

Xhezair (Xhafer) Sylja

(born 10/04/1975, Albanian from Grabanicë/Grabanica, Klinë/Klina municipality, member of KLA)

Arben (Istref) Krasniqi

(born 2/11/1978, Albanian from Grabanicë/Grabanica, Klinë/Klina municipality, student, member of KLA)

Before he joined the KLA on 15 March 1998, Arben had studied law at the Law School in Prishtinë/Priština. Xhezair and Arben participated in a three-day battle between the KLA and Serb forces [19-21 May 1998] in **Grabanicë/Grabanica**. They died on **21 May 1998**. Serb forces deposited their bodies in the bank of a river, which their families discovered in December 1999 from a boy who witnessed the scene. On 22 December 1999, the mortal remains of Xhezair and Arben were transferred by their respective families to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Grabanicë/Grabanica.

Sources: statement of U.S, HLC-30715; J. Martinsen, *List.*, HLC-26092; H. Hasani, *Dëshmorët.*, HLC-25596; *Remains in Volljake May Well Belong to Albanian Victims, Lokal Sources Say*, newsletter, KIC, 4.10.1998, HLC-29723.

Faruk (Kamber) Elezi

(born 1/06/1977, Albanian from Gjurjevik i Vogël/Mali Đurdevik, Klinë/Klina municipality, university student, member of KLA)

Faruk studied at the Faculty of Economics in Prishtinë/Priština. He joined the KLA in December 1997. He died on **21 May 1998** fighting Serb forces in **Grabanicë/Grabanica**, and was buried in Jabllanicë/Jablaniça [Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality]. After the war, on 24 August 1999, his family transferred his body to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Glllogjan/Glođan [Deçan/Deçani municipality].

Sources: statement of K.E, HLC-33520; J. Martinsen, *List.*, HLC-26092; H. Hasani, *Dëshmorët.*, HLC-25596; SHFĐUÇK, *Feniksët...*6, 61-64.

Zekë (Azem) Brahimi

(born 1931, Albanian from Bokshiq/Bokšić,

Klinë/Klina municipality, pensioner, three children)

Zekë earned his pension in Germany. After retiring, he returned to **Bokshiq/Bokšić**. He lived with the sons of his brother, who worked in Germany, and the wife of a late brother. On the evening of 21 May 1998, Serb forces attacked the KLA in the village, with the result that Zekë's family left their home and hid along with other villagers in the mountain above the village. Zekë stayed behind with other men. The next day, **22 May 1998**, Serb forces entered the village. They set fire to houses, including that of Zekë, and killed Zekë in his yard. His body was found by the local residents who returned to the village after the Serb forces had gone. It had been mutilated with a knife. Zekë's nephew Xhevat, with the help of some fellow villagers, buried his uncle on 25 May 1998 in the village cemetery.

Sources: statement of M.B, HLC-15573; statement of Z.N, HLC-12427.

Shaqë (Rrustem) Zeqiri

(born 1966, Albanian from Bokshiq/Bokšić, Klinë/Klina municipality, farmer)

Shaqë lived with his parents in Bokshiq/Bokšić. He stayed behind in his house after his family had fled to a forest some ten days before Serb forces entered the village. Over the next few days, Shaqë occasionally went to the forest to check on his parents. On **22 May 1998**, the day on which Serb forces entered **Bokshiq/Bokšić** from the direction of Grabanicë/Grabanica, Shaqë was at home. Though some of the men fled, he stayed behind. Later that day, Shaqë's cousin Halil found his body in the yard, riddled with some thirty bullets. Halil buried him that same night in the mountain above Bokshiq/Bokšić, with the help of some neighbours. In June 1999, Shaqë's mortal remains were transferred to the village cemetery.

Source: statement of Sh.Z, HLC-15574.

Qaush (Haxhi) Fazlija

(born 25/10/1961, Albanian from Bokshiq/Bokšić, Klinë/Klina municipality, four children, member of KLA)