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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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>>> ANDAMAN ISLANDS <<<

Whilst the major devastating event occurred off Sumatra, Indonesia, a strong earthquake hit the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the early UTC hours on 26 December, followed by a tsunami and several heavy aftershocks.

All of the VU4RBI/VU4NRO team members are safe and sound. The DXpedition was suspended and they started providing emergency communications back and forth between Port Blair and the Indian mainland immediately after the first quake. Bharathi, VU2RBI/VU4RBI will leave on 1 January as scheduled, but other team members will stay behind and continue the emergency traffic. Several new operators from India are to arrive in the coming days to help out.

Two team members and one of the VU4NRO stations have been dispatched to Car Nicobar, they are relaying out emergency traffic from that devastated place. The other VU4NRO station is operational from Port Blair; they also are passing emergency traffic. [TNX K4VUD].

3D2_rot - Charlie, HA8IB and Eli, HA9RE (<http://ha9re.fw.hu>) will be active (callsigns TBA) from Rotuma (OC-060) from 27 January until 21-22 February. They plan to operate on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY with two stations, and to participate in the CQ WW 160 Meter CW and ARRL DX CW contests. [TNX HA9RE]

8Q - Owing to the tragic events in that part of the world, Paolo, IK2QPR (8Q7PR) has cancelled his 9-17 January [425DXN 711] trip to the Maldives. [TNX IK2QPR]

CE - Marco, CE6TBN (<http://www.qsl.net/ce6tbn>) will operate as CE6TBN/7 from Ascension Island, Las Guaitecas (SA-043, DICE ICE-704) on 14-16 January. Expect activity on 10-40 metres SSB and CW (QRS). QSL via CE6TBN, direct (Marco A. Quijada Q., P.O. Box 1234, Temuco, Chile) or bureau. [TNX CE6TBN]

CE0_ei - Oystein/LA5QKA, Ole/LA6EIA and his wife Kari/LA8FMA, Terje/LA8BCA, Torbjorn/LA8ELA, Reidar/LA9DK, Norleif/LA9FG, Svein Jarle/LA9KKA, Harald/LA9SN and Soren/OZ1FTU will be active from Easter Island (SA-001) on 8-18 January. They will operate as 3G0YP (CW and digital modes) and 3G0YM (SSB). QSL via LA6EIA (Ole Forr, Frya, N-2647 Sor-Fron, Norway). More information at <http://www.qsl.net/3g0ym> [TNX LA6EIA]

HK0_mal - Pedro Claver Orozco, HK1XX (ex HK1HHX and ex HK0TU in 1990) has announced that the DX Colombia Group (<http://www.dxcolumbia.com>) is organizing a DXpedition to Malpelo Island (SA-007) some time between June 2005 and March 2006. They plan to have 13 operators from Colombia and 7 guest operators from abroad, and to be active on all modes. If interested in participating in the DXpedition,

