

Sources: statement of B.K, HLC-19717; ICRC, *Persons missing.*, HLC-9795; H. Hasani, *Dëshmorët...*, HLC-25596.

Skënder (Haxhi) Çeku

(born 1/01/1955, Albanian from Qyshk/Čuška, Pejë/Peć municipality, lawyer, three children, member of KLA)

Skender had left Kosovo at the beginning of the 1990s because of his political activities. He lived in Switzerland until 1998, when he went to Albania and joined the KLA. He was engaged in the training of new soldiers for a while, before going to Kosovo. On **15 August 1998** he was seriously injured in clashes with Serb forces in **Loxhë/Loda**. His comrades rushed him to the KLA field hospital in Semetishte/Semetište, where he passed away two days later and was buried. After the war, Skender's body was transferred to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Gillogjan/Glodane. He was posthumously awarded the rank of Major-General.

Sources: J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092; SHFDUÇK, *Feniksët...* 4, 283-285; H. Hasani, *Dëshmorët...*, HLC-25596.

Ahmet (Deli) Shala

(born 15/02/1969, Albanian from Loxhë/Loda, Pejë/Peć municipality, farmer, one child, member of KLA)

Valon (Sokol) Shala

(born 15/08/1977, Albanian from Loxhë/Loda, Pejë/Peć municipality, farmer, member of KLA)

Valon joined the KLA on 15 May 1998 and Ahmet on 4 June 1998. Initially, Ahmet was responsible for taking care of the wounded, before being transferred to the local KLA headquarters in his home village [Loxhë/Loda]. On **15 August 1998** Serb forces attacked **Loxhë/Loda**, first from the air and then with artillery weapons from Gorazhdec/Goraždevac, Zagërmë/Zagrmlje and Deçan/Dečani. At about 12:00h, Serb infantry entered the village. Valon and Ahmet were killed fighting them. Serb forces took their bodies away. Following the autopsies, Serb forces handed them over the next day to the Islamic Community in Pejë/Peć, who had them

buried in the cemetery in Pejë/Peć. After the war, on the anniversary of Ahmet's and Valon's death, their families transferred their mortal remains to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Loxhë/Loda.

Sources: statement of M.Sh, HLC-19515; statement of S.H, HLC-36662; KMC AFRY, *Persons died.*, HLC-10832; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092; ICTY, IT-02-54 (S. Milošević), Ex.298. 36.13, HLC-30877; H. Hasani, *Dëshmorët...*, HLC-25596.

Cyme (Ibish Çeku) Shala

(born 16/10/1915, Albanian woman from Loxhë/Loda, Pejë/Peć municipality, seamstress, eight children)

The aged Cyme lived with her son Ramadan and Ramadan's family in **Loxhë/Loda**. On 14 August 1998, she moved to her daughter Time's house in the same village. The next day [**15 August 1998**], the village came under shell attack, and Cyme, Time and Time's daughter started fleeing. At one point, a shell went off a short distance from them. Time and her daughter fled in panic towards Dubovikë/Dubovik, losing Cyme in the confusion that ensued. From that day until the end of the war, the Shalas did not know what had happened to Cyme. Only after the war, in June 1999, did the Shalas learn about an elderly lady who had been buried on 16 August 1998 in the cemetery in Pejë/Peć, after being killed in Loxhë/Loda. They were certain it was Cyme, but did not have her grave opened.

Source: statement of R.Sh, HLC-19516.

Goran (Dragoljub) Petrović

(born 15/10/1968, Serb from Belgrade, one child, member of MUP RS)

Goran completed a police training course in 1995 and joined the Serbian State Security Service. In 1997, he became a member of the JSO. On the morning of **15 August 1998**, Goran and seven or eight other policemen from Pejë/Peć headed for Junik [Deçan/Dečani municipality]. They stopped in **Loxhë/Loda** on the way. Just as Goran climbed out of a vehicle, he was hit by shell fragments. According to