

Sadik (Miran) Kaçkini

(born 11/09/1953, Albanian from Llaushë/Lauša, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, worker, four children, member of KLA)

On the morning of **5 March 1998**, Serb forces launched an offensive against the KLA in Llaushë/Lauša and surrounding villages. Sadik and his wife and children took to the *Bajrak* woods. At about 14:00h, Sadik went home to feed his cattle. Ten minutes later, shooting was heard from the direction in which he went. His family feared something had happened to him. They waited for him all day, but he never returned to the mountain. Three days later, a village resident came across Sadik's body in the *Bajrak* wood [Llaushë/Lauša]. Sadik was buried by his family on 10 March 1998 in the cemetery in the *Jashari* neighbourhood of Prekaz i Poshtëm/Donje Prekaze. After the war, on 27 April 2001, Sadik's body was transferred to the cemetery in Llaushë/Lauša.

Sources: statement of N.K, HLC-17308; J. Martinsen, *List.*, HLC-26092; *Pod Lupom: Kosovo-ljudska prava u vreme oružanih sukoba*, Bulletin no 26, HLC, Belgrade, May 1998, HLC-20114; KMC AFRY, *Persons died.*, HLC-10832; KMDLJ, *Buletini*, no 6, janar-mars 1998, 130-131, HLC-23807.

Miftar (Smajl) Rrecaj

(born 25/06/1956, Albanian from Llaushë/Lauša, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, worker, six children, member of KLA)

Before the war, Miftar had worked at the Ammunition factory in Skënderaj/Srbica. He lived in Llaushë/Lauša with his wife Zojë, their three sons and three daughters. He joined a local KLA unit in late December 1997. When, on the morning of **5 March 1998**, strong Serb forces surrounded the village, Miftar and several of his fellow combatants went to reconnoitre the terrain. As they headed towards *Malet e Popranit/Popranove šume (Popran's Woods)*, [Llaushë/Lauša] they encountered Serb forces. Miftar was seriously wounded in the chest and shoulder. His brother Rexha and son Nusret carried him home, where a doctor administered first aid to

him. He passed away the next day. His family buried him in the cemetery of the *Rrecaj* neighbourhood, near the village mosque.

Sources: statement of N.R, HLC-32461; J. Martinsen, *List.*, HLC-26092; KMDLJ, *Buletini*, no 6, janar-mars 1998, 130-131, HLC-23807.

Gazmend (Bajram) Gashi

(born 1980, Roma from Llaushë/Lauša, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, secondary school student)

Fatime (Bajram Sylejmani) Gashi

(born 1947, Roma woman from Llaushë/Lauša, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, housewife, twelve children)

Makfirete (Bajram) Gashi

(born 1975, Roma woman from Llaushë/Lauša, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality)

Fatime and her husband Bajram had twelve children. They lived in Llaushë/Lauša and were engaged in farming and trade. A day before the attack on Prekaz i Poshtëm/Donje Prekaze took place [4 March 1998], the army drove up with two tanks and parked them near their house. On the day of the attack, they parked one of the tanks inside the Gashi's yard. The next morning [5 March 1998], intense shooting broke out, so Fatime and Bajram decided to flee with their children towards Polac/Poljance. Near the place called *Betoni Polacit/Beton Poljanca [Polac/Poljance]*, Serb forces opened fire on them, killing Fatime, her daughter Makfirete and son Gazmend, who was holding his one-year-old sister Arjeta in his arms. The shooting continued for 30 minutes, after which time, Serb forces approached them and allowed Bajram and the others to take the bodies of Fatime, Gazmend and Makfirete home. Three days later, the Gashis took the bodies to the Lah Tushila's construction material and equipment warehouse in Prekaz i Poshtëm/Donje Prekaze, where the bodies of other Albanians who had been killed those days in nearby villages were being gathered. Fatime, Makfirete and Gazmend