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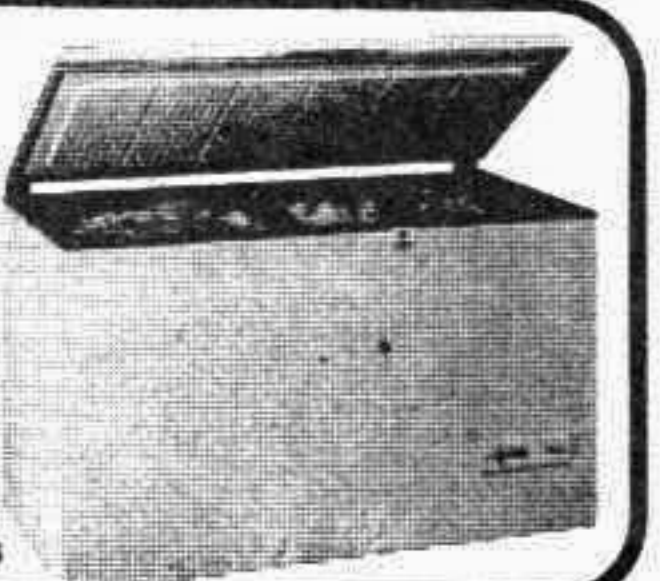


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Down to Earth Paradoxes in City Life

By A S M Nurunnabi

In our burgeoning city life, we observe some paradoxes which seem to impart a baffling image to our existence.

afe proliferating seems to create the impression that the number of people who avail of these facilities may be considered financially well-off...

to the current trend in building multi-storied structures in important city areas, the social welfare aspect for people of moderate income would have brought a new era of hope for such classes.

SC stops executions imposed by Pak military courts till Monday

ISLAMABAD, Jan 8: Pakistan's Supreme Court issued an interim order today to stop any executions imposed by military courts in Karachi from being carried out until next week.

Khaleda visits Rouja Mubarak of Mohammad (SM)

BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia, who is now in Saudi Arabia for performing the holy Omrah, visited Rouja Mubarak of the great prophet Hazrat Mohammad (SM) Thursday night.

India has no protection against ballistic missile

NEW DELHI, Jan 8: India, which has developed an array of guided missiles, has no protection against ballistic missile attacks.

the military courts to dispense speedy justice in Karachi, where 800 people were killed in ethnic, sectarian and political violence last year.

LP gas cylinder factory gutted in city

A fire gutted a godown of a Licensed Petroleum (LP) gas cylinder factory at Nazirbazar in the old part of the city in the early hours of yesterday.

Two Koreans beaten up in city

Two South Korean nationals were beaten up by a mob yesterday afternoon in the city's posh Gulshan area following a brawl over smoking.

Ahmad Badawi Mahathir's new deputy

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 8: Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad announced today that Foreign Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi would become his new deputy.

Fire at oil refinery in Grozny

MOSCOW, Jan 8: A fire broke out today at an oil refinery in the Chechen capital Grozny, blanketing the city with smoke and soot.

Mine blast kills 3 Afghan children

KABUL, Jan 8: Three children collecting wood in a deserted field about 15 kilometres (9 miles) outside the beleaguered capital were killed today when they stepped on a land mine.

OC closed

forced an indefinite strike recently. They were also demanding removal of OC Belal Hossain and the ASP of Manikganj.

