

e Shaban Batallit/Njiva Shabana Batalita [Rakinicë/Rakitnica] they encountered members of the Serb forces. Fekë was shot dead, whereas Skender and Hysni managed to escape. Two days later, when the situation became a little safer, Fekë's fellow fighters returned for his body and buried him in the village cemetery, where he rests today.

Sources: statement of I.D, HLC-32468; J. Martinsen, *List.*, HLC-26092.

Avdyl (Latif) Smajli

(born 14/11/1963, Albanian from Kuçicë/Kučica, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, construction worker, three children, member of KLA)

Avdyl lived with his wife Have and their three underage sons. In June 1998, he went to Albania for weapons. While he was away, his family left the village, never to see him again. On **11 July 1998**, Avdyl was killed fighting Serb forces in the forest near the village of **Klinë e Epërme/Gornja Klina**, near the turning for Skënderaj/Srbica on the Mitrovicë/Kosovska Mitrovica - Pejë/Peć road. He was buried later the same day in the cemetery in his native village.

Sources: statement of B.S, HLC-32796; J. Martinsen, *List.*, HLC-26092.

Hasan (Jashar) Jashari

(born 1912, Albanian from Likoc/Likovac, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, farmer, three children)

On **16 July 1998** Serb forces entered **Likoc/Likovac**. Village residents rushed to leave their homes and took shelter in a nearby forest. Hasan did not want to leave. A month later, after Serb forces had withdrawn from the village, the Albanian residents returned and found Hasan's body on a road inside the village. They recognised him by the clothing and buried him near the place where they had found him. After the war, on 14 April 2000, the Jasharis transferred Hasan's body to the village cemetery.

Sources: statement of J.B, HLC-13962; KMDLNJ, *Buletini*, no 9, tetor-dhjetor 1998, 153, HLC-23857.

Vjollca (Niman) Avdyli

(born 9/06/1985, Albanian girl from Vojnikë/Voçnjak, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, primary school student)

The village of Vojnikë/Voçnjak was shelled on **16 July 1998**. The village residents fled into a forest above the village [**Vojnikë/Voçnjak**]. Vjollca and her family were hiding underneath some trees, when a shell landed near the spot where Vjollca was standing. A shell fragment hit Vjollca in the right hip, leaving her seriously wounded and the people around her dazed by the force of the blast. The shelling lasted all day. When it eased up, Vjollca's father took Vjollca to the village of Izbicë/Izbica, where Doctor Zaim Bajraktari gave her first aid. He said the girl needed surgery, but her parents did not dare take her to a Serb-run hospital. Vjollca died after five weeks. Her parents laid her to rest in the cemetery in the *Turijan* neighbourhood of Vojnikë/Voçnjak.

Sources: statement of N.A, HLC-40632; J. Osmani, *Krimet.*, II, 290.

Tahir (Brahim) Hasani

(born 1/03/1927, Albanian from Klinë e Ulët/Donja Klina, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, miller, five children)

The aged Tahir lived with his wife Shefkije, son Emin and Emin's family in the village of Klinë e Ulët/Donja Klina. In July 1998, a heavy force of Serbs came from the direction of Mitrovicë/Kosovska Mitrovica and took up positions at the crossroads in Klinë e Mesme/Srednja Klina. Most of the village residents left the village. Emin took his wife and children to Rezallë/Rezala, but immediately returned home to his parents and his 14-year-old son Alban [**Klinë e Ulët/Donja Klina**]. Three days later [**20 July 1998**], Serb forces drew near their home. Everyone except Tahir left the house. At about 18:00h, after the Serb forces had withdrawn, Alban returned home and found his grandfather dead in the yard, with gunshot wounds in the head and chest. Tahir is buried in the cemetery of the Hasani neighbourhood.

Sources: statement of E.H, HLC-13663; *Lla-*