

phery of Senik. The shelling in late August 1998 drove the residents of Senik to flee the village and take to a wood. Several days later, they returned to their homes. On the early morning of **1 September 1998**, Skender went to Lladroc/Ladrovac with his cousin Naser to make a phone call to his brother Muharrem who lived in Germany. When he returned to his village [Senik] in the afternoon, his family were gone. They had moved in with Skender's uncle Rrustem while Skender was away. Skender then headed for his uncle's house. Soon afterwards, a shell hit Rrustem's house, leaving Skender wounded in the back and left leg by shrapnel. His family members brought him down to the basement and tried to help him, but Skender died within a couple of hours. They buried him that same night in a wood near *Te zabeli i Idrizit/Idrizov gaj* (*Idriz's Forest*). After the war, on 23 August 2001, the Januzis transferred Skender's mortal remains to the cemetery in Senik.

**Sources:** statement of Sh.J, HLC-33621; statement of H.J, HLC-14779; statement of Sh.S, HLC-3563; statement of J.Z, HLC-3568; statement of J.Z, HLC-3567; KMDLNU, *Buletini*, no. 9, october-december 1998, 122, HLC-23857; *Serb Forces Renew Shelling of Senik, One Albanian Killed and two Wounded Tuesday*, newsletter, KIC, 2.09.1998, HLC-29548.

### **Avdyl (Isen) Balaj**

(born 12/12/1912, Albanian from Gllarevë/Iglarevo, Klinë/Klina municipality, five children)

In April 1998, the elderly Avdyl and his family fled from Gllarevë/Iglarevo, initially to Vërmicë/Vrmnica, then further on to Dush/Duš [Klinë/Klina municipality] and eventually to Panorc/Ponorac. Serb forces surrounded Panorc/Ponorac on **2 September 1998**. The locals and refugees, including the aged Avdyl and his son Hasan, daughters-in-law Xhevahire and Sevdije and their children, took shelter in a wood, near the place known as *Boka e Panorcit/Ponorçev greben* (*Panorc Ridge*) [Panorc/Ponorac]. Hasan fled further away with the other men, whilst Avdyl stayed with the women and children. This group was soon

discovered by the Serb forces, who ordered the women and children to go to Dush/Duš. The Serbs put Avdyl on a tractor, after which his daughters-in-law did not see him again. Two days later, on 4 September 1998, Hasan returned to Panorc/Ponorac and found his father's charred body on the tractor. He buried him later that day in the cemetery in Dush/Duš. After the war, Avdyl's mortal remains were transferred to the cemetery in Gllareve/Iglarevo.

**Source:** statement of H.B, HLC-16491.

### **Sinan (Halil) Gashi**

(born 13/03/1970, Albanian from Çupevë/Çupevo, Klinë/Klina municipality, construction worker, three children, member of KLA)

Sinan joined the KLA in early 1998. His family last saw him on 2 May 1998, when he visited them in Sverkë/Svrhe [Klinë/Klina municipality], where they had fled. Sinan was shot dead by a sniper on **4 September 1998** in Panorc/Ponorac. The following day, Serb forces ordered some local residents to bury Sinan, face down, in a field near the village cemetery. After the war, on 1 October 1999, Sinan's family disinterred his mortal remains and buried them the next day in the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Grabanicë/Grabanica [Klinë/Klina].

**Sources:** statement of F.G, HLC-33476; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092.

### **Brahim (Himë) Zulfaj**

(born 11/03/1924, Albanian from Senik, Malishevë/Mališevo municipality, farmer, six children)

Brahim's family fled Senik after Serb forces installed themselves near this village. Brahim stayed behind in Senik. On **5 September 1998**, Brahim's son Milazim, a KLA soldier, came for Brahim with his friend Halil Bytyqi. Brahim told them to leave and that he would follow along soon. They never saw him again. In the evening, at around 20:00h, Osman Kafexholli, a shepherd from Senik, informed Milazim that Brahim had been killed by Serb forces. Later that night, Milazim and Halil buried Brahim, in the field [Senik] where he was killed. After the war,