

forces moved into **Rakinicë/Rakitnica**. Musë joined the villagers who were fleeing into the mountain, but Sahit, reluctant to leave his home, stayed behind, never to be seen again by his son. After Serb forces left the village three days later, Musë returned and found the Dajakus' home burned. In the yard, some 15 metres from the house, he found his father dead, with two gunshot wounds in the back. Musë, assisted by some neighbours, buried his father the next day in *Livadhi i Istrefit/Istrefova livada (Istref's Meadow)*. Five weeks later, on 13 September 1998, Musë transferred his father's body to the village cemetery, where he rests today.

Sources: statement of M.D, HLC-17318.

Afrim (Sadri) Gashi

(born 26/12/1977, Albanian from Kruševë/Kruševac, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, unemployed, member of KLA)

Afrim's parents, brothers and a sister fled Kruševë/Kruševac on 1 August 1998. Serb forces would frequently open fire on this village from the neighbouring village of Polac/Poljance. Afrim stayed in his home with some relatives. On **3 August 1998** he went to visit some friends in the *Vojvoda* neighbourhood of **Llaushë/Lauša**, and disappeared without trace. His family reported him missing to the OSCE mission, but obtained no information whatsoever on his fate. Four months later [9 December 1998], a friend of the family found Afrim's body in the place known as *Gradina e Vojvodeve [Llaushë/Lauša]*. Later the same day, the Gashis transported his body to Kruševë/Kruševac and buried him the following day in the village cemetery.

Sources: statement of S.G, HLC-13679; J. Martinsen, *List.*, HLC-26092.

Branislav (Ljubomir)

Veselinović

(born 10/12/1972, Serb from Šabac, one child, member of MUP RS)

Branislav lived in Šabac with his wife Mirjana, little daughter Marija and parents Ljubomir and Jasmina. After completing secondary school for police officers and

traffic police training, he worked as a traffic policeman in Šabac. In early March 1998, he was sent on his first assignment to Kosovo. On the evening of **3 August 1998**, his family was informed that Branislav had been killed in **Makërmal/Makrmalj**. Branislav was buried on 5 August 1998 in the New Cemetery in Šabac.

Sources: statement of Lj.V, HLC-27103; SMIP, *Teroristički.*, III, 442-445, 937; KMC AFRY, *Persons died.*, HLC-10832; SV SRJ, *Junaci otadžbine*, 18; Politika daily, Branislav Veselinović, obituary, 5.08.1998, HLC-20742.

Zenel (Tahir) Meziu

(born 8/01/1972, Albanian from Marinë/Marina, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, university student, member of KLA)

Zenel was a student of Mechanical Engineering. His family left their home village in July 1998 and fled to Mount *Çiçavicë/Çiçavica*. Whilst in the mountain, the family were informed that Zenel had been killed on **3 August 1998** in Osman Meziu's yard in the village [**Marinë/Marina**] by a shell fired by Serb forces. The next day [4 August 1998], his family returned to the village and buried Zenel in the village of Polac/Poljance, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality.

Sources: statement of E.M, HLC-13681; J. Martinsen, *List.*, HLC-26092.

Rahman (Sylë) Bojaj

(born 2/10/1947, Albanian from Kërnice/Krnjinca, Klinë/Klina municipality, brick layer, eight children)

As a result of the Serb attack on Kërnice/Krnjinca, first the women and children of the Bojaj family and then their men left this village in late July 1998. Rahman took shelter in a mountain above Turiqec/Turičevac. On 2 August 1998, Rahman went to Tushilë/Tušilje to look for his brother Gani and other family members who were hiding there, but could not find them among the thousands of other refugees sheltering there. Seven days later, Rahman's brother Gani started looking for Rahman. A cousin, Naser Shatri, told Gani that Rrah-