

Mitrovicë/Kosovska Mitrovica municipality, member of KLA)

Avni was married but had no children. He joined the KLA at the beginning of 1998. He was killed on **15 September 1998** in the forests near the village of **Mazhiq/Mažić**, by a shell fired by Serb forces. His body remained at the scene until 22 September 1998, when KLA soldiers managed to recover it and bring it to Bajgorë/Bajgora. The next day, Avni's cousins, with the help of some KLA soldiers, carried his body to Dedi/Dedinje, where he was buried later that day in the village cemetery. After the war, in September 1999, the Shabanis transferred Avni's mortal remains to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Shipol/Šipolje.

Sources: statement of Q.S, HLC-29926; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092.

Rifat (Alush) Zeneli

(born 7/01/1916, Albanian from Mazhiq/Mažić, Mitrovicë/Kosovska Mitrovica municipality, farmer, ten children)

Rabije (Alush) Zeneli

(born 1938, Albanian woman from Mazhiq/Mažić, Mitrovicë/Kosovska Mitrovica municipality)

All his life, Rifat had looked after his sick sister Rabije, who lived with him, his sons and their families. At the beginning of September 1998, Serb forces maintained a heavy presence in Bajgorë/Bajgora. Rifat's wife, daughter and one of his sons left **Mazhiq/Mažić** with their respective families. Rifat, Rabije and Rifat's son Ajet, who was a KLA soldier, stayed at home. On the early morning of **15 September 1998**, Ajet told Rifat to leave the house with Rabije, but Rifat refused. Ajet then went to his position in *Shala e Bajgorës/Bajgorska Šalja*. The next day, Rifat's other son returned to the village and found their house burned and damaged by shells and bullets. Ten days later, the Zenelis found some charred parts of Rabije's body in the hall of the house, and buried her in the village cemetery.

In August 1999, the Zenelis learned that Rifat's body had been taken from the village to the morgue in Mitrovicë/Kosovska Mitrovica, and subsequently buried in the Muslim cemetery in Mitrovicë/Kosovska

Mitrovica. Rifat's body was exhumed and positively identified by family members by the clothes. Rifat's mortal remains, along with those of Rabije, were reburied near the Zenelis' family house.

Sources: statement of A.Z, HLC-22780; KMC AFRY, *Persons died...*, HLC-10832.

Halim (Halil) Ferizi

(born 9/02/1939, Albanian from Stantërg/Stari Trg, Mitrovicë/Kosovska Mitrovica municipality, pensioner, seven children)

Enver (Halim) Ferizi

(born 15/01/1959, Albanian from Stantërg/Stari Trg, Mitrovicë/Kosovska Mitrovica municipality, warehouseman at the Mitrovicë/Kosovska Mitrovica Medical Centre, five children)

Rizah (Ferat) Tahiri

(born 23/06/1944, Albanian from Stantërg/Stari Trg, Mitrovicë/Kosovska Mitrovica municipality, construction millwright, four children)

In early September 1998, Serb forces launched a large-scale offensive in the *Shala e Bajgore/Bajgorska Šalja* area. Rizah left the village [Stantërg/Stari Trg] with his wife Sofije, their son and daughter and grandchildren; they moved to Mitrovicë/Kosovska Mitrovica and stayed with Sofije's parents. On 14 September 1998, a neighbour from the village visited them and told Rizah that his cows were with Halim Ferizi. Rizah went to **Stantërg/Stari Trg** the same day. He needed money so he wanted to sell the cows. As his house was burned, he went over to Halim's. Halim had worked at the *Trepça* Mining Complex before retiring. Halim's large family had already left, while Halim, his wife, his son Enver and Enver's wife remained in the house. Rizah stayed the night at their house.

In the early morning of **15 September 1998**, Enver left the house and came back around 07:00h in the company of a KLA soldier. They sat down to breakfast together. Meanwhile, a neighbour, Nuriye Sinani, came over to the house. Two or three hours later, Serb police [members of the 37th PJP's detachment] turned up. Seven or eight policemen kicked the door down and stormed into the room where household members were sitting having tea with the KLA mem-