3D2_r - Preparations for the large multi-national 3D2R DXpedition to Rotuma [425DXN 1049] are going according to plan. The team will meet in Suva (Fiji) on 22 September and depart for Rotuma on the 25th. They expect to be QRV on 27 September and to complete the DXpedition on 7 October. 3D2R will be active on 160-10 metres CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and SSTV, plus 6 and 2m EME, with a focus on Europe and Africa when propagation permits. QSL via YT1AD and LoTW (logs to be uploaded some six months after the expedition). Further information - including log search (to be updated on a daily basis), suggested frequencies and details on how to contribute to this expensive project - can be found at www.yt1ad.info/3d2r/index.html

4W - The bulk of the equipment, including the linear amplifiers, the Titanex V160E vertical, Hexbeam and other antennas, left Darwin, Australia, on 6 September. It has all arrived safely in Dili, Timor-Leste, and is now awaiting the arrival of the 4W6A team next week.

Due to a late change of airline timetable, 9M6DXX and 9M6XRO will not now arrive in Dili before the afternoon of 16 September. The chartered boat taking the team and the equipment to Atauro Island has therefore been rescheduled to later that afternoon. It is likely that only one or two stations will be on the air that day, as the team will run out of daylight before all the antennas can be erected. The remainder of the antenna work will commence at first light the following morning (approximately 21.15 UTC on 16 September) and 4W6A should be fully operational by the morning (UTC) of 17 September.

4W6A will be QRV on all bands 10 to 160 metres, using CW, SSB and RTTY with up to four stations simultaneously. Col, MM0NDX, is the pilot for 4W6A and is responsible for providing feedback to the team. He may be contacted at dxer59[@]gmail.com. QSL via M0URX, direct or bureau (http://m0urx.com/oqrs). The entire log will be uploaded to LoTW as quickly as possible after the end of the operation or, if possible, also during the DXpedition. Log search and further information can be found at www.4w6a.com [TNX 9M6DXX]

7P - Arnold, WB6OJB (7P8JK) and Frosty, K5LBU (7P8CF) will be active again from Lesotho on 14-22 September. QSL via home calls. [TNX The Daily DX]

7P - Pine ZS6OB (7P8EME), Wynand ZS6ARF (7P8QRO), Dick ZS6BUN (7P8BUN), Pieter ZS6PA (7P8PA), Dan HB9CRQ (7P8RQ) and Hermann DL2NUD (7P8HP) will be active from Lesotho on 14-26 September. The group will operate under the call sign 7P8EME and cover all the VHF-UHF frequencies from 50 MHz to 1.296 MHz (4m excluded) on EME, with some activity (mainly CW) on the HF bands as well as on 2 and 6m tropo and Meteor scatter. The operation is under the auspices
of the South African Radio league.

**7Q** - Ely, IN3VZE will be active as 7Q7CE from Malawi between 16 September and 3 October. He will operate holiday style on 80-10 metres SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**A5** - Andy UA3AB (A52AB), Ralph K0IR (A52IR), Paul W8AEEF (A52PP), Pat W0BM (A52PC) and Glenn WOGJ (A51B) will be in Bhutan between 25 October and 1 November. They will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as single band entrants: A52IR on 80m, A52PC on 40m, A52PP on 20m, A52AB on 15m and A51B on 10m. They will be on other bands and modes outside the contest. QSL via home calls. [TNX WOGJ]

**GM** - A team of Belgian operators (ON4HIL, ON4ATW, ON4AHF, ON4VJ, ON5TN, ON7YT and possibly others) will set sail for Rockall (EU-189) on 23 September. The voyage takes about four days: weather and sea conditions permitting, they plan to be QRV as MM0RAI/p for up to 48 hours on 27 or 28 September. Activity will be on 80-10 metres SSB and CW with two stations. QSL via ON4ATW, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at www.rockall.be [TNX ON5TN]

**I** - Guenter, DL3NBI will be active as IA5/DL3NBI from Isola del Giglio (EU-028, IIA GR-002) on 14-22 September. He plans to operate PSK, RTTY and SSB mainly on 20 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

**I** - Look for IP1/IQ1SP (on the HF bands, SSB and CW) and IP1/IK1WVR (on 6 and 2 metres SSB) to be active from Tino Island (EU-083, IIA SP-002) on 16-18 September. The special permission granted by the Italian Navy is for activities to take place only from 8 to 14 UTC each day.

**JA** - Ken, JS3OMH will be active as JS3OMH/6 from various islands (Kodakara, Taira and Akuseki) in the Tokara Archipelago (AS-049) on 8-14 September. He operates CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JR3TVH]

**OZ** - Bernd, DL8AAV will be active as OZ0AV from Laeso Island (EU-088) on 12-24 September. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

**SV** - Fred, PA1FJ will be active as SV8/PA1FJ/p from Thasos Island (EU-174) on 13-19 September. He will operate SSB and CW on 40-6 metres. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

**T5** - Murat, TA1AMC ("a member of the Turkish Ministry of Health's National Medical Rescue Team") is active in his spare time as T5/TA1AMC from Mogadishu, Somalia. DXCC wise, NC1L says this operation "is currently on hold for supporting documentation" (source: The Golist). WFWL, as Murat will be there until around late November. [TNX The Daily DX]

**T8** - Ulf, DL5AXX will be active as T88UE from from Palau (OC-009) on 18-27 September. He will participate in the CQ WW RTTY Contest as T8XX. QSL both callsigns via DL5AXX. [TNX DX World]

**W** - The Pearl River DX Association will be operating memorial station W2WTC (World Trade Center) on 8-30 September, with activity on 17,20 and 40 metres SSB. QSL via K2HJB. [TNX K2HJB]

**W** - Once again Joe, K5KUA will be active as K5KUA/5 from Galveston Island (NA-143) on 17-18 September. He operates CW only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

**YU** - To celebrate and promote the 16th IARU World Amateur Radio Direction Finding Championship, to be held in Serbia next year
(10-15 September), four special callsigns will be in use between now and 20 September 2012: YT16ARDF, YU16ARDF, YT16IARU and YU16IARU. Information on the ARDF event can be found at www.ardf2012.org

ZA - Tevfik, TA1HZ will be active as ZA1TC from Albania until 14 September, including an entry in the WAE DX SSB Contest. QSL via the TA bureau, or direct to TA1HZ.

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DX MAGAZINE MOST WANTED SURVEY ---> The DX Magazine's annual Most Wanted Survey is being conducted now through 15 October. The survey form is available at www.dxpub.com/dx_survey2011.html (please note that it is not a complete list of all DXCC Entities: if you need something that is not listed, simply use the "Additions or Comments" space at the end of the form). The ST0R confirmations are not expected to be available before the deadline for the new Entity to be included in this survey, so South Sudan is not on the form this time.
The overall results will be published in the January-February 2012 issue of The DX Magazine, and the world-wide results will be posted to the web site around 15 January 2012 as well. The breakdown by mode/Low Bands will be published in the March-April 2012 issue of the magazine.

IARU REGION 1 HF BAND PLAN ---> The 22nd General Conference of IARU Region 1, held at Sun City (South Africa) on 13-19 August, made some changes to the Region 1 HF Band Plan. On 40 metres the CW contest preferred segment was withdrawn, and four new 10m FM Repeater channels were introduced which required a shift of the 10m FM Simplex channels. The revised Band Plan can be found at www.iaru-r1.org

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