

Bekim took part in the demonstrations against the abolition of Kosovo's autonomy held during 1989. From 1997, he was a member of the National Movement for Kosovo Liberation. In June 1998 he joined the KLA. He died on **19 August 1998** fighting against Serb forces in the village of **Samadraxhë/Samodraža**. He was buried the next day in that village. After the war, on 19 September 1999, Bekim's mortal remains were transferred to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Suharekë/Suva Reka.

Sources: statement of S.H, HLC-36854; ICTY, IT-02-54 (S. Milošević), Ex.241 A, HLC-5838; photography, HLC-20988; SHFĐUČK, *Feniksët...* 3, 259-261; *Serb Forces Shell Rahovec and Suhareka Villages*, newsletter, KIC, 20/08/1998, HLC-29444; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092; UČK, *Lista e deshmoreve...*, HLC-36427.

Jahir (Ejup) Sylaj

(born 15/05/1937, Albanian from Sllapuzhan/Slapužane, Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality, tradesman, eight children)

Remzi (Hajdar) Sylaj

(born 8/04/1958, Albanian from Sllapuzhan/Slapužane, Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality, worker, seven children)

In early August 1998 Jahir's family fled their village of **Sllapuzhan/Slapužane**, whilst Jahir and his nephew Remzi stayed behind. Remzi's brother Avdi came to see them on **21 August 1998**. During the 23 August 1998 Serb attack on the village, Avdi found Remzi's and Jahir's bodies at the end of the village, next to the road to Bllacë/Blace. Remzi had wounds on the head and Jahir on the torso. Some KLA members helped him bury the bodies some 300 metres away from the place where they had fallen. After the war, in July 2000, their families transferred their mortal remains to the village cemetery.

Sources: statement of S.N, HLC-10687; ICTY, IT-02-54 (S. Milošević), Ex.241 A, HLC-5838; ICTY, IT-05-87 (M. Milutinović et al.), Ex.D00697, HLC-35626; photography, HLC-20985.

Goran (Zlatibor) Andrić

(born 6/11/1975, Serb from Saranovo, Rača

municipality, single, member of MUP RS)

Goran completed the Agricultural Secondary School in Topola. At first, he worked with his father for the *11. oktobar* firm in Rača Kragujevačka. After receiving a police training course in August 1997 in Novi Sad, he became a police officer with the Belgrade riot police. Goran was frequently sent to Kosovo, the last time on 9 August 1998. He died on **23 August 1998** in clashes with the KLA in the village of **Duhël/Dulje**. He was buried on 25 August 1998 in the Saranovo village cemetery.

Sources: statement of Z.A, HLC-31383; SMIP, *Teroristički...*, III, 480, 939; KMC AFRY, *Persons died...*, HLC-10832; SV SRJ, *Junaci otadžbine*, 11.

Mehmet (Misin) Bytyqi

(born 23/03/1968, Albanian from Reshtan/Raštane, Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality, worker, one child, member of KLA)

Shaban (Islam) Gashi

(born 9/09/1972, Albanian from Reshtan/Raštane, Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality, construction worker, one child, member of KLA)

Mehmet and Shaban served with the KLA in mid-June 1998. Their duty was to scout the area and keep watch around their village [**Reshtan/Raštane**]. On **23 August 1998** Serb forces attacked the village. Mehmet, Shaban and a group of KLA soldiers were at the position *Pika e Lonit/Ljonijeva osmatračnica (Loni's Watch-tower)*, helping the civilians to leave the village. At about 14:00h, Mehmet was hit by sniper in the neck. His fellow combatants Refki and Shaban attempted to help him. As Shaban ran up to Mehmet, a mortar shell exploded, wounding him seriously in the neck. Mehmet died from his wounds later that day. He was buried the next day in Semetishte/Semetište. Shaban passed away three days later. He was buried on 27 August 1998 in Pagarushë/Pagaruša [Malishevë/Mališevo municipality]. On 18 September 1999 their bodies were transferred to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Suharekë/Suva Reka.

Sources: statement of I.G, HLC-32535; ICTY, IT-02-54 (S. Milošević), Ex.241 A, HLC-5838; photography, HLC-20988; *Serb Offensive aga-*