

Astrit (Isuf) Rushi

(born 10/03/1970, Albanian from Rushaj [Albania], farmer, member of KLA)

Sabri (Sali) Morina

(born 27/11/1972, Albanian from Vrajak/Vranjak, Rahovec/Orahovac municipality, worker, member of KLA)

Naim (Hajdar) Qema

(born 10/05/1976, Albanian from Krumë [Albania], member of KLA)

Sabri had lived in Germany, before deciding to return to Kosovo in early 1998 and join the KLA. He underwent military training in Albania. On **28 August 1998**, Sabri, Besmir, Astrit, Naim and four other men took off from the village of Golaj [Albania] for Kosovo. Near the village of **Goden**, around 03:00h, they ran into a Yugoslav Army ambush. Sabri, Naim, Besmir and Astrit were killed on the spot, while the others managed to run away. After the war, Sabri's family learnt from Besmir's brother Deme that Besmir, Astrit, Sabri and Naim were buried at the Gjakovë/Đakovica cemetery. They were exhumed on 4 July 1999 for identification and re-buried later that day, Sabri in his native village of Vrajak/Vranjak, and Besmir, Astrit and Naim in their respective home villages in Albania.

Source: statement of D.Đ, HLC-3591; statement of Sh.M, HLC-33888; J. Martinsen, *List.*, HLC-26092.

Xhevdet (Sylë) Plava

(born 1959, Albanian from Čermjan/Crmljan, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, worker, seven children, member of KLA)

Shefqet (Nebih) Hasanaj

(born 5/11/1962, Albanian from Gllarevë/Iglarevo, Klinë/Klina municipality, medical doctor, five children, member of KLA)

Xhafer (Latif) Gashi

(born 15/03/1966, Albanian from Përqevë/Prčevo, Klinë/Klina municipality, mason, two children, member of KLA)

Sylë (Jakup) Morina

(born 2/09/1968, Albanian from Gjergjica/Đurđica, Gillogoc/Glogovac municipality, worker, one child, member of KLA)

Nazmi (Nebih) Gashi

(born 17/07/1971, Albanian from Sverkë/Svrhe, Klinë/Klina municipality, machine technician, member of KLA)

Nazmi (Ramadan) Gashi

(born 9/04/1978, Albanian from Komoran/Komorane, Gillogoc/Glogovac municipality, worker, member of KLA)

Rizah (Sokol) Salihaj

(born 3/05/1978, Albanian from Zabërgjë/Zabrde, Klinë/Klina municipality, construction worker, member of KLA)

The problems they had with the Serb police drove Xhevdet and Shefqet to escape to Germany before the war. Xhevdet returned to Kosovo in 1996. He formally joined the KLA in April 1998, but before that he had already been engaged in the transfer of weapons from Albania. He was known as *Commander Gjebiri*. Shefqet came to Albania from Germany in the summer of 1998 and joined the KLA.

Having completed secondary school, Nazmi (Ramadan) Gashi went to Slovenia and worked there. He returned to Kosovo in December 1997. He was wounded by Serb police in February 1998 on his way to the funeral of the Ahmeti brothers in Likoshan/Likošane [see records]. He joined the KLA in the spring of 1998. His uncle Sylë had worked in Germany, before joining the KLA. Xhafer and Nazmi (Nebih) Gashi joined the KLA in March and early May 1998 respectively.

On 27 August 1998, around 23:00h, Xhevdet, Shefqet, Sylë, his nephew Nazmi, Xhafer, Nazmi (Nebih) Gashi and Rizah, among a group of 250 KLA members, crossed the Albanian border near the spot called *Rrasa e Zogut/Ptiçiji Kamen (Birds' Rock)*, [**Koshare/Košare**]. A couple of hours later [**28/08/1998**] they ran into a Serb ambush. Shefqet died first in a gunbattle with the Serbs. The other men split into two groups. One group, including Xhevdet, Sylë, his nephew Nazmi, Xhafer Nazmi (Nebih) Gashi and Rizah, went in the direction of Jasiq/Jasić. Two hours later the group clashed with Serb forces. Xhevdet, Xhafer, Nazmi (Nebih) Gashi and Rizah were killed, and Sylë and his grandson Na-