

and cattle. The women and children of the Selmani family went to neighbouring Zborc/Zborce. Selman and his sons Izaim and Agim remained in the house. Early on the morning of **25 July 1998**, at about 06:00h, Serb forces shelled the village. In addition to his sons Izaim and Agim, two neighbours, Burim and Skender, were also with Selman, having spent the night there. Izaim, Burim and Skender left the house and set off towards the mountains. As he left, Izaim told his father and brother that they too should make for the mountains as soon as possible. That was the last time he saw them alive. For a long time nothing was known of Selman and Agim. After the war, the family returned to the village. They found the house burnt, but no trace of Selman and Agim [**Carralevë/Crnoljevo**]. In September 1999, their bodies were found in a grave in Belincë/Belince. The family recognised them from their clothes. They buried them the same day at the cemetery in Carralevë/Crnoljevo. In October 2000, international forensic experts exhumed the bodies. Following identification, they were returned to the family and reinterred at the village cemetery.

**Sources:** statement of I.S, HLC-36717; statement of I.S, HLC-23579; HLC, *List of missing persons from period July – August 1998*, HLC-859.

### Haki (Ilaz) Ilazi

(born 1906, Albanian from Zborc/Zborce, Shtime/Štimlje municipality, six children)

Haki lived with his sons Nazmi and Kadri and their families in Zborc/Zborce. In late July of 1998, Serb forces began to shell the surrounding villages. On **25 July 1998**, shells fell on Zborc/Zborce. Along with the other residents, the household sought shelter in the nearby woods. Haki remained at home, as he was bedridden. His sons carried him to a small cottage on the farm and left him lying on a foam rubber mattress. Serb forces surrounded the village [**Zborc/Zborce**] and set fire to the houses. Nazmi managed to get back into the village after several days and found Haki's charred body in the Ilazi's home and buried him in Bujan/Bujance

[Lipjan/Lipljan municipality].

**Sources:** statement of K.R, HLC-23617; statement of B.B, HLC-36722; photography, HLC-25052.

### Nesret (Rexhep) Abazi

(born 14/01/1975, Albanian from Belincë/Belince, Shtime/Štimlje municipality, unemployed, single, member of KLA)

Nesret had completed secondary school. He often went with KLA soldiers to Albania, and his father gave him money to buy a rifle there. When Serb forces began to shell the village early on the morning of **25 July 1998**, Nesret and a group of his comrades-in-arms were in the nearby woods. Eventually, they began to withdraw from the woods, crossing the asphalt road to hide under a bridge near the village. The Serb forces spotted them and targeted the site. Nesret was killed instantly [**Belincë/Belince**]. Nesret's father was watching when his son was killed, got to the place quickly and carried him into a nearby house. Because of the uninterrupted firing, he had to remain there for two days. Serb forces then entered the village and all the inhabitants fled. Nesret's body remained in the house. Members of the Serb forces buried him at the Muslim cemetery in Belincë/Belince. In September 1999, his family returned to the village, found the grave, exhumed the body and reinterred it at the same place. After the war, in October 2000, Nesret's body was removed to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Belincë/Belince.

**Sources:** statement of R.A, HLC-23574; statement of A.V, HLC-36715; photography, HLC-25051; ICTY, IT-02-54 (S. Milošević), Ex. D312.52, HLC-30993.

### Ruzhdi (Islam) Salihu

(born 15/08/1961, Albanian from Zborc/Zborce, Shtime/Štimlje municipality, two children, member of KLA)

Ruzhdi joined the KLA in May 1998. When Serb forces began to shell **Zborc/Zborce** early in the morning of 25 July 1998, Ruzhdi's family fled with the rest of the inhabitants,