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Shiqajdin (Sadik) Krçagu

(born 11/07/1968, Albanian from Rahovec/Orahovac, worker, two children)

Sylejman, Murat, Eshref, Xhelal and the brothers Ramadan and Shiqajdin lived with their families near the vineyards in the *Blato* fields. Zeqir used to work in Sarajevo, but he came back to Rahovec/Orahovac a few years before the war and opened the *Hoxha* trading firm with his brother. Before that, he was Manager of the *Park* Hotel.

At about 05:00h in the morning of Sunday **19 July 1998**, the other residents of the *Krstić* neighbourhood were fleeing in a column to Malishevë/Mališevo. They wanted to shelter in the village of Marali/Maralija. Zeqir saw his family off and returned to the neighbourhood, where Sylejman, Murat and his brother Behlul, the brothers Eshref and Ramadan, Shiqajdin, Xhelal and Ali Dula had remained. At about 17:30h the same day, the men decided to look for secure shelter. They set off towards the meadows near their neighbourhood. At the place called *Tumbe*, on the way to *Blato* [**Rahovec/Orahovac**], they ran into Serb police, who immediately opened fire on them from a distance of about 50 metres. Only Behlul and Ali Dula managed to escape. The rest were killed on the spot. The bodies remained at the site of the killing for several days, until the police picked them up and buried them at the rubbish dump behind the Muslim cemetery. Murat's body remained hidden by the tall grass. About ten days later, his body was found by his relatives, Abdurrahman and Hashim Hajda, and buried at the site of the killing. On their return to Rahovec/Orahovac, Murat's family buried him at the Muslim cemetery on 10 September 1998, with the permission of the Serb police. The bodies of the other men were exhumed after the KFOR arrived in Kosovo. They were buried on 23 October 1999 at the Muslim cemetery in Rahovec/Orahovac. The body of Shiqajdin has still not been found and his name is still on the ICRC list of missing persons under BLG-804722-01.

Sources: statement of A.C, HLC-851; sta-

tement of N.N, HLC-879; statement of D.H, HLC-926; statement of B.D, HLC-33071; statement of D.H, HLC-33495; KMC AFRY, *Persons died.*, HLC-10832; ICRC, *Persons missing.*, HLC-9795; ICTY, IT-05-87 (M. Milutinović et al.), Ex. 6D00614, HLC-35527.

Luan (Ekrem) Dërmalla

(born 16/05/1960, Albanian from Rahovec/Orahovac, farmer, four children)

Luan lived in the same house as his brother Petrit, both with their families. When the KLA took control of the town [Rahovec/Orahovac] on 17 July 1998, Luan and Petrit helped the soldiers dig trenches. When the Serb forces began to draw near to the town [18 July 1998], the brothers decided to move out of the house, which was near the main road. They moved with their families to a neighbour, Shaban Isma. At about 16:30h next day, **19 July 1998**, Luan went to check on the house [**Rahovec/Orahovac**]. He never returned. His family searched for him for years. Several years after the war, his remains were found in a grave beside the rubbish dump [behind the Muslim cemetery] in Rahovec/Orahovac. Following identification, the family buried Luan's mortal remains on 17 October 2007 at the Muslim cemetery in Rahovec/Orahovac.

Sources: statement of P. D, HLC-12939; OMPE, *Remains.*, HLC-15297.

Hamide (Ramadan Gërbiqi) Popaj

(born 3/02/1929, Albanian woman from Bellacërkë/Bela Crkva, Rahovec/Orahovac municipality, housewife, two children)

Hamide lived with her husband Halim, son Ethem and his family of eight. In early July 1998, Ethem with his family sought shelter in Ratkoc/Ratkovac, while Hamide and Halim remained in Bellacërkë/Bela Crkva. On **19 July 1998**, the Yugoslav Army shelled Rahovec/Orahovac and Bellacërkë/Bela Crkva. Halim and Hamide decided to leave home. As they were passing by the village school, Serb police, who had entered the village, fired on them. Hamide was hit [**Bela Crkva/Bellacërkë**], while Halim managed to escape. The elderly woman's body was left lying outside the school until