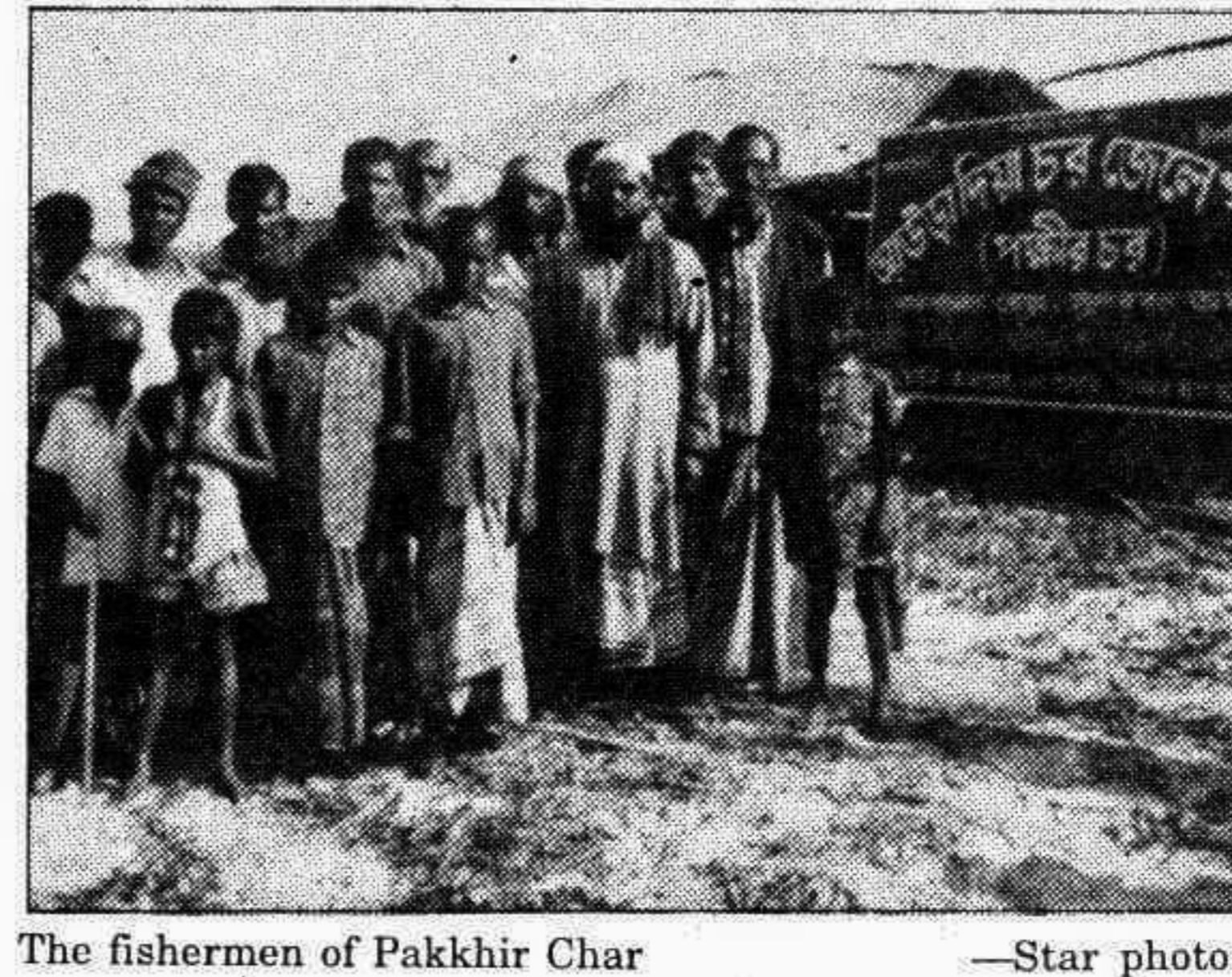
Once sanctuary of birds now a home to homeless fishermen

