

hovac, farmer, six children)

Qelebie (Hazer Shala) Alirifini
(born 9/06/1944, Albanian woman from Rahovec/Orahovac, housewife, eight children)

Fatime (Hysen) Bugari
(born 29/12/1976, Albanian woman from Rahovec/Orahovac, housewife, one child)

On Sunday **19 July 1998**, on-going clashes occurred between the KLA and the Serb police near the *Potok* and *Lashic/Laščica* neighbourhoods. The Alirifini, Bugari and Daka families who lived there moved off in a column towards Potočan i Ulët/Donje Potočane. At the head was a vehicle with Hysen Bugari and Ali Alirifini. Hysen's daughter Fatime, who was seven months pregnant, and Ali's wife Qelebie, were riding in a lorry with about 60 women and children. The lorry was driven by Hysen's son Nexmedin, and beside him in the cab was a neighbour, Ferad Daka, whose wife, daughter-in-law and children were also in the lorry. When they had gone three kilometres, Serb forces opened fire on them at a place called *Dubljanë*, near *Štavičino groblje* [**Rahovec/Orahovac**]. The people left the lorry and began to run towards Potočan i Ulët/Donje Potočane. Ferad was hit as he got out of the driver's cab. Serb forces then fired again at the column. Bullets hit Fatime in the stomach, and Qelebie and Hysen's wife Hedio were also hit. The survivors brought the wounded women to the KLA hospital in the village of Gajrak [Malishevë/Mališevo municipality]. Fatime died on the way to hospital. That evening she was buried in the cemetery in Gajrak. Hysen's sons buried Ferad Daka on 19 August 1998 at the cemetery in the village of Potočan i Ulët/Donje Potočane. Qelebie was paralysed from her injuries. She was transferred to the hospital in Prishtinë/Priština, where she died on 5 October 1998. She was buried the same day at the Muslim cemetery in Rahovec/Orahovac.

Sources: statement of N.N, HLC-850; statement of N.N, HLC-879; statement of A.A, HLC-33488; statement of H.B, HLC-33489; photography, HLC-18806; *Rahovec in Flames and Smoke Amidst Continued Serb Shelling*, newsletter, KIC, 21.07.1998, HLC-29372.

Agim (Binak) Qelaj
(born 6/12/1961, Albanian from Pejë/Peć, three children, member of KLA)

Gëzim (Salih) Hamza a.k.a. "Piktori" (The Painter)
(born 5/10/1963, Albanian from Rahovec/Orahovac, secondary school, member of KLA)

Liman (Destan) Gegaj
(born 30/10/1965, Albanian from Novosellë/Novo Selo, Malishevë/Mališevo municipality, member of KLA)

Sadik (Hafir) Shala
(born 17/04/1966, Albanian from Kleçkë/Klečka, Lipjan/Lipljan municipality, member of KLA)

Faik (Hajredin) Rama
(born 10/01/1972, Albanian from Rahovec/Orahovac, agronomist, one child, member of KLA)

Before the war, Gëzim lived in Rovinj in Croatia. He led the KLA units that entered Rahovec/Orahovac on 17 July 1997. Agim had lived with his wife and three children in Germany until 1998, when he returned to Kosovo and joined the KLA. The KLA staff sent him to Rahovec/Orahovac to assess the organisational level of the units there, which is where he was when the attack on Rahovec/Orahovac began. In January 1997, Sadik had been arrested and convicted for his connections with the KLA. He came out of prison in June 1997. One year later, in June 1998, he joined the KLA. He was a close associate of Fatmir Limaj's. Faik was studying agronomy at the University in Prishtinë/Priština. Together with his brother Behar, he joined the KLA in April 1998. For a while, he worked in administration and logistics. When the Rahovec Battalion was established, he transferred to the operations zone under the command of Gëzim Hamza.

On **19 July 1998**, Gëzim Hamza was at the *Jaha Petrol* station [**Rahovec/Orahovac**], when he was hit by an incoming shell from the direction of Xërxë/Zrze, where units of the Yugoslav Army 549th Motorised Brigade were positioned. He died of his wounds. Agim, Sadik, Faik and Liman died the same day, at the entrance to Rahovec/Orahovac on the way towards Gjakovë/Đakovica.