

the following day, when KLA soldiers took it away and buried it in Rogovë/Rogovo [Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality]. After the war, on 5 July 1999, the family removed Hamide's body to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Bellacërkë/Bela Crkva.

Sources: statement of S.P, HLC-17101; *Rahovec in Flames and Smoke Amidst Continued Serb Shelling*, newsletter, KIC, 21.07.1998, HLC-29372.

Ibrahim (Xhemajl) Popaj

(born 1918, Albanian from Bellacërkë/Bela Crkva, Rahovec/Orahovac municipality, farmer, eight children)

Hazize (Ahmet Fetahu) Popaj

(born 15/02/1925, Albanian woman from Celinë/Celina, Rahovec/Orahovac municipality, housewife, eight children)

Ryvije (Jupë Spahi) Popaj

(born 9/07/1933, Albanian woman from Optrushë/Optëruša, Rahovec/Orahovac municipality, housewife, five children)

The Yugoslav Army shelled Rahovec/Orahovac and Bellacërkë/Bela Crkva from the early hours of **19 July 1998**. At about 16:00h, Serbian police entered **Bellacërkë/Bela Crkva**, setting fire to the houses. The inhabitants fled from the village. Ibrahim Popaj, his wife Hazize and the wife of his brother Ryvije, all elderly people, remained in Ibrahim's house. In the evening, Ibrahim and Hazize's son and grandson returned to check on the old people. In the house they found their bodies. Ibrahim had been killed with a bullet to the head, and Hazize and Ryvije had been shot in the chest. Four days later, the family buried them in the yard of the house. On 7 July 1999, their bodies were removed to the War Victims' Cemetery in Bellacërkë/Bela Crkva.

Sources: statement of B. P, HLC-13621; HLC, *People to remember people*, questionnaire, HLC-26205; *Rahovec in Flames and Smoke Amidst Continued Serb Shelling*, newsletter, KIC, 21.07.1998, HLC-29372.

Zyrafete (Hajdar Hoti) Krasniqi

(born 24/05/1972, Albanian woman from Drenoc/Drenovac, housewife, one child)

Emine (Hamdi) Krasniqi

(born 10/02/1976, Albanian woman from Drenoc/Drenovac, Rahovec/Orahovac municipality, housewife)

At about 07:00h on the morning of **19 July 1998**, Serb forces began to shell the village [**Drenoc/Drenovac**] from the *Prishitë* direction [Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality]. At that moment Zyrafete and Emine, the wife of Zyrafete's brother, were having tea with the rest of the household in the yard. When the first shells fell, Emine and Zyrafete ran to take shelter in the house. As they were running, a shell exploded in the yard. Zyrafete was hit by shrapnel in the chest, and Emine in the head. Both died on the spot. The same day, at about 13:00h, when the shelling stopped, the family buried Emine and Zyrafete in the village cemetery.

Sources: statement of A.K, HLC-15488; *Heavy Fighting Resume in Rahovec and Adjacent Villages*, newsletter, KIC, 19.7.1998, HLC-29368.

Veli (Imer) Haxhimustafa

(born 1/10/1930, Albanian from Rahovec/Orahovac, farmer, six children)

Muharrem (Asllan) Alisallahu

(born 25/04/1934, Albanian from Rahovec/Orahovac, worker, eight children)

Veli was a quiet man, respected in Rahovec/Orahovac. He worked on the land. His neighbour Muharrem worked in the *18. novembar* factory. Both remained in their homes when their families fled Rahovec/Orahovac on 19 July 1998, Veli's to Dragobil/ Dragobilje [Malishevë/Mališevo municipality] and Muharrem's to Turjakë/Turjak [Malishevë/Mališevo municipality]. Two days later, Veli's son called a neighbour to say that his father and Muharrem had been killed and that he had seen their bodies on **20 July 1998** in the yard of a neighbour, Miftarem Zllanoga [**Rahovec/Orahovac**]. Veli's sons Vahedet and Elvija returned on 3 August 1998 to Rahovec/Orahovac and found Veli and Muharrem's dismembered bodies in Miftarem's yard. The sons buried Veli in Miftarem's vineyard, and next day,