

KLA novices. He was killed on **29 May 1998** during a Serb attack on **Nivokaz** and buried later that day at the local cemetery.

Sources: H. Hasani, *Dëshmorët...*, HLC-25596; KMDLNJ, *Buletini*, no. 7, April-June 1998, 182, HLC-23816; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092.

Lush (Sadri) Zhubi

(born 26/06/1935, Albanian from Gjakovë/Đakovica, mechanic, three children, member of KLA)

On the early morning of 24 April 1998, Lush and his family left their apartment at 38 Dimitrija Tucovića Street in Gjakovë/Đakovica, because the previous day the police had searched the apartment and threatened Lush's wife Lirije that they would kill Lush. The family took shelter in Smolicë/Smonica, and Lush joined the KLA later that day, at the Local KLA headquarters. On 27 May 1998, Lush and Lirije went to Baballoq/Babaloc to visit Lush's wounded brother Xhema. Five days later, on **2 June 1998**, they left Baballoq/Babaloc for Albania. When they got to the village of **Firajë/Firaja**, a shell went off in their vicinity, wounding Lush in the face, chest and arms. They went to the house of the Bushati family in Dujakë/Dujak, where Lush had his wound cleaned. The following day, on **3 June 1998**, they resumed their trip to Albania. When they came near Mount *Padesh/Padeš*, Lush succumbed to his wounds. He was buried on 4 June 1998 at the Bajram Curri [Albania] cemetery, by KLA members from the Bajram Curri KLA headquarters. His mortal remains still rest there.

Sources: statement of L.Z, HLC-29925; KMDLNJ, *Buletini*, no. 7, April-June 1998, 121, HLC-23816.

Haxhi (Halil) Hoti

(born 2/04/1967, Albanian from Rogovë/Rogovo, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, worker, member of KLA)

In 1987, Haxhi went to Switzerland to work. There he joined the National Movement for Kosovo Liberation. He returned to Kosovo in 1997 to form a unit in the *Rogova e Hasit* area. He formed the unit, responsible

for providing safe passage for KLA soldiers and weapons over Mount *Pashtrik/Paštrik*. His KLA pals nicknamed him "Commander Lleshi". On 6 June 1998, he went with a group of KLA fighters to Albania for weapons. On the way back, on **8 June 1998**, in the village of **Gërçinë/Grčina** near the place known as *Maja e Kurores*, they ran into a Serb ambush. Haxhi was hit by two bullets in the chest and died on the spot. Serbs took his body to the morgue at the Gjakovë/Đakovica hospital. His body was recovered two days later from there, on 10 June 1998, by his uncle Hamëz and relatives Hazer and Naser, who buried him later that day at the cemetery in Rogovë/Rogovo.

Sources: statement of R.H, HLC-29788; SHFĐUÇK, *Feniksët...* 7, 105-110.

Vladimir (Mateja) Ratković

(born 12/03/1976, Serb from Belgrade, member of VJ)

In early May 1998, Vladimir did his military service in the *Pantelej* barracks in Niš, before being transferred to Gjakovë/Đakovica, where he underwent training on how to operate *praga* combat vehicles. Vladimir was ordered to go to Ponošec/Ponoševac, where the army experienced sporadic clashes with Albanians smuggling weapons. On the morning of **8 June 1998**, Vladimir, escorted by two vehicles, left Gjakovë/Đakovica for Ponošec/Ponoševac. On the way to **Ponošec/Ponoševac**, as they were driving through a forest, the vehicle Vladimir operated was hit. An unexploded missile passed through his body, killing him on the spot. Vladimir was laid to rest several days later in Belgrade.

Sources: statement of D.P, HLC-27488; GSM DTC, *List...*, HLC-8817; KMC AFRY, *Persons died...*, HLC-10832; SV SRJ, *Junaci otadžbine*, 60; M. Sekulić, *Beograd...*, 80; M. Došan, *Od NATO...*, 140; SMIP, *Teroristički...*, III, 978.

Musa (Muhamet) Zeqiri

(born 14/09/1967, Albanian from Gjakovë/Đakovica, unemployed, single, member of KLA)

Musa worked at the *Erenik* factory in