

**Sources:** statement of M.D, HLC-19245; HLC, *People to remember people*, questionnaire, HLC-31815.

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### **Naim (Malë) Bajraktari**

(born 20/02/1967, Albanian from Isniq/Istinić, Deçan/Deçani municipality, ticket-collector, two children, member of KLA)

### **Beqir (Losh) Mehmetaj**

(born 11/08/1966, Albanian from Isniq/Istinić, Deçan/Deçani municipality, worker, one child, member of KLA)

### **Agim (Brahim) Zekaj**

(born 10/04/1970, Albanian from Raushiq/Raušić, Pejë/Peć municipality, worker, member of KLA)

### **Milazim (Brahim) Zekaj**

(born 30/06/1974, Albanian from Raushiq/Raušić, Pejë/Peć municipality, worker, member of KLA)

### **Isa (Hajdin) Balaj**

(born 30/12/1972, Albanian from Isniq/Istinić, Deçan/Deçani municipality, university student, member of KLA)

### **Ruzhdi (Jashar) Haxhijaj**

(born 23/09/1971, Albanian from Raushiq/Raušić, Pejë/Peć municipality, final year student of mechanics, member of KLA)

### **Ramush (Hysen) Shala**

(born 2/12/1971, Albanian from Dubovik, Deçan/Deçani municipality, worker, member of KLA)

### **Hilmi (Isë) Shala**

(born 6/12/1978, Albanian from Dubovik, Deçan/Deçani municipality, worker, member of KLA)

### **Naim (Sadri) Gjukaj**

(born 10/07/1977, Albanian from Strellc i Ulët/Donji Streoc, Deçan/Deçani municipality, member of KLA)

Naim Barjaktari, Beqir, Isa, the brothers Agim and Milazim, Ruzhdi, Ramush, Ramush's cousin Hilmi and Naim Gjukaj, set out for Albania on 2 August 1998 at around 21:00h in a group of some 30-odd men, to obtain weapons. The group was led by Naim Bajraktari. On their way back, on **3 August 1998**, at around 05:30h in the morning, at the place called *Qafa e Milishecit/*

*Miliševačka klisura (Milishec Gorge)* on the *Pleqe/Pleća* Mountain and near the village of **Milishec/Miliševac**, they were ambushed by Serb forces. Ruzhdi, Isa, Hilmi, Ramush and Naim Gjukaj were killed in the shooting. The men who managed to escape saw that Milazim was wounded but could not carry him away because of the shooting. When the shooting stopped, the survivors reassembled and saw that Milazim had succumbed to his injuries and that Naim, Beqir and Agim were missing.

The bodies of Naim Bajraktari, Isa, Hilmi, Ramush and Naim Gjukaj were taken away by Serb forces and buried in the Gjakovë/Đakovica cemetery. Naim Barjaktari's body was exhumed after the war [on 29 May 2000]. His family identified him by the clothing. The next day, he was re-buried in the Isniq/Istinić cemetery.

The day after Agim was killed [4 August 1998], his body was found in the *Gruke ë Rugoves/Rugovska klisura (Rugova Gorge)*, four kilometres from Pejë/Peć, near the spot where police were stationed. He was buried at the Pejë/Peć cemetery. On 29 August 1999 Agim's family transferred his body to the cemetery at Raushiq/Raušić for burial there. Ruzhdi was buried with him on the same day.

In June 2000, Milazim's brother Xhevat, accompanied by some cousins and friends, discovered Milazim's mortal remains and some personal belongings at the spot where the men were ambushed. Milazim rests today in the cemetery at Raushiq/Raušić. Isa was buried in Isniq/Istinić. The mortal remains of Hilmi and Ramush were transferred in 2000 to the cemetery at their home village of Dubovik. Naim Gjukaj's body was transferred after the war to the cemetery at Strellc i Ulët/Donji Streoc.

Beqir's body is unaccounted for. His brother found his wallet and jacket at the scene of the incident. Beqir's disappearance is registered on the ICRC list of missing persons under ICRC Nr BLG-2803259-01.

**Sources:** statement of H.B, HLC-17058; statement of B.B, HLC-17057; statement of F.M, HLC-17054; statement of X.Z, HLC-12896; KMC AFRY, *Persons died...*, HLC-10832; ICRC, *Persons missing...*, HLC-9795; J. Martinsen,