

home. The next few hours the Sejdius spent at home, scared by the intense shooting and the helicopters overflying their old house and shooting at their new house in the yard. At one point, Ilir, their next-door neighbour, came over to ask what was going on. The shooting then intensified, so Ilir could not return home. He and Nazmi hid themselves in the basement of the new house. Around 15:30h, a tank stormed the yard, followed by a group of policemen shooting at the house. They broke the door open and entered the room where Beqir, Bedri and Bekim were. Beqir was holding Besnik on his lap. The soldiers cursed and kicked the household members, driving them out into the yard and ordering them to lie on the ground. They beat the men, accusing them of being terrorists. At one point, someone opened fire at the Serb forces from the barn, and Beqir, Bekim and Bedri ran across the yard in an attempt to escape. At the same time, Nazmi started running from the new house to the old one. At that moment, the members of the Serb forces opened fire on them. Nazmi was hit first, in the back, followed by Bekim, who tried to take cover behind the tank. Beqir and Bedri were shot some 30 metres away from the new house. Soon afterwards, the policemen drove Ilir out of the basement of the new house and took him away to an unknown location. The same evening, after 20:00h, when Serb forces had left the Sejdius' yard, some neighbours brought Bekim's and Nazmi's bodies into the house. The next day, around 15:00h, mother Abide and some neighbours found the bodies of Beqir and Bedri. Outside the barn they found the body of Beqir Rexhepi, without knowing how he got there. Ilir's family recovered his body on 3 March 1998 from the morgue in Prishtinë/Priština. Later that day, Ilir, Beqir, Bedri, Nazmi and Bekim were buried in the cemetery in Likoshan/Likošane, alongside other victims who died on 28 February 1998.

**Sources:** statement of A.S, HLC-15198; statement of A.S, HLC-12038; statement of H.N, HLC-1519-9; statement of Z.R, HLC-1540; statement of B.R, HLC-12049; statement of Z.R, HLC-12043; statement of Z.R, HLC-12035; statement of Z.R,

HLC-15401; SHFDUÇK, *Feniksët...*3, 87-89; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092.

### Muhamet (Isuf) Gjeli

(born 18/01/1928, Albanian from Likoshan/Likošane, Gllgoc/Glogovac municipality, pensioner, 10 children, member of KLA)

### Naser (Muhamet) Gjeli

(born 24/02/1959, Albanian from Likoshan/Likošane, Gllgoc/Glogovac municipality, three children, member of KLA)

Muhamet had worked as a excavator-operator until retirement. He lived with his son Naser, and his other son Kadri lived right across the street with his wife and children. Muhamet and Naser joined the KLA in the villages of Gllgoc/Glogovac and Skënderaj/Srbica. On **28 February 1998**, early in the morning, Kadri went to work at the *Feron-kl* factory. Around 11:30h, after hearing shooting [from Qirez/Ćirez and **Likoshan/Likošane**], Kadri's sons Bekim and Fatmir fled into a forest, along with other young men from the Imeri neighbourhood. Ilir, third of Kadri's sons, hid in his grandfather Muhamet's attic, from where he could see what was happening outside. He saw tanks and helicopters. Muhamet and Naser grabbed their weapons and climbed to the "kula" [the top floor of Muhamet's house]. They offered resistance right up until being killed. Late in the afternoon, Ilir saw the police loading his grandfather's and uncle's bodies onto a lorry. He also saw the lorry leaving for Likoshan/Likošane. Kadri recovered his father's and brother's bodies from the Prishtinë/Priština hospital morgue on 2 March 1998. Muhamet and Naser were buried on 3 March 1998 in the cemetery in Likoshan/Likošane, along with other villagers who lost their lives.

**Sources:** statement of S.G, HLC-15623; *Pod Lupom: Kosovo-ljudska prava u vreme oružanih sukoba*, Buletin no 26, HLC, Belgrade, May 1998, HLC-20114; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092; KMC AFRY, *Persons died...*, HLC-10832.

### Abide (Sylejman Hetemi)

#### Ramadani

(born 1942, Albanian woman from Qirez/Ćirez, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, housewife, seven children)