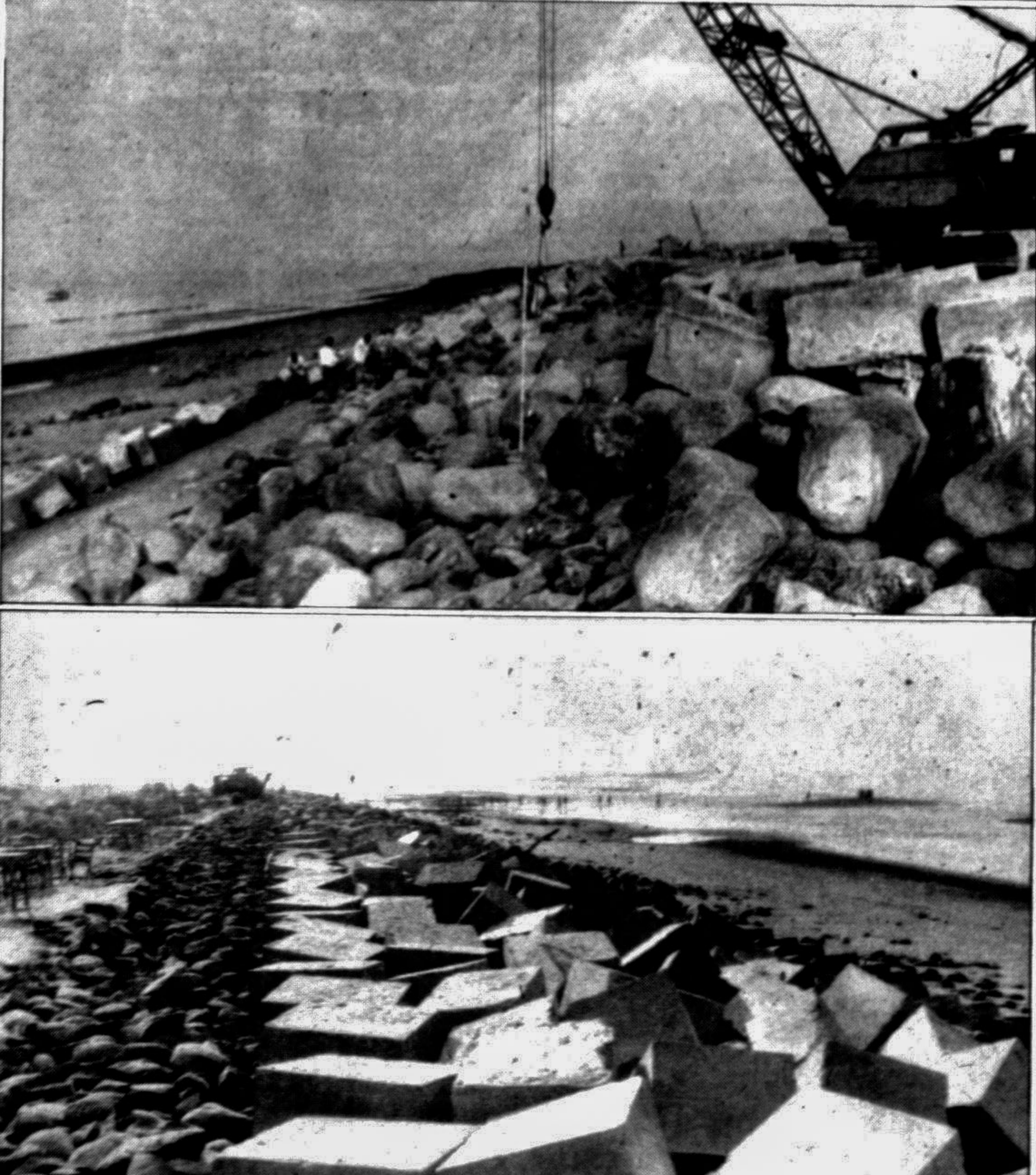
their survival.
As stated in the plan, the number of tigers would increase sharply from 500 to five thousand, if the plan is implemented. For that higher land would have to be created, by dumping earth.
Besides, sources of sweet drinking water would have to be created in the forest.
Royal Bengal Tigers, the national wealth of Bangladesh largely contribute to maintenance of environmental balance and also attract foreign tourists to visit the Sundarbans.

50 shops gutted, 30 receive burn injuries

CHANDPUR, Jan 8: Some 30 people, including three firefighters, suffered burn injuries and 50 shops gutted in a devastating fire at Rahimnagar Bazar in Kochua thana on Tuesday midnight, reports UNB.
Shops and goods worth about Tk 1.5 crore were damaged in the fire, shopkeepers claimed. The cause of fire could not be ascertained immediately.
They alleged that the fire brigade personnel from Chandpur and Haziganj reached the spot two hours after the incident.
They, however, doubted the flames after six hours of frantic efforts.

Four held with arms in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Jan 8: Police arrested for youngmen and recovered four arms in a raid in Nandankanon area of the port city Wednesday, reports UNB.
They are: Azmal Khan, Aungsu (Tutul), Azizur Rahman and Polash. The recovered arms are one cut rifle, a foreign-made revolver and two pistols.
Police suspected that they were planning a crime when the raid was conducted on a tip-off at about 1 pm.



CHITTAGONG. The photos, top and bottom, show stones brought from Tamabil of Sylhet including artificial blocs made of cement and sand are being laid on the shore of Bay of Bengal surrounding Chittagong Export Promotion Zone (CEPZ) to protect the CEPZ from erosion. — Star photos