

was hiding in a house not far from that of Sahit, heard gunshots, followed by the sound of a lorry. In the evening, after the police had withdrawn from the village, Brahim went to Sahit's house and found Ardian's body there, with three gunshot wounds in the head. He saw trails of blood inside the house but no other bodies. The Deliu family buried Ardian on 1 June 1998 in the cemetery in Poklek i Ri/Novi Poklek. On 15 June 1998, the families of the missing men lodged a criminal complaint with the District Prosecutor's Office in Prishtinë/Priština, but no investigation into this crime has been opened. The families were told by many people that the bodies of Sahit, Ferat, Ble-rim, Safer, Muhamet, Hajriz, Ramë, Ahmet and young Fidaïm had been transported in a lorry to the *Feronikl* factory and burned there. Sahit, Ferat, Blerim, Safer, Muhamet, Hajriz, Ramë, Ahmet and Fidaïm are listed on the ICRC list of missing persons under BLG-803476-01, BLG-801959-01, BLG-801851-01, BLG-801081-01, BLG-800848-01, BLG-800848-02, BLG-802900-01, BLG-801922-01 and BLG-802084-01 respectively.

**Sources:** statement of D.H, HLC-20234; statement of Z.Q, HLC-20239; statement of B.S, HLC-20233; statement of H.Q, HLC-20236; statement of F.H, HLC-20235; statement of Xh.A, HLC-20238; statement of A.B, HLC-20232; statement of N.B, HLC-20237; statement of H.D, HLC-20243; OSCE VMK, *Human Rights...*, 191, HLC-16916; KMDLNJ, *Buletini*, no. 7, april-june 1998, 45-47, HLC-23816; KMDLNJ, *Buletini*, no. 9, october-december 1998, 37-39, HLC-23857; ICRC, *Persons missing...*, HLC-9795; HRW, *Violations...*, 42-47, HLC-31132.

### **Vehbi (Xhemë) Tafa**

(born 3/03/1951, Albanian from Carralevë/Crnoljevo, Shtime/Štimlje municipality, carpenter, seven children)

### **Fehmi (Xhemë) Xhema**

(born 17/02/1953, Albanian from Carralevë/Crnoljevo, Shtime/Štimlje municipality, bricklayer, five children)

The brothers Vehbi and Fehmi lived in Carralevë/Crnoljevo with their families. On **13 June 1998**, Vehbi set out on his

tractor for Shtime/Štimlje to get some fuel oil, but never returned home. The next day [**14 June 1998**], Fehmi left for nearby Pjetërshicë/Petraštica [Shtime/Štimlje municipality] in the company of some relatives, in order to try to find out what had happened to his brother. He did not come back home either. The International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia established at the trial of Fatmir Limaj and others that Fehmi Xhema had been detained in the KLA-run prison camp in **Llapushnik/Lapušnik** from 13 June 1998 until an unknown date before 25 or 26 July 1998, and subjected to cruel treatment.

The mortal remains of the brothers were found in September 2003 at the cemetery in Mirenë/Mirena [Lipjan/Lipljan municipality]. The report on the post-mortem examination performed on Fehmi's mortal remains on 13 October 2003 indicates an exit wound in his chest area as being the cause of his death. The Tafas buried Fehmi's mortal remains on 11 February 2005 in the cemetery in Carralevë/Crnoljevo. Vehbi's mortal remains were handed over to his family on 28 July 2006. Later that day they buried him in the same cemetery.

**Sources:** statement of H.Xh, HLC-11626; statement of M.T, HLC-26770; ICTY, IT-03-66 (F. Limaj et al.), judgment, 30.11.2005, [http://www.hlc-rdc.org/index.php?lid=sr&show=PravdaIReforma&int\\_cid=119&cat=Transkripti/Predmet-Limaj-i-drugi-\(-IT-03-66-\);](http://www.hlc-rdc.org/index.php?lid=sr&show=PravdaIReforma&int_cid=119&cat=Transkripti/Predmet-Limaj-i-drugi-(-IT-03-66-);) OMPE, *Remains...*, HLC-15297; HLC, *People to remember people*, questionnaire, HLC-27001.

### **Slobodan (Blagoje) Mitrović**

(born 26/02/1958, Serb from Suharekë/Suva Reka, tradesman, two children)

### **Miodrag (Atanasije) Krstić**

(born 10/09/1964, Serb from Reqan/Rečane, Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality, four children, member of MUP RS)

### **Milovan (Atanasije) Krstić**

(born 10/10/1969, Serb from Reqan/Rečane, Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality, mechanical engineer, two children)

The brothers Miodrag and Milovan and