

ICTY, IT-02-54 (S. Milošević), Ex.241 A, HLC-5838; *At least 2 Killed and 5 Wounded in Suhareka Area in the Past 24 Hours*, newsletter, KIC, 24/08/1998, HLC- 29504.

Sahit (Isuf) Jahaj

(born 1936, Albanian from Sllapuzhan/Slapuzhane, Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality, farmer, five children)

Sahit left Sllapuzhan/Slapuzhane with the women and children on 17 August 1998. His three sons stayed behind in the village. Sahit returned to the village on 22 August 1998 to check on his sons. When, the next day [23 August 1998], Serb forces started shelling **Sllapuzhan/Slapuzhane**, Sahit's sons fled to the wood in which KLA members sheltered, and Sahit headed for the village centre. Ten days later, KLA soldiers discovered his body near the transformer station. He had been hit by a mortar shell. They buried him nearby. In November 1998, Sahit's family transferred Sahit's mortal remains to the village cemetery, in the presence of OSCE representatives.

Sources: statement of N.L, HLC-10677; 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.

Ymer (Latif) Jahaj

(born 1950, Albanian from Sllapuzhan/Slapuzhane, Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality, farmer, five children)

The day Serb forces attacked Sllapuzhan/Slapuzhane [23 August 1998], Ymer and his family fled to the neighbouring village of Peqan/Pećane. That night, Ymer and his neighbour Halit Elshani returned to **Sllapuzhan/Slapuzhane**. It was dark when they entered Halit's yard. As soon as they saw Serb soldiers, they took to their heels. The soldiers opened fire on them, killing Ymer. Halit managed to escape. Five days later, Ymer's sons returned to the village and buried their father in the village cemetery.

Sources: statement of N.J, HLC-10668; 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.

Mehmet (Daut) Lumi

(born 7/08/1970, Albanian from Bllacë/Blace, Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality, farmer, single, member of KLA)

Safet (Ilaz) Kicaj

(born 9/08/1977, Albanian from Grejkoc/Grejkovce, Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality, worker, single, member of KLA)

After his parents had died in a car accident, Safet lived with his brother and uncles and their families in Grejkoc/Grejkovce. He joined the KLA in early July 1998. On **23 August 1998**, Mehmet and Safet were holding their position at **Grejqefc/Grejëvce**. They were both killed by a mortar shell just as they moved to take shelter in a makeshift bunker. Safet was buried on 24 August 1998 in Grejkoc/Grejkovce and Muhamet on the next day in Guncat [Malishevë/Mališevo municipality]. After the war, on 18 September 1999, Safet's mortal remains were transferred to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Suharekë/Suva Reka. Mehmet's mortal remains were transferred to the cemetery in Grejqefc/Grejëvce on 21 October 1999.

Sources: statement of M.K, HLC-32532; ICTY, IT-02-54 (S. Milošević), Ex.241 A, HLC-5838; photography, HLC-20988; J. Martinsen, *List..*, HLC-26092; photography, HLC-19086; *Serb Offensive against Suhareka Villages Escalates* newsletter, KIC, 25/08/1998, HLC-29505; *Suhareka Villages Still under Serb Fire Today*, newsletter, KIC, 25/08/1998, HLC-29509; UÇK, *Lista e deshmoreve..*, HLC-36427.

Abedin (Hysen) Shala

(born 20/05/1938, Albanian from Suharekë/Suva Reka, farmer, seven children)

Abedin lived with his wife Nexmije, sons Vebi and Xhavit and their families in their family home in *Rruga e Rreshtanit/Reštanski put (Rreshtan Road neighbourhood)* [**Suharekë/Suva Reka**]. Tensions had mounted in Suharekë/Suva Reka from June 1998, owing to the presence of special police forces in the town and its outskirts. At about 17:00h on **23 August 1998**, the entire Shala family was at home. Abedin's brother Hasan and his family were also there, visiting. At one point, Abedin went out into the yard. Soon af-