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**DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT:** According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 11th/March, through Sunday, 18th/March there were 231 countries active. Countries available: 1S, 3A, 3B6, 3B8, 3B9, 3C0, 3D2, 3D2/r, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, C9, CE, CE0X, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, H40, HA, HB, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T32, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TN, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9L, VP2E, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XF4, XX9, XZ, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z6, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

\* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3C0W, ANNOBON ISLAND. Operators Yuris/YL2GM, Kaspars/YL1ZF (ex-YL3AIW) and Girts/YL2KL continue to be active as 3C0W from Annobon Island. The team is expected to return to Bioko Island (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea, on March 24th. It was mentioned last week that the logs for 3C0W will probably be uploaded once the DXpedition is over. Also, the 3C3W's whole log was uploaded to ClubLog. They made 30,323 QSOs in less than 10 days of that operation. QSL via YL2GN direct or ClubLog's OQRS (direct or Bureau). See their Web page for more details. Look for the logs to be uploaded to LoTW six months after their operations. For more details and updates, watch their Web page at:

[http://www.lral.lv/3c0w\\_3c3w/index.html](http://www.lral.lv/3c0w_3c3w/index.html)

4V7, HAITI (Correction). Members of the "Lazy DXers Team" will be active as 4V7R from Haiti (NA-096) between October 19-29th. The corrected list of operators mentioned are Fran/EA7FTR, Carlos/EA1DVY, Jose/EA1ACP, Rick/HH2MK, Robert-Jean/HH2JR and David/EB7DX. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via EB7DX. For more details and updates, watch: <http://lazydxers.com/4v7r/index.html>

6E, MEXICO (Reminder). A group of Ham Radio operators from Southern Mexico are once again operating from some Mayan archaeological sites from the Mexican States of Yucatan, Campeche, Tabasco, Chiapas and Quintana Roo, using the special callsign 6E3MAYA until March 21st. Activity is to commemorate the Spring Equinox which was so important to the Mayan culture. Activity will be on 80-6 meters on CW, SSB, the satellites and the Digital

modes. QSL via XE3N.

8Q, MALDIVES. Wolfgang, OE1MWW, is once again active as 8Q7WK from Mirihi Island (AS-013) until March 22nd. Activity will be holiday style but only on 20 meters FT8. He is operating with a KX3 with 10 watt and a end-fed-half wave vertical antenna. Due to local power generators run by the hotel, the noise level is very high! QSL via his home callsign. Log will be uploaded to QRZ.com, eQSL.cc, ClubLog and LoTW at the end of March.

C6, BAHAMAS. Operators Joe/W8GEX and XYL Janet/W8CAA will once again be active as C6ADX and C6AYL, respectively, from Exuma Islands (NA-001) between March 19-26th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using SSB and the Digital modes. They will be using an Icom 756 ProIII with an Elecraft KPA500 into a TransWorld Antennas TW2010 Traveler HF Portable Vertical antenna. QSL via their home callsigns direct only.

CN2, MOROCCO. A Lithuanian/Russian team is expected to be active as CN2AA during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) as a Multi-Single entry. Operators mentioned are Rolandas/LY4A, Eugene/RK3AD, Yuri/RL3FT, Oleg/RM9I, Alex/RN2FA, Sergey/RU9I, Babayan/UA3ASZ and Ruslan/UA4Z. QSL via UA2FM and LoTW. See more details and pictures at: <http://www.cn2aa.com>

CY9C ST. PAUL ISLAND DXPEDITION (Update). Randy, N0TG, informs OPDX [edited]: Planing continues for activation August 1-9th. Details and updates are posted on the DXpedition Web site <<http://www.CY9C.com>>. Any donations go toward boat cost, shipping, fuel, logistics and are appreciated and helpful. As a small thank you for donors, logs will be checked at the end of the DXpedition, and if you are in the log QSLs will be sent automatically. We are looking forward to not only working the traditional bands/modes but also EME, FT8, SAT, RTTY, 60m. Logs/QSLing will be available via ClubLog and also LoTW as soon as possible.

