

had been hit by two bullets in the head and three in the torso. Later that day, Shaban buried his father at a spot he found for him. Smajl's mortal remains rest there still.

Source: statement of S.A, HLC-16423.

Safet (Demlush) Kuçi

(born 2/01/1951, Albanian from Gjakovë/Đakovica, economist, four children)

Safet lived with his family in Gjakovë/Đakovica's 14. juna Street. On 6 September 1998, he was set to visit his brother-in-law Sadedin Shehu in Glllogjan/Glodane [see record]. He was supposed to stop in the village of **Bistrazhin/Bistražin** to see Hilë, owner of a gas station. At about 22:00h, Safet phoned his wife Vahdete, but the connection was very quickly lost. Three days later, Vahdete was told by Hilë that Safet had come to see him on **6 September 1998** and had asked for some money that Hilë did not have. Hilë did not know where he went after that. On the advice of her brother, who was a KLA member, Vahdete reported her husband missing to the Council for the Defence of Human Rights and Freedoms in Prishtinë/Priština. After the war, in November 2004, Vahdete was informed by the Gjakovë/Đakovica municipal authorities that her husband's body had been found in the Piskotë/Piskot cemetery in September 1999 and positively identified. Safet was re-buried at the graveyard in the *Çabrat/Čabrat* neighbourhood. Safet Kuçi was listed amongst the victims in the indictment against Ramush Haradinaj.

Sources: statement of A.B, HLC-30764; ICTY, IT-04-84 (R. Haradinaj et al.), judgment, 03.04.2008, [http://www.hlc-rdc.org/index.php?lid=sr&show=PravdaIReforma&int_cid=124&cat=Transkripti/Predmet-Haradinaj-i-drugi-\(-IT-04-84-\);](http://www.hlc-rdc.org/index.php?lid=sr&show=PravdaIReforma&int_cid=124&cat=Transkripti/Predmet-Haradinaj-i-drugi-(-IT-04-84-);) OMPF, *Remains...*, HLC-15297.

Ramiz (Zenun) Tahiraj

(born 18/02/1945, Albanian from Hereç/Ereç, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, farmer, five children)

Tushë (Arif Gjikota) Tahiraj

(born 30/10/1949, Albanian woman from

Hereç/Ereç, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, five children)

At the beginning of August 1998, clashes between the KLA and Serb forces in the village of Hereç/Ereç started. Tushë went to Dujakë/Dujak with her son Blerim, her other son's wife and a grand-daughter, whilst Ramiz stayed in the village with the other men to defend the village. On the same evening, Ramiz rejoined his family. The next day they went all together to Skivjan/Skivjane and stayed with Halil Ademi. On the morning of **6 September 1998**, at about 10:00h, Ramiz and Tushë went in their *Lada Riva* to the village of Pozhar/Požar to visit their daughter. As they did not return to Skivjan/Skivjane, Blerim, accompanied by his uncle Mustafa and a friend from Irzniq/Rznić, went looking for them the following morning. Some people from **Novosellë e Posthme/Donje Novo Selo** told them they had seen Ramiz driving down the road passing their village, whereas villagers from Dujak/Dujak, Jasiq/Jasić and Gramaqel/Gramočelj claimed that no car had passed through their villages on that day, due to the presence of Serb forces. Ramiz's and Tushë's fate had long remained unknown. In October 2003, their bodies were discovered at the cemetery in Piskotë/Piskot, where bodies found in the *Liqeni i Radoniqit/Radonjičko jezero (Radoniq Lake)* canal than could not be identified had been buried. The family recovered Ramiz's and Tushë's mortal remains on 21 March and 20 December 2005 respectively, and buried them at the cemetery in Hereç/Ereç.

Sources: statement of B.T, HLC-29208; OMPF, *Remains...*, HLC-15297.

Xhevdet (Shaban) Hoti

(born 1/07/1978, Albanian from Jabllanicë/Jablanica, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, member of KLA)

Xhevdet joined the KLA at the beginning of March 1998 at the KLA *Dushkajë/Duškađe* regional headquarters in **Jabllanicë/Jablanica**. On **8 September 1998**, Xhevdet went to his house to get some food for KLA fighters. As he was passing by the well