

errand, and the son had gone to school in Llapashticë e Epërme/Gornja Lapaştica. Shefkije and the other household members took the children and left the house. After they got out into the street, three of Shefkije's daughters, the youngest being three years old, split from the others and went off on their own amidst the shooting. Shefkije with her daughter Elheme and father-in-law made it to a cousin's house, near the *Javor* combine on the same street. Shefkije left them there and went to look for her three other daughters. She never came back. Her body was found the next day by Latif's brother Qerkin in front of the gate of her father Shaqir Kodraliu's house, 400 metres from the Salihus' family home [Podujevë/Podujevo]. The Salihus reported her murder to the OSCE mission in Prishtinë/Priştina, who helped them carry her body home and bury her. The children heard that their mother had been shot in the head by a sniper. Shefkije was laid to rest on 26 December 1998 at the town cemetery in Podujevë/Podujevo.

**Sources:** statement of E.S, HLC-4065; J. Osmani, *Krimet...*, II, 123.

### Bexhet (Ramiz) Maqani

(born 28/03/1967, Albanian from Podujevë/Podujevo, waiter, three children)

Bexhet worked as a waiter at the *Albpetroll* restaurant in **Sekiraqë/Sekirača**, and lived in Podujevë/Podujevo with his family. On the early morning of **24 December 1998**, Bexhet went to work. At around 09:00h, heavy gunfire was heard in the town. Bexhet's wife Lumnie heard on the *Deutsche Welle* radio news at 13:00h that a man had been killed near the Podujevë/Podujevo - Prishtinë/Priştina road. Lumnie subsequently learnt that Bexhet had been killed near the road leading to Prishtinë/Priştina, while trying to get back home across the fields. Bexhet was buried by his family on 25 December 1998 in the cemetery in Podujevë/Podujevo.

**Source:** statement of L.K.M, HLC-12549.

### Ismet (Nurif) Dërguti

(born 2/12/1971, Albanian from Podujevë/Po-

dujevo, worker, one child, member of KLA)

### Miftar (Arip) Zejnullahu

(born 11/05/1974, Albanian from Podujevë/Podujevo, worker, three children, member of KLA)

### Lulzim (Jakup) Jashari

(born 17/06/1975, Albanian from Batllavë/Batlava, Podujevë/Podujevo municipality, student, member of KLA)

### Skënder (Rahman) Zejnullahu

(born 12/03/1976, Albanian from Podujevë/Podujevo, worker, member of KLA)

Ismet, Miftar, Skënder and Lulzim were members of the KLA, operating in the *Llab/Lap* zone. Ismet was commander of the unit. During clashes between the KLA and Serb forces in the villages around Podujevë/Podujevo on **24 December 1998**, Ismet, Miftar, Skënder and Lulzim held their position near a brick factory [Obrançë/Obrandža]. All four men died in the fighting. Several days later, their fellow combatants managed to bring their bodies to the mosque in Llapashticë e Epërme/Gornja Lapaştica. Their families recovered their bodies on 30 December 1998. Lulzim was buried later that day in his native village of Batllavë/Batlava; Miftar, Skënder and Ismet were buried on 31 December 1998 in the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Podujevë/Podujevo.

**Sources:** statement of P.J, HLC-11784; statement of S.H, HLC-35230; statement of J.Z, HLC-11744; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092; SHFĐUÇK, *Feniksët...*7, 204.

### Milovan (Boško) Radojević

(born 28/06/1925, Serb from Obrançë/Obrandža, Podujevë/Podujevo municipality, farmer, seven children)

The aged Milovan lived with his wife Milka and son Milivoje in **Obrançë/Obrandža**. This village had been calm until December 1998, when the KLA dug trenches near their house. On the morning of **26 December 1998**, at around 10:00h, three KLA members, one of whom wore a mask, appeared in front of their house. Milivoje was in Niš at the time. Milka, who was in the yard, asked her husband to come out-