

At about 12:00h, Serb police in armoured vehicles burst into the yard. At that moment, Haxhi, Faik, Qemajl, Eqrem, Nesimi, Xhemajl and Baki were in the yard. The police ordered the men to open the gate. The very moment Xhemajl went up and opened the gate for them, the police killed him, and then opened fire on the others in the yard. Haxhi, Faik, Qemajl, Eqrem, Nesimi, Xhemajl and Baki were killed instantly. The police then left the yard, but came back half an hour later, covered the bodies with straw and set them alight. The families waited till dark and then escaped to Celinë/Celina. They heard later that the Serb police had collected the burnt bodies, except Xhemajl's, and taken them away somewhere. Xhemajl's charred corpse was found by his son Samir on 8 August 1998 in Selami's yard, behind the barn. He buried him the same day at the Muslim cemetery in Rahovec/Orahovac. Nesimi's mortal remains were identified on 16 July 2005, and the family arranged a funeral immediately after. His mortal remains were found in a mass grave in Srbić e Poshtme/Donja Srbica [Prizren municipality]. Qemajl's mortal remains were identified on 8 January 2004 and Haxhi's on 14 October 2007. Eqrem's mortal remains were found in a grave beside the rubbish dump in Rahovec/Orahovac. All were buried at the Muslim cemetery in Rahovec/Orahovac.

The families are still searching for the bodies of Faik and Baki. Their names are on the ICRC list of missing persons under BLG-804303-01 and BLG-804228-01.

Sources: statement of N. N, HLC-851; statement of N.N, HLC-852; statement of Xh.S, HLC-854; statement of N.N, HLC-856; statement of X.B HLC-863; statement of N.N, HLC-866; statement of N.N, HLC-874; statement of N.N, HLC-877; statement of G. S, HLC-881; statement of A.S, HLC-2100; statement of G. S, HLC-12935; statement of F.S, HLC-32453; District Prosecutor in Prizren, Kt.no 83/99 (A. Kolašinac et al.), indictment, 7.08.2000, HLC-8705; LBI, 3, HLC-3631; ICRC, *Persons missing...*, HLC-9795; HLC, *People to remember people*, questionnaire, HLC-26205; OMPF, *Remains...*, HLC-15297; *Rahovec in Flames and Smoke Amidst Continued Serb Shelling*, newsletter, KIC, 21.07.1998, HLC-29372.

Nexhmedin (Avdullah) Mushla

(born 20/05/1937, Albanian from Rahovec/Orahovac, director of the Red Cross in Rahovec/Orahovac, six children)

At about midnight on **20 July 1998**, Serb police started entering the neighbourhoods around the bus station in Rahovec/Orahovac, under the pretext of looking for KLA members who were allegedly hiding inside the Albanian houses. In fear of the police, people started fleeing. Fifteen people sought shelter in Nexhmedin Mushla's yard. When the police opened fire, they all fled to the adjacent yard [Rahovec/Orahovac]. The police then shot at the people in that yard, and Nexhmedin was fatally shot in the head. He remained on the ground, while the others, including his family members, managed to escape. Nexhmedin's family returned to the village the next day and found his body in the neighbour's yard. As they did not obtain permission to bury him in the village cemetery, they buried him in their yard. On 21 August 1998, the Mushlas transferred Nexhmedin's mortal remains to the town cemetery.

Sources: statement of S.M, HLC-40656; J. Osmani, *Krimet...*, II, 246.

Nahit (Bezad) Shehu

(born 20/08/1941, Albanian from Rahovec/Orahovac, farmer, five children)

Bashkim (Kasim) Hajda

(born 26/08/1963, Albanian from Rahovec/Orahovac, farmer, two children)

Among the people who had taken refuge in Sheikh Muhedin's *Teqe* [Dervish lodge] [Rahovec/Orahovac] on the morning of **20 July 1998** were Bashkim Hajda with his wife Behije, and his son, daughter and mother, and Nahit Shehu with his wife Naxhije. When the people left the *Teqe* at about 12:00h on the orders of the Serb police, Nahit and Bashkim went out into the street and set off in a column towards the *Kadiri Xhamia/Kadiri džamija* [mosque]. Their way was barred by two armoured vehicles of the Serb police, from which several bullets were immediately fired into the