

September 1998, Beqir, Rrahim and Rrahim's brother Rrustem decided to go and check on their houses. At around 13:30h, they were approximately 700 metres away from their neighbourhood when they heard intense gunfire, though they saw no Serb forces around. Rrahim and Beqir proceeded towards their houses, whilst Rrustem waited for them behind a hill. At about 14:00h, Rrustem saw a *Golf* with a driving school sign moving towards Hazir Rekalu's house. At around 15:30h, Hazir's house burst into flames. After the Serb forces had withdrawn, Beqir's and Rrahim's bodies were found inside Hazir's burned house [Bajčinë/Bajčina]. Their family members identified them by their clothes and personal belongings. Beqir and Rrahim were buried on 21 September 1998 in the cemetery in the *Lepaja* neighbourhood of Bajčinë/Bajčina.

Sources: statement of Rr.L, HLC-36773; statement of V.F, HLC-11755; statement of Xh.A, HLC-35228; *Two of the Six Burned Albanians Identified*, newsletter, KIC, 21.09.1998, HLC-29567; *Identity of Four Other Burned Albanians in Podujeva Established*, newsletter, KIC, 22.09.1998, HLC-29568.

Ukshin (Abdullah) Ferati

(born 2/04/1959, Albanian from Bare, Mitrovicë/Kosovska Mitrovica municipality, factory worker, three children, member of KLA)

Ukshin worked at the *Kožara* (leather factory) in Bare. He, his wife Hatema and their two children lived under the same roof, with three of Ukshin's brothers and their mother Nazifja. In June 1998, Ukshin and his brother Fetah joined the KLA in Bare. As Serb forces began approaching this village on **16 September 1998**, the local population fled. Ukshin left his unit and came home to check on his family, followed by Fetah, who immediately returned to his unit. Ukshin said he would go to the village of Kaçandoll/Kaçandol to see his family. That day, Serb forces moved into the village of **Bare**. Fighting broke out between them and Albanian combatants. Serb forces torched the houses and the KLA retreated to the woods near *Barel/Barelj*. Two days later, Fetah returned to the villa-

ge with two fellow combatants. He found their house burned, but no trace of Ukshin. His fate remained unknown for a long time. It was only in early May 2005 that the Feratis found out about the mortal remains discovered by the KFOR 2002 in a forest near Bare, and identified by DNA as matching those of Ukshin Ferati. The Feratis had Ukshin's mortal remains buried on 12 May 2005 in the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Shipoll/Šipolje.

Sources: statement of F.F, HLC-17348; OMPE, *Remains...*, HLC-15297.

Boris (Alojz) Plahuta

(born 28/06/1968, Serb from Bajina Bašta, two children, member of MUP RS)

Aleksandar (Rodoljub) Savić

(born 21/10/1974, Serb from Čačak, member of MUP RS)

Boris worked for the Serbian State Security Service from December 1995. Aleksandar lived in Čačak. He joined the police force in February 1997 after completing a police training course, and worked at the police station in Čačak. In March 1998, Aleksandar was sent to Kosovo for the first time.

On **16 September 1998**, at around 15:30h, Boris and Aleksandar were patrolling the *Huseinović mahala* in **Stantërg/Stari Trg** when the KLA opened fire on them, wounding Boris, Aleksandar and four other police officers. Aleksandar died on 17 September 1998, and Boris on 23 September 1998 at the Military Medical Academy (VMA) in Belgrade. Aleksandar was laid to rest on 19 September 1998 in the Čačak Town Cemetery. Boris Plahuta was laid to rest on 23 September 1998 in Perućac [Bajina Bašta municipality].

Sources: statement of R.S, HLC-31211; statement of D.P, HLC-33899; KMC AFRY, *Persons died...*, HLC-10832; SMIP, *Teroristički...*, III, 490; SV SRJ, *Junaci otadžbine*, 54, 61.

Januz (Deli) Shala

(born 1914, Albanian from Vidishiq/Vidušić, Mitrovicë/Kosovska Mitrovica municipality, pensioner, eight children)

The aged Januz had worked at the *Trepča*