

Malush (Miftar) Morina

(born 10/05/1944, Albanian from Ratkoc/Ratkovac, Rahovec/Orahovac municipality, worker, four children)

On **12 May 1998**, Serb police entered **Ratkoc/Ratkovac**, stationing themselves near the Primary School. Most of the neighbours took refuge at Malush's house. There were about 40 people in the house when the Serb police entered the yard. Malush came out to talk to the police. Shortly after, shots were heard. When the police left, the family found Malush on the ground. He had been seriously wounded. They took him to a KLA hospital in Drenoc/Drenovac and the same night to the hospital in Likoc/Likovac [Skënderaj/Srbica municipality], where he died soon after. His family buried him the next day in Ratkoc/Ratkovac cemetery.

Sources: statement of S.M, HLC-14563; statement of R.K, HLC-12458; KMDLNJ, *Buletini*, no 7, prill-qershor 1998, 143, HLC-23816.

Elmi (Binak) Morina

(born 5/03/1954, Albanian from Vrajak/Vranjak, Rahovec/Orahovac municipality, farmer and haulier, five children, member of KLA)

Elmi joined the KLA in March 1998. On **11 May 1998**, Serb forces surrounded **Vrajak/Vranjak**. That day, Elmi was manning his army's positions. He died on **12 May 1998** on the road leading from the village to Drenoc/Drenovac, where he had gone to get weapons. Elmi was buried on **13 May 1998** at the cemetery in Vrajak/Vranjak.

Sources: statement of K.M, HLC-33493; KMDLNJ, *Buletini*, no 7, prill-qershor 1998, 143, HLC-23816; J. Martinsen, *List.*, HLC-26092.

Bajram (Sejdi) Himaj

(born 10/05/1932, Albanian from Gexhë/Gedža, Rahovec/Orahovac municipality, farmer, eight children)

On **13 May 1998**, Serb forces passed through Gexhë/Gedža, firing at Albanian houses. Bajram immediately removed his family to the house of Muharrem Berisha in Prizren, while he and his sons Shemsidin and Muharrem remained in the village.

Next day, **14 May 1998**, at about 08:00h, Serb forces began to attack a KLA group who were hiding in the nearby woods. At one point, some KLA soldiers took shelter behind the wall of the yard of Bajram's house, and the Serb soldiers fired at the house. At about 10:00h, because of the shooting, Shemsidin and Muharrem decided to make a run for it. Bajram remained behind, because he did not want to leave the house. Later that day, the same KLA soldiers told Muharrem and Shemsidin that Bajram had remained behind when they left the yard at about 12:00h. Next day, Muharrem returned to the house [**Gexhë/Gedža**]. In the yard, he found Bajram's body. He had been killed by a shot to the stomach. He carried the body into the house, and after two days, Muharrem and Shemsidin buried it in the yard with the help of the neighbours. Nine years later, on **14 May 2007**, the family transferred Bajram's mortal remains to the village cemetery.

Sources: statement of S.Z. HLC-15495; KMDLNJ, *Buletini*, no 7, prill-qershor 1998, 149, HLC-23816.

Qamil (Islam) Himaj

(born 1933, Albanian from Gexhë/Gedža, Rahovec/Orahovac municipality, farmer, two children)

Qamil was a widower and lived in his house alone. His daughters were married and lived with their families in Ratkoc/Ratkovac. Because of the fighting between the KLA and Serb forces on **14 May 1998**, the inhabitants fled from Gexhë/Gedža. Qamil told his relatives that he would remain to perform the Friday prayers, after which he would join them. That was the last time they saw him [**Gexhë/Gedža**]. A month later, on **17 June 1998**, when the situation had calmed down somewhat, Isa, the son of Qamil's cousin Mursel, and Sanija, the daughter of Qamil's brother Sadik, returned to the village to get some food. They found Qamil's mutilated body on the bed in his house. Isa told his father Mursel, and that evening, with the help of two KLA soldiers, Mursel buried Qamil in the yard, where he lies to this day.