

When Zymer returned to the village two months later, his brother was not there. An acquaintance from Deçan/Dečane told Zymer that Idriz had been brought in twice by the police for questioning, though both times let go. However, after having been brought in for the third time [in **June 1998**], he went missing. His fate has remained unclear to date. He is registered on the ICRC list of missing persons under BLG-803306-01.

**Sources:** statement of H. Z, HLC-17891; ICRC, *Persons missing..*, HLC-9795.

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### **Gale (Hysen Nishiqi) Loshaj**

(born 1909, Albanian woman from Carrabreg i Epërm/Gornji Crnobreg, Deçan/Dečani municipality, housewife, one child)

Gale stayed in her house [Carrabreg i Epërm/Gornji Crnobreg] after her family had left the village on 29 May 1998 and sought refuge in the neighbouring village of Irzniq/Rznić. Her son and daughter-in-law would bring her food every second day. Three weeks later, her son was told that Gale had been killed in the house [June 1998]. When the situation de-escalated in October 1998, the son and his wife returned and found Gale's body inside the house. There were blood stains on the wall. Gale was buried in the yard. She still rests there.

**Source:** statement of U.L, HLC-17910.

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### **Igballe (Sali Gashi) Tahiraj**

(Albanian woman from Ratish i Ulët/Donji Ratiš, Deçan/Dečani municipality, housewife, eight children)

### **Sebahate (Brahim) Tahiraj**

(born 1965, Albanian woman from Ratish i Ulët/Donji Ratiš, Deçan/Dečani municipality, housewife, single, member of KLA)

### **Melihate (Brahim) Tahiraj**

(born 1980/1981, Albanian woman from Ratish i Ulët/Donji Ratiš, Deçan/Dečani municipality)

After the death of her husband, Igballe lived with her children in **Ratish i Ulët/Donji Ratiš**. One night in **June 1998**, a group of masked men entered her house and took Igballe away to an unknown location. She

has never been seen alive since. Igballe's daughter, Sebahate, was a member of the KLA. In **August 1998**, Sebahate left the house, never to come back. In **October 1998**, a group of masked men again came to the house of the Tahirajs and took away another of Igballe's daughters, Melihate. Five days later, Melihate's brothers found her body in the forest between Ratish i Ulët/Donji Ratiš and Bardhaniq/Bardonić. She had a bullet wound and her throat was slit. Melihate was buried in her family compound, 100 metres from the family house. Igballe's and Sebahate's mortal remains were discovered after the war at the cemetery in Piskotë/Piskot [Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality], from among the bodies that could not be identified after being found in September 1998 in *Liçeni i Radoniqit/Radonjičko jezero (Radoniq Lake)*. Igballe's mortal remains were handed over to her family on 19 August 2006, and Sebahate's on 23 August 2007. Both women were buried on their family estate.

**Sources:** statement of R.G, HLC-29918; OMPE, *Remains..*, HLC-15297.

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### **Lush (Mahmut) Binakaj**

(born 8/09/1912, Albanian from Carrabreg i Ulët/Donji Crnobreg, Deçan/Dečani municipality, farmer, single)

Aged Lush lived in Carrabreg i Ulët/Donji Crnobreg with the family of his nephew Ismet. When on 31 May 1998 Serb forces entered their village in tanks, Lush, Ismet and Ismet's family fled to Beleg to stay with their relative Ramush Vishaj. The next day, on **1 June 1998**, Lush went missing after had left the village saying he was going to **Carrabreg i Ulët/Donji Crnobreg**. Ismet looked for him in Carrabreg i Ulët/Donji Crnobreg, but no one could tell him anything about his uncle's fate. Lush is registered on the ICRC list of missing persons under BLG-803715-01.

**Sources:** statement of H. Z, HLC-1788; ICRC, *Persons missing..*, HLC-9795.

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### **Bajram (Selmon) Ramosaj**

(born 1925, Albanian from i Carrabreg Ulët/