

know what had happened to Rifat until next morning. Around 06:00h next day, they returned to the place where they had been opened fire on and found Rifat's body. He had been hit with one bullet in the stomach. Lying next to him was the body of Hazir Avdyli [see record]. Rifat was buried later that day in the cemetery in the *Shishman* neighbourhood of Dobroshec/Dobroševac.

Sources: statement of N.F, HLC-17188; statement of M.A, HLC-17187.

Lec (Bislim) Lec

(born 27/05/1954, Albanian from Gradicë/Gradica, Glllogoc/Glogovac municipality, medical doctor, member of KLA)

Lec worked as a doctor in Glllogoc/Glogovac and lived in Gradicë/Gradica with his family. He and his wife Emina had four children. He joined the KLA following the murder of the Ahmeti brothers in Likoshanë/Likošane in late February 1998 [see record]. He treated KLA members in his house, and his wife, who was a nurse, assisted him. When Serb forces launched an offensive against the KLA on 23 September 1998, the residents of Gradicë/Gradica fled into the woods on Mount *Çiçavicë/Čičavica*, overlooking the village. Lec also fled into the woods, where he treated wounded combatants and civilians. Two days later, during the Serb attack of **24 September 1998**, Lec's father moved deeper into the woods with his daughters, while Lec's wife went with her children and mother-in-law into the mosque in Reznik/Resnik. Lec lost his life when he and a group of people he was with, including his brother and some fellow combatants, ran into a Serb ambush [**Gradicë/Gradica**]. The next day, Lec's father Bislim, brother Rexhep, sisters Naxhija and Fetija went looking for him and found his body in the wood. They buried him the same evening in the cemetery in Gradicë/Gradica. After the war, on 22 August 1999, Lec's mortal remains were transferred to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Polac/Poljanca [Skënderaj/Srbica municipality].

Sources: statement of A.L, HLC-31851; SHFDUÇK, *Feniksët...4*, 199-202; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092.

Ujup (Feriz) Bardiqi

(born 18/02/1967, Albanian from Gradicë/Gradica, Glllogoc/Glogovac municipality)

Ujup had been ill since childhood, and was incapable of work. He lived with his parents, and a brother and sister in the village of Gradicë/Gradica. His other sisters were married and a third brother lived in Germany. Serb forces started shelling their village on **24 September 1998**. Prior to that, village residents had dug bunkers at the entrance of a forest near the village to protect themselves in case of attack by Serb forces. They had spent three or four hours in the bunkers, before Serb forces began firing on the part of the forest sheltering the civilians who had fled the village. Ujup remained in the bunker [**Gradicë/Gradica**], while his parents, sister and brother, together with other villagers, moved deeper into the forest. Over the next couple of days, Ujup's brother Hysen could not get through to the village to look for Ujup. On the third day, Hysen managed to reach the house with his cousin Zenel, but Ujup was nowhere to be found. 100 metres from the bunker, Hysen found Ujup's body. He had a gunshot wound to the stomach and marks on the body indicating that he had been beaten before dying. Hysen and Zenel laid Ujup to rest on the evening of 27 September 1998, in the cemetery in the village of Gradicë/Gradica.

Sources: statement of H.B, HLC-40613; J. Osmani, *Krimet...*, I, 184.

Vehbi (Ejup) Hoxha

(born 21/02/1951, Albanian from Krajkovë/Krajkovo, Glllogoc/Glogovac municipality, baker, five children, member of KLA)

Meriton (Sadri) Elshani

(born 22/11/1975, Albanian from Krajkovë/Krajkovo, Glllogoc/Glogovac municipality, one child, member of KLA)

On **25 September 1998** at around 11:00h, Meriton, Vehbi and Remzi Jakupi went from **Krajkovë/Krajkovo** to the KLA positions on Mount *Kosmaç/Kosmač*. At around 13:00h, Meriton's family was informed that two KLA members had been killed and ano-