

ing. Two day's later, Xhemil's son returned with a few of the inhabitants and buried his father at the cemetery in Hocë e Qytetit/ Hoča Zagradaska. On 15 September 1999, the family removed Xhemil's body to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in the village of Landovicë/Landovica.

Sources: statement of I.K, HLC-9223; statement of Z.B, HLC-2740; statement of A.K, HLC-2741; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092.

Merxhan (Izeir) Shala

(born 23/04/1925, Albanian from Jeshkovë/Ješkovo, Prizren municipality, pensioner)

Before retiring, Merxhan worked in the *Duga* paint factory in Belgrade, where he lived with his wife Floka. When Floka died, he returned to his native Jeshkovë/Ješkovo to live with the family of his brother Mestan. On **2 September 1998**, when the Yugoslav Army and police began to shell **Jeshkovë/Ješkovo** again, Mestan's family fled to the woods, whilst Merxhan remained at home. He told his brother that he was old, that his ID card had been issued in Belgrade, that he spoke Serbian well and believed that the soldiers and police would not touch him. That afternoon, his nephew Sejran returned to the village. He found Merxhan's body on the main village road. It bore a bullet wound and had obviously been run over by a tank. Sejran wrapped him in a blanket and left him beside the road. On 5 September 1998, some local people and KLA soldiers buried Merxhan at the village cemetery.

Sources: statement of S.S, HLC-20576; statement of F.B, HLC-2545; statement of N.S, HLC-2547.

Bajram (Murat) Thaqi

(born 4/06/1963, Albanian from Lubiçevë/Ljubiçevo, Prizren municipality, farmer, five children, member of KLA)

Serb forces attacked Lubiçevë/Ljubiçevo on **2 September 1998**. The inhabitants fled into the nearby woods. Members of the KLA were also in the woods. When he heard that the army had withdrawn, Bajram set off for the village [**Lubiçevë/**

Ljubiçevo]. That was the last time he was seen alive. On 12 September 1998, neighbours found his body in the ruins of his house. He was buried the same day at the village cemetery. After the war, on 15 September 1999, Bajram's mortal remains were removed to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Landovicë/Landovica.

Source: statement of A.H, HLC-9236.

Skender (Mehmet) Skenderaj

(born 1918, Albanian from Lubiçevë/Ljubiçevo, Prizren municipality, farmer, seven children)

During the attack of **2 September 1998** by Serb forces on **Lubiçevë/Ljubiçevo**, the elderly Skender remained in his house, whilst his family went to the shelters near the village with the other villagers. Ten days later, on 12 September 1998, some relatives and inhabitants who had returned to the village found Skender's charred body beside the haystack in his yard. They laid him to rest the same day in the village cemetery.

Source: statement of A.K, HLC-9234.

Mursel (Ibrahim) Halilaj

(born 1921, Albanian from Lubiçevë/Ljubiçevo, Prizren municipality, farmer, eight children)

When Serb forces attacked **Lubiçevë/Ljubiçevo** on **2 September 1998**, the elderly Mursel did not want to go with the other locals to the shelter but remained at home. The first people to return to the village on 5 September 1998 found Mursel's body in his house. He had been killed by a firearm. They buried him the same day at the cemetery in Lubiçevë/Ljubiçevo.

Sources: statement of A.M, HLC-9240; statement of R.K, HLC-12319.

Besim (Ryshen) Shala

(born 1/04/1963, Albanian from Jeshkovë/Ješkovo, Prizren municipality, farmer, two children, member of KLA)

Avdi (Fazli) Shala

(born 18/02/1949, Albanian from Jeshkovë/Ješkovo, Prizren municipality, farmer, seven children, member of KLA)