

Five years of disappearance, police yet to find BNP leader M. Ilias Ali



Five years have passed since former BNP lawmaker M. Ilias Ali disappeared without a trace, and the law enforcers have failed to find him. Ilias Ali was an Organising Secretary of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) at the time of his disappearance, along with his chauffeur Mohammad Ansar on the night of April 17, 2012. Police later found his car near his home at Banani, Dhaka.

His family and BNP repeatedly said that the government and law enforcement agencies are responsible for the disappearance of Ilias Ali, saying that it was some law enforcement agency that picked him up.

Ilias Ali is not the only case of enforced disappearance, and the country's law enforcement agencies, particularly the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB), have been often accused of making people disappear – both by the families of the disappeared victims and human rights defenders.