

Enforced Disappearances in 2021

SL	Name and Age	Identity	Area from where the persons were disappeared	Persons			Total number of disappeared persons	Description	Allegedly disappeared by							Date of Incident	Date of returning/fo und dead	Source and Date	
				Still Disappeared	Surfaced Alive	Disappeared then found dead/Killed			RAB	Police	RAB-DB Police	DB Police	Industrial Police	Ansar Police	Other				
1	Belal Uddin Juwel	Youth Wing Leader of AL, President of Liberation War Projonmo League and Freedom Fighter Command Council Member	Chittagong		1	1	1	Belal went to his aunt's house, a few days before the election. 10-12 group of people identifying themselves as RAB members picked Belal up in a microbus. A few plain clothes policemen were also there. Since, the next day was election day, the family couldnt go to the RAB office to look for him. The next day the family went to see him and but was directed to Detective Branch of the police where they directed the family again to the police station. They are still unable to find out any whereabouts of him. After 3 days, Juwel returned and was with local ward councillor Johurul Alam. Belal's wife Kaniz Fatema confirmed that on 30.01.2021, 03.00am a phone call came through from Belal's number and Belal said on the phone that the abductors left him in the street. Belal was previously working with Chittagong CC Councillor candidate Johurul Alam Josim. Belal said that he cannot say anything about who abducted him as he was told not to talk about this kind of information. .	1								27.01.2021	30.03.2021	30.01.2021 Jugantor (Online)/ Information gathered by HRDs
1	Moazzem Hossain Saifi, Faysal, Emon & Mahadi Hassan	Baitur Mamur Jame Masid Khotib & Islami Spokesperson, his drivers and 2 others	Mukttagacha, Mymensingh		4	4	4	They were picked up by RAB-14 for interrogation on their way when returning to their residence at Rangpur after the religious Owaj. After they were freed, they came to the police station and informed them about the situation. They were handed over to their family after getting written statement from them by the police.	4								14.03.2021	17.03.2021	17.03.2021 BanglaTribune; https://www.banglatribune.com/671755/
2	Imtiaz Hossain Sabbir (24), Fahad Bin Newaz (26), Borhan (40) & Masud Hossain (36)	Students and Youths	Chittagong		4	4	4	On the night of 11 March, Imtiaz Hossain Sabbir, a 24 years old MBA student of a private university in Chattogram, went missing. The following day, Sabbir's father, Shahab Mia, filed a missing person's diary with the city's Chandgaon police station. On 14 March, Sabbir's family found out from the investigating officer on the case that Sabbir had been picked up by the Detective Branch of police and taken to Dhaka.Sabbir's case is not an exception. On the night of 11 March, four youths reportedly went missing from Chattogram city. They are Imtiaz Hossain Sabbir, 24, Fahad bin Newaz, 26, Borhan, 40, and Masud Hossain, 36. On 12 March, three separate missing diaries were filed with Panchlaish and Chandgaon police stations in the city. For each case, investigating officers commenced investigations and collected CCTV footage of possible sites of disappearances. On 14 March, parties concerned were informed that the four individuals had been arrested in a case filed under the Digital Security Act with the Paltan police station in the capital. The case documents state that the youths were arrested from RS Road near Reyazuddin Bazar of Kotwali police station in Chattogram on 13 March at 9pm. The following day, they were handed over to the court. They are currently in jail . But the families of the victims claim that the four men were arrested in the early night of 11 March from different areas. And 48 hours lapsed before the families were even informed about the arrests. The families had no knowledge about their whereabouts for two days between 11 and 13 March.									11.03.2021	14.03.2021	22.03.2021 TBSNews (Online); https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/crime/3-days-after-missing-4-ctg-men-charged-under-dsa-dhaka-220582?fbclid=IwAR2O-OcQpdsW3TXXggJoJYhfNTQoL97VPdFCCBZKYqSZIn1DW3G3tnpHk4
3	Al Amin & Shakil Uz Zaman	Chatra Odhikar Parisad Joint Secretary	Dhaka		2	2	2	Families of the victims confirmed that Amin and Shakil was kept disappeared for two days. They were forcibly disappeared by RAB on 26.03.2021 and shown arrested on 28.03.2021. Dhaka Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM) Corut Magistrate Mohammad Jasim accepted a 2 day remand for the named individuals along with 2 other joint secretaries of Chatra Odhikar Parisad named Mohammad Khokon and Saiful Islam.	2								26.03.2021	28.03.2021	28.03.2021 ProthomAlo; https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/নিখোঁজ-আল-আমিন-ও-শাকিল-পুলিশের-রিম্যান্ডে

