

mother Fatime and sister Hatixhe. They hid in the basement. Shortly after Halil went out to fetch some water from the well, Hatixhe and Fatime heard a shot fired. So then Hatixhe went out too, and found Halil in the yard, severely wounded in the back by a firearm. She dragged him into the basement. Later that day, Serb policemen found them in the basement and dressed Halil's wound. Early the next morning [28 August 1998], Halil passed away. He was buried later that day by a relative who had returned to the village and a few KLA members, in the cemetery in neighbouring Pagarushë/Pagaruša [Malishevë/Mališevo municipality]. After the war, on 29 August 2002, Halil's family transferred Halil's mortal remains to the village cemetery in Dobërdelan/Dobrodeljane.

Sources: statement of L.B, HLC-11191; ICTY, IT-02-54 (S. Milošević), Ex.241 A, HLC-5838.

Hamzi (Ibrahim) Bytyqi

(born 18/08/1965, Albanian from Peqan/Peçane, Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality, mechanical engineer, two children, member of KLA)

Hamzi was long unable to find a job as a mechanical engineer, so he left for Slovenia in 1997 in order to find employment there. In January 1998, he returned to **Peqan/Peçane** and immediately enlisted at the local KLA headquarters. He died on **29 August 1998** from a shell, at the position located at the exit of Peqan/Peçane, near *Perdence*. His wife Shyrete's brother, who was with him at the time, was seriously wounded but survived. Hamzi was buried the next day in Pagarushë/Pagaruša [Malishevë/Mališevo municipality] by his fellow combatants. He was re-buried in January 1999 in the cemetery in Peqan/Peçane. On 18 September 1999, his body was laid to rest in the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Suharekë/Suva Reka.

Sources: statement of S.B, HLC-36852; J. Martinsen, *List.*, HLC-26092; ICTY, IT-02-54 (S. Milošević), Ex.241 A, HLC-5838; photography, HLC-20988; UÇK, *Lista e deshmoreve.*, HLC-36427.

Ali (Zymer) Kermen

(born 15/11/1924, Albanian from Bllacë/Blace, Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality, retired judge, eight children)

Ali lived with his wife Xhemile, son Lulëzim, a daughter-in-law and a little grandson. In July 1998, the daughter-in-law took her son and went to stay with her parents in Prishtinë/Priština. On 23 August 1998 Serb forces shelled Bllacë/Blace, which forced Ali to flee to the nearby village of Guncat [Malishevë/Mališevo municipality] with his wife and son. During the next few days, Ali and his son would go during the day to their house in Bllacë/Blace, which was occupied by KLA soldiers, and return to Guncat before dark. After 30 August 1998, Ali did not return to Guncat but stayed in his house. On 7 **September 1998**, KLA soldiers informed Ali's family that Ali had gone missing. His fate remained unknown until 5 October 1998, when Hajriz Guraziu, a neighbour, found his body near a vineyard, some 500 metres from Ali's house [Bllacë/Blace]. The body had been decapitated. Hajriz identified him by his identity documents. The KLA soldiers then covered the body with earth. In November, Lulëzim found his father's head in the vicinity of the place where his body had been found. The Kermenis buried Ali's mortal remains in the Bllacë/Blace village cemetery.

Sources: statement of L.K, HLC-36842; statement of S.K, HLC-10944; ICTY, IT-02-54 (S. Milošević), Ex.241 A, HLC-5838; KMDLNJ, *Buletini*, no. 9, October-December 1998, 121, HLC-23857.

Boban (Živorad) Matić

(born 14/02/1973, Serb from Bratotinë/Bratotin, Rahovec/Orahovac municipality, worker at PKB Zrze, single)

Srećko (Stanomir) Blagojević

(born 22/05/1985, Serb from Reqan/Reçane, Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality, primary school student)

Boban was a member of the Serbian Police Reserve. He had lived with his family in Bratotinë/Bratotin until 7 May 1998, when they left the village in fear for their safety