D4, CAPE VERDE. Luca, HB9OBD, is once again active as D44KIT from Sal Island (AF-086), at Kite Beach, until March 25th. Activity will be on 40/20/15 meters using SSB and FT8. Most of his activity has been on 40/15 meters FT8. Watch his nights and mornings. QSL via his home call-sign, LoTW or eQSL.

EF9, CEUTA AND MELILLA. Jorge, EA9LZ, will be active as EF9R from Ceuta during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th). QSL via EA5KB direct or LoTW.

FT/W & FT/G, CROZET AND GLORIOSO ISLANDS (Will Probably Stay Rare For Now). A letter written by Sebastien, F5UFX, was sent out to the media this past weekend explaining the status of Amateur Radio from the French oversea territories and their project for an expedition to Crozet and Glorioso Islands. Currently, DXpeditions to Crozet (FT/W) and Glorioso Islands (FT/G) seem unlikely due to the many TAAF island restrictions for protecting the birds, ecosystems and safeguarding biodiversity. The length of the letter is too long to publish here, but can be read online at the following Web sites:

DXNEWS.COM - <https://dxnews.com/crozet-glorioso>

DX-WORLD.NET - <https://dx-world.net/project-for-an-expedition-to-crozet-and-glorioso-islands>

PLEASE NOTE: As of March 10th, both Crozet (FT/W) and Glorioso Islands (FT/G) are both ranked on ClubLog's "DXCC Most Wanted List", #3 and #13, respectively.

HF VOYAGER. David, AA6YQ, author of DXLab - "Better DXing Through (Free) Software", posted the following: "Jupiter Research Foundation Amateur Radio Club (JRFARC) has integrated an HF transceiver with an autonomous ocean-going drone. Our mission is to deploy a ham radio station that roams the world's oceans while providing an opportunity for amateur radio operators everywhere to make contacts with rare locations.

"We sent this new Voyager out to the open ocean on its way to California on January 15th, 2018 as a passenger on the JRF HUMPACs mission. As they search for 'missing' humpback whales, JRF's pilots will guide HF Voyager to sections of the Equatorial North Pacific that are not normally available

to ham operators. The station will use FT8 and PSK-31 on the 20 meter band as its primary operating modes. You may also find it using WSPR in times of poor propagation." See <http://www.jrfarc.org/hf-voyager/> The portal in <http://hfvportal.jrfarc.org/> takes a minute or two to display data.

The club plans to give a certificate of recognition to operators worldwide that have a confirmed contact with the HF Voyager. In the future we hope to collaborate with Amateur Radio organizations and publishers to sponsor operating events and contests for HF Voyager contact milestones. Gridsquare collectors, maritime operating fans, Islands on the Air participants, and all other hams interested in this unique opportunity to make a contact with an autonomous roving maritime station should find this to be an exciting new aspect of their favorite hobby.

Be sure to check out our HF Voyager Blog for updates and schedules:  
<http://www.jrfarc.org/hf-voyager-updates>

#### IOTA NEWS.....

- AS-162. By the time you read this, Yuri, RA0FU, will be active as 3W9CI from Cham Islands, Vietnam, until March 27th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS.
- EU-064. Members of Charente DX Group (CDXG) will be active as TM3Y from Yeu Island IOTA (DIFM AT021) between April 14-20th. Operators mentioned are Franck/F4GBD, Eric/F5LOW, Laurent/F5MNK, Fabrice/F5NBQ, Bertrand/F6HKA and Leon/ON4ZD-OS0S. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via ON4ZD. All QSLs will automatically be sent via the Bureau. ClubLog's OQRS will be available and they will try to upload daily. Visit the CDXG Web page at: <http://www.charentedxgroupe.fr>  
This activity supported by: <http://www.xbstelecom.eu>
- EU-170. Sergio, IZ3NXC, will be active as 9A8NXC from Pag Island between March 30th and April 2nd. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters using SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via ClubLog's OQRS or via IK3GES direct.
- NA-085. Members of the Thomasville Amateur Radio Club (TARC) [W4UCJ] will be activating St. George Island on April 14-15th, between 1200-0200z (April 14th, 8am to 9pm EST). The event callsign W4P has been reserved for them to use during this event. They will be running at least 2 radios and swapping between bands and modes as needed. Their Facebook page will be updated with the current frequencies and modes that they are on. They plan to use mostly Dipoles with maybe a vertical and end-fed thrown into the mix. QSL will be via printed cards.
- SA-071. Members of the Curva do Rio Group (CDR) will be active as PR2CI from Couves Island between April 6-8th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. For direct, via PY2AE with SAE and 2 USDs.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA. Take, JG8NQJ, is once again active as JG8NQJ/JD1 from Marcus Island in the Minami Torishima (OC-073, JCG 10007) group as of March 15th, for the next three months. He is usually there to work on the island's weather station. Activity will be limited to his spare time. He will be mainly on 17 meters, but will also be on 20/15/12/10/6 meters using CW and RTTY. QSL via JA8CJY or by the Bureau via JG8NQJ.

