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## Encroachers Seek Time for Relocation

The plan of demolishing two commercial establishments including a gymnasium and a part of a marriage hall was dropped on Thursday, after the owners of buildings assured they would clear the encroachments by January 20.

Town planning officer M Kannan said the building owners were asked to remove the encroachments last week, but they had not complied.

On Thursday, the team visited the Thorapadi Jail Road area again to clear the encroachments hindering the proposed canal restoration work here. The canal, which was a branch of the Nicholson Canal passed from Otteri to Sadhupperi via Palavansathukuppam and Thorapadi. The restoration work between Otteri and Palavansathukuppam had already been carried out, Kannan said.

The power connection was already suspended and the eviction drive will be conducted on January 21, if the

encroachments were not cleared by the owners.