

SHFEDUÇK, *Feniksët...*10, 65, 66; H. Hasani, *Dëshmorët...*, HLC-25596; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092; FHP, *Haški tribunal, Sudeenje Slobodanu Miloševiću*, XX, 195.

Brahim (Xhemë) Gjeka

(born 30/08/1921, Albanian from Batushë/Batuša, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, farmer, six children)

The aged Brahim lived in **Batushë/Batuša** with his first wife Nurije, second wife Nushë, son Halil and Halil's family. In late May 1998, Halil, who was a KLA member, took his wife, children and mother to Rracaj/Racaj, whilst Brahim and Nushë stayed at home. When Halil came back to see them, Nushë told him that three Serb policemen had come to their house on **8 August 1998** and killed Brahim as he went out into the yard. Nushë buried him the following day at the village cemetery with the help of some oldsters who had stayed in the village.

Source: statement of A.B, HLC-15889.

Rrustem (Feriz) Tolaj

(born 20/11/1920, Albanian from Batushë/Batuša, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, farmer, seven children)

Rrustem had stayed in the village after his family had fled to Albania in June 1998. His nephew Baki, who was a KLA member, would occasionally come to see him. On 10 August 1998, Baki was told by some KLA members that Serb policemen on **8 August 1998** had killed an old man while he was herding the cattle on a field in **Batushë/Batuša**. Baki came to the village straightaway and found the old uncle's body on the field where he usually herded his cattle. He had been hit by three bullets in the left part of his body and one in the right arm. Baki, with the help of two friends, buried his uncle at the village cemetery.

Source: statement of B.B, HLC-15516.

Miroslav (Luka) Petrović

(born 20/10/1964, Serb from Minjerë e Kosovë/Rudnik Kosovo, Obiliq/Obilić municipality, member of MUP RS)

Miroslav had completed secondary school for miners and a police training course. He entered the Serbian Ministry of the Interior in 1991 and served at the Second Police Station in Prishtinë/Priština. He died on **18 August 1998** at the Military Medical Academy (VMA) in Belgrade, of wounds sustained during clashes with the KLA on **9 August 1998** near *Sukat e Biteshit/Bitesha Čuka*, in **Bitesh i Ulët/Donji Biteš**.

Sources: SV SRJ, *Junaci otadžbine*, 53; Z. Stijović, *Kosmet...*, 110; KMC AFRY, *Persons died...*, HLC-10832; SMIP, *Teroristički...*, III, 938; *Dnevnik od 19. do 25. avgusta*, Ilustrovana politika, no 2055, HLC-16958.

Asllan (Dinë) Rexhepaj

(born 10/02/1979, Albanian from Hereç/Ereč, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, farmer, member of KLA)

The 19-year-old Asllan joined the KLA after the murder of the Jashari family in Prekaz i Poshtëm/Donje Prekaze, in early March 1998 [see records]. He was trained in Glllogjan/Glodane. He went to Albania for weapons several times. In the early morning of **9 August 1998**, around 06:00h, Serb forces opened fire on Hereç/Ereč from the location known as *Sukat e Hereçit*. Asllan, who was home at the time, rushed to his position. Around 18:00h, KLA fighters ran out of ammunition and began to retreat towards the village of **Dujakë/Dujak**. While they were crossing a river, all of a sudden Serb forces appeared out of nowhere and started shooting. One bullet struck Asllan in the head, killing him on the spot. His body remained in the water until next morning, when his comrades took it and buried in Dujakë/Dujak. Asllan's mortal remains were re-buried on 1 August 1999 at the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Hereç/Ereč.

Sources: statement of D.R, HLC-29209; statement of A.S, HLC-29211; H. Hasani, *Dëshmorët...*, 81, HLC-25596; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092.

Mentor (Smajl) Shabanaj

(born 31/07/1965, Albanian from Hereç/Ereč, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, worker, member of KLA)