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LATEST FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO (INITIAL OPERATION CLOSING DOWN).

Pristina, Kosovo - Monday morning, February 19th, 2018
ES2RR, OG2M, OH1MA, OH2BH and Z62FB left Pristina and crossed the Albanian border at 2PM today on their way to their Albanian homes. They plan to work on antennas at ZA1EM and ZA1F tomorrow before finally heading to their respective countries on Wednesday. They left a piece of their hearts, and left their Kosovo operating sites in intact for their return over the weekend of the ARRL DX (SSB) Contest in two weeks.

The first Kosovo activation resulted in 81,478 QSOs with 26,487 individual callsigns. Of the total number of QSOs, some 22% (17,876) were from North America and 10% (8255) were with DXers in Asia. Europe was obviously dominating with 66% (53,725) QSOs.

Delegates from ten (10) different countries were part of the initial activity. They returned home with many fond memories of this now 10 year old Republic, which was finally granted DXCC status on January 21, 2018.

The festivities surrounding Kosovo's 10th anniversary were warm and memorable. The entire country - particularly the capital Pristina - were the party grounds, with the main street full of people listening to the open-air street concerts, featuring the famous British singer Rita Ora, a Kosovo native. The evening was cold - below the freezing mark - but the warmth of the occasion overrode the cold February night at 650 meters above sea level.

In the comfort of the city center, the Government of Kosovo offered a memorable reception and luncheon marking Amateur Radio's past ten years toward this memorable day. Martti Laine, OH2BH of Project Goodwill Kosovo and Hans Blondeel-Timmerman, PB2T of the International Amateur Radio Union were personally awarded plaques commemorating their support in making this day happen.

Kosovo's good name is now carved in stone, and many Kosovar voices will continue to penetrate the radio spectrum. A new DXCC counter was born!

Please kindly look at your QSOs in Club Log and at QRZ.com (Z60A). In the case of errors, please allow the group look at problems and correct them accordingly. For a next three weeks, errors will be worked out and the log will be entered into Logbook of the World (LoTW). Early donors will receive their direct QSL cards with others to follow immediately thereafter. Thank you for being part of the first (Z60A) Kosovo activation.

-N7NG

Z68M, KOSOVO. Mome, Z32ZM, informs OPDX that the next two weekends in Feb/March he will be active on all HF bands 160-10 meters using all modes (CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8 and JT65). This will be a ONE MAN DX activity. Mome tells OPDX, [edited] "I have had this licence for a few weeks earlier, but didn't wanted to interrupt & mix-up with the SHARK's Z60A celebration and activity." QSL via ClubLog's OQRS is strongly recommended for direct and Bureau QSL cards. However, for those who wish direct QSLs, but don't have PayPal, Mome is OK on QRZ.com (<https://www.qrz.com/db/z32zm>) and PLEASE USE ONLY WHITE ENVELOPES (Air-Mail envelopes are still target of post office robbery here in Macedonia). QSL cards for this operation

will be printed after this activity with logos & callsigns of main supporters via My PayPal address z32zm@t.mk. Another, bigger activity from Kosovo is planned for later this year and lets hope that by then 6m - 50MHz will be allowed for HAM Radio use. For sure, that will be a BIG PLEASURE for all of us in any case: STAY TUNED ON SIX !"

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