

## Agim (Avdi) Shala

(born 18/10/1975, Albanian from Jeshkovë/Ješkovo, Prizren municipality, married, member of KLA)

Avdi, his son Agim and Besim Shala were members of a KLA unit operating in the *Pashtrik/Paştrik* zone. On 1 September 1998, they were manning the positions in **Jeshkovë/Ješkovo**. The fighting went on for four days. Avdi was the first to be killed, at about 15:00h on **3 September 1998**. Shortly afterwards, Besim was wounded. Agim was hit while attempting to go to the aid of Besim. Besim's brother and the other KLA soldiers had to withdraw, so the bodies of Avdi, Besim and Agim remained where they had fallen. Two days later, when the Serb forces had withdrawn, Avdi, Agim and Besim were laid to rest at the cemetery in Jeshkovë/Ješkovo.

**Sources:** statement of N.S, HLC-20655; statement of A.S, HLC-9226; statement of I.S, HLC-9227; statement of F.B, HLC-2545; statement of N.S, HLC-2547; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092; SHFEDUÇK, *Feniksët...*9, 11-14.

## Hasim (Jashar) Maliqaj

(born 10/11/1966, Albanian from Poslishtë/Poslište, Prizren municipality, worker, one child, member of KLA)

Hasim joined the KLA in July 1998. On **3 September 1998** he set off from Poslishtë/Poslište for Jeshkovë/Ješkovo to help his comrades-in-arms. Because Hasim did not return home on the same day, the next day his brother went off to find him. He found the body of his brother at the entrance to **Lubiqevë/Ljubičevo**, on the main road, by a high voltage pylon. Together with relatives he took it to Poslishtë/Poslište. On 4 September 1998, the family buried Hasim at the cemetery in Poslishtë/Poslište. After the war, his mortal remains were removed to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in the village of Landovicë/Landovica.

**Sources:** statement of A.M, HLC-8609; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092.

## Asret (Sylejman) Poniku

(born 29/10/1964, Albanian from Prizren, hotel

and catering worker, four children, member of KLA)

## Arsim (Ramadan) Poniku

(born 24/07/1979, Albanian from Prizren, medical student, single, member of KLA)

Asret, his brother Ismet and their nephew Arsim were members of the *Vërrini* Brigade of the KLA. Asret's task was to keep the KLA hospital in **Lubiqevë/Ljubičevo** supplied with drugs, whilst Arsim and his father helped with the treatment of patients. During the clashes between the KLA and Serb forces on 1 September 1998, they took refugees into their house in Zvečan-ska Street in the *Tusus* neighbourhood of **Prizren**. Just after 20:00h on **7 September 1998**, a group of masked men arrived outside the Poniku family home. They knocked on the gate to the yard. When Asret opened it, they fired at him, wounding him. They then fired at Arsim who was just coming out of the house, killing him instantly. The masked men drove off with the wounded Asret. Next day, a neighbour told the family that Asret's body had been found near the Muslim cemetery. He had over 20 bullet wounds and his right ear had been cut off. The family buried Asret and Arsim on 8 September 1998 at the city cemetery. After the war, on 15 September 1999, their mortal remains were removed to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Landovicë/Landovica. After the war, the street where the Poniku family live was named after Arsim.

**Sources:** statement of S.P, HLC-32449; statement of S.P, HLC-9261; GSM DTC, *List...*, HLC-8817; SMIP, *Teroristički...*, III,140, 912; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092.

## Xhevat (Ajet) Lleshi

(born 21/06/1969, Albanian from Kishaj, Gjinaj municipality [Albania], farmer, two children)

From mid-1997, Xhevat and his brothers Lah and Rizan transported weapons into Kosovo. Trucks loaded with weapons came to their estate, where Lah and Rizan loaded them onto donkeys and transported them through the mountains to Kosovo. On **9 September 1998**, Xhevat set out with his