

wife's brother Besmir Xhibixhia. In the area of the village of **Goruzhup/Goružup**, at the spot called *Rrasat e Kuqe/Crveni kamen (Red Stone)*, Xhevat stepped on a mine and lost both his legs. While he remained lying on the ground, Bismir, who was only lightly injured, returned home to get some help. Lah gathered his friends and hurried to help his brother. When they arrived at the scene, Xhevat was dead. In his hand was a gun, with which he had shot himself in the throat. Next to him they found the weapons he had carried across the border. Xhevat was buried by his family in the cemetery in the village of Kishaj.

**Sources:** statement of Z.LI, HLC-40649; J. Osmani, *Krimet...*, II, 467.

### **Betim (Xhemajl) Xhemaj**

(born 3/05/1984, Albanian from Leskovec, Prizren municipality, schoolboy)

### **Behar (Mejdin) Xhemaj**

(born 3/12/1985, Albanian from Leskovec, Prizren municipality, schoolboy)

### **Hashim (Enver) Krasniqi**

(born 1987, Albanian from Leskovec, Prizren municipality, schoolboy)

Following an offensive by Serb forces at the beginning of September, shells and other ordnance remained behind in Leskovec. On **19 September 1998**, KLA soldiers were gathering up the mines and weapons. While they were doing so, Hashim, Betim, Behar, Behar's brother and two other two boys were playing near the entrance to the village, where they found an unexploded shell. They picked it up to take it to the KLA soldiers. At *Kodra e Livanit/Levanov breg (Livan's Hill) [Leskovec]*, they stopped to rest. The shell slipped from their grasp and exploded. Behar and Betim were killed instantly, whilst Hashim was seriously wounded. The other three children received slight injuries. The locals quickly drove Hashim to hospital, but he succumbed to his wounds on the way. That same day, their families laid Behar, Betim and Hashim to rest at the village cemetery in Leskovec.

**Sources:** statement of S.X, HLC-9231; KMC

AFRY, *Persons died...*, HLC-10832; GSM DTC, *List...*, HLC-8817; *Two Boys Died, 4 Wounded in Still Unsolved Explosion in Prizren*, newsletter, KIC, 19.09.1998, HLC-29825.

### **Srdan (Živojin) Simonović**

(born 26/09/1978, Serb from Konjino, Lebane municipality, worker in the textile industry, single, member of VJ)

Having finished secondary school, Srdan left home in June 1998 to do his military service. On completion of his training as a border guard, he was transferred to the **Goruzhup/Goružup** border post in Kosovo. At about 15:00h on **2 October 1998**, he was resting near his post with the other guards, when the KLA shot at them from the woods, killing Srdan. His family laid him to rest on 5 October 1998 at the cemetery in his native Konjino.

**Sources:** statement of Ž.S, HLC-25178; GSM DTC, *List...*, HLC-8817; KMC AFRY, *Persons died...*, HLC-10832; SV SRJ, *Junaci otadžbine*, 63.

### **Latif (Bajram) Gallopeni**

(born 15/10/1975, Albanian from Dobërdelan/Dobrodeljane, Suharekë/ Suva Reka municipality, worker, married, member of KLA)

### **Rrustem (Dalip) Shala**

(born 2/01/1978, Albanian from Dobërdelan/Dobrodeljane, Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality, worker, single, member of KLA)

### **Hasan (Destan) Shala**

(born 25/08/1979, Albanian from Banjë/Banja, Malishevë/Mališevo municipality, worker, single, member of KLA)

### **Shpejtim (Tafil) Kryeziu**

(born 18/02/1980, Albanian from Dobërdelan/Dobrodeljane, Suharekë/ Suva Reka municipality, schoolboy, single, member of KLA)

At about 17:00h on 9 October 1998, Rrustem, Latif and Latif's wife's brother Shpejtim set off for Albania with a group of young men from the village and the area to acquire weapons. Hasan Shala, another member of the KLA, was in the group. While crossing the border on **10 October 1998** at **Goru-zhup/Goružup**, they entered a minefield. Latif, Rrustem and Shpejtim were killed instantly, whilst Hasan, alt-