JD1, OGASAWARA. Makoto, JI5RPT, will once again be active as JD1BLY from Chichijima Island (AS-031) between May 2-4th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes (NO 6m EME). QSL via his home callsign JI5RPT. His log search will be available on his Web site at:

<http://www.ji5rpt.com/jd1>

He will also use Twitter to inform his real-time activities at:

<http://twitter.com/jd1bly>

KH6, HAWAII. Philip, N2HX, will be active as KH6/N2HX from Maui (BL10pw) between May 2nd and June 1st. Activity will be holiday style using mostly SSB and RTTY. QSL via N2HX.

KH9, WAKE ISLAND. Philip, N7NVK, will be active as KH9/N7NVK from Wake Island (OC-053) starting sometime in April. He will be there on a 3 month rotation and 1 month off. He states, "I will be using an Elecraft KX3 into either a G5RV or a Buddipole, power output will be QRP for now. I will be working split and please have patience with me as I have not been on the receiving side of a pile-up. I do use LoTW, but can only upload when internet is available....which is limited. As of now I do not have QSL cards, but I hope to have some on my next rotation. We do have a US Post Office on the island, but mail is only delivered every two weeks during resupply. I hope to work out the logistics and cost for the QSL cards for those that want them." He also mentions to look for updates in the ARRL DX bulletins.

KP2/NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Operators Ed/K1ZE, Robert/KE0UI and Charles/WA0ROI will be active as KP2/homecall from the rental Mountain Breeze Villa on St. Croix <http://www.MyMountainBreeze.com>. QSL via their home call signs. Also, look for them in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) as a Multi-2 or Multi-Single entry signing as NP2N. QSL via NP2N, direct (USA address) or by the KP2 Bureau.

P4, ARUBA. Andy, AE6Y, will once again be active as P49Y from the P40L-P49Y station at Pos Chiquito, Aruba (SA-036), during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-band entry. QSL via AE6Y or LoTW. For more details about the station, see: <http://www.arubaqth.com>

PJ2, CURACAO (Update/Return To PJ4). By the time you read this, operators Phil/DK6SP and Jamie/M0SDV (17 yrs old) will be active as PJ2/DK6SP and PJ2/M0SDV, respectively, from Curacao (SA-099) between March 17-23rd. Activity will be from the PJ2T station the first three days (March 17-19th), and then from a hotel on Curacao (March 19-23rd) before heading back to Bonaire for the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) signing PJ4V. Operators will stay on Bonaire (SA-006, WLOTA LH-1279) until April 2nd, signing PJ4/DK6SP and PJ4/M0SDV. See OPDX.1355 for details. QSL PJ2/M0SDV and PJ4/M0SDV via M0SDV, direct or by ClubLog's OQRS. Bureau requests are OQRS ONLY! Cards received via the Bureau will NOT be answered. Request direct via OQRS is 3 USDs or direct via Postal Mail 2 USDs to M0SDV (Strictly NO IRCs). QSL PJ2/DK6SP and PJ4/DK6SP via DK6SP, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. QSL cards will be sent via bureau automatically. For direct requests please include 2 USDs and they will be answered as soon as possible. LoTW upload will be done shortly after the activity. There will be LIVE Twitter updates by both <@DK6SP> and <@M0SDV>. The operators will join PJ4DX, PJ4KY and PJ4NX and be active as PJ4V during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) as a Multi-2/High-Power entry. QSL via M0URX's OQRS (preferred) and LoTW.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (March 19-25th).....

