

At the time of the attack on the village of Likoshan/Likošane on **28 February 1998** [see records], Abide, her husband Ramadan and their daughters and sons were lying on the ground in their house in Qirez/Ćirez. They heard the sound of a helicopter flying towards Likoshan/Likošane and then back. They also heard shots being fired from the helicopter at the school, located some 300 metres from their house in **Qirez/Ćirez**. At about 13:30h, Abide went out into the yard to fetch some water from the well and was shot in the head while hauling a bucket of water up from the well. Ramadan saw her collapsing, bolted out of the house and carried her in. Very soon she passed out. Over the next few days, she occasionally regained consciousness. Their village was surrounded by police for days. Ramadan asked permission to take his wife to the Hospital, but it was not granted. On 12 March 1998, Ramadan borrowed a horse with a cart and took Abide through forest to the Hospital in Mitrovicë/Kosovska Mitrovica. He returned to the village on 16 March 1998, bearing his wife on the horse-cart, dead. The Ramadanis buried Abide that same day in the village cemetery. Because of the police, who were still present, only a few villagers dared attend the funeral.

**Sources:** statement of S.R, HLC-40655; J. Osmani, *Krimet...*, II, 305.

### **Iba (Tahir) Rama**

(born 13/07/1961, Albanian from Qirez/Ćirez, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, street vendor, four children)

### **Smajl (Behram) Behrami**

(born 6/07/1970, Albanian from Baks, Skënderaj/Srbica municipality, university student)

On the morning of **28 February 1998**, Liman Ademi and Iba Rama were selling cigarettes as usual in the centre of Qirez/Ćirez, and listening to the shooting in the Likoshan/Likošane and *Prekaz* neighbourhood of **Qirez/Ćirez**. At around 15:00h, four police *Lada Niva* vehicles drove past them. The last two vehicles stopped next to Iba and Smajl. Four

policemen stepped out and ordered them to lie on the ground, cursing them. Then they shoved them into the back of one of the vehicles, where they saw Smajl from the village of Baks. Soon afterwards, the policemen threw Liman out of the car to make more room, and continued towards Likoshan/Likošane with Iba and Smajl.

Smajl was the only son in his family. On the morning of 28 February 1998, he had been fixing his yard fence. Around 11:00h, he left for a forest to obtain some wood. His family did not know until the next evening that Smajl had been apprehended by the police as he was walking through the village, forced into the police car and driven off to Qirez/Ćirez.

The next day, on 1 March 1998, the Behrami and Rama families found out that Iba and Smajl had been killed and that their bodies were being kept in the morgue in Prishtinë/Priština. On 3 March 1998, Iba and Smajl were buried in the cemetery in Likoshan/Likošane.

**Sources:** statement of S.R, HLC-15201; statement of S.H, HLC-12045; statement of R.I, HLC-12044.

### **Hajdin (Vesel) Makolli**

(born 6/08/1940, Albanian from Çikatovë e Vjetër/Staro Čikatovo, Glogoc/Glogovac municipality, machinist, five children)

Hajdin worked at the *Feronikl* factory in Glogovac/Glogoc. On **1 March 1998**, around 15:00h, Hajdin returned home to **Çikatovë e Vjetër/Staro Čikatovo** from work. As he was walking with his son Milaim between their new and old houses, he was shot in the left thigh. The bullet was fired from the police checkpoint near the primary school, some 400 m from the Makollis' house. His brother Tahir and son Milaim drove him to the village infirmary, where his bleeding was stopped, after which they took him to a hospital in Prishtinë/Priština. He was discharged from hospital on 7 March 1998 and joined his family in Çikatovë e Vjetër/Staro Čikatovo, where he stayed until July. Fear of the Serb forces positioned near the *Feronikl* factory at the time, drove the Makollis to flee to