

Xhafer (Zenel) Nurkasa

(born 24/07/1969, Albanian from Rahovec/Orahovac, worker, member of KLA)

In early 1997, Xhafer went to work in Germany. In March 1998, he came back to Kosovo and joined the KLA HQ in Drenoc/Drenovac.

When fighting broke out in Rahovec/Orahovac, Xhafer was with his unit, manning positions near the town. At about 20:30h on **21 July 1998**, he was killed fighting Serb police near the place called *Te Rasat/Ploče* [Rahovec/Orahovac]. He was buried in Malishevë/Mališevo the next day in the presence of his family and comrades. After the war, on 17 July 1999, Xhafer's body was moved to the Muslim cemetery in Rahovec/Orahovac.

Sources: statement of S.N, HLC-34339; SHFDUÇK, *Feniksët...10*, 260-263.

Mizahir (Jetullah) Isma

(born 26/06/1964, Albanian from Rahovec/Orahovac, electronics engineer, member of KLA)

Bekim (Shaban) Isma

(born 10/03/1971, Albanian from Rahovec/Orahovac, mechanic, one child, member of KLA)

Arian (Qamil) Brahimi

(born 7/04/1974, Albanian from Shkëoder, Albania, member of KLA)

Eshrefedin (Rexhep) Kastrati

(born 24/11/1979, Albanian from Drenoc/Drenovac, Rahovec/Orahovac municipality, electrician, member of KLA)

Mizahir graduated from electrical engineering college in Zveçan/Zvečan. He was an activist in the National Movement for Kosovo Liberation. In 1997, he helped acquire weapons for the KLA. In April 1998, he donned the uniform. Eshrefedin lived in Drenoc/Drenovac with his parents and five brothers and sisters. He joined the local KLA staff on 26 April 1998, together with his brothers Besnik and Xhem. Bekim became a member of the staff at *Carevac* in May 1998. Arian became a member of the KLA in May 1998.

From 17 July 1998, Mizahir, Eshrefe-

din, Bekim and Arian took part in the operation to liberate **Rahovec/Orahovac**. On **21 July 1998**, their unit was manning the position on the top of *Vran Stena* hills. At about 17:00h, all four were seriously wounded by a hand grenade thrown by members of the 549th Motorised Brigade of the Yugoslav Army. For a long time nobody knew what had become of them. After the war, some members of the KLA went to *Vran Stena* hills and there they found the charred remains of four men. The remains of Mizahir, Eshrefedin, Bekim and Arian were buried in July 1999 at the Muslim cemetery in Rahovec/Orahovac.

Sources: statement of F.I, HLC-36752; SHFDUÇK, *Feniksët...6*, 209-213, izdavač SHFDUÇK – Prishtinë, 2005, HLC-28267; SHFDUÇK, *Feniksët...12*, 66-69; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092.

Bajram (Hysen) Veliu

(born 20/06/1967, Albanian from Rahovec/Orahovac, member of KLA)

Bajram joined the KLA in May 1998. He died on **21 July 1998** in battle with members of the Serb police near *Hamzin Grob (Hamza's Grave)*, above the Serbian cemetery [Rahovec/Orahovac]. His comrades buried him not far from where he fell, in the field called *Blato*. After the war in Kosovo, Bajram's remains were removed to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants [Muslim cemetery] in Rahovec/Orahovac.

Sources: SHFDUÇK, *Feniksët...10*, 50-52; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092.

Hidaj (Hazër) Popaj

(born 16/06/1944, Albanian from Bellacërkë/Bela Crkva, shopkeeper, three children)

Hidaj lived and worked in Bellacërkë/Bela Crkva. He had a shop. He was imprisoned on 7 June 1998 in **Drenoc/Drenovac**. He was last seen around **21 July 1998** in the KLA prison in **Malishevë/Mališevo**. For a long time nothing was known of what had become of him. On 24 May 2000, his body was found in the cemetery in Prishtinë/Priština. Following identification, Hidaj was buried in the cemetery in Bellacërkë/