By Morshed Ali Khan, back from Pakkhir Char, Sundarbans

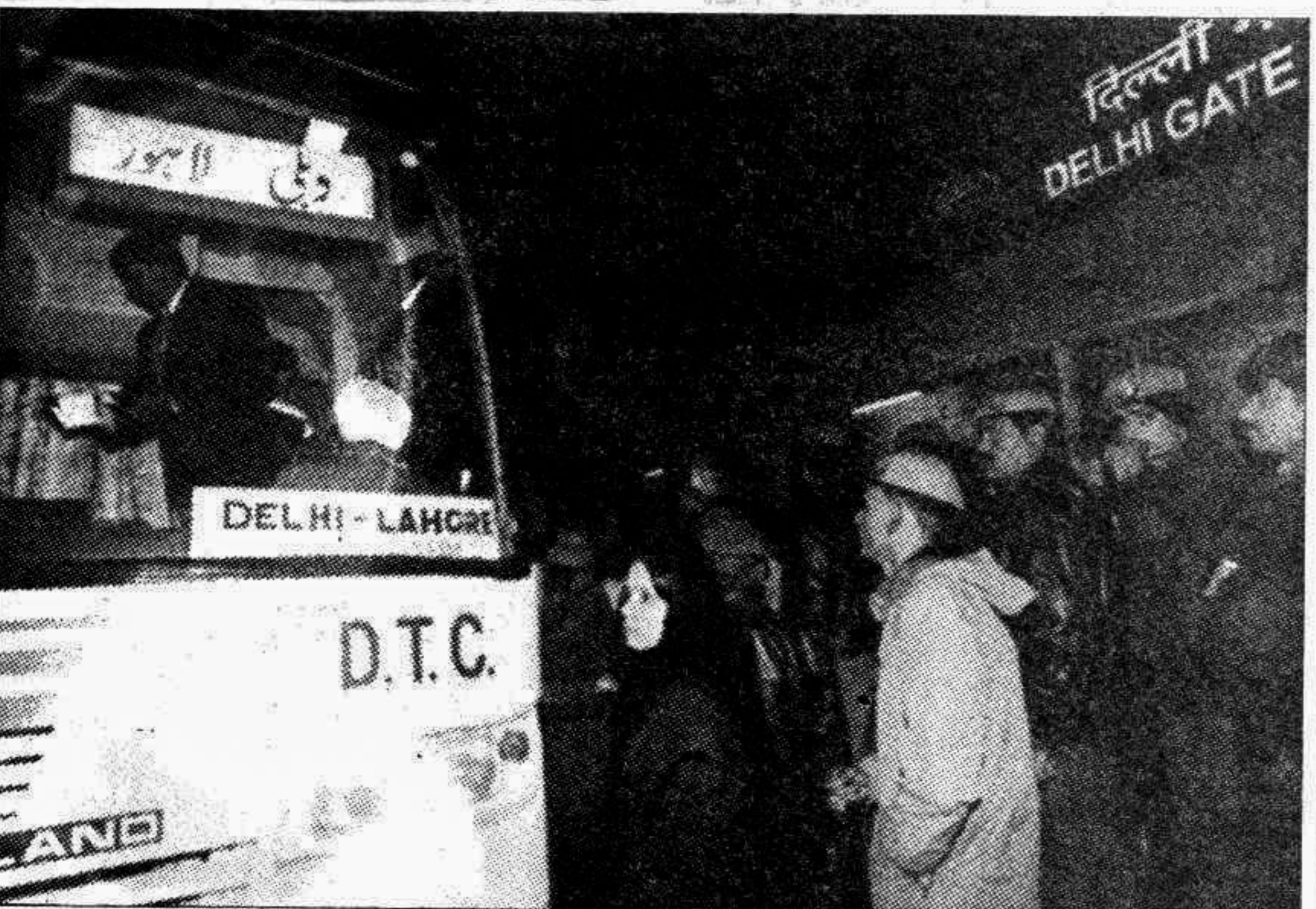
The land was called Pakkhir Char (island of birds) mainly because it was home to thousands of birds, some of them exotic.

ermen are felling trees in scores to build their houses. Previously, the island, at the estuary of a river, was officially declared a sanctuary for birds and other wild animals.

But Ziauddin refused to accommodate these fishermen on his 'Dublar' Char and physically intervened to settle these people on Pakkhir Char.



The fishermen of Pakkhir Char —Star photo



Indian government officials board the bus amid tight security in New Delhi yesterday. A proposed bus service between arch foes India and Pakistan was flagged off for a test run Friday.

Situation tense Addl riot police deployed at Jagannathpur

SUNAMGANJ, Jan 8: Additional riot police were deployed at Jagannathpur thana headquarters today as tension mounted further following Thursday's clash during a half-day hartal, reports UNB.

Bacteria

He said patients with peptic ulcer caused by the bacteria should be given Pylori Eradication Therapy. Endoscopy is the only technique for diagnosing peptic ulcer.

Delhi-Lahore 'test run' of bus service starts

NEW DELHI, Jan 8: The first trans-border bus link between India and Pakistan began its final 'dry run' today, prior to the launch of the service later this month, reports AFP.

Impeachment

From Page 1 nonetheless met for several hours Thursday evening with the House prosecution team.

Where is the money?

From Page 1 Sonali Bank's London Branch was paid an amount of Tk 1.09 lakh as foreign allowance violating rules.

Code of conduct

From Page 1 organised between 11 am and 1 pm. If procession has to be brought out to mark any special occasion, permission will have to be taken beforehand.

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