

5 Years of Aminul's Post-Disappearance Killing: No Justice for Slain Labour Leader

Five years after the disappearance and murder of garment worker union leader Aminul Islam, his killers have not been brought to justice.



No one has been prosecuted for post-disappearance killing of labour leader Aminul Islam.

Aminul Islam (39), disappeared on April 4, 2012, and his body was found in Ghatail of Tangail the next day with signs of torture. He was a plant-level union leader at an export processing zone in Bangladesh, an organizer for the Bangladesh Center for Workers' Solidarity (BCWS) and President of the Bangladesh Garment and Industrial Workers Federation's (BGIWF) local committee in Savar and Ashulia areas of Dhaka.

Despite international outcry Aminul's murder has gone unsolved. On January 8, 2014 Fazlul Kabir, Assistant Superintendent of CID, submitted charge sheet mentioning only one accused, Mustafizur, who is still on the run. The case is now under trial at Tangail Special Judge's Court. It has been five years, but no arrest has been made yet.

Aminul's family alleged that the investigation was flawed. Otherwise, there would have been more names in the charge sheet. She said, Aminul had come home battered and bruised up after being picked up by an intelligence agency, before he was killed and police used to come searching for him.