

Milaim (Xhemali) Thaqi

(born 29/01/1971, Albanian from Kushtendil/Kuštendil, Prizren municipality, farmer, married, member of KLA)

Tamil, Milaim and Refki were members of the KLA from the time the local Staff HQ was set up in **Kushtendil/Kuštendil**. From time to time they went to Albania to get weapons. They were killed on **1 September 1998** in fighting with Serb forces in the woods above the village. Their bodies remained there until 14 September 1998, when Milaim's brothers and some of the locals buried Tamil, Milaim and Refki in the woods, at the place where they had fallen. After the war, on 15 September 1999, the mortal remains of Tamil, Milaim and Refki were removed to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Landovicë/Landovica.

Sources: statement of S.S, HLC-26779; statement of F.T, HLC-26777; statement of H.S, HLC-26778; *Identity of Three Other Killed Albanians Learned in Prizren*, newsletter, KIC, 10.09.1998, HLC-29556; J. Martinsen, *List.*, HLC-26092.

Nehat (Safet) Berisha

(born 1/07/1953, Albanian from Lez, Prizren municipality, worker, five children, member of KLA)

Bekim (Mahmut) Berisha

(born 2/07/1971, Albanian from Lez, Prizren municipality, chemical engineering student, single, member of KLA)

Samedin (Mehmet) Emini

(born 17/05/1975, Albanian from Kuk/Kukovce, Dragash/Dragaš municipality, law student, single, member of KLA)

Shehadin (Sherif) Berisha

(born 15/10/1978, Albanian from Lez, Prizren municipality, worker, married, member of KLA)

In the summer of 1998, there were about 30 KLA members in the village of Lez, most of them from the village itself. On Monday 31 August 1998, Serb forces surrounded Lez. The shelling of KLA positions in the hills around the village began at about 08:00h on the morning of Tuesday **1 September**

1998. The villagers fled to Lubiqevë/Ljubicevo. At about 10:00h the Serb infantry moved in on a KLA position at a place known as *Livadhet te Lavdice* [**Lez**]. A shell exploded in a trench near Nehat, Samedin, Bekim and Shehadin. All four were killed instantly. The Serb infantry entered the village in the afternoon from the direction of the village of Kushnin/Kušnin. Only seven KLA members got away. When the fighting had died down, Serb forces took the bodies of Nehat, Bekim and Shehadin, together with the bodies of four other KLA soldiers [see records below] to the morgue in Prizren. The Serb police handed over the bodies of Nehat, Bekim, Shehadin and the other dead KLA members to communal services workers, who buried them at the city cemetery in Prizren. It was several years after the war when Samedin's body was found and identified. He was laid to rest at the cemetery in Lez. After the war, on 15 September 1999, the mortal remains of Nehat and Shehadin were taken to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Landovicë/Landovica. On 14 November 1999, Bekim's family removed his body to the cemetery in Lez.

Sources: statement of L.B, HLC-8607; statement of S.B, HLC-8608; statement of M.O, HLC-9232; statement of R.B, HLC-2303; statement of H.B, HLC-2304; statement of F.B, HLC-20597; statement of S.B, HLC-20599; J. Martinsen, *List.*, HLC-26092; *Heavy Explosions, Shooting in Tusus Suburbs of Prizren, Roads to and From Sealed Off*, newsletter, KIC, 01.09.1998, HLC-29534; *Violatile Situation in Prizren, Many Wounded, Thousand on the Move*, newsletter, KIC, 2.09.1998, HLC-29548; *Serb Offensive Against Villages of Prizren Resumes Thursday Morning*, newsletter, KIC, 3.09.1998, HLC-29549; *Serb Offensive Against Albanian Communities in Prizren Resumes Friday*, newsletter, KIC, 4.09.1998, HLC-29550; *Serb Forces Loot and Burn Prizren Villages*, newsletter, KIC, 5.09.1998, HLC-29551; *Villagers Find Bodies of Their Neighbor After Serbs Leave Lez*, newsletter, KIC, 9.09.1998, HLC-29555.

Asllan (Emërllah) Berisha

(born 15/02/1930, Albanian from Lez, Prizren municipality, pensioner, five children, member of KLA)