

Montenegro] on the tripoint of Albania, Montenegro and Kosovo. Some Albanians from Plav buried him in the village of Vataj. On 21 May 1998, his family transferred his mortal remains to the cemetery in his native village Llaushë/Lauša [Podujevë/ Podujevo municipality]. After the war, the Kosovo Interim Government declared him a fallen combatant.

Sources: statement of F.F, HLC-37111; SHFDUČK, *Feniksët...* 2, 81-84; J. Martinsen, *List...*, HLC-26092; S. Zhitia, *Deshmoret e UÇK...*, 27, 28.

Murat (Tahir) Berisha

(born 15/03/1927, Albanian from Leshan/ Lješane, Pejë/Peć municipality, bricklayer, five children)

Murat's family was a frequent target of the Serb police from 1992, when Murat's nephew Tahir Berisha killed two policemen before himself being killed by the police. The police kept on harassing the Berisha family. On 12 May 1998, at about 02:30h, a hand grenade was thrown into the room in which Murat slept with his wife Haxhere [Leshan/ Lješane]. Murat was seriously wounded. The next day, his family members transported him to the hospital in Pejë/Peć, and thence to the hospital in Prishtine/Priština, where he succumbed to his wounds four days later, on 17 May 1998. His wife Haxhere recovered his body on 18 May 1998 from the morgue of the Prishtinë/Priština hospital and headed for Leshan/Lješane in order to have him buried there. The police, however, did not let her enter this village, so she had Murat buried in the village of Bubavec/Bošovac [Malishevë/Mališeve municipality]. It was only on 21 August 1999 that she managed to transfer Murat's body to Leshan/ Lješane, their home village.

Source: statement of H.B, HLC-14027.

Ahmet (Sali) Avdimetaj

(born 20/09/1935, Albanian from Pejë/Peć, janitor, married, no children)

Ahmet was the janitor at the *Shaban Spahiu* Primary School in Pejë/Peć. On 21 May 1998, he set off to visit his brother in Strelc

i Epërm/Gornji Streoc [Deçan/Dečani municipality], taking the road through **Loda/Loxhë**. There he was stopped by Serb police, who severely beat him and another man from Isniq/Istinić village. They released him three days later, on 24 May 1998. When he came home, Ahmet was in a serious condition. The ambulance took him to hospital, where he received treatment. On the night of 25 May 1998, Ahmet lost consciousness and died in the morning as a result of the beatings. He was buried the same day in the cemetery in Pejë/Peć. After the war, his wife discovered that persons unknown had dug up Ahmet's grave in early June of 1999 and taken the body away. It has not been found to this day, and Ahmet is entered on the ICRC list of missing persons under BLG-804831-01.

Sources: statement of S.A, HLC-37804; ICRC, *Persons missing...*, HLC-9795.

Sadri (Metë) Komoni

(born 14/06/1933, Albanian from Pejë/Peć, removals man, three children)

Sadri lived with his family in the *Dardania I/Brežanik I* borough of **Pejë/Peć**, on Dušan Mugoša Street. On the evening of 25 May 1998, Sadri went over to his neighbour Ali Kasumi to listen to the news with him. At about midnight, he was on his way home. As he failed to return home by the next morning, his family went to the police, but they had no information on Sadri. Later that day, the family found Sadri's body in the morgue of the Pejë/Peć Hospital. Sadri was buried in the Town Cemetery in Pejë/Peć. A neighbour subsequently told his family that on the night of 25-26 May 1998, he had seen from his balcony Sadri being stopped in front of his house by a Serbian-speaking man, who had descended from a red car. He allegedly asked Sadri for his name and, after Sadri told him, shot him.

Sources: statement of G.K, HLC-14768; KMDLNJ, *Buletini*, nr. 7, prill-qershori 1998, 178, HLC-23816; KMC AFRY, *Persons died...*, HLC-10832; *Pod Lupom: Kosovo-ljudska prava u vreme oružanih sukoba*, Buletin nr. 26, HLC, Belgrade, May 1998, HLC-20114.