

Metush (Sejdi) Shapeta

(born 1945, Albanian from Korroticë e Epërme/Gornja Koretica, Gllgoc/Glogovac municipality, construction worker, one child)

Metush had lived in Skopje [Macedonia] until the early 1990s, when he returned to Kosovo. In Kosovo, he lived with his sister Mina Karaxha's family in Çikatovë e Vjetër/Staro Çikatovo. In early May 1998, Mina's family, along with other local residents, left the village and went to Mina's daughter's in Obri e Epërme/Gornje Obrinje. Metush remained at home. Later that day, Serbian police shelled the village from the *Feroniki* factory. One shell hit the house and set it on fire. Metush was severely wounded. He was found by his nephew Bexhet, a KLA member, who took him first to a KLA infirmary and then to his mother's in **Obri e Epërme/Gornje Obrinje**. Metush spent several months in Obri e Epërme/Gornje Obrinje. When all the household members decided to leave Obri e Epërme/Gornje Obrinje on 18 September 1998 and go to Tërstenik/Trstenik, Metush again decided to stay put. He was killed on **25 September 1998** during a Serb shelling of the village. His body was found by some relatives, who buried him in the cemetery in Obri e Epërme/Gornje Obrinje on 30 September 1998, where he rests today.

Sources: statement of S.K, HLC-35576; *26 Burned Houses, Extent of Casualty-Toll Still Unknown, at Poklek Village*, newsletter, KIC, 2.06.1998, HLC-29304.

Fazli (Rame) Deliu

(born 10/03/1908, Albanian from Obri e Epërme/Gornje Obrinje, Gllgoc/Glogovac municipality, pensioner, nine children)

Zeqir (Januz) Deliu

(born 20/04/1954, Albanian from Obri e Epërme/Gornje Obrinje, Gllgoc/Glogovac municipality, construction worker, seven children)

Adem (Salih) Deliu

(born 25/02/1965, Albanian from Obri e Epërme/Gornje Obrinje, Gllgoc/Glogovac municipality, metal worker, one child)

After the Serbs gained control over the village of Likoc/Likovac on 19 September

1998, the local residents of Obri e Epërme/Gornje Obrinje and people who had taken refuge in their village fled to the forests above the village for fear of Serb attacks. They set up makeshift tents of plastic sheets. The men would go down to the village at night to fetch some food. However, on 22 September 1998, when Serb forces began attacking the villages in the *Kosmaç/Kosmaç* region, the residents of Obri e Epërme/Gornje Obrinje fled to the forests between the villages of Vrboc/Vrbovac, Qirez/Ćirez and Likoshan/Likošane, where thousands of refugees had already gathered, mostly in *Fusha e Mollës/Jabukovo polje (Apple's Field)*. Later that night, Serb forces surrounded the refugees. The family of the KLA member Imer Deliu, including Zeqir and Adem, fearful of being ill-treated because of Imer, decided to return to the forest above Obri e Epërme/Gornje Obrinje. Near the place called *Zabeli i Renjave/Koreniti šumarak (Roots Copse)*, a kilometre away from the *Deliu* neighbourhood, they set up a tent for the women, children and elderly, while the men spent the nights in the *Deliu* neighbourhood.

On **26 September 1998** at around 14:00h, Adem, Zeqir, and Blerim left the forest and headed for the village [**Obri e Epërme/Gornje Obrinje**] to fetch some food and clothes for their families. Walking towards the *Deliu* neighbourhood, they saw a convoy of armoured Serb vehicles entering the village from the direction of Likoc/Likovac. On arriving in the neighbourhood, they saw a police officer and immediately started running. Another police officer, who was leaving the house of Beqir Deliu at that point, yelled at them to halt and then fired. Blerim managed to escape. As he was running away, he saw Adem being shot in the leg by the police officer. Two days later, after Serb forces had withdrawn from the village, Adem's brother Imer and cousin Bashkim Deliu returned to the village. In the *Deliu* neighbourhood, at the entrance to Adem's yard, they found Adem's body. They saw gunshot wounds all over his body. Zeqir's body was lying 300 metres away. In Bashkim's house, they found the burned remains of his fa-