

noševac. In early 1997, the situation deteriorated with the arrival of reservists. They were positioned at the *Pllanik hill*. The commander of the police station, Dragutin, a.k.a "Guta", beat the locals from the village and its outskirts. Avdyl entered into frequent conflicts with him. In April 1998, with his son Lan, Avdyl joined the KLA in the village. Even before joining the KLA, Avdyl had gone to Albania for weapons during 1997 and 1998. On the morning of 3 May 1998, Serb forces launched a shell attack on Ponoshec/Ponoševac. On **4 May 1998**, shortly after midnight, Avdyl and his comrades were retreating towards the nearby village of Popoc/Popovac, when Avdyl decided to go back to find his mother Xufe and two brothers, who lived near the *Pllanik hill*. That was the last time he was seen alive. The following morning, his family was informed that Avdyl had been killed at the spot called *Rrahishte*, behind the police station in **Ponoshec/Ponoševac**, and that members of Serb forces took his body to the funeral chapel in Gjakovë/Đakovica. Three days later, his body was handed over to the family. He had a wound in one leg and his back was riddled with some 50 bullets. He was buried later that day in Nivokaz. After the war, on 26 August 1999, Avdyl's remains were transferred to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Ponoshec/Ponoševac.

Sources: statement of L.D, HLC-29795; H. Hasani, *Dëshmorët...*, HLC-25596; HLC, *People to remember people*, questionnaire, HLC-27379; J. Martinsen, *List.*, HLC-26092.

Binak (Sadri) Bakraj

(born 25/05/1938, Roma from Ponoshec/Ponoševac, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, worker, eight children)

On 4 May 1998, Binak went with his son Gani and neighbour Avdyl Islami to Pejë/Peć to see his daughter Serbeza. That same day, clashes between the KLA and Serb forces broke out in Ponoshec/Ponoševac. Having finished their visit, [**4 May 1998**] Binak, Gani and Avdyl began walking back home unaware of the clashes in the village. Later that afternoon, another of Bi-

nak's sons, Ramë, who was at home at the time, went out into the street [**Ponoshec/Ponoševac**] at a certain moment and met a boy, who expressed his condolences to him, saying that his father had just been killed and his brother wounded, and that both men had been taken to the Gjakovë/Đakovica hospital by Serb forces. On 7 May 1998, the Bakrajs buried Binak at the cemetery in Brekoc/Brekovac.

Sources: statement of H.B, HLC-29044; FHP, *Haški tribunal, Suđenje Slobodanu Miloševiću*, III,119; KMDLNJ, *Buletini*, no. 7, October-December 1998, 121, HLC-23816; GSM DTC, *List.*, HLC-8817.

Shkelzen (Muje) Kamberi

(born 5/08/1978, Roma from Ponoshec/Ponoševac, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, labourer)

Shkelzen lived in Ponoshec/Ponoševac with his family. From time to time, he would unload coal for heating for Gjakovë/Đakovica police department. On 4 May 1998, around 14:00h, he went to his neighbour's [his identity is known to the HLC] to ask for some flour. His family have never seen him since. A relative of theirs told them subsequently that he saw Shkelzen at the KLA local headquarters in **Smolicë/Smonica**, where he (the relative) had been taken after having been arrested by the KLA on **6 May 1998**. Both the relative and Shkelzen were detained in the basement of the headquarters. He also saw injuries on Shkelzen's head caused by beating. Shkelzen told him that the neighbour he went to for flour brought him there. On 6 May 1998, the KLA released Shkelzen's relative, whereas Shkelzen's subsequent fate still remains unknown. The relative heard that Shkelzen was shot later that night. His family is still looking for him. His disappearance is registered with the ICRC under BLG-802180-01.

Sources: statement of M.K, HLC-4584; statement of S.S, HLC-4585; ICRC, *Persons missing.*, HLC-9795.

Sadri (Rrustem) Neziri

(born 28/08/1948, Albanian from Ponoshec/Ponoševac, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality,