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## DHAKA'S BIRDS ARE DISAPPEARING — should we be worried?

A poetic yet urgent call to action, the documentary, "Dhakar Pakhi: Chhoto Hoye Ahschey Akash," chronicles the quiet disappearance of birdlife in Dhaka — revealing not just what we are losing from our skies, but what we risk forgetting within ourselves.

For about 15 months, filmmaker Asker Ibne Firoz (Rusho) has been in pursuit of

filming a documentary that will showcase bird displacement to the people of our country. The documentary, currently being shot is hoping to depict in moving detail the fragile lives of birds in Dhaka.

Firoz points out that things are changing fast in Dhaka. The wetlands, grassy patches, and quiet groves that once provided sanctuary for hundreds of bird species are

now being wiped away due to urbanisation.

"If you look back at 20 years, the same grassy areas are not here anymore. Places like Purbachal, Rupganj, and other areas outside Dhaka still have some greenery, but that, too, is fading. If we don't act now, in 20 years, they'll look just like Dhaka," voiced Firoz, with concern.

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