

### **Mihane (Hysen) Deliu**

(born 5/02/1982, Albanian girl from Obri e Epërme/Gornje Obrinje, Glllogoc/Glogovac municipality, student)

### **Antigona (Hysen) Deliu**

(born 2/06/1984, Albanian girl from Obri e Epërme/Gornje Obrinje, Glllogoc/Glogovac municipality, primary school student)

The brothers Habib and Hysen and their wives and children lived all together in the same household. Habib and his wife Zoje had a four-year-old daughter, Ajete. Hysen and his wife Florije, both incapable of work, had two daughters, Mihane and Antigona, and a nine-year-old son, Mentor. Maliqe, an old aunt of theirs, lived with them.

When on the morning of 25 September 1998 **Obri e Epërme/Gornje Obrinje** came under a shell attack, the brothers, along with their families and other members of the Deliu extended family, fled to *Zabeli i Renja ve/Koreniti šumarak (Roots Copse)*. They returned home the same evening, and spent the following night in a bunker not far from their home, which Habib had dug for shelter in the event of a Serb attack. The next day, on **26 September 1998**, around 04:00h, Habib took his wife Zoje, with Antigona, Mihane and Mentor, to the village of Tërstenik/Trstenik, while Hysen, Florije, Ajete and Maliqe stayed behind in the bunker. At around 17:00h, Habib, Zoje and their children set out for Obri e Epërme/Gornje Obrinje. When they came near to *Malet e Rrafshit*, Serb forces spotted them and opened fire on them. Antigona and Mihane started to flee, split up from their uncle and aunt. Habib and Mentor made it to the bunker where Hysen, Florije, little Ajete and aunt Maliqe were. Zoje came back the other way. In the early morning of **27 September 1998**, around 05:00h, Habib and Hysen decided to surrender to the police with their children, hoping that by doing so they would find out what had happened to Mihane and Antigona. They stopped some 300 metres from the spot where the police were. Habib, Hysen and Florije sat on the ground. The police surrounded them, keeping them at gunpoint. Habib held Mentor on his lap and Hysen held the little Ajete. The police wan-

ted Habib to reveal the names of KLA members from the village. They slapped Habib and Hysen several times in the face during the questioning. Before long, another group of policemen came [the identity of one of them is known to the HLC] with tanks. They took Mentor from Habib's lap and resumed their questioning of Habib, kicking him in the face and striking his back with a rifle butt. Habib collapsed on the ground. Hysen began begging the policemen not to kill his brother, but they started beating him too. Then they told Florije to move aside with the children, before firing a volley of shots, first at Habib and then at Hysen, killing both men on the spot. They ordered Florije to depart with the children. The bodies of Habib and Hysen remained at the scene until 28 September 1998, when they were found by Imer Deliu. Hysen was lying on the ground and Habib was on top of him, face up. The shape of the Serbian Cross with the four Cyrillic C's, one in each quarter (Cyrillic S's, standing for "Samo sloga Srbina spasava" - "Only Unity Saves the Serbs"), had been cut into Habib's back. Imer buried them on 30 September 1998 in a meadow, along with other victims from the Deliu clan. The fate of Antigona and Mihane remained unknown until 5 October 1998, when some local men found their mutilated bodies in the bunker previously used by Serb forces, near the road leading to Likoc/Likovac. The girls were buried in Imer Deliu's meadow, as were other members of the Deliu family. After the war, on 26 September 1999, the bodies of Antigona, Mihane, Habib and Hysen were transferred to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants and War Victims in Obri e Epërme/Gornje Obrinje.

**Sources:** statement of F.D, HLC-8888; statement of F.D, HLC-16500; statement of Z.D, HLC-8884; statement of I.D, HLC-888-3; statement of I.D, HLC-16499; statement of M.D, HLC-8891; statement of I.D, HLC-33503; KMDLNJ, *Buletini*, no. 9, october-december 1998,117 HLC-23857; ICTY, IT-05-87 (M. Milutinović et al.), EX.6D00700, HLC-33284; statement of Z.D, HLC-8884.

### **Xhevdet (Isa) Demiqi**

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