

Dinë (Rexhep) Alijaj

(born 3/06/1935, Albanian from Hereç/Ereç, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, pensioner, five children, member of KLA)

Before retiring, Dinë worked at the *Erenik* factory in Gjakovë/Đakovica. He lived with his family in the village of **Hereç/Ereç**, where he was engaged in farming. Dinë and his son Xhavit joined the KLA in April 1998 and received training in Glllogjan/Glodane. When Serb forces attacked their village on the morning of **9 August 1998**, Dinë went to the KLA positions, whilst his family left the village. He died of a shell around 10:30h near the place where the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants stands today. Serb forces took the bodies of the KLA fighters and transported them to Gjakovë/Đakovica. They were buried by *Čabrat* public funeral company workers at the town cemetery on 13 August 1998. After the war, their mortal remains were exhumed. Dinë was identified by his clothes and personal documents. He was re-buried on 1 August 1999 at the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Hereç/Ereç.

Sources: statement of D.R, HLC-29209; statement of A.A, HLC-29210; H. Hasani, *Dëshmorët...*, HLC-25596; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092.

Musë (Bajram) Rexhepaj

(born 10/02/1919, Albanian from Hereç/Ereç, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, farmer, six children)

Musë's family fled **Hereç/Ereç** on the early morning of **9 August 1998**. Musë stayed at home. In the afternoon, Musë's wife Gjyle and son Isuf returned home in order to talk Musë into joining them, but Musë refused to leave. That was the last time he was seen alive. The following day, Dervish, Musë's nephew, found Musë's body inside the house damaged by shells. Musë had a wound on the head. A couple of days later, Isuf returned to the village, and he and his friends buried Musë behind the Rexhepaj's house. After the war, on 20 July 1999, the Rexhepaj transferred Musë's remains to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Hereç/Ereç.

Sources: statement of G.R, HLC-33827; statement of A.S, HLC-29211.

Metë (Dervish) Ramaj

(born 20/03/1919, Albanian from Hereç/Ereç, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, pensioner, six children)

The aged Metë lived with his wife Raba, sons Lulzim and Dervish and daughters Servete and Fitnete. On the morning of **9 August 1998**, the entire family left **Hereç/Ereç**, except Metë and Dervish, who, being a KLA member, stayed to defend the village. A shell landed in the Ramaj's yard and exploded just as Metë stepped out into the yard. He was killed on the spot. Some two or three days later, Dervish buried his father in a field in their village. After the war, on 20 July 1999, the Ramaj transferred Metë's body to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Hereç/Ereç.

Sources: statement of I.M, HLC-33828; statement of A.S, HLC-29211.

Zoran (Velibor) Jovanović

(born 19/07/1973, Serb from Gjakovë/Đakovica, member of MUP RS)

Zoran completed secondary school for public administration and a police training course. He worked at the Police Station in Podujevë/Podujevo. He was killed on **10 August 1998** in clashes between Serb police and the KLA in the village of **Bitesh i Ulët/Donji Biteš**.

Sources: SV SRJ, *Junaci otadžbine*, 32; FHP, *Haški tribunal, Sudeње Slobodanu Miloševiću*, III, 118; SMIP, *Teroristički...*, III, 937; *Members of the Serbian Ministry of the Interior - victims of the Albanian terrorism in 1998*, at <http://www.srbija-info.yu/vesti/1999-02/19/9769.html>, HLC-31078; KMC AFRY, *Persons died...*, HLC-10832.

Hasan (Hazir) Osmani

(born 12/06/1972, Albanian from Nivokaz, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, teacher, member of KLA)

Hasan studied English Language at the Faculty of Philology in Prishtinë/Priština. During his sophomore year, he began working as a school teacher at the pri-