

### Osmon (Brahim) Hadërgjonaj

(born 1898, Albanian from Pobërgjë/Pobrde, Deçan/Deçani municipality, farmer)

Serb forces attacked Pobërgjë/Pobrde on 1 June 1998. Osmon's cousin Muhamet drove Osmon to the village of **Voksh/Vokša** in his car. Osmon's family was told later on that Osmon had stayed several days in **Vokša/Voksh** before leaving it on **5 or 6 June 1998** to return to Pobërgjë/Pobrde, when he disappeared without trace. His disappearance is registered on the ICRC list of missing persons under ICRC Nr BLG-804597-01.

**Sources:** statement of A.F, HLC-18714; ICRC, *Persons missing..*, HLC-9795.

### Rexhep (Qerim) Jasharaj

(born 1906, Albanian from Strelc i Epërm/Gornji Streoc, Deçan/Deçani municipality)

The aged Rexhep lived alone in Strelc i Epërm/Gornji Streoc on the estate of his cousin Deme Kapitaj, who built him a house. He spent most of his time in the cousin's house, with his family. After Demë and his family decided on 25 May 1998 to take shelter in their cabin on the mountain, Rexhep stayed in the house [**Strelc i Epërm/Gornji Streoc**]. That was the last day he was seen alive. Demë's son Faik learned from some villagers that Serb police had killed Rexhep on **6 June 1998** in the village, near the main road linking Pejë/Peć and Deçan/Deçane. Local villager Nimon Hasanmetaj buried Rexhep in his yard on 8 June 1998. On 15 July 1999, Rexhep's body was re-buried in the village cemetery.

**Source:** statement of D.K, HLC-16360.

### Shaban (Zeqë) Mazrekaj

(born 30/12/1968, Albanian from **Voksh/Vokša**, Deçan/Deçani municipality, farmer, member of KLA)

On 5 June 1998, Shaban took his wife and his brother's family to Albania and returned home immediately afterwards. Next morning, **6 June 1998**, he again left for Albania. He wanted to get his mother to a safe place. As they were entering **Junik**,

Serb forces shot at them from the forest on the *Rogopeq/Rogopeć* hill. Shaban was fatally shot in the neck and chest, and his mother wounded in the arms. She was taken to the infirmary in the village of Dobrosh/Dobroš. The following day, on 7 June 1998, Shaban's cousins retrieved his body and buried it later the same day at the cemetery in his native village of **Voksh/Vokša**. He was declared a fallen combatant by the KLA.

**Sources:** statement of I. M, HLC-18699; J. Martinsen, *List..*, HLC-26092; SHFĐUÇK, *Feniksët... 7*, 275-278; H. Hasani, *Dëshmorët..*, HLC-25596.

### Beqir (Rexhë) Cacaj

(born 1938, Albanian from Deçan/Deçane, worker, six children)

Beqir lived with his family at the entrance to **Deçan/Deçane** coming from Pejë/Peć. On 28 May 1998, Beqir, his wife Cyme, brother Xhemajl and his wife, and few other families from the neighbourhood gathered in the yard of Qazim Kuçi in order to leave town together. Some policemen came in the house, arrested them and took them to the police station. Half an hour later, they were all ordered to go to the house of Sylë Cacaj, Beqir's and Xhemajl's cousin, located near the police station. The next afternoon, a group of Serb policemen entered Sylë's house. They searched the house and took all the people who were in it, except Sylë's old parents, to the police station. The next morning, on 30 May 1998, Beqir was taken in for questioning. When he was released two hours later, he had bruises all over his body and injuries on the neck and face. He said that Vukmir Mirčić, chief of the police station, beat him trying to get him to say where he got the rifle that was found in the house of Beqir's neighbour. The next morning, **31 May 1998**, Beqir was again taken in for questioning. When they brought him back, he was half-conscious and bleeding from one ear. He told Sylë and others that the police chief kicked him in the head because he refused to incriminate some people in front of a camera. Police released Beqir on 3 June 1998, a day after