

Fetije (Sefer) Koca

(born 15/01/1983, Albanian girl from Polac/Poljance, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality)

The house of Fetije's family was situated near the main Skënderaj/Srbica - Glllogoc/Glogovac road in Polac/Poljance. Fetije was mute and suffered from epilepsy. It was hard for her to bear all the shelling and shooting. On the evening of 6 August 1998, when heavy shooting started from the direction of Qirez/Ćirez, Fetije became very frightened. Her family somehow managed to calm her down, till Fetije eventually fell asleep. The shooting lasted throughout the night. Early next morning [7 August 1998], Fetije's family could not find Fetije in her bed and went looking for her. Three girls from the village told Fetije' brother Brahim they had seen Fetije walking, barefoot, towards a hill in the *Xani* neighbourhood [**Polac/Poljance**], where Serb forces were stationed. Soon afterwards shots were heard. Fearing for their safety, Fetije's family did not venture out to continue searching for Fetije, but reported her disappearance to the police in Glllogoc/Glogovac. They kept looking for information about her in the media as well. They reported her disappearance to a number of organisations, but have not received any information concerning her fate to date. Fetije is registered on the ICRC list of missing persons under BLG-803822-01.

Sources: statement of A.K, HLC-20339; statement of B.K, HLC-2767; ICRC, *Persons missing.*, HLC-9795; *Serb Infantry Sets Ablaze Farmsteads in Polac, Drenica*, newsletter, KIC, 07.08.1998, HLC-29405.

Hasan (Imer) Baliu

(born 20/06/1936, Albanian from Turiqec/Turićevac, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, brick layer, six children)

Hasan lived with his wife Zylë, son Ramadan and Ramadan's wife in their family home in Turiqec/Turićevac. On the early morning of 4 August 1998, Serb forces started shelling this village. Hasan and his family fled into a wood above Aqarevë/Ovçarevo, where other civilians had also sought shelter. Four days later [8 August 1998], Hasan decided to go back to **Turiqec/Turićevac** to feed the cattle

and fetch some things. That was the last time he was seen alive. Three days later, his family learned that his body had been found in a field owned by the Abazi family, about one kilometer away from the Balius' house. Hasan was buried by his friends that same day in the cemetery in Turiqec/Turićevac.

Source: statement of R.B, HLC-17333.

Arben (Fejzë) Smajli

(born 3/03/1978, Albanian from Skënderaj/Srbica, single)

Arben had completed secondary school for deaf and mute children. In early August 1998, Arben and his parents went to Tërstenik/Trstenik [Glllogoc/Glogovac municipality], to visit Arben's uncle Fehmi Kukan. On 16 August 1998, Arben left the house in order to get together with a schoolmate. Shortly after he had left, Serb forces attacked Tërstenik/Trstenik and the village residents began to flee. In the commotion that followed, Arben did not manage to get back to his uncle's, but headed towards Skënderaj/Srbica by himself. Later the same day, his family learned that police had killed Arben in the village of **Marinë/Marina**, buried his body near a forest and covered the grave with a little earth and some burnt leaves. Next afternoon, Arben's father and brother found the grave, and disinterred Arben's body, which revealed multiple exit wounds. They then dug the same grave deeper and laid Arben inside it. After the war, on 6 September 1999, Arben's family transferred Arben's mortal remains to the cemetery in the village of Klinë e Poshtme/Donja Klina.

Sources: statement of A.S, HLC-40636; J. Osmani, *Krimet.*, II, 298.

Ganimete (Azem) Xhyllani

(born 6/04/1979, Albanian girl from Bajicë/Banjica, Glllogoc/Glogovac municipality, unemployed, single, member of KLA)

Ganimete had wished to go to university after secondary school, but lack of means forced her to stay in the village. In April 1998, she joined the KLA. She slept at home at