Mar/19th AN	Mar/22nd HN	Mar/24th AN
Mar/20th AN	Mar/23rd AN	Mar/25th AN
Mar/21st HN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE <<http://www.bandconditions.com>>:  
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:  
<http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html>  
A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm>  
Also on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GiellaW4hm>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF (March 18th) <[www.qslinfo.eu](http://www.qslinfo.eu)>

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3Z1K via SP1KRF                    II3B via IQ3SD                    OT6M via ON9CC & (L)  
A5A via JH1AJT (O/d)            IT9AAK/IA5 via IT9AAK            P33W via P33W  
C93PA via PA5X & (L)            J6/K1ZZI via K1ZZI (d/L)        PI4YLC via PA5CT  
CE2/IZ2DHM via IZ2DHM (e)      LM90NRRL via (LA-B)            PJ2/M0SDV via M0SDV (O/L)  
CT7/DJ7PR via DJ7PR            LX7I via LX2A                    SD6E via SM6BGG  
CT9/DL3KWF via DL3KWF & (L)    LZ65RCP via LZ1JZ                SN7D via SQ7DQX (L)  
DA200FWR via DK2PU            OE100AIR via OE8AIR            SP307PAF via (SP-B)  
DG8SBX/AM via DG8SBX (d)      OE100BKC via OE3BKC            TC3SO via TA3AER  
DM4X via DK1MAX (L)            OE100EGN via OE5EGN            TJ2TT via I2YSB  
DQ800HRO via DL5KVV            OE100FTE via OE6FTE & (L)      TM0R via F5GGL  
EA8/ON4LBI/P via ON4LBI        OE100GBK via OE8GBK            TO2BC via DL7BC & (L)  
EA8/UA4FER via UA4FER        OE100IIO via OE5IIO            TY2AC via DL9USA (d/L)  
ED5FDC via EA5HT              OE100PKB via OE3PKB            V26PD via NR6M (d)  
EF2A via EA2OT & (L)            OE100RNS via OE3RNS            YR100BA via YO8SGM  
EH3DWN via EA3HKY (L/e)        OE100SGU via OE3SGU (L/e)      YR630SV via YO8AZQ & (e)  
HC5DX via W3HNK                OE100VIE via OE4VIE (d/L/e)    ZS9Z via ZS10IN  
HG5A via HA5KDQ & (L)            OE100YSC via OE3YSC            ZV1C via PU2VCP  
HG5OLDT via HA0KA & (e)        OE100YXK via OE8YXK

(e) eQSL only    (d) direct only    (B) Bureau only    (\*-B) DX's- Bureau  
(O) OQRS only    (C) ClubLog only    (L) LoTW only      (N) No QSL needed  
(I) No IRC        (P) PayPal

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....  
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/DU1/SP5APW>  
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/KH9/N6MZ>  
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/XX9D>

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3B8XF, DM3PYA, EA6FO, F6BHK, F6GCB, J6/K1ZZI, JM1TUY, JY4CI, LU5VV, LU5YS, LZ1JZ, LZ2DF, OA4AI, OK2AB, ON6NA, PU2OKB, PZ5K, TI7/KC5HWB, TY1TT, VU4G, VE2DX, VP2MMF, Z2LA, ZS6WB and ZV5O

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5A1AL, 9U4M, C4I, C81G, JD1BNA, K5D, MW3FCI, OP2A and ZC4A

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!!

T2, TVALU. Tony, 3D2AG, will once again be active as T2AR from Funafuti Atoll (OC-015) tentatively between April 8-15th. Activity will be limited (due to work; 0430-1300z, 1730-2000z) on 160-10 meters as well as 60, 2 and 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, JT65 and FT8. QSL via 3D2AG direct or PayPal.

TJ, CAMEROON (Update/Callsign Change). Members of the Italian Dxpeditio Team (IDT) are now active as TJ2TT (instead of TJ3TT) from the Republic of Cameroon until March 29th. Fabio, IW0BLW, informs that the Ministry has changed their callsign to TJ2TT early morning on March 15th. QSL via I2YSB, direct or by the OQRS on their Web page. Logs will be uploaded to

LoTW about 1 year after the conclusion of the DXpedition. All Sponsors and those who request a direct QSL will have their QSOs uploaded to LoTW. For more details and updates, watch the IDT Web page at:

<http://www.i2ysb.com/idt>

V3, BELIZE. Victor, WB0TEV, will once again be active as V31VP from Blackman Eddy between March 22-27th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters. This will include participation in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band (possibly as a Single-Band)/Assisted/High-Power entry. He states, "After the contest I plan on doing some RTTY with a special session focusing on Asia starting around 2200z on March 26th." QSL V31VP via WB0TEV, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS. No LoTW or eQSL.

