

end of war, the KLA organised his reburial in the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Strelcë i Epërm/Gornji Streoc.

Sources: J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092; H. Hasani, *Dëshmorët...*, HLC-25596.

Leutrim (Esat) Agaj

(born 22/02/1996, Albanian from Gramaçel/Gramočelj, Deçan/Deçani municipality)

Leutrim, a toddler, was in his cot on **5 June 1998**, when, at around 11:00h, fragments of a mortar shell that had landed on the Agajs' cousin's house, situated right next to Leutrim's parents' house [**Gramaçel/Gramočelj**], crashed through the window, hitting the baby in the head. The mortar shell was fired from the *Suke* elevation, from where Serb forces used to shell the village. The parents rushed their unconscious child to the KLA field hospital in Irzniq/Rznić, but the child died within an hour. Leutrim was buried later that day in the Gramaçel/Gramočelj cemetery. In spring 2002, the family transferred Leutrim's mortal remains to the Cemetery for War Victims in Gramaçel/Gramočelj.

Sources: statement of S.A, HLC-19231; KMDLNJ, *Buletini*, no. 7, prill-qershor 1998, 201, HLC-23816.

Brahim (Arif) Lokaj

(born 28/03/1916, Albanian from Prilep, Deçan/Deçani municipality, chartered surveyor, two children)

Brahim's house stood next to the main road linking Deçan/Deçane and Gjakovë/Đakovica. There was a KLA bunker near his house. In late May 1998, Brahim's family moved deeper into the village for safety reasons, but Brahim stayed in the house. Every day, he would go to his family for lunch and come back in the evening. The last time he did so was on **5 June 1998**. That day the village was bombed by Serb planes. Later that evening, Brahim's family was to hear on BBC news that an old man had been killed earlier that day on the crossroads in the village of **Prilep**. They instantly knew it was Brahim. Until after the war, the family did not know what

had become of his body, when the family learned from the media about an unknown old man buried in the Gjakovë/Đakovica cemetery. Brahim's brother, accompanied by some cousins, went to Gjakovë/Đakovica and dug up the grave [8 September 1998]. They recognised Brahim by the clothes and shoes. Brahim's cardigan sweater was riddled with more than 30 bullet holes. Brahim was buried later that day in the Prilep cemetery.

Source: statement of G.L, HLC-19242.

Beqir (Haxhi) Qufaj

(born 14/06/1977, Albanian from Prilep, Deçan/Deçani municipality, member of KLA)

Beqir joined the KLA on 14 May 1998, in Glogjan/Glođane. His duties included reconnaissance of the area and transport of weapons from Albania. When on **5 June 1998** Serb forces attacked **Prilep** from the air, Beqir was seriously wounded and died shortly after in the KLA hospital in Irzniq/Rznić. He was buried on 6 June 1998 in the Dashinoc/Dašinovac cemetery. His mortal remains were re-buried on 3 September 1999 in the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Prilep.

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Gazmend (Selman) Lokaj

(born 7/09/1974, Albanian from Prilep, Deçan/Deçani municipality, member of KLA)

Gazmend interrupted his studies at Law School after being called up to serve his mandatory term with the Yugoslav Army. On 23 April 1998, he and his brother Blerim [see record] joined the KLA. Towards the end of April, he was wounded fighting Serb forces in the village of Voksh/Vokša. As soon as he had recovered from his wounds, he was back on duty again. On **5 June 1998** Gazmend was killed in fighting between the KLA and Serb forces in **Prilep**. He rests in the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Prilep.

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