

Donji Streoc, Deçan/Deçani municipality, student)

On **19 September 1998** around 10:00h, Naser and his cousin Fitim went on horseback to the mountain above **Strellc i Ulët/Donji Streoc** to fetch some things from a cabin. That afternoon, Naser's family was told that Serb forces had gone up to the mountain, after which they saw smoke coming from that direction. Around midnight, Naser's father was told by his cousin Smajl that Naser had been killed by Serb forces. Two days later, on 21 September 1998, Serb police permitted Naser's family to take possession of his body. They brought it back to the village on the back of a horse. Naser had a bullet above the hip. He was buried later that day in Strellc i Ulët/Donji Streoc.

Sources: statement of B.R, HLC-17049; statement of A.B, HLC-12258.

Canë (Mehmet) Çelaj

(born 9/10/1967, Albanian from Strellc i Ulët/Donji Streoc, Deçan/Deçani municipality, member of KLA)

Canë lived and worked in Montenegro until the outbreak of war in former Yugoslavia. Then he returned with his father Mehmet to Kosovo, to their native village of Strellc i Ulët/Donji Streoc. In early 1998, both father and son joined the KLA. Canë was killed in clashes with members of Serb forces on **19 September 1998** in **Strellc i Ulët/Donji Streoc** and buried on 21 September 1998 at the Strellc i Epërm/Gornji Streoc cemetery.

Sources: statement of A. B, HLC-12258; J. Martinsen, *List.*, HLC-26092; H. Hasani, *Dëshmorët.*, HLC-25596.

Naim (Hysen) Tolaj

(born 6/06/1960, Albanian from Pobërgjë/Pobrđe, Deçan/Deçani municipality, carpenter, three children)

Naim fled the family home with his wife Begije, their children and his mother on 29 May 1998, when Serb forces surrounded Pobërgjë/Pobrđe. They took refuge with relatives in Irzniq/Rznić, and then moved on to Llukë e Epërme/Gornja Luka on **29 September 1998**. Naim then went to **Beleg**

to visit his sister Nushe. He started off on the return journey some time around noon, but from that point on, all trace of him was lost. The family heard from a local Beleg man that a group of masked policemen had intercepted Naim near the bridge in Beleg/Beleg, put him in a jeep and driven off. The family enquired at the Police Station, but without success. After the war, a man from the Klinë/Klina area told Naim's family that he had spoken to Naim in June 1999 in the prison in Leskovac [Serbia]. From then on, nothing is known of what became of him. Naim is entered on the ICRC list of missing persons under BLG-801599-01.

Sources: statement of B.T, HLC-18686; statement of G.G, HLC-6725; statement of T.B, HLC-6726; statement of T.B, HLC-6287; ICRC, *Persons missing.*, HLC-9795; HLC, *People to remember people*, questionnaire HLC-31815.

Burhan (Maxhun) Dërvishaj

(born 21/12/1980, Albanian from Irzniq/Rznić, Deçan/Deçani municipality, member of KLA)

Ekrem (Zekë) Lulaj

(born 8/05/1981, Albanian from Broliq/Brolića, Pejë/Peć municipality member of KLA)

At first, Burhan was involved in the training of soldiers. Ekrem joined the KLA on 20 April 1998 at the local KLA headquarters in his village. He went to Albania several times to obtain weapons. On **14 October 1998**, as Burhan and Ekrem were escorting refugees heading towards Albania, they got into a fight with Serb forces near **Qafa e Milishecit/Miliševačka klisura (Milishec Gorge)**. Both men were killed on the spot. Burhan's remains lie in the Cemetery for Fallen Combatants at Irzniq/Rznić.

Sources: KMDLJ, *Buletini*, no. 9, tetor-dhjetor 1998, 134, HLC-23857; J. Martinsen, *List.*, HLC-26092; H. Hasani, *Dëshmorët.*, HLC-25596.

Aleksandar (Lazar) Dražeta

(born 10/06/1974, Serb from Prishtinë/Priština, member of VJ)

Aleksandar graduated from the Military Academy in the infantry and was accorded