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Dear Rasheesh

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Every time we came to Kihim I pressed you to come here and see the old haunts of Salim Ali, specially the Pond where he studied the BAYAS. Alas now both Lareq and I are so frail and tottering that I refrain from inviting you to this 'hospital' atmosphere. I hope you are flourishing. Many birds around cheer us. A nesting pair of red whiskered bulbuls, 2 eggs in the nest at our doorstep. Our cook photographed the eggs (laid 2 days ago). Several common grey hornbills floating on out-stretched wings, look like toy planes. My ~~morning~~ ride has been reduced to a gentle walk and trot - even this is exciting.