

tement of S.U, HLC-36707; statement of S.S, HLC-16655; FHP, *Haški tribunal, Sudenje Slobodanu Miloševiću*, X, 369; ICRC, *Persons missing..*, HLC-9795.

Ujkan (Hamit) Rushiti

(born 25/11/1940, Albanian from Syriganë/Suvo Grlo, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, farmer, seven children)

Mahmut (Rrustem) Rushiti

(born 1/05/1945, Albanian from Mitrovicë/Kosovska Mitrovica, four children)

Isuf (Januz) Rushiti

(born 19/04/1952, Albanian from Syriganë/Suvo Grlo, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, security guard at the Ammunition factory, seven children)

Among the men who took shelter [Syriganë/Suvo Grlo] in the Uka family house from the Serb attack on **8 June 1998**, were the cousins Isuf and Ujkan. Their cousin Mahmut was also sheltering there. He had come to the village in early June 1998 to persuade his brother to come and stay with his family in his house in Mitrovicë/Kosovska Mitrovica, but could not return home because of the road-blocks.

Mahmut, Ujkan and Isuf were last seen at around 14:00h as they escaped from Abit Uka's house and ran up the hill [Syriganë/Suvo Grlo] in flight from Serb forces that were drawing near the house. The next morning, a village resident, Sokol Uka, found their bodies in a hole, at the place called *Kodra e gurit/Kameni breg (Stone Hillock)*, some 150 metres from the asphalt road. He immediately called Isuf's brother Sejdi and cousin Shefqet to help him carry the bodies to the village, but the presence of Serb forces forced them to leave them behind. When they returned to the scene two weeks later, the bodies were gone. Only after the war, on 10 August 1999, were the mortal remains of Mahmut, Ujkan and Isuf found, buried in a shallow grave in a meadow. They were buried the next day in the village cemetery.

Sources: statement of S.R, HLC-16654; statement of A.R, HLC-15427; KMDLNI, *Buletini*, no 7, prill-qershor 1998, 206, HLC-23816; *Serb*

Forces Kill Three Albanians at Skenderaj Village Tuesday, newsletter, KIC, 10.08.1998, HLC-29312.

Milosav (Jevrem) Šmigić

(born 1922, Serb from Leçinë/Leočina, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, farmer, six children)

Sultana (Miladin Simić) Šmigić

(born 1924, Serb woman from Leçinë/Leočina, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, housewife, six children)

Aleksandra (Pavle Veselinović) Šmigić a.k.a. "Lena"

(born 15/06/1928, Serb woman from Leçinë/Leočina, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, housewife, widow, two children)

Radomir (Vladimir) Šmigić a.k.a. "Doma"

(born 12/08/1945, Serb from Leçinë/Leočina, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, farmer, single)

Before the war, about forty members of the Šmigić extended family had lived in Leçinë/Leočina. Following the abduction of Dostana Šmigić [see record] in May 1998, only a few of them remained in the village: the elderly couple Milosav and Sultana, Milosav's nephew Radomir and his mother Aleksandra, and Dostana's mother Krstiva.

On Tuesday, **9 June 1998**, at about 11:00h, some thirty-odd uniformed and armed Albanians entered the neighbourhood where the Šmigićs lived [**Leçinë/Leočina**] and started torching the houses. Four of the soldiers entered Milosav's house and found Milosav, Sultana and Krstiva inside. They demanded that Milosav hand over his weapons, and when he replied that he did not have any, they hit him with a rifle butt. They hit Sultana and Krstiva too, and then ordered them into a room. Inside the room, they set two duvets on fire and locked them in, saying they would come to unlock them within an hour. Sultana and Krstiva escaped through a window, while Milosav stayed behind in the room, never to be seen again. The women went over to Radomir's, but Sultana soon changed her mind and went back home to Milosav, after