died.., HLC-10832; GSM DTC, List.., HLC-8817

## Refik (Ahmet) Maxhuni

(born 17/03/1974, Albanian from Gjakovë/Đakovica, student)

Refik lived in Gjakovë/Đakovica with his parents and a brother. He was of mixed ethnic parentage. He was last seen alive on 4 October 1998 near Novosellë e Posthme/Donje Novo Selo. His body was to be found at a later date at the cemetery in Piskotë/Piskot among the bodies that could not been identified after being found in September 1998 in Liqeni i Radoniqit/Radonjićko jezero (Radoniq Lake). The UNMIK Office on Missing Persons and Forensics handed over his body to his family on 15 January 2005. The family buried him at the Gjakovë/Đakovica cemetery.

**Sources:** statement of R.M, HLC-30768; OMPF, *Remains..*, HLC-15297.

## Blerim (Haxhi) Berisha

(born 14/02/1983, Albanian from Gjakovë/Đakovica, secondary school student)

On 8 October 1998 around 11:00h, Blerim, his father, brother Kujtim and neighbour Pjeter went on two horse-drawn wagons to a forest near the village of Prush/Pruš to get some wood. Around 17:00h they headed back, with a load of wood. Blerim was driving the second wagon carrying his father Haxhi seated on a pile of wood in the back. Near the village of Prush/Pruš, not far from the Albanian border, with Pjeter and Kujtim well ahead of them in the first wagon, Serb soldiers opened fire at Blerim's wagon. Blerim's horses got frightened and started running. Haxhi fell from the wagon to the road and hid himself in the forest. Blerim remained on the wagon. After a while. Blerim's horses returned home without Blerim. The next morning, around 06:00h, Haxhi and Jeton returned to the spot where Haxhi had left his son, and found there a pool of blood but not Blerim. Then they went to the morgue in Gjakovë/ Đakovica and found Blerim's body there. He was buried on 10 October 1998 in the

town cemetery in Gjakovë/Đakovica.

Source: statement of S.B, HLC-34223.

#### Ilir (Mazllom) Soba

(born 28/04/1971, Albanian from Gjakovë/Đakovica, student, member of KLA)

Ilir was a third year student in the Department of Electro-Technology at Prishtinë/Priština University. In May 1998, he interrupted his studies and joined the KLA headquarters in Gllogjan/Glođane. Ilir was killed on 18 October 1998 in clashes with Serb forces in Kralan/Kraljane. He was laid to rest at the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Gjakovë/Đakovica.

Sources: H. Hasani, *Dëshmorët...*, HLC-25596; J. Martinsen, *List..*, HLC-26092; I. Koci, *Genocidi...*, 499.

## Xheladin (Qazim) Dauti

(born 23/04/1955, Albanian from Golaj [Albania], miner, seven children, member of KLA)

Xheladin joined the KLA during 1998. He would escort KLA members transferring weapons to Kosovo, and KLA members going to Albania for weapons often stayed in his house. On 21 October 1998, at about 21:00h, Xheladin left home: that was the last time his family saw him alive. The next day, Voice of America reported that Xheladin Dauti had been killed in the area of the village of Goden. Members of the OSCE Mission to Kosovo carried his body to the morgue of the Hospital in Gjakovë/ Đakovica. His cousin Bashkim Xhuxha identified the body. Through the mediation of the OSCE Mission, Xheladin's body was delivered to his family on 25 October 1998 at the Qafa e Prushit border crossing. Xheladin was laid to rest in his village of Golai.

**Sources:** statement of G.D, HLC-40648; J. Osmani, *Krimet..*, II, 467.

# Ramiz (Hamëz) Sylmetaj

(born 8/11/1970, Albanian from Gërçinë/Grčina, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, farmer, two children)