- please contact Pedro (hklhxx@costa.net.co). [TNX HK1XX]
- I - Club station IQ8LD will be active on 14-16 January for the Asia Radio Aid event organized by ARI Locride (<http://www.arilocri.it>) and the Strange Radio Team (<http://www.strangeradioteam.com>) with the aim of collecting funds to be donated to charity for the peoples hit by the earthquake/tsunami in the Bay of Bengal. Amateurs and SWLs worldwide are invited to participate in this event; for further information please contact the Award Manager (Francesco Spatolisano, IK8YDP) at ik8ydp@virgilio.it [TNX IK8IOI & IZ8EDJ]
- KH2 - Look for Kuro, JH0MGJ to operate as AL5A/NH2 from Guam (OC-026) on 18-20 March. QSL via home call through the JARL bureau. [TNX JH0MGJ]
- LU_so - Willy, ON5AX is visiting Antarctica as a tourist and has been granted permission to operate as LU1ZA from the "Orcadass" base (LU-14 for the Antarctica Award) on Laurie Island, South Orkneys (AN-008). Look for him on 2 January at 14.45 UTC on 21260 kHz and at 20.15 UTC on 14290 kHz. [TNX DL5EBE]
- P4 - Ed, W0YK will be active as P40X from Aruba (SA-036) on 3-11 January. He will operate CW on the low HF and WARC bands, and he will also operate RTTY (ARRL RTTY Roundup included). QSL via home call. [TNX ARRL DX Bulletin]
- R1A_ant - Vlady, RU3HD [425DXN 705] is currently stationed at the Russian base "Novolazarevskaya" (UA-08 for the Antarctica Award, IOTA AN-016) and operates as either R1ANN and RU3HD/ANT. At the moment he is active on 20, 30 and 40 metres, but he plans to install antennas for other bands. QSL via RZ3DJ (Dmitry Tsyplakov, P.O. Box 5/3, Pushkino - 5, 141205, Russia). [TNX RZ3DJ]
- SP - The Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK) celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2005, and several special prefixes and calls will be aired between 1 January and 31 March. Callsigns issued so far include 3Z0IU (SP2IU), 3Z75GFI (SP9GFI), 3Z75IWA (SP7IWA), 3Z75Z (SP8AJC), HF75PZK (SP0PZK), SN75CYG (SQ9CYG), SN75FIH (SQ9FIH), SN75JMR (SP2JMR), SN75NWN (SP9NWN), SP75ECC (SP5ECC), SP75HQJ (SP9HQJ), SP75JCN (SPJCN), SP75PNB (SP9PNB), SP75SOU (SP9SOU), SP75TNX (SP9TNX), SP75YST (SP9YST). SQ75FMU (SQ9FMU), SQ75HQQ and (SQ7HQQ), while the PZK HQ station will use HF75PZK. [TNX SP9JPA]
- TA - Berkin, TA3J will operate as TA3J/60 (six zero, <http://www.geocities.com/ta3j60>) from 1 January to 1 March for the "CQ/60" Operating Activity and the "CQ Gang Award" (see CQ Magazine Anniversary in the "Good To Know" section below). QSL via TA3YJ, direct or bureau. [TNX TA3YJ]
- UR_ant - Willy, ON5AX (see LU_so above) also hopes to operate as either EM1U or VP8DII from the "Akademik Vernadsky" of Ukraine (UR-01) on Galindez Island (AN-006), Antarctica. [TNX DL5EBE]
- VP2V - Curt, W3HQ will operate from Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands (NA-023) for the CQ WW 160 Meter CW Contest. Start looking for him on that band from 26 January to 5 February. He will accept skeds (w3hq@arrl.net) up to 22 January. [TNX NG3K]
- VP5 - Saul, WA1UKN will be active (on 40, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres SSB) as VP5/WA1UKN from Grand Turk (NA-003) and then from North Caicos (NA-002) between 4 and 28 January. QSL via home call. [TNX ARRL DX Bulletin]

- XE - Look for XFlK to be aired from two most wanted IOTA groups in the State of Baja California Sur as follows:
 * Asuncion Island (NA-164) - from around 23 UTC (depending on weather and tide conditions) on 10 January for 72 hours;
 * Santa Ines Island (NA-165) - from around 20 UTC (depending on weather and tide conditions) on 14 January for 48 hours.
 The operators will be Ray/N6VR, Norman/N6JV, Gerardo/XE2Q, Marco/XE2TG, Miguel/XE2UCT Diana/XE2DN and Hector/XE2K. Plans are to have 2-3 barefoot stations active simultaneously on 6-80 metres SSB and CW for 12-16 hours a day. QSL via N6AWD (Fred K. Stenger, 6000 Heskett Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93309, USA). The expedition is supported by IREF (<http://www.islandradio.org>). [TNX XE2K]
- XU - Peter, NO2R will operate as XU7ACY from Sihanoukville, Cambodia on 9-20 January. He plans to concentrate on 40, 80 and 160 metres CW and SSB. QSL via K2NJ. [TNX NG3K]
- YU - The YU CW Club is celebrating its 35th anniversary by using special call 4N35CW. Individual special calls are as follows: 4N35AA (YT1AA), YT35AD (YT1AD), YT35II (YT1II), YT35A (YT6A), YT35AA (YT7AA), YU35AA (YU1AA), YU35BM (YU1BM), YU35CY (YU1CY), YU35DX (YU1DX), YU35GG (YU1GG), YU35HC (YU1HC), YU35MM (YU1MM), YU35MV (YU1MV), YU35NW (YU1NW), YU35RJ (YU1RJ), YU35SB (YU1SB), YU35UB (YU1UB), YU35VT (YU1VT), YU35VV (YU1VV), YU35WR (YU1WR), YU35XW (YU1XW), YU35ZZ (YU1ZZ), YU35AW (YU6AW), YU35DR (YU7DR), YU35EV (YU7EV), YU35YL (YU8YL), YZ35AA (YZ1AA), YZ35AU (YZ1AU) and 4N35GM (4N1GM). [TNX YZ1EW]

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AO-51 & ASIAN DISASTER ---> The following message is from Mike Kingery, KE4AZN, Echo Command Team Amsat VP Operations.

