

Mentor worked at the *Erenik* factory in Gjakovë/Đakovica. At the end of March 1998, Mentor and his brother Afrimi enlisted in the KLA in Hereç/Ereç. They received training in the village of Gllogjan/Glodane. On the early morning of **9 August 1998**, around 06:00h, Serb forces entered the village and called through a megaphone for KLA members to surrender. Shortly afterwards, they launched an attack on the village. Mentor was at a position in the Shabanaj quarter. His brother went to get a machine-gun they had hidden in their uncle's house. When he did not come back after a while, Mentor went looking for him. As he was approaching their uncle's house, Mentor was spotted by Serb forces. They shot at him, killing him on the spot [**Hereç/Ereç**]. On 13 August 1998, members of the Serb forces buried Mentor and other villagers killed on that day in Hereç/Ereç, at the Gjakovë/Đakovica cemetery. After the war, on 1 August 1999, Mentor's remains were transferred to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in the village of Hereç/Ereç.

Sources: statement of A.S, HLC-29211; KMDLNJ, *Buletini*, no. 9, October-December 998, 143, HLC-23857; statement of F.F, HLC-29212.

Shaban (Ramë) Fetaj

(born 19/06/1927, Albanian from Hereç/Ereç, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, manager at the *Erenik* factory, six children)

Muhamet (Ukë) Zenunaj

(born 25/02/1934, Albanian from Hereç/Ereç, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, farmer, eight children, member of KLA)

Muhamet and Shaban were very good friends. Shaban had spent two years in prison back in 1950 for advocating independence for Kosovo (the Kosovo Republic). Most of the women and children abandoned Hereç/Ereç on 6 August 1998, leaving behind local KLA members and those from Gjakovë/Đakovica. Shaban's family, except his wife, left the village on **9 August 1998**, when Serb forces opened fire on the village. Shaban and Muhamet were holding their positions in Shaban's yard the last time they were seen alive. A Roma man, a mem-

ber of the KLA, told Shaban's family that evening that Shaban and Muhamet had been killed in Shaban's yard [**Hereç/Ereç**]. Serb forces took their bodies to Gjakovë/Đakovica and had workers of the *Čabrat* public funeral company bury them on 13 August 1998. Shaban's son, who took shelter in the village of Brekocit/Brekovac with his family, met the Roma men who buried the victims from Hereç/Ereç. He went with them to the cemetery and they dug up four graves. They recognised Shaban, Muhamet and Dinë Alijaj, whilst the fourth man could not be identified. The fourth man was identified after the war as Haxhi Isufi [see record below]. The remains of the victims from Hereç/Ereç were transferred on 1 August 1999, after the war, to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Hereç/Ereç.

Sources: statement of F.F, HLC-29212; J. Martinsen, *List.*, HLC-26092.

Haxhi (Tahir) Isufi

(born 2/01/1930, Albanian from Hereç/Ereç, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, pensioner, seven children)

Before retiring, Haxhi worked for the *Dukagjini* construction firm in Gjakovë/Đakovica. He lived with his family in **Hereç/Ereç**. When Serb forces attacked that village on **9 August 1998**, Haxhi's family sought shelter in Skivjan/Skivjane, whilst Haxhi stayed in the village with his sons Ali and Muharrem, who were members of the KLA. The following night, Haxhi's wife Zade heard on the Prishtinë TV news [broadcast from Tirana] that Haxhi had been killed the previous day in their yard. The family was subsequently told by a Roma man, who worked at the *Čabrat* public funeral company, that Haxhi had been buried on 13 August 1998 at the Gjakovë/Đakovica cemetery, together with other men who had been killed in Hereç/Ereç on 9 August 1998. After the war, on 1 August 1999, Haxhi's remains were transferred to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants and Victims in the village of Hereç/Ereç.

Source: statement of Z.I, HLC-29213.