

and their neighbour Rifat joined the KLA at the beginning of the armed conflicts in Kosovo. They were assigned the task of escorting KLA members who were coming from Albania to the village of Ratishë/Ratiš. They were stationed in a house in the *Shavare* neighbourhood in **Gramaçel/Gramočelj**. Their youngest brother Bashkim was the last person to see the brothers, on the morning of **9 May 1998**, when he brought them some food. The next day, Bashkim and Osmon, the eldest son, found the bodies of their three brothers and that of Rifat Beqiraj. They had numerous bullet wounds. Two weeks later, on 23 May 1998, Bashkim went with some twenty villagers to get the bodies. They buried them in the *Gojani* forest next to the village. A year later [17 July 1999], the bodies of Shemsi, Bajram, Azem and Rifat were exhumed for reburial in the Shaptej/Šaptelj cemetery.

**Sources:** statement of B.M, HLC-19229; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092; H. Hasani, *Dëshmorët...*, HLC-25596.

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### **Dragoljub (Mladen) Ristić**

(born 3/02/1955, Serb from Belgrade, two children, member of MUP RS)

Dragoljub, a.k.a. “Švaba”, completed a police officer training in 1978 and immediately afterwards began working for Belgrade police department. He lived with his wife Dragica, son Slaviša and daughter Sanja in Belgrade’s *Bežanijska kosa* borough, in a flat he got from the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Serbia – MUP. At the onset of conflicts in Kosovo, he was transferred to the area of **Baballog/Babaloc** village. On **10 May 1998**, at around 17:00h, Dragoljub went to help his colleague enable a cannon to fire. While moving towards the cannon, he was hit by a sniper. He was rushed to the hospital in Prishtinë/Priština, where doctors declared him dead. Dragoljub was buried on 12 May 1998 in the cemetery at his native village of Potočić.

**Sources:** statement of R.R, HLC-25912; SV SRJ, *Junaci otadžbine*, 61; KMC AFRY, *Persons died...*, HLC-10832; SMIP, *Teroristički...*, III, 9.

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### **Lan (Metë) Dobraj**

(born 1918, Albanian from Gramaçel/Gramočelj, Deçan/Dečani municipality, singer, ten children)

### **Ukë (Bajram) Beqiraj**

(born 1924, Albanian from Shaptej/Šaptelj, Deçan/Dečani municipality, farmer, two children)

### **Bekë (Sadri) Muslijaj**

(born 15/05/1941, Albanian from Shaptej/Šaptelj, Deçan/Dečani municipality, teacher, six children)

Serb forces entered Shaptej/Šaptelj on the morning of **10 May 1998**. Bekë remained in the village with his son Muhamet, while his wife and two daughters escaped to a nearby forest and hid there for 64 days. Bekë and his son then went to the adjacent village of Gramaçel/Gramočelj. On 10 May 1998, Bekë, Ukë Beqiraj and Lan Dobraj left for Shaptej/Šaptelj to try to retrieve the bodies of Bekë’s brother’s three sons and of another young man from Gramaçel/Gramočelj [see record], but never came back. On 1 July 1998, a shepherd found the bodies of Bekë, Lan and Ukë in a forest near the **Shaptej/Šaptelj** cemetery. Bekë, Ukë and Lan were buried on 2 July 1998 at the Shaptej/Šaptelj cemetery.

**Sources:** statement of A. M, HLC-19250; statement of B. M, HLC-19229.

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### **Haxhi (Misin) Seferaj**

(born 11/07/1940, Egyptian from Hereç/Ereč, Gjakovë/Đakovica municipality, farmer, four children)

Haxhi lived with his son Kujtim and Kujtim’s wife Hereç/Ereč. At the end of April, Kujtim and his wife went to some cousins’ in the village of Treboviq/Trebović. On **12 May 1998**, Haxhi went there to collect them. They took a bus to Hereç/Ereč. In Stelc/Streoc, the bus was forced to stop by Serb police. They ordered Kujtim and another young man off the bus and beat them. After that, they were allowed to get back on the bus. Fearing the police would stop the bus again, Kujtim got off the bus and continued towards Hereç/