

their children. On **2 August 1998**, shooting started ringing out in the morning hours. At around 12:00h, Serb forces started entering the village and Arife left her home with her family. They made their way through the *Geci* neighbourhood, with Avdyl walking at the head and Arife at the end of the column, and managed to reach the village of Rrezallë e Re/Ljudevik. As they were walking through this village, a group of Serb soldiers blocked their way. Avdyl ran towards the houses of the *Shatrolli* neighbourhood [**Rrezallë e Re/Ljudevik**]. The soldiers opened fire on them. Arife received a bullet in the back and died immediately. Her family hastily covered her body with a blanket they had with them and kept on running. Avdyl returned to the scene in the evening in the company of some relatives, and they buried Arife in the vicinity of the place where she was killed. After the war, on 13 November 1999, the Balajs transferred her body to the cemetery in Llaushë/Lauša.

Source: statement of Q.B, HLC-17320.

Hisni (Arif) Gashi

(born 15/08/1919, Albanian from Çabiq/Čabić, Klinë/Klina municipality, retired economist, nine children)

In July 1998, Hisni and his large family fled Çabiq/Čabić [Klinë/Klina municipality] to stay with some relatives in Ujmirë/Dobra Voda [Klinë/Klina municipality]. On the first day of August, Hisni and his son Haki returned to Çabiq/Čabić. At dawn the next day [**2 August 1998**], at around 04:00h, Serb forces attacked this village. Haki's son Lulzim drove his father, Hisni, sister Sadije and brother Gjemajl in his car to the tunnel in **Aqarevë/Ovčarevo**, where many people had taken refuge. They met other family members on the way. Hisni got out of the car in front of the tunnel, while the others stayed inside and moved on. Before long, Serb forces shelled a nearby bridge. Shell fragments wounded Hisni in the leg. He bled to death shortly afterwards. That evening Lulzim, assisted by some relatives, transported his grandfather's body to Tërdec/Trdevac [Glllogoc/Glogovac muni-

cipality] and buried him there the following day. After the war, on 11 January 2003, the Gashis transferred Hisni's body to the cemetery in Zabërgjë/Zabrde [Klinë/Klina municipality].

Source: statement of H.G, HLC-17976.

Fatmir (Xhemajl) Veliu

(born 28/11/1983, Albanian from Polac/Poljance, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, secondary school student)

Fatmir lived in Polac/Poljance, near the village mosque, with his father Xhemajl, mother Zojë, brother Xhevat and sisters Fetije and Zade. The Serb attack on the village of 1 August 1998 forced Fatmir and his family to flee to the nearby woods, together with other village residents. In the evening, when things had simmered down, they returned to their home. Early next morning [**2 August 1998**], the shooting resumed. Fatmir's mother and sister Zade headed for the wood, while Fatmir stayed behind with his father, brother and sister Fetije to pack up some things. Fatmir then went to the cowshed and led the cattle out. As he walked back towards the house, a shell went off near the front door, leaving him seriously wounded in the chest [**Polac/Poljance**]. He was put into a car and driven towards the KLA field hospital in Likoc/Likovac, but he died five minutes later. His family buried him the same day in the cemetery in Likoc/Likovac, where he rests to this day.

Sources: statement of Z.V, HLC-13693; *Over 20 Albanians Killed in Latest Serb Offensive in Drenica*, newsletter, KIC, 11.08.1998, HLC-29429.

Sahit (Imer) Dajaku

(born 21/03/1913, Albanian from Rakinicë/Rakitnica, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, farmer, one child)

The aged Sahit lived in Rakinicë/Rakitnica with his wife Sadije, son Musë and Musë's family. By the end of July the village was no longer safe; shooting could be heard all the time around the Rakinicë/Rakitnica, so Sahit's wife, daughter-in-law and grandchildren went to Kladërnice/Kladernica. Sahit stayed at home with Musë. On **2 August 1998** Serb