

seen again. Several days after the signing of the Holbrooke-Milošević Agreement [13 October 1998], the first local residents of Llashkadrenoc/Vlaški Drenovac to return to the village found Osman's decaying body in the middle of a meadow. Osman's brother Selman and some relatives buried Osman in the village cemetery.

Sources: statement of S.K, HLC-15649; J. Osmani, *Krimet...*, I, 537.

Gani (Rahman) Krasniqi

(born 16/03/1944, Albanian from Tërpezë/Trpeza, Malishevë/Mališevo municipality, farmer, ten children)

As a result of the Serb attack of 26 July 1998 on Tërpezë/Trpeza and the outlying villages, Gani and his brothers Hysen and Ramadan left that village and took shelter with their family members in the wood near the village of Lladrovc/Ladrovac. Several days later, on **5 August 1998**, the word went around that Serb forces would attack Lladrovc/Ladrovac, so Hysen took the women and children to neighbouring Lladroviq/Ladrović, while Gani and Ramadan stayed behind to prepare the horses and a horse-cart. Soon afterwards, Gani and Ramadan also left for Lladroviq/Ladrović on a horse-cart. As they passed through *Lagja e Tanashevcve/Tanaševac* [**Lladrovc/Ladrovac**], they were stopped by three KLA members who had climbed out of a black car. They demanded to see Gani's and Ramadan's identification documents and asked them where they were going. They also told them that their families were not in Lladroviq/Ladrović but in Popoc/Popovac [Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality]. Then they put Gani in the car and drove off towards Kleqkë/Klečka [Lipjan/Lipljan municipality], at the same time taking Ramadan to their headquarters. At the headquarters, Ramadan enquired about Gani but was told that they knew nothing about him. Three days later, Gani's son Nazmi, a KLA soldier, also enquired about his father at the headquarters in Kleqkë/Klečka, but found out nothing. Gani's family has had no news about Gani's fate to date. Gani has been listed on the ICRC list of missing per-

son under BLG-801325-01.

Sources: statement of R.K, HLC-16017; ICRC, *Persons missing...*, HLC-9795.

Brahim (Sherif) Begaj

(born 15/05/1945, Albanian from Banjë/Banja, Malishevë/Mališevo municipality, brick layer, six children)

Brahim worked as a driver at the farmers' co-op in Malishevë/Mališevo. On 2 August 1998, fighting broke out between the KLA and Serb forces. The Yugoslav Army started to shell **Banjë/Banja** in the early morning hours. Brahim fled with his family to nearby Kërvasari/Kravasarija. The fighting stopped after two weeks and village residents began returning to their homes. Brahim's family left their belongings behind on their tractor in case they had to leave their home again quickly. Shelling resumed as early as **18 August 1998**. A few shells landed near Brahim's house. Just as the Begajs were ready to leave, waiting for the right moment to climb onto their tractor, a shell went off, scattering shrapnel onto Brahim and his family members, who were standing near the tractor. Brahim was hit in the head and died instantly. Brahim's son, daughter-in-law and sister were wounded. The Begajs buried Brahim later that evening in the cemetery in Banjë/Banja.

Sources: statement of G.B, HLC-15166; HLC, *People to remember people*, questionnaire, HLC-31242.

Valentina (Liman) Maloku

(born 1979, Albanian girl from Pllaqicë/Pločica, Malishevë/Mališevo municipality, university student)

Valentina studied history in Prishtinë/Priština. During the summer of 1998, Serb forces repeatedly shelled villages near Malishevë/Mališevo. At that time, Valentina was with her parents, brother and sisters at home, in her native village of Pllaqicë/Pločica. The whole family fled their home on 14 August 1998 because of heavy shelling. They found shelter in a meadow near a forest close to the village. On **19 August 1998**, Serb forces fired at