

## Municipality Dragash/Dragaš

### Hashim (Halit) Ajupi

(born 17/09/1981, Albanian from Zym/Zjum, Dragash/Dragaš municipality, secondary school student, single)

Hashim had four sisters and two brothers. They lived with their parents in a house which was some 200 metres, as the crow flies, from the *Trojza* hill above the village. On 13 July 1998, the Serb army, in camouflage uniforms, stationed themselves on that hill. On the night of **17 July 1998**, Hashim and his sister Resmija were watching TV in a room directly facing the *Trojza* hill. The other siblings were in other rooms at the time. At about 22:00h, heavy gunfire rang out, smashing the windows of the room Hashim and Resmija were sitting in [Zym/Zjum]. Resmija heard Hashim cry out in pain, after which he rose from the sofa with his hand to his stomach. She helped him into the hallway, from where they both went out onto a balcony, where Hashim received another bullet, this time in the left arm. Muharrem, their older brother, came from another room and took them both inside. Hashim passed away in his arms. The next morning, Hashim's cousins went up to the *Trojza* hill and asked the soldiers not to shoot while they buried Hashim. They told the soldiers that they had killed the boy. The commander, who had just arrived from Dragash/Dragaš, did not let them bury Hashim in the cemetery. He told them to bury him in their yard instead and say to the press that Hashim had not been killed by the army. That same day [18 July 1998], Hashim was buried in the yard of the Ajupis' house. After the war,

on 15 September 1999, Hashim's family, in the presence of a doctor, exhumed Hashim's mortal remains. The doctor examined Hashim's body and established that he had been killed by two shots, one in the stomach and one in the arm. The Ajupis re-interred Hashim's mortal remains the same day in the cemetery of the village of Zym/Zjum.

**Sources:** statement of R.K, HLC-40611; J. Osmani, *Krimet...*, I, 160.

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### Nexhat (Qazim) Fanaj

(born 25/09/1965, Albanian from Grazhdanik/Graždanic, Prizren municipality, member of KLA, two children)

### Behamir (Rrustem) Memaj

(born 23/10/1973, Albanian from Zhur/Žur, Prizren municipality, member of KLA, married)

In 1998, Nexhat returned from Switzerland, where he had been working, to join the KLA. Both he and Behamir were members of the *Vërrini* Brigade. On **28 July 1998**, Nexhat and Behamir brought some weapons across from Albania and then left for the village of **Buça/Buça**. They stayed in that village for a while. Then they continued their journey with a group of KLA members, but were intercepted by some of the Yugoslav Army soldiers. In the fight that broke out, Nexhat and Behamir were killed on the spot, while the other KLA members were arrested. Nexhat's and Behamir's families recovered their bodies three or four days later and buried them in their respective native villages. After