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## **Press Release**

On 11 August 2013, police from the Detective Branch came to the Odhikar office in Gulshan at approximately 8:20 in the night, in relation to the arrest and remand of its secretary, Adilur Rahman Khan on the night of 10 August 2013. They seized three of Odhikar's laptops and two CPUs that contained important information on victims and witnesses and drafts of the names and addresses of those who were killed during the violence that occurred on 5 and 6 May 2013.

Odhikar is extremely concerned about the welfare of the family members of the deceased; and is already receiving information that some family members are being scrutinized by the police, who have told them not to speak about the incident. The informants of this news are the family members themselves. This is exactly why Odhikar refused to give the information of the 61 deaths to the Ministry of Information, unless it formed some sort of independent inquiry commission under the law.

In order to hold a fair and just investigation, without further intimidating and threatening the victim families, on 16 August 2013 we sent the list of 61 names to the organizations below –

1. Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions
2. Human Rights Watch
3. Amnesty International
4. Asian Human Rights Commission and
5. Ain O Salish Kendra

The Odhikar Team