

way, with swellings all over, and the soles of his feet black and blue from beatings. On 2 August 1998 he was admitted to hospital in Prizren, only to be transferred next day in a serious condition to Prishtinë/Priština Hospital, where he died two days later [4 August 1998]. Xhemajli took his brother home the same day. Teki was buried next day at the town cemetery.

Sources: statement of Xh.R, HLC-35616; *Albanian Dies of Torture in Serb Police Custody*, newsletter, KIC, 6.08.1998, HLC-29402.

Muhamet (Hamzë) Elshani

(born 15/11/1938, Albanian from Piranë/Pirane, Prizren municipality, miller, three children)

Afrim (Muhamet) Elshani

(born 19/01/1971, Albanian from Piranë/Pirane, Prizren municipality, miller, two children)

Salih (Azem) Gashi

(born 14/02/1982, an Ashkali from Piranë/Pirane, Prizren municipality, worker, single)

Muhamet lived in Piranë/Pirane with his wife Sanije, his sons Afrim and Lulzim and their families. He owned an electrically powered wheatmill. Salih worked with Muhamet at the mill. On **5 August 1998**, Muhamet, Afrim and Salih had been working in the fields from early morning [**Piranë/Pirane**]. At about 20:00h one of the villagers who was helping them went home, but Muhamet, Afrim and Salih remained behind. An hour later, the villagers heard several shots from the direction of the field, but were too afraid to go there. In the morning, the villagers found the bodies of Muhamet, Afrim and Salih in the field. They had been killed by shots to the head. Muhamet's hands were bound with wire behind his back and Afrim's body bore the marks of torture. The day before the event, a metallic silver *Volkswagen* van with civilian registration plates had been parked about 600-700 metres from the village. The families buried the bodies of Muhamet, Afrim and Salih next day at the village cemetery.

Sources: statement of B.G, HLC-35612; statement of D.E, HLC-36456; *Dnevnik od 1. do 7. jula*, *Ilustrovana politika*, 11.07.1998, HLC-32213; ICTY, IT-02-54 (S. Milošević),

Ex.P.107A, HLC-922; *Bodies of Three Killed Albanians Found at Piranë, Prizren*, newsletter, KIC, 6.07.1998, HLC-34047.

Idriz (Ramadan) Krasniqi

(born 4/06/1985, Albanian from Billushë/Biluša, Prizren municipality, schoolboy)

Billushë/Biluša was frequently the target of Serb forces because of the KLA presence in the village. The Serb police were stationed at *Laku i Keq/Zla okuka (Evil Bend)* on the main Prizren - Dragash/Dragaš road. Because of the shooting and shelling, the villagers fled on several occasions to the nearby woods. On Thursday **6 August 1998**, Idriz and his parents were working in the fields. His parents returned home earlier, and Idriz remained to finish doing something. At about 19:00h, his parents heard shooting. His father came out to see what was happening and found his son lying on the ground near the house [**Billushë/Biluša**]. He had been hit by a sniper in the head. A fifty-five year old neighbour, Veli Gashi, a local who tried to help Idriz, was also wounded by sniper fire. Idriz's parents buried their son next day in the nearby woods. After the war, in August 1999, the family moved Idriz's mortal remains to the cemetery in Billushë/Biluša.

Sources: statement of Z.K, HLC-8900; *Albanian Boy Killed, Man Wounded, by Serb Snipers in Billushë Village of Prizren*, newsletter, KIC, 7.08.1998, HLC-29405.

Bashkim (Sami) Emiri

(born 28/02/1976, Albanian from Vojnoc/Vojinovac, Shtime/Štimlje municipality, physical education teacher, single, member of KLA)

Arsim (Sylejman) Bega

(born 1/03/1978, Albanian from Jezerc/Jezerce, opština Ferizaj/Uroševac, unemployed, single, member of KLA)

Bashkim joined the KLA on completing his studies in June 1998. Arsim joined the KLA in Albania. On **9 August 1998**, Bashkim and Arsim were in a group of KLA soldiers bringing in weapons from Albania to Kosovo. They clashed with Yugoslav Army border guards on Mount *Pashtrik/*