

the same road. He spent the night in his relatives' house, bid them goodbye next day at about noon, saying he was going to „the Ramush Haradinaj zone“ to join the KLA. His family never saw him again.

A relative saw him pass through Cermjan/Crmljane, which was controlled by the KLA. Battles were being waged in the area between Serb forces and the KLA. Serbian forensic workers discovered Idriz's body on 12 September 1998 in the *Liqeni i Radonjiq/Radonjičko Jezero (Radonji Lake)* canal. They established that he had been killed by a bullet to the head. Serb police buried him at the cemetery in the village of Piskotë/Piskot, as an unidentified (NN) person. It was only in December 2008 that Idriz's family learned that his mortal remains had been found and identified. The family laid him to rest on 25 December 2008 at the cemetery in Gjakovë/Đakovica.

**Sources:** statement of E.H, HLC-33005; ICTY, IT-04-84, (R. Haradinaj et al.), judgement, 3.04.2008, HLC-27349; OMPF, *Remains...*, HLC-15297.

### **Azer (Kadri) Tarjani**

(born 2/04/1955, Albanian from Piranë/Pirane, Prizren municipality, farmer, three children)

Azer lived with his wife Sahida and their children in Piranë/Pirane. Next door lived Azer's brothers Zenel and Ukshin, with their families. Azer and Zenel were twins. On **2 July 1998**, Zenel threw a celebration for the wedding of his son Veton. At about 12:00h, Azer, Zenel and their sister Xhevrija set off by car for **Drenoc/Drenovac**, to pick up Veton's future wife. At the KLA checkpoint at the entrance to Drenoc/Drenovac, they were stopped by four KLA soldiers. They recognised one of them, because they had earlier had a disagreement with him about land [his name is known to the HLC]. The soldiers looked at Azer's, Zenel's and Xhevrija's papers and let them through. On the way back, they were stopped at the same place. The soldiers took Azer out of the car and ordered Zenel to continue his journey with Xhevrija and Veton's future wife. They told Zenel that they would release Azer next day, after questioning him. Azer was taken to the KLA prison at

Drenoc/Drenovac, where he was questioned and beaten. The family came several times to the staff HQ asking for Azer to be released, but without success. Azer was last seen alive on 21 July 1998 in the prison in **Malishevë/Mališevo**. For a long time, his family did not know what had become of him. In early May 2005, they were informed that Azer's mortal remains had been exhumed in May 2000 at the Dragodan cemetery in Prishtinë/Priština. Azer's brothers, Zenel and Ukshin, reentered Azer's mortal remains in the cemetery in Piranë/Pirane.

In April 2009, the Kosovo Supreme Court sentenced members of the KLA military police Selim Krasniqi, Bedri Zyberaj and Agron Krasniqi, to several years in prison each for the unlawful detention and inhumane treatment of Azer Tarjani and other detainees in the KLA prison in Drenoc/Drenovac.

**Sources:** statement of Z.T, HLC-33486; OMPF, *Remains...*, HLC-15297; SMIP, *Teroristički...*, III, 223; District Court of Prizren, K.no 8512005 (S. Krasniqi et al.), judgement, 10.08.2006, HLC-33923; Supreme Court of Kosovo, K.Z. 37112008, (S. Krasniqi et al.), judgement, 10.04.2009, HLC-29712.

### **Đuro (Rade) Latas**

(born 9/07/1949, Serb from Leshak/Lešak, Leposaviq/Leposavić municipality, haulier, one child)

### **Svetomir (Vasilije) Biševac**

(born 21/02/1954, Serb from Ostraqë/Ostraće, Leposaviq/Leposavić municipality, metal worker)

Đuro and his family fled from Slunj [Croatia], after the operation *Storm*. They lived in a collective centre [the *Milan Gajić Men's Hostel*]. Svetomir and his family lived in Leshak/Lešak [Leposaviq/Leposavić municipality], after they had fled from his village of Ostraqë/Ostraće.

At approximately 03:00h in the morning of **4 July 1998**, Đuro and Svetomir set off for Prizren in two lorries loaded with firewood, but they never arrived. Two days later, their wives reported their disappearance to the police. Next day [7 July 1998],