1	Sajib Ikhtiar	Sunamganj Degree College Student	Jamalganj, Sunamganj	1	1	Family complained that a group of men in plain clothes picked up Sajib on 28.04.2021 and they are yet to find any whereabouts about him. Sajib's mother said in a press conference that she along with her son went to visit her parent's house when 10-12 armed men in plain clothes picked Sajib up. Family contacted the police but could not get any information. She went to the police station to file a diary but the officers in charge denied to make an entry regarding this issue. Sajib's mother said in an answer of a question by the press that the police said, a team from Dhaka came and picked her son up and police cannot do anything about it. On 24.05.2021 Nadira Begum confirmed to HRD that, Detective Branch of Police acknowledged the fact that they have arrested Sajib	1	28.04.2021	11.05.2021	Manabzamin, 05.05.2021 Information gathered by local HRDs on 24.05.2021
1	Minhajul islam (21)	Madrassa Student	Residence in Kurigram, Ulipur.	1	1	Family claimed that RAB came in the middle of the night and knocked at the door and awoke Minhaj from sleep and then taking him by handcuffing him. Minhaj's cousin Roni confirmed that while they were taking away Minhaj, they took Minhaj's elder brother Joynal's signature in a plain white paper. There were around 20-25 members of RAB. They did not answer to any of the questions from Minhaj's family.	1	29.06.2021	He had been returned to a police station.	Naya Diganta (Online), 01.07.2021
2	Mohammad Noman, Mohammad Nasim, Shahidul Islam	Businessman, Madrasa Student, Imam of Masjid	Araihajar, Narayanganj	3	3	Noman's father in a press conference said that, Noman used to do business tradings in Banti Bazar at Araihajar. On 2 June Noman as usual went to the shop on his motorcycle from his residence. On 10.53am 7-8 people identifying themselves as Detective Branch of Police stopped his motorcycle. At that point they also picked up Nasim and Shahidul who were also around the area. Noman's father along with the other members of family of the other persons picked up went to Police Super Headquarters. All law enforcement agencies denied this allegation.	3	02.06.2021		Prothom Alo (Online), 27.06.2021
1	Mahmudul Hasan Gunabi	Islamic preacher	Noakhali	1	1	Mahmudul's wife Saraban Tahura said that Mahmudul went to meet his acquaintance Yusuf to Karmullah union on July 6. Meanwhile The Rapid Action Battalion announced the arrest of Islamic preacher Mufti Mahmudul Hasan Gunabi in Dhaka for his alleged connection with banned extremist group Ansar Al Islam on 15 July, after 10 days of his missing. Battalion director for legal and media wing Commander Khandaker Al Moin told a press conference said that their team arrest Mahmudul in Beribadh area of Shah Ali in the capital's Mirpur at about 11:30pm on 14 July.	1	6/7/2021	He was shown arrested on 15 July 2021	New Age, 12/7/21; New Age 16/7/21
1	Rizwan Hasan Rakin, 22	Bangladeshi student of Egypt's Al-Azhar University	Dhaka	1	1	Rizwan Hasan Rakin, 22, landed at the airport at 8.30am and informed his father-in-law about his safe arrival over the phone, his family members said. But when he was carrying out immigration formalities, some people took him to a corner and interrogated him for a long time before shoving him into a microbus. Rakin's father Abu Zafar, a Saudi expatriate, suspects his son may be a victim to "enforced disappearance". Rakin's brother-in-law Mahfuzur Rahman, also a student of Al-Azhar University, travelled back home with Rakin. At one stage, they took Rakin and Mahfuzur out of the airport blindfolded in a microbus, said a relative of Mahfuzur.	1	04/08/2021		The Daily Star, 8/9/21
1	Adillur Rahman Sujan	Expatriate. Involved in politics of Awami League Youth Wing	Kaptai Mor Chittagong	1	1	In a press conference at Chittagong Press Club, Sujan's mother said that some plain clothed men addressed themselves as police picked him up on 06 October at 6 pm from Kaptai road mor. She tried to file a General Diary at Chandgao Police Station but police didn't file the case. Update: On 31st October Counter Terrorism Unit at Dhaka shown him arrested (Information from HRD)	1	06/10/2021	31/10/2021	Jugantor, 15 October 2021
1	Imam Mahady Hasan aka Dollar	Businessman	Fulbaria, Mymensingh	1	1	Imam Mahady Hasan was picked up by plain clothed men in a white microbus and two motorbikes claimed his wife in a press conference. She told that she believes he was picked up by RAB. Mehdi's i-phone was found located near the RAB-1 office at Uttara, Dhaka. He was returned on 27 August 2022 after nine months of disappearance. His brother Rezvi Hasan said, "My brother is still recovering and not willing to talk to anyone".	1	06/11/2021	27/08/2022	Information gathered by local HRDs/ Prothom Alo, 17 November 2021, Newage 19 December 2021 ; The Daily Star, 30 August 2022
1	S. M. Yasin (57)	Newspaper Agent	Shitakundu, Chittagong	1	1	He was picked up from newspaper selling office allegedly by DB who were wearing "DB " jacket. Update: On 14th December at 9 pm three persons dropped him at Madhaiya bazar of Chandina Police station of Cumilla. Then he was taken to the custody of Chandina Police Station. Later Police from Shitakundu and Yasin's family brought him at home (Updated by HRD, Chittagong)	1	12/12/2021	14/12/2021	Prothom Alo, 13 December 2021
2	Barkat Ullah	Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Swechchhasebak Dal leader	Feni	1	1	The family of Barkat Ullah leader complained that Barkat Ullah, the joint secretary general of Basikpur union unit of Swechchhasebak Dal and a garment product trader, went missing when he was returning home at Chandraganj of Lakshmpur from Chattogram. The family also complained that the Chandraganj Police Station refused to receive any missing complaint. 'I called him to know his location as he was on his way home from Chattogram. It was between 8:00pm and 8:30pm. He was in Feni. He received the call and said, "I am arrested by a group of people identifying themselves as the Lakshmpur district police." The call cut before he had finished his conversation. His phone remained switched off since then,' said Rahima Begum. Update: The Officer-in-Charge of Chandraganj Police Station under Laxmpur District AK Fazlul Haq stated that on 23 December Barkat Ullah was arrested with guns and bullets. (Manabzamin, 25 December 2021)	1	19/12/2021	23/12/2021	New Age, 22 December 2021