"In an effort to lend any assistance possible to the Earthquake/Tsunami disaster area, we will configure and open AO-51 for use as a store and forward message satellite for those in the disaster area. Therefore at this time we will cancel the current schedule for AO-51. The planned mode change to the FM Repeater in high power will not occur.

AO-51 will be reconfigured at approximately 0305 utc on 30 December to operate as a Store and Forward PBBS. The PBBS will still be open to general amateur use, but amateur operators should be ready to cease BBS operations at any moment, when we start to receive message traffic. We ask that all unattended PBBS operation stop until further notice. AO-51 PBBS users may be requested to help download and forward messages. More information about how

amateur operators can help will be forthcoming.

The FM repeater (Downlink 435.300 Mhz, Uplink 145.920 MHz) will be turned off to allow maximum power to be used on the PBBS downlink.

The configuration for AO-51 PBBS will be or normal setup: Downlink: 435.150 MHz, FM 9600 baud PacSat BroadCast Protocol (PBBS) Unlink: 145.860 MHz FM, 9600 baud PacSat BroadCast Protocol (PBBS)

Anyone that can help contact those in the disaster area and inform them of the Satellite resource is encouraged to do so".

CQ MAGAZINE ANNIVERSARY ---> CQ Amateur Radio magazine will celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2005 and celebrations will include a "CQ Gang" activity to be held from 1 January to 1 March - all those who have ever had an association with CQ magazine may sign "/60" (six zero) after their callsign. Complete rules for the "CQ/60" Operating Activity and the relevant "CQ Gang Award" are at <http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/CQ60> Award Dec04.pdf

PIRATE ---> Your Editor (I1JQJ) has been repeatedly pirated on the packet cluster - is there any need to say that in my limited spare time I like chasing DX and compiling 425 DX News better than posting stupid and nasty announces? Many thanks to all those who have expressed their sympathy to me.

QSL VK4UC ---> The newly printed QSL cards have been received and Kim Larson, daughter of N3SL, has processed just over 400 cards (about 50 of those were direct, the rest went to the ARRL outbound bureau). At the moment the 2002 WPX CW, Oceania Contest and CQWW CW logs are missing. [TNX N3SL]

QSL VK9LA & VK9LW ---> Bill, VK4FW reports that all direct cards received up to 30 December have been answered. A reminder to all: "overseas postage here has increased to \$1.80", Bill says, "a single USD no longer covers return postage".

THE SCOTTISH HAM PORTAL TROPHY ---> The Scottish HAM Portal (<http://www.scotham.net>) introduces a new trophy for Scottish amateur radio stations. The objective of this trophy is to highlight the most active Scottish amateur radio station in the outgoing year. Please send your vote to nominate the most active Scottish amateur radio station in 2004 of your choice via mm0dfv@scotham.net (deadline is 15 January 2005). Everyone is eligible to vote. [TNX MM0DFV]

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LOGS: On-line logs for VP8WWW, VP8WFW, VP8WPF, VP8WMJ and VP8DXL can be found at <http://www.gtdx.com/logs/searchvp8.html>

NEW FORUM: A new forum for the users of DX-clusters can be found at <http://www.gb7mbc.net/forum/> [TNX G0YLM]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3G1A (SA-069), 4K6DI, 4L8A, 4U1UN, 5T5SN, 5W0DL, 9J2HK, 9L1ADA, 9M8PSB (OC-164), 9Y4/N9LAH, A43HI (AS-010), A71EM, BA4DW/4 (AS-146), BW2/JH7BZR, EA9LZ, EK3GM, EM1HO, FO/I1SNW (OC-052), FO/IT9EJW (OC-052), FR1AN, FS/AH8DX, HC8L, HF0QF, HI3TEJ, JT1BG, KG8RP/KH0, KH7X, LR2F, LU8ADX, LZ1BJ/1 (EU-181), OX3DB, T33I, T42D, TI4CF, TN6X, TY5M, V6A, V6O (OC-155), V73B, VK9LA, VP5/AH6HY (NA-003), W9AAZ/HK0, XF4IH, YI1OM, YJ0AII, YV0D, ZB3B, ZC4LI.

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