

During the Serb attack on Llaushë/Lauša [4 August 1998], Sadri hid in the woods near this village. At 21:00h, he returned towards Llaushë/Lauša to feed his cattle. His nephew Besim met him on the way and tried to dissuade him from going back to the village, because Serb forces were still there. Sadri paid no heed and continued towards his house. That was the last time he was seen. Three days later, after Serb forces had withdrawn from the village, Sadri's cousin Musli found Sadri's burned body in the house of Hamit Geci [Llaushë/Lauša]. He recognised him by the shoes. Sadri was buried the next day in the village cemetery.

Sources: statement of B.G, HLC-17304; *Over 20 Albanians Killed in Latest Serb Offensive in Drenica*, newsletter, KIC, 11 August 1998, HLC-29429.

Sami (Rrahim) Geci

(born 15/05/1972, Albanian from Llaushë/Lauša, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, farmer, single, member of KLA)

Sami was a member of the local KLA headquarters based in his village [Llaushë/Lauša]. From late July 1998, Sami hid with his father Rrahim, cousins Jakup and Veli and other men from the village in the forests near **Llaushë/Lauša**. On **4 August 1998**, Serb soldiers discovered Sami, Rrahim, Jakup and Veli and opened fire on them. The men scattered in all directions. The following day, Rrahim got back together with the rest of the men, but Sami was nowhere to be found. His fate remains unknown to this day. Sami is registered on the ICRC list of missing persons under BLG-804299-01.

Sources: statement of R.G, HLC-17302; *Over 20 Albanians Killed in Latest Serb Offensive in Drenica*, newsletter, KIC, 11.08.1998, HLC-29429; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092; ICRC, *Persons missing...*, HLC-9795.

Ymer (Sefer) Hoxha

(born 10/05/1941, Albanian from Llaushë/Lauša, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, construction worker, two children)

On the morning of **4 August 1998**, when **Llaushë/Lauša** came under attack from Serb forces, Ymer was at home with his wife Fatime and son Istref. After breakfast, he went over to his neighbour Ramadan Geci. Before long, four Serb soldiers with KLA insignia broke into Ramadan's house. They beat up Ramadan and Ymer, blindfolded them by using the clothes of Ramadan's children, tied their hands with a telephone cable and forced them into their car. They dropped them in front of Ramadan's shop, where they questioned them about their sons and the KLA, beating them all the time. Ymer begged them not to beat him because he was ill. After a while, the soldiers put Ramadan into a jeep and drove him home. Ymer, however, disappeared without a trace. He is registered on the ICRC list of missing persons under BLG-804099-01.

Sources: statement of F.H, HLC-17301; ICTY, IT-05-87 (M. Milutinović et al.), Ex. P01426, HLC-35363; ICRC, *Persons missing...*, HLC-9795.

Rrustem (Islam) Rreci

(born 30/11/1941, Albanian from Llaushë/Lauša, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, farmer, four children)

In late July 1998, Rrustem and his wife and children moved to Bislim and Skender Vojvoda's house in the *Vojvoda* neighbourhood [Llaushë/Lauša]. At the beginning of the Serb attack of **4 August 1998**, Rrustem and his family were in a wood near the village, together with some five thousand people who had also taken shelter there. At around 21:00h, KLA members advised them to stay in the wood because Serb forces were still in the village. Rrustem nevertheless decided to return to the village to let his cows out. On 7 August 1998, after Serb forces had withdrawn from **Llaushë/Lauša**, in the yard of Bislim Vojvoda KLA members found Rrustem's body and his decapitated head, which had been put on his stomach. They buried him that same evening in a nearby ditch. On 28 August 1998 the Rrecis transferred Rrustem's mortal remains to the village cemetery.