

Bratislav was commander of the 352<sup>nd</sup> unit of the Engineer Regiment. He was killed on **11 August 1998** in **Gramaçel/Gramočelj** in a battle against the KLA.

**Sources:** SV SRJ, *Junaci otadžbine*, 29; KMC AFRY, *Persons died.*, HLC-10832; GSM DTC, *List.*, HLC-8817.

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### **Xheladin (Sahit) Mushkolaj**

(born 3/11/1939, Albanian from Gramaçel/Gramočelj, Deçan/Deçani municipality, farmer, six children)

When Serb forces attacked Gramaçel/Gramočelj on 9 August 1998, Xheladin's wife Gjyke and daughters Nergjivane and Antigona fled the village, whilst Xheladin stayed at the house. Three days later, his family found out that Xheladin had been killed on **11 August 1998** in the village of **Irzniq/Rznić**, during the shelling of that village. The next day, 12 August 1998, Xheladin's cousins, assisted by some KLA members, buried Xheladin in the Isniq/Istinić cemetery. His family transferred his mortal remains in 2000 to the cemetery in Gramaçel/Gramočelj.

**Sources:** statement of G.M, HLC-19244; statement of N.A, HLC-12766.

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### **Hyrë (Dinë) Tahiraj**

(born 1913, Albanian woman from Baballoq/Babaloć, Deçan/Deçani municipality, housewife, one child)

When the war broke out, Hyrë was ill and had difficulty moving around. Her son Ahmet and his wife Shqipe looked after her. At about 10:00h on **12 August 1998**, Serb forces started to shell the village [**Baballoq/Babaloć**]. Ahmet had been working in the field from the early morning. When the shelling started, Ahmet's wife Shqipe brought the children to the field where Ahmet was. Ahmet told them to join the villagers who were heading towards Gramaçel/Gramočelj, while he returned home to fetch his mother. Late that evening, Ahmet arrived in Gramaçel/Gramočelj. He could not get into Baballoq/Babaloć because of the presence of Serb forces. He saw his

house in flames. Two days later, when Serb forces had pulled away from the village, Ahmet and his neighbour Hasim Huma returned to Baballoq/Babaloć, and in the hallway of their charred house found Hyrë's burned body. He wrapped the body in a blanket and buried it in the Tahirajs' estate, at the spot known as *Livadhët e Egra/Divlje livadë (Wild Meadows)*, where she rests today.

**Sources:** statement of Sh.T, HLC-40595; J. Osmani, *Krimet.*, I, 134.

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### **Basri (Hajzer) Beqiri**

(born 25/06/1976, Albanian from Akrashticë/Okraštica, Vushtrri/Vučitrn Municipality, member of KLA)

Basri finished secondary school in Vushtrri/Vučitrn. He joined the KLA on 26 June 1998. He was also active at the local KLA headquarters in Akrashticë/Okraštica. In mid July 1998, he went to Albania for weapons. On his return, he fought in battles in Junik and its surroundings. During combat with Serb forces on **12 August 1998** in **Junik**, a grenade went off near Basri, leaving him seriously injured. His comrades transported him to the KLA field hospital in the *Gacafferri* neighbourhood. On 14 August 1998, he was transported to Tirana, where he died on 18 August 1998 from his injuries. Basri was buried at a cemetery in Tirana.

**Sources:** J. Martinsen, *List.*, HLC-26092; H. Hasani, *Dëshmorët.*, HLC-25596.

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### **Athem (Lush) Selmonaj**

(born 1921, Albanian from Rastavicë/Rastavica, Deçan/Deçani municipality, farmer, six children)

Serb forces shelled the village of Rastavicë/Rastavica on 25 May 1999. Athem's wife Zoje was killed by a shell in the yard [see record]. The next day, on 26 May 1998, Athem fled with his daughters-in-law and grandchildren to his daughter Time's, in the neighbouring village of **Prekolluk/Prekoluka**. When Serb forces started to shell Prekolluk/Prekoluka on **12 August 1998**, all Athem's family members