

sons returned to the village. They found their father's body 500 metres from their house, with visible gunshot wounds. The Malokus buried Riza later that day in a family meadow. After the war, on 29 September 2000, Riza's mortal remains were transferred to the Cemetery for War Victims in Pllaqicë/Pločica.

**Sources:** statement of A.M, HLC-33619; statement of V.B, HLC-8879; ICTY, IT-05-87 (Milutinović et al.), EX.6D00700, HLC-33284; *Bodies of Six Killed Albanians Found near Pločica Village on Tuesday*, newsletter, KIC, 07.10.1998, HLC-29726.

### Ramiz (Mahmut) Hoxha

(born 10/12/1935, Albanian from Bellanicë/Belanica, Malishevë/Mališevo municipality, entrepreneur, six children)

During the Serb offensive of July 1998, Ramiz and his family fled Bellanicë/Belanica and took shelter in a wood near the village. In early August, they returned home. The Serb police, stationed in the neighbouring village of Banjë/Banja, invited the Albanians from Bellanicë/Belanica to negotiate. Ramiz was a member of the delegation that went to the negotiations. It was agreed that the police would not attack the village unless they were shot at. As a result, the village was calm for a month.

On **2 October 1998**, Ramiz went to the mosque [Bellanicë/Belanica] to pray. Shortly afterwards, four KLA members wearing masks came to the mosque and asked to see the imam. Ramiz asked them why they wanted to see the imam and why they were masked. After a brief argument, the KLA members took Ramiz out of the mosque and put him into a golden *Golf II*. When Ramiz's brother Hajriz began protesting at this, the KLA put him and his son Ejup in the car too. Hajriz and Ejup were soon dropped off near the village cemetery at the end of the village. The KLA members said Ramiz would be taken to Temeqinë/Tumičina for questioning concerning the imam. However, Hajriz and Ejup saw Ramiz being taken in another direction - towards Kërvasari/Kravasarija. Ramiz's son Enver and Hajriz's son Ejup immediately

went looking for Ramiz. Next to the road leading to the village of Banjë/Banja, they found the bodies of Ramiz and Selman Binishi [see record below]. Both men had been killed by gunshots to the chest. Ramiz was buried by his family later that day in the cemetery in Bellanicë/Belanica.

**Sources:** statement of E.H, HLC-15978; Objava vojne policije KLA no 4, Saslušanje održano u istražnom pritvoru no 3, HLC-16696; ICTY, IT-03-66 (F. Limaj et al.), transcript, 14/2/2005, 15, 16, <http://www.hlc-rdc.org/uploads/editor/file/Transkripti/Limaj/Limaj-%20svedok%20Jakup%20Krasniqi%20-14.02.%202005.pdf>; HLC, *People to remember people*, questionnaire, HLC-31242.

### Selman (Asllan) Binishi

(born 20/09/1970, Albanian from Banje/Bajë, Malishevë/Mališevo municipality, construction worker, three children)

Selman was a construction worker. He lived with his brothers and their families in the *Binishi* neighbourhood of Banjë/Banja. On 2 October 1998, the entire Binishi family went to the field to pick potatoes. Around midday [**2 October 1998**], Selman left on a tractor for the neighbouring village of **Bellanicë/Belanica** to buy some petrol and fuel oil. After he had set off, his brothers, who were in the field, heard some shots being fired, but did not pay it much attention. Two hours later, their cousin Nazmi came along to the field and informed Selman's brothers that some unknown men had kidnapped Selman while he was in Bellanicë/Belanica, after which he had been killed beside the road between Banjë/Banja and Kërvasari/Kravasarija. The brothers went to the place and found Selman's body there. Lying next to him was the body of Ramiz Hoxha [see record above]. Later that day, the Binishis buried Selman in the cemetery of the *Binishi* neighbourhood of Banjë/Banja. After the war, on 30 May 2000, the Binishis transferred Selman's mortal remains to the cemetery in Banjë/Banja.

**Sources:** statement of N.B, HLC-34636; statement of E.H, HLC-15978; Objava vojne policije OVK br. 4, Saslušanje održano u istražnom pritvoru br. 3, HLC-16696; ICTY, IT-03-66 (F. Limaj et al.), transcript, 14.02.2005, 15, 16,