

the KLA in April 1998. Their parents fled Deçan/Deçane with the rest of their children and went to Lubeniq/Ljubenić. On **25 May 1998** the situation in Lubeniq/Ljubenić was tense, because of a KLA attack on Serb police officers. That day, Haxhi and Ardeshir came to **Lubeniq/Ljubenić** to visit their family and get them out of the village. When the two men came out of the house of the Huskaj family, where their parents were staying, Serb police opened fire on them, hitting them both. Haxhi died immediately, while Ardeshir survived the attack. Haxhi was buried the next day in the yard of the Deçan/Deçane mosque. He was subsequently transferred to the village cemetery.

Sources: statement of M.G, HLC-15841; statement of NN, HLC-12104; statement of N, HLC-12116; statement of NN, HLC-12095; statement of K, HLC-12101; statement of A.Ž, HLC-12089; AI, *Ljubenic and Poklek...*, 3-5, HLC-36828; HRW, *Po naređenju...*, 414.

Hysen (Daut) Alimehaj

(born 23/03/1959, Albanian from Lubeniq/Ljubenić, Pejë/Peć municipality, carpenter, four children)

As soon as he learned that Serb forces were entering **Lubeniq/Ljubenić** [**25 May 1998**], Hysen took his wife Monë and children, and they all went to Hysen's cousin Bajram Alimehaj's house and hid in his basement. At about 14:30h, a local woman informed them that Serb forces had killed the Hamzaj menfolk [see record]. For that reason, Hysen decided to hide his sons Zyfer and Daut in a nearby forest and then return to the basement. Several hours later, an old man, Vesel Alimehaj, came to the basement asking for a blanket in which to wrap Hysen's body. It was then that Monë and her daughters realised that Serb forces had killed Hysen. He had been shot in the head and stomach. Some village residents carried Hysen's body into his house and then to the village mosque. Hysen was buried the next day in the village cemetery, along with the other killed men. After being exhumed in October 1999, Hysen's mortal remains were interred in the Ceme-

tery for War Victims in Lubeniq/Ljubenić.

Sources: statement of M.A, HLC-15843; statement of S.H, HLC-36664; AI, *Ljubenic and Poklek...*, 3-5, HLC-36828; HRW, *Po naređenju...*, 414.

Mehmet (Ukë) Ukshinaj

(born 13/04/1926, Albanian from Lubeniq/Ljubenić, Pejë/Peć municipality, plumber, six children)

Mehmet and his wife Belqizare remained in their house, located near the Pejë/Peć - Deçan/Deçane main road, after Serb forces attacked **Lubeniq/Ljubenić** [25 May 1998.] Three days later [**28 May 1998**], Belqizare joined the rest of the family, who were staying with Mehmet's brother in the village of Kodrali/Kodralija. Mehmet's body was found on 20 October 1998 by his brother Qerim. It was burnt and decapitated, and the head had been hung on a tree in the yard. Qerim buried Mehmet in the yard. On 15 November 1998, the Ukshinajs transferred Mehmet's mortal remains to the village cemetery. After the war, on 22 October 1999, Mehmet's body was exhumed, along with the bodies of other men who had been killed in Lubeniq/Ljubenić, and buried the next day by his family in the Cemetery for War Victims in Lubeniq/Ljubenić.

Sources: statement of E.U, HLC-15835; HRW, *Po naređenju...*, 414; *Bodies of Three Women Found Together with Animal Carcasses in Llausha*, newsletter, KIC, 31/10/1998, HLC-29784; KMDLNJ, *Buletini*, nr. 9, tetor-dhjetor 1998, 154, HLC-23857.

Halit (Zeqë) Krasniqi

(born 11/03/1948, Albanian from Vranoc/Vranovac, Pejë/Peć municipality, farmer, five children)

On the early morning of **29 May 1998**, Serb forces moved into **Vranoc/Vranovac**. The village residents immediately started to flee. Halit took his wife Xufe and their children to a cousin's house in nearby Lumbaradh/Ljumbarda [Deçan/Deçani municipality], and returned to the village right away. There were clashes that day in the village between the KLA and Serb forces. One cousin of Halit's saw Halit's house in