VK0/M, MACQUARIE ISLAND. Norbert, VK5MQ, will be active as VK0AI from Macquarie Island (AN - 005) very soon. He is expected to be there with the next winter team for one year. He has an Icom IC-7300 transceiver and a vertical antenna. There are no other details at this time.

VP6D DUCIE ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS. It was reported this week that Ken Karr, NG2H, was added to the VP6D team. You may view Ken's bio on the Team Page at:

<https://www.vp6d.com/index.php/team-members/24-operators/197-ken-ng2h>

XU7, CAMBODIA. Chapli, BG4HRM, will be active as XU7AKL for sometime and working in Phnom Penh with Larry, XU7AEY/VR2VAT. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using a Hexbeam and Inverted V. QSL via BG4HRM, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. ADDED NOTE: Chapli tells OPDX that a DXpedition team will be teaming up between March 21-28th, for the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) as a Multi-Single entry. Operators mentioned are Larry/XU7AEY/VR2VAT, Feng/BG5EFD, Chenxing/BG9XD, Wang/BG9QM, Zhang/BD4DYH and himself/XU7AKL/BG4HRM.

XV9, VIETNAM. Igor, RW0BG, is now active as XV9BG from Phu Quoc Island (AS-128) until March 26th. Activity has been 40/17/15 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

YB, INDONESIA. Hans, YB2DX, will once again be active during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or direct to his home callsign.

Z60A (Press Release). Wayne, N7NG, sent out the following on March 13th: [edited] KOSOVO Z60A WENT QRT LAST NIGHT WITH 98,450 QSOS -- The Z60A activation went QRT at 2020 UTC last night after 30-day-long initial activation of this latest new DXCC entity.

A total of 98,450 QSOs included 30,541 individual callsigns from 174 DXCC entities. The delegates to a variety of support functions and radio operating represented twelve (12) countries. They worked well together in a real ham's spirit and assisted local Kosovar hams in many ways now that they will be on their own among the global amateur radio community. We welcome them most heartily to our family.

The Mission Goodwill Kosovo would like to thank those twenty-eight people who came from near and far, flying and driving to spend these thirty wonderful days together in the Republic of Kosovo:

Z61DX, Z61FF, Z61VB, Z62FB, Z63DBB, DD2ML, DJ5IW, DL3DXX, DL5AXX, DL5CW, DM5TI, ES2RR, G3TXF, IK0FVC, K9JF, OG2M, OH0XX, OH2BH, OH1MA, OH3JR, OM3PC, OM5RW, PB2T, OZ1IKY, S50A, S51F, S57AW and VE7NY

We also would like to thank those people who supported the mission at different points of the long process:

9A5W, K0IR, K1ZZ, K3ZJ, K3ZO, K4MQG, K5FUV, K6RV, K6TA, K8ZTT, K9JF, N0AX, N4MM, N7NG, W3UR, W5IZ, W6SZN, W9KNI, G3BJ, G3TXF, MD0CCE, OH2BH, OH2BN, OH2BUW, PB2T, VE6SH, YV5AM, Mr. Nicholas Cendrowicz of the European Union and Mr. Kreshnik Gashi, ARKEP of Kosovo.

Just on the day of finishing the mission - today - there was a telephone call from Mr. Kreshnik Gashi, Chairman of the Kosovo Telecom administration to OH2BH indicating that just today the new ITU country code +383 and related routing was activated and Kosovo was standing on its own. It did

not bother the spirit even if the minute cost of the initial call exceeded USD 25.00 and worked one-way only.

The Mission Goodwill Kosovo faded into the horizon with many fond memories of the past 10-years. Thank you for being part of it!

A LoTW upload will be done soon and QSLs are at the printers next week.

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