

**June 1998**], Serb forces had attacked again. Dinë went to fetch Xyfe from the house, after which they both disappeared without trace. Dinë's and Hyfe's disappearance is recorded on the ICRC list of missing persons under BLG-802095-01 and BLG-803271-01 respectively.

**Sources:** statement of A.C, HLC-18700; statement of Z.C, HLC-18945; ICRC, *Persons missing.*, HLC-9795; ICTY, IT-04-84 (R. Haradinaj et al.), Ex.D34, HLC-29363.

### Zize (Tahir Bozhdaraj) Tolaj

(born 25/06/1926, Albanian woman from Pobërgjë/Pobrde, Deçan/Deçani municipality, housewife, three children)

### Shkurte (Ibish Vishaj) Tolaj

(born 1929, Albanian woman from Pobërgjë/Pobrde, Deçan/Deçani municipality, housewife, four children)

On the morning of **1 June 1998**, around 08:00h, Serb forces entered the village of **Pobërgjë/Pobrde**. The villagers who had not escaped the previous day began fleeing the village. The cousins Zize, Shkurte and Dyke Tolaj remained in the house of Salih Tolaj, together with Zize, wife of Salih. At one point, Serb forces threw a grenade at the house and one of their tanks crashed through the yard gate. The old women started running towards the house of Hasan Tolaj. Zize, wife of Salih, and Dyke were the first to get into the house. Zize, wife of Hasan, and Shkurte stayed behind. When they reached Hasan Tolaj's yard, Serb forces shot at them, killing them on the spot, and then set fire to the house. Zize, wife of Salih, and Dyke managed to escape. After the war, Shkurte's and Zize, wife of Hasan's families continued looking for their bodies, but with no success. Their bodies have not been found to date.

**Sources:** statement of D.T, HLC-18708; KMDLNJ, *Buletini*, no. 7, prill-qershor 1998, 156, 157, HLC-23816; KMC AFRY, *Persons died.*, HLC-10832.

### Rexhep (Ethem) Ahmetaj

(born 1926, Albanian from Batushë/Batuša, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, farmer, one child)

### Ryve (Osë Goçi) Ahmetaj

(born 1931, Albanian woman from Batushë/Batuša, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, one child)

Rexhep and Ryve, an old couple, lived at her daughter Drita's in **Pobërgjë/Pobrde** from 1996. When Serb forces entered this village [**1 June 1998**], the couple was alone in the house. Rexhep was unable to move. On her return from exile, Drita found the house burnt down and no trace of Rexhep and Ryve. Their fate still remains unknown. Rexhep's and Ryve's disappearance was registered on the ICRC list of missing persons under BLG-804782-01 and BLG-804782-02 respectively.

**Sources:** statement of D. T, HLC-18707; ICRC, *Persons missing.*, HLC-9795.

### Hasan (Bajram) Tolaj

(born 28/04/1930, Albanian from Pobërgjë/Pobrde, Deçan/Deçani municipality, farmer)

Hasan stayed in **Pobërgjë/Pobrde** even after Serb forces had entered the village on **1 June 1998**. He has never been seen since that day. Having returned from exile on 26 June 1999, Hasan's family found their house burnt down and Hasan missing. Inside the house, they did not find anything but the boots Hasan was wearing the last time they saw him. Hasan's disappearance was registered on the ICRC list of missing persons under ICRC Nr BLG-803311-01.

**Sources:** statement of S. T, HLC-18711; ICRC, *Persons missing.*, HLC-9795.

### Isa (Zenun) Mataj

(born 5/05/1920, Albanian from Pobërgjë/Pobrde, Deçan/Deçani municipality, farmer, three children)

### Mone (Isuf Tahiraj) Mataj

(born 1928, Albanian woman from Pobërgjë/Pobrde, Deçan/Deçani municipality, housewife, three children)

Mone and Isa lived with their son Ahmet and his wife and children. On 27 May 1998, they moved into the house of Miftar Mataj, a cousin who worked in Switzerland. That house stood apart from the other houses. When on the morning of **1 June 1998** Serb forces attacked the village,