

Towards the beginning of June 1998, Hashim's family were ordered by Serb forces to leave **Bardhi i Madh/Veliki Belačevac**. Most of the villagers left the village at the time. Hashim did not want to leave, but stayed home with his brothers Halim and Brahim and their sons. On **27 July 1998**, Hashim and his uncle Ejup put their cattle out to graze at the place called *Kalaja*, near the river. Shortly afterwards, Serb forces opened fire on them. First they shot Ejup in the leg, and then Hashim in the head and leg. Ejup died not long afterwards. Later that day, Halim and Brahim recovered Hashim's body, with prior approval by the police, and buried him in the village cemetery. The ICTY pathologists exhumed his body in September 2000 for forensic examinations at the Forensic Medicine Institute in Rahovec/Orahovac. Hashim's family recovered his mortal remains in October 2000 and re-buried them in the cemetery in Bardhi i Madh/Veliki Belačevac.

**Source:** statement of B.T, HLC-14494.

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### **Fejzullah (Salih) Sogojeva**

(born 1941, Albanian from Graboc i Ulët/Donji Grabovac, Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje municipality, tyre repairman, seven children)

During the war, Fejzullah helped the KLA by digging trenches and bringing them food and clothing. On **15 August 1998** he was digging trenches in **Graboc i Ulët/Donji Grabovac**. At one point, he went to collect some stray livestock animals from his field. As he walked across the field of Arben Statovci, he was shot by a sniper. His neighbour Cen Sogojeva and his wife brought him into the house and then put him into a car and drove to the KLA field hospital in Gradicë/Gradica [Glllogoc/Glogovac municipality]. Two days later he was transferred to the hospital in Prishtinë/Priština, and thence, the following day, to a hospital in Belgrade. Five days later he succumbed to his wound. On 4 September 1998, Fejzullah's body was transferred to Prishtinë/Priština to be buried in the Dragodan cemetery.

**Source:** statement of C.S, HLC-14491.

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### **Salih (Sejdi) Topalli**

(born 1936, Albanian from Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje, pensioner, five children)

On **26 September 1998** Salih was walking his nephew Ismet home. Ismet had come to visit him three days before. They were heading for Bajicë/Banjica [Glllogoc/Glogovac municipality], where Ismet's family was. When they reached a forest near the village of **Sllatinë/Velika Slatina**, they saw smoke and heard shooting. Ismet left Salih there and continued to Bajicë/Banjica. Later that day, Ismet met a man from Korroticë e Epërme/Gornja Koretica [Glllogoc/Glogovac municipality], who had been in the forest near Sllatinë/Velika Slatina with Salih. The man told him that Serb forces had opened fire, killing Salih instantly. A few days later, Ismet found out that Mehmet Xharrahu had discovered Salih's body in the forest on 26 September 1998, and had buried him. After the war, in July 1999, the Topallis transferred Salih's body to the cemetery of his native village of Bajicë/Banjica.

**Source:** statement of R.V, HLC-16518.

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### **Desimir (Dušan) Prodanović**

(born 17/04/1969, Serb from Prishtinë/Priština, engineer)

Desimir was born in Foča [BiH]. He worked at the *Belačevac* mine. On **3 November 1998**, at around 18:00h, he came to **Graboc i Ulët/Donji Grabovac** to pick up some co-workers who were repairing a conveyor-belt for coal. After a while, the first vehicle, carrying Desimir and Dragiša Stjepanović, came under automatic fire. Desimir, struck with several bullets, passed out. He was rushed to the Military Medical Academy (VMA) in Belgrade in a state of coma. He died on 5 November 1998, and was buried in Foča.

**Sources:** GSM DTC, *List...*, HLC-8817; KMC AFRY, *Persons died...*, HLC-10832; Sindikat radnika JP Elektrokosmet, *Stradanja...*, 16; *Dnevnik od 4. do 10. novembra*, *Ilustrovaná politika*, HLC-32279; SMIP, *Teroristički...*, III/906.

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