

of the village, near the place called *Te Bërryli/Lakat (The Curve)* [Duhël/Dulje], they were attacked by Serb forces, who opened fire on them without any forewarning, killing Isuf and Ridvan. Sahit, who was behind them, jumped off the tractor and ran. Sahit and Isuf's and Ridvan's uncle and several neighbours of theirs recovered Isuf's and Ridvan's bodies and buried them immediately in the forest, at the place called *Kopaq/Kopač*. After the war, on 3 May 2000, Isuf's and Ridvan's mortal remains were transferred to the village cemetery in Duhël/Dulje.

**Sources:** R. Shkodra, *Imamet...*, 69; statement of B.Q, HLC-10952; statement of S.S, HLC-6721; ICTY, IT-02-54 (S. Milošević), Ex.241 A, HLC-5838; *Serb Troops Execute Four Albanians in Suhareka*, newsletter, KIC, 27/08/1998, HLC-29513.

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### Xhelal (Emin) Kuqi

(born 2/01/1965, Albanian from Suharekë/Suva Reka, restaurant owner, three children, member of KLA)

### Naim (Hajrullah) Berisha

(born 10/11/1966, Albanian from Suharekë/Suva Reka, unemployed, married, member of KLA)

In the years before the war, Xhelal was an activist of the National Movement for Kosovo Liberation. The Serb police arrested him twice in 1998. The first time, he was sentenced to two months in prison, and the second, to four months. After his release in August 1998, he joined the KLA. On the evening of 26 August 1998, he and Naim came to visit Xhelal's family, who were staying in Sabrije Kuqi's house at the time [Suharekë/Suva Reka]. They remained there several hours and left some time after midnight on 27 August 1998, in order to visit Naim's family, whose house was located approximately 100 metres away. Xhelal's father warned them about the presence of police around Naim's house. Xhelal and Naim took up their weapons. Ten minutes later, gunshots from a variety of different weapons were heard. Mehmet Kuqi of the Council for Human Rights and Freedoms

told Xhelal's father the next morning that Xhelal and Naim had been killed in Naim's yard in a gunfight with Serb police. Xhelal and Naim were buried by their respective families on 28 August 1998 in the cemetery in Suharekë/Suva Reka.

**Sources:** statement of E.K, HLC-32548; ICTY, IT-02-54 (S. Milošević), Ex.241 A, HLC-5838; KMC AFRY, *Persons died...*, HLC-10832; SMIP, *Teroristički...*, III, 483; photograph, HLC-20988; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092; UÇK, *Lista e deshmoreve...*, HLC-36427.

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### Izet (Shefket) Bytyqi

(born 1/09/1949, Albanian from Semetishte/Semetište, Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality, tradesman, four children)

Serb forces started shelling **Semetishte/Semetište** on 27 August 1998. Izet's family fled the village with other village residents and took shelter in Nishor/Nišor. Izet remained at home, alone. No one would ever see him alive again. In early September, Izet's family learned from the media that Izet had been killed. In mid-September, they returned to the village, and were informed by the village president that Serb forces had killed Izet in his house with three shots to the chest. KLA soldiers found his body after the withdrawal of Serb forces. Some local residents buried him on 29 August 1998 in the place called *Proni i Ftonjeve/Potok Dunja (Stream of the Quince Trees)*. After the war, in December 2002, Izet's family transferred Izet's mortal remains to the village cemetery.

**Sources:** statement of F.B, HLC-10984; ICTY, IT-02-54 (S. Milošević), Ex.241 A, HLC-5838.

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### Halil (Hasan) Balaj

(born 15/04/1942, Albanian from Dobërdelan/Dobrodeljane, Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality, farmer, seven children)

On 27 August 1998, members of the 37th Detachment of the Special Police Units of the Serbian Ministry of the Interior (PJP) entered **Dobërdelan/Dobrodeljane**. Most of the village residents had already left the village, fleeing the shelling which preceded the employment of infantry. Halil had remained in his house with his elderly