

30 metres from them. Shell fragments hit Doruntina near the left eye. Rifadije and her father rushed Doruntina to the KLA infirmary in Kleçkë/Klečka [Lipjan/Lipljan municipality]. It took them two hours to get there. Doruntina passed away in the infirmary at about 20:00h. Her mother and grandfather laid her to rest at the cemetery in Kleçkë/Klečka.

Sources: statement of R.K, HLC-40576; J. Osmani, *Krimet...*, I, 537.

Ahmet (Rexhep) Kelmendi

(born 15/03/1980, Albanian from Balincë/Balince, Malishevë/Mališevo municipality, secondary school student)

Ahmet and his parents, brothers and sisters left their home on 22 June 1998, the day on which the Yugoslav Army started to shell the village from the direction of Llapushnik/Lapušnik. The Kelmendis and other local residents fled to the place called *Lugu i Bunarit/Bunarov Lug*, in a wood. Some KLA members, as well as civilians who did not want to leave their homes, remained in the village. That same afternoon, Ahmet returned to **Balincë/Balince** with his uncle Sylejman. He was killed on 27 July 1998 on his doorstep, by a shot fired from the direction of the place where Serb forces were stationed. His uncle buried him the next day, with the permission of the Serbian police, in the cemetery in Goluboc/Golubovac. After the war, in June 2000, Ahmet's mortal remains were transferred to the Cemetery for War Victims in Balincë/Balince.

Source: statement of S.K, HLC-17549.

Vesel (Zenel) Gashi

(born 20/01/1925, Albanian from Balincë/Balince, Malishevë/Mališevo municipality, farmer, seven children)

Xhevë (Kadri) Gashi

(born 15/10/1925, Albanian woman from Balincë/Balince, Malishevë/Mališevo municipality, housewife, seven children)

The elderly Vesel and his wife Xhevë lived with their son Hamdi and Hamdi's wife and children. They were at home on 27

July 1998, when the Yugoslav Army started shelling KLA positions in the village [**Balincë/Balince**]. The local residents, who had not fled the village in June and those who returned after having fled, started fleeing. Vesel and Xhevë did not want to leave their home. Their sons Hamdi, Haxhi and Ismet and grandsons Adrijan and Driton stayed with them. Since the shelling intensified as the day went on, Vesel and Xhevë and their sons and grandsons left home and headed towards the centre of the village. On the way, they left Xhevë, who was immobilized, in the house of Mete Gashi, which was safer than other houses in the village. Vesel was taken to the wood by his sons. The following day, on 28 July 1998, Vesel headed back to the village to fetch Xhevë. His family did not know what had happened to him afterwards. After returning to the village in October 1998, the Gashis found out through an international organisation that Xhevë had been buried in Mete Gashi's yard, and transferred her mortal remains to the cemetery in Balincë/Balince. Vesel's body was discovered in January 1999, near the house of his brother Nuredin, with a wound on the left side of the head near the ear. He was also buried in the village cemetery. After the war, in May 2001, the Gashis transferred the mortal remains of Vesel and Xhevë to the Cemetery for War Victims in Balincë/Balince.

Sources: statement of H.G, HLC-15143; statement of H.G, HLC-34634; J. Osmani, *Krimet...*, I, 535; ICTY, IT-02-54 (S. Milošević), Ex.D298.1.4, HLC-30924.

Murat (Rexhep) Kryeziu

(born 27/11/1944, Albanian from Bubavec/Bobovac, Malishevë/Mališevo municipality, courier, six children)

Hazir (Selman) Kryeziu

(born 22/02/1945, Albanian from Bubavec/Bobovac, Malishevë/Mališevo municipality, labourer, five children, member of KLA)

Hazir had lived in Germany with his family for over 30 years. In the spring of 1998 he returned to **Bubavec/Bobovac**, where his mother Elfije lived, and joined the KLA in June 1998. His cousin Murat, who worked