

AFKMK, *List of persons...*, HLC-16116.

Avni (Osman) Avdimetaj

(born 25/03/1968, Albanian from Strelc i Epërm/Gornji Streoc, Deçan/Deçani municipality, one child, member of KLA)

Avni joined the KLA on 25 May 1998 at the local KLA headquarters in Strelc i Epërm/Gornji Streoc. He was tasked with defending his village and supplying weapons for the KLA. In a weapons-transference attempt on **5 July 1998**, Serb forces ambushed Avni's group at **Koshare/Košare**, killing Avni on the spot. His comrades recovered his body and buried it in Strelc i Poshtëm/Donji Streoc. On 28 August 1998, Avdi's body was transferred to Strelc i Epërm/Gornji Streoc and re-buried at the local cemetery.

Sources: H. Hasani, *Dëshmorët...*, HLC-25596; J. Martinsen, *List.*, HLC-26092.

Ali (Xhemë) Rustemi

(born 15/12/1973, Albanian from Babaj i Bokës/Babaj Boks, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, labourer, single)

Ali lived with his mother, brother Halim and Halim's family. No one saw when he left home on the morning of **5 July 1998**. While on his way to Gjakovë/Đakovica, Halim learned that Ali had been wounded by police in the village of **Duzhnjë/Dužnje**. He was also told that police had taken him to the hospital in Gjakovë/Đakovica. He found his brother in the hospital, under police guard. He saw that he had a wound in the chest. Ali was operated on twice. He died of injuries on 12 July 1998. His family buried him in a forest. After the war, on 1 July 1999, international forensics exhumed his body and brought it to the Forensic Medicine Institute in Rahovec/Orahovac. Ali was reburied on 24 August 2000 in the cemetery in the village of Babaj i Bokës/Babaj Boks.

Sources: statement of Sh.R, HLC-40622; J. Osmani, *Krimet...*, I, 302.

Ymer (Muhamet) Bytyqi

(born 14/03/1956, Albanian from Nishor/Nišor,

Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality, worker, five children, member of KLA)

Arben (Avdyll) Ukshini

(born 15/02/1976, Albanian from Morinë/Morina, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, member of KLA)

Ahmet (Idriz) Pulatani

(born 1/05/1976, Albanian from Morinë/Morina, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, member of KLA)

Nezir (Halim) Elezaj

(born 1/03/1977, Albanian from Morinë/Morina, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, member of KLA)

Sylejman (Mustafë) Avdyli

(born 10/04/1978, Albanian from Morinë/Morina, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, member of KLA)

Blerim (Bajram) Ukshini

(born 24/04/1978, Albanian from Morinë/Morina, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, member of KLA)

Arben, Ahmet, Nezir, Sylejman and Blerim joined a KLA unit operating in their home village of Morinë/Morina, immediately after its founding. Ymer was born in Nishor/Nišor, but had spent more than 20 years abroad, where he worked. When the war in Kosovo broke out, Ymer was actively engaged in raising money for the KLA in Germany. Soon afterwards, he joined the KLA himself in Albania. He was sent to Kosovo in June 1998, to the Morinë/Morina region.

Arben, Ahmet, Nezir, Sylejman, Blerim and Ymer were killed on **7 July 1998** in clashes with Serb forces in **Morinë/Morina**. Members of Serb forces took their bodies to Gjakovë/Đakovica and had the *Čabrat* funeral company organize their funeral. After the war, their bodies were exhumed for identification. Their mortal remains still rest at the Gjakovë/Đakovica cemetery.

Sources: statement of H.E, HLC-31938; H. Hasani, *Dëshmorët...*, HLC-25596; ICTY, IT-02-54 (S. Milošević), Ex.241 A, HLC-5838; J. Martinsen, *List.*, HLC-26092; photograph, HLC-24984.
