

Islam and Selim were cousins. On the morning of **15 September 1998**, the day on which Serb forces started to shell **Dobratin/Dobrotin** [Podujevë/Podujevo municipality], Selim was at Islam's. When Serb soldiers and policemen drew near the village houses, about four hundred people, including Islam and Selim, started fleeing in their tractors and cars towards the forest. As the civilians fled, the KLA opened fire at Serb forces from a nearby hill. The civilians left their tractors and cars behind and ran towards the village of Potok for cover. Following the withdrawal of Serb forces from the village, Islam's father found his son's and Selim's body in the forest, not far from the Rekalis' house. Both men were buried the next day [24.09.1998] in the village cemetery in Dobratin/Dobrotin.

Sources: statement of A.R, HLC-35227; statement of I.M, HLC-11752; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092; *Two More Killed Albanians Found in Dobratin Village*, newsletter, KIC, 23.09.1998, HLC-29569; TMK, *List...*, HLC-13257.

Haki (Brahim) Rekalieu

(born 10/07/1964, Albanian from Dobratin/Dobrotin, Podujevë/Podujevo municipality, construction worker, two children)

Haki worked at the *Ramiz Sadiku* construction firm in Prishtinë/Priština. He was at home on the morning of **15 September 1998**, when Serb forces entered the village of Dobratin/Dobrotin [Podujevë/Podujevo municipality]. The villagers started to flee towards Kaçandoll/Kaçandol. Haki put his wife, two children and mother in his neighbour's tractor, saying he would joint them later. That was the last time his family saw him. On 19 September 1998, Haki's cousins Ali and Nexhmi found his mutilated body near the primary school in **Dobratin/Dobrotin**, and buried him later that day in the village cemetery. After the war, in late June 1999, his body was exhumed for identification and subsequently reburied in the same place.

Sources: statement of R.R, HLC-11730; statement of A.R, HLC-35227; *More Victims Identified After Serbs Leave Some of Villages of Podujeva*, newsletter, KIC, 18.09.1998, HLC-29565.

Maksut (Islam) Rekalieu

(born 1934, Albanian from Dobratin/Dobrotin, Podujevë/Podujevo municipality, farmer, nine children)

Maksut left his village [**Dobratin/Dobrotin**] on **15 September 1998** in a column of people who were trying to escape the village in tractors and cars before the arrival of Serbian police and military. He and his family set off on a tractor towards a nearby forest. At one point, during the exchange of fire between the KLA and Serb forces, all the villagers, including Maksut, left their tractors behind in the forest and continued on foot. After a while, Maksut decided to go back for his tractor. There he found his brother Ali, who helped him unhitch the trailer. At that moment a jeep carrying Serb soldiers suddenly appeared, and the soldiers immediately opened fire on Maksut and Ali. Maksut was fatally wounded and died within minutes, whilst Ali managed to escape. After the Serb forces had withdrawn from the village, Ali and a cousin of his came back for Maksut's body and buried him in the village cemetery later the same day [19.09.1998].

Sources: statement of A.R, HLC-35227; *Tensions Run High in Podujeva Area, Many Missing and Feared Dead*, newsletter, KIC, 17.09.1998, HLC-29564; *More Victims Identified After Serbs Leave Some of Villages of Podujeva*, newsletter, KIC, 18.09.1998, HLC-29565.

Fetah (Safer) Behrami

(born 24/03/1944, Albanian from Kaçandoll/Kaçandol, Mitrovicë/Kosovska Mitrovica municipality, miner, eight children)

Jashar (Fetah) Behrami

(born 28/05/1969, Albanian from Kaçandoll/Kaçandol, Mitrovicë/Kosovska Mitrovica municipality, one child)

The first shells landed on **Kaçandoll/Kaçandol** on **15 September 1998** at around 09:00h. After the fog had cleared up, Fetah and his family members could see that five KLA members had been hit by a shell [see record]. They decided to hide in a bunker shelter near their house, though Fetah stayed behind. His wife heard his voice, followed by several gunshots from the house. Terrified, Fetah's family members came out of the bun-