

hbourhood of **Bajčinë/Bajčina** [Podujevë/Podujevo municipality]. Next to Rekalii's house, which had been burned, two shattered cars were found – Xhafer's *Golf* and Muhamet's burnt *Ascona*.

Xhafer was positively identified by his son Xhelil by his golden tooth and identification documents that remained undamaged. He was buried on 21 September 1998 in the cemetery of the *Lepaja* neighbourhood in Bajčinë/Bajčina.

Muhamet, Ejup and Rrahim were identified by their respective family members by teeth and personal belongings. They were buried on 21 September 1998 in the cemetery of the *Lepaja* neighbourhood in Bajčinë/Bajčina. The UNMIK Office on Missing Persons exhumed Ejup's body in 2005 for an autopsy, after which he was reburied in the cemetery in Bajčinë/Bajčina.

Sources: statement of V.F, HLC-11755; statement of Xh.A, HLC-35228; statement of R.L, HLC-36773; statement of R.L, HLC-35228; *Tensions Run High in Podujeva Area, Many Missing and Feared Dead*, newsletter, KIC, 17.09.1998, HLC-29564; *Identity of Four Other Burned Albanians in Podujeva Established*, newsletter, KIC, 22.09.1998, HLC-29568; *Apperhension over Missing Albanians in Podujeva*, newsletter, KIC, 17.09.1998, HLC-29564; *Two of the Six Burned Albanians Identified*, newsletter, KIC, 21.09.1998, HLC-29567; OMPF, *Remains...*, HLC-15297.

Mihane (Ferat Tashevci) Hyseni

(born 1923, Albanian woman from Kaçandoll/Kaçandol, Mitrovicë/Kosovska Mitrovica municipality, two children)

The elderly Mihane lived alone in her house in **Kaçandoll/Kaçandol**. Around 10 September 1998, her daughter Sala came over from Bajgorë/Bajgora for a visit. When, two days later, Sala wanted to return home and asked Mihane to come along with her, Mihane refused to leave her house. On 18 September 1998, after Serb forces had retreated from the village, some KLA soldiers found Mihane's body, wrapped in a blanket. They told Sala that Mihane had been killed on **16 September 1998**. She was buried in the cemetery in Kaçandoll/Kaçandol, along with Fetah and Jashar Behrami and Elez Begu.

Source: statement of S.U, HLC-20935.

Ilaz (Bali) Hyseni

(born 26/08/1915, Albanian from Kaçandoll/Kaçandol, Mitrovicë/Kosovska Mitrovica municipality, pensioner, seven children, member of KLA)

Ilaz had worked at the *Trepça* Mining Complex until retirement. He lived in Kaçandoll/Kaçandol with his son Feriz and Feriz's family. Both Ilaz and Feriz joined the KLA in June 1998. When Serb forces surrounded Kaçandoll/Kaçandoli and the neighbouring villages on 15 September 1998, Ilaz told his family to leave the village, whilst he stayed behind with his fellow soldiers. The next day, **16 September 1998**, a large number of Serb troops entered the **Kaçandoll/Kaçandol**. Ilaz told his younger fellow combatants to leave, and said that he would stay behind. He was killed the same evening near his house and the bridge. Two days later, on 18 September 1998, Feriz and several other KLA members found Ilaz's body, and buried him the next day in the cemetery in Kaçandoll/Kaçandol.

Sources: statement of F.H, HLC-30720; FHP, *Haški tribunal, Suđenje Slobodanu Miloševiću*, XX, 194; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092.

Rrahim (Kadri) Lepaja

(born 6/02/1967, Albanian from Bajčinë/Bajčina, Podujevë/Podujevo municipality, unemployed, one child)

Beqir (Xhafer) Lepaja

(born 6/12/1971, Albanian from Bajčinë/Bajčina, Podujevë/Podujevo municipality, unemployed, single)

At about 09:30h on 15 September 1998, Serb forces shelled Dobratin/Dobrotin and Kaçandoll/Kaçandol from positions above the *Lepaja* neighbourhood. Around midday, about 60 members of the Lepaja extended family set off from the *Lepaja* neighbourhood on tractors. Serb forces turned them back from the main road leading to Dobratin/Dobrotin. In the evening, they all went to the *Çitaku* neighbourhood in Bajčinë/Bajčina [Podujevë/Podujevo municipality]. Later that evening, the cousins Beqir and Rrahim went from there to Beqir's brothers in Podujevë/Podujevo. Two days later, on 17