

fled to Rashiq/Rašić, but he stayed in his daughter's house. Two days later, Athem's son Avni came to Prekolluk/Prekoluka with some cousins. He found their house had been torched and that Athem was missing. His family is still looking for him. His disappearance is registered on the ICRC list of missing persons under ICTC Nr BLG-803266-01.

Sources: statement of A.S, HLC-19240; ICRC, *Persons missing.*, HLC-9795.

Sylë (Pajazit) Qufaj

(born 1/05/1918, Albanian from Prilep, Deçan/Deçani municipality, farmer, three children)

Sylë and his wife were in their house when Serb forces attacked their village on **12 August 1998**. Their son Adem had left the village with his family. He attempted to return home that night, but Serb forces had already entered the village [Prilep]. A few days later, someone phoned Adem to tell him that police had taken his mother to Deçan/Deçane and that she was in Sylë Caçaj's house. Adem was also told that Serb forces had killed his father on 12 August 1998. Three weeks later, when the shooting had stopped, Adem returned to the village and found his father's body buried in the yard behind the house. Later that day, Adem went to the Serb police checkpoint to report his finding. The police came for the body and took it to Gjakovë/Đakovica for post-mortem examination. The following day, after the post-mortem, Sylë's other son collected the body and had it buried later that day in the Prilep cemetery. In July 1999, Sylë's body was transferred to the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Prilep.

Sources: statement of A.Ç, HLC-19241; KMDLNJ, *Buletini*, no. 9, tetor-dhjetor 1998, 121, HLC- 23857; GSM DTC, *List...*, HLC-8817.

Arben (Bajram) Ahmetaj

(born 18/01/1970, Albanian from Glllogjan/Glodane, Deçan/Deçani municipality, member of KLA)

Arben joined the KLA on 28 March 1998. He was commander of air defence in the

Dukagjin/Dukadëni operational zone. He lost his life on **13 August 1998** in clashes between the KLA and Serb forces in the village of **Irzniq/Rznić**. He was buried in the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants in Glodane/Glllogjan.

Sources: statement of Z.S, HLC-12766; H. Hasani, *Dëshmorët...*, HLC-25596; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092.

Malë (Avdyl) Zejnaj

(born 20/05/1954, Albanian from Irzniq/Rznić, Deçan/Deçani municipality, four children, farmer, member of KLA)

After finishing primary school, Malë worked at *Voćnjak (Orchard)* in Irzniq/Rznić. After that, he worked in Switzerland for three years. He returned to Kosovo in early 1998 and joined the KLA on 20 April 1998. He was appointed commander of the unit operating in Irzniq/Rznić. On **13 August 1998**, Malë was killed by Serb forces while on a reconnaissance mission in the area of **Irzniq/Rznić**. He was buried in the Lumbaradh/Ljumbarda cemetery. After the war, his family re-buried him in the Irzniq/Rznić cemetery.

Sources: H. Hasani, *Dëshmorët...*, HLC-25596; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092; statement of Z.S, HLC-12766.

Ruzhdi Beka

(Albanian from Junik, Deçan/Deçani municipality)

Bekë lived in the centre of **Junik**. On **15 August 1998**, KLA members killed Bekë and burnt down his house.

Sources: statement of C.M, HLC-12332; statement of A. B, HLC-31226.

Agron (Haxhi) Thaqi

(born 4/05/1981, Albanian from Skivjan/Skivjane, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, secondary school student, member of KLA)

Agron joined the KLA on 1 June 1998. After completing military training in Glllogjan/Glodane, he was deployed in Zhabel/Žabelj. On **15 August 1998**, Agron and a group of KLA members left for Albania to obtain