

Sources: statement of N.E, HLC-19506; KMC AFRY, *Persons died...*, HLC-10832; GSM DTC, *List...*, HLC-8817; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092; SHFĐUČK, *Feniksēt...6*, 63,64.

Isa (Hysen) Salihaj

(born 9/02/1922, Albanian from Shushicë/Sušica, Istog/Istok municipality, construction worker, 10 children)

Shaban (Isa) Salihaj

(born 5/05/1950, Albanian from Shushicë/Sušica, Istog/Istok municipality, construction worker, four children, member of KLA)

Milaim (Isa) Salihaj

(born 6/06/1962, Albanian from Shushicë/Sušica, Istog/Istok municipality, construction worker, five children, member of KLA)

Abedin (Isa) Salihaj

(born 1/04/1970, Albanian from Shushicë/Sušica, Istog/Istok municipality, single, farmer, member of KLA)

Fatime (Xhemë Tuzi) Salihaj

(born 20/07/1957, Albanian woman from Shushicë/Sušica, Istog/Istok municipality, Shaban`s wife, four children)

Hysen (Shaban) Salihaj

(born 13/03/1975, Albanian from Shushicë/Sušica, Istog/Istok municipality, single, farmer, member of KLA)

Arben (Shaban) Salihaj

(born 15/04/1979, Albanian from Shushicë/Sušica, Istog/Istok municipality, single, farmer, member of KLA)

Hysni (Shaban) Salihaj

(born 1/08/1981, Albanian from Shushicë/Sušica, Istog/Istok municipality, farmer, member of KLA)

Nazmi (Brahim) Gashi

(born 6/01/1977, Albanian from Vojnikë/Voćnjak, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, single, unemployed, member of KLA)

Salihaj`s family had had problems with the Serb police from March 1998, when some men of the family joined the KLA. Isa`s sons, Shaban, Milaim, Abedin and Safedin, and Shaban`s son Hysen, were members of the unit, operating in the *Drenica* area. On 26 August 1998, all five of them returned

home from their positions. Nazmi, Isa`s daughter`s Kumrija`s grandson, also a KLA member, came with them. On the morning of **29 August 1998**, Serb police opened fire on the house of the Salihaj family [**Shushicë/Sušica**]. The men fired back. Sabedin was at the time at his cousin Avdi Salihaj`s house, in the village. The women and children hid in the cornfield. Around 15:30h the shooting stopped, and the women came out of the cornfield and found Hysni`s body and the wounded Isa in front of the house. Fatime, Hysni`s mother, stayed with her son, while all the other women, with the children, entered the house of Avdi Salihaj. Around 16:00h Sabedin, with his cousin Avdi, returned to his house and found Isa dead, with Hysni. For fear of Serb forces, they left the bodies in the yard. The next day, Isa`s wife Kade and the other women came back home. In their cousin Fadil Salihaj`s garage, next to the house, they found the bodies of Shaban, Milaim, Abedin, Hysen, Arben and Nazmi. The women learned from the cousins that it was they who had moved the bodies from the yard. No one had any information on Fatime.

Isa, Shaban, Milaim, Abedin, Hysni, Hysen, Arben and Nazmi were buried the following day, on 30 August 1998, in the family graveyard at Shushicë/Sušica. A few months later, the family heard about a grave in the woods of the village of Padalishtë/Padalište [Srbica/Skënderaj municipality]. No one knew who was buried in it. The Salihaj family found the mortal remains of Fatima in that grave. On 29 August 1999, she was transferred to Shushicë/Sušica and re-buried in the family graveyard. On 7 August 2000, international experts exhumed the mortal remains of the Salihaj family members. After the autopsy, the family re-buried the mortal remains of their respective family members in the same graveyard.

Sources: statement of S.S, HLC-16342; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092; SMIP, *Teroristički...*, III, 484; KMC AFRY, *Persons died...*, HLC-10832; SHFĐUČK, *Feniksēt... 9*, 8-9, 138-139, 118-119, 121-122, 158-159, 189-191; SHFĐUČK, *Feniksēt... 5*, 129-132,