



**Z6ØK**

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- Radio Equipment: Elecraft K3 (3)  
with Acom amplifiers & wire antennas



To Radio: **OH2BN**

Confirming QSO(s) with : **Z6ØK**

Date	GMT	Band	Mode	RST	QSL
20-Sep-12	1059	15m	CW	599	Tnx
18-Sep-12	0447	20m	CW	599	Tnx
17-Sep-12	1700	20m	SSB	59	Tnx

**WE WELCOME THE RETURN OF KOSOVAR HAMS TO AMATEUR RADIO**

The Republic of Kosovo declared independence on February 17, 2008 and proceeded toward its future in accordance with the UN Envoy's (Ahtisaari) plan and under UNMIK supervision. On September 9, 2012 Kosovo's supervised independence gave way to a fully sovereign state with an ethnic Albanian majority and a Serb minority, totalling some 2 million people. Kosovo is today recognized by 93 UN member states, including the USA, Japan, United Kingdom, Germany, France, the Benelux and Nordic countries.

Mission Goodwill Kosovo, a multinational group of DXers, supported by the International Amateur Radio Union Region 1, was formed in 2006 and it has been assisting the UN Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), the Government of Kosovo and its Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) and the Kosovar hams in their efforts to formally re-establish amateur radio

that was suspended more than twenty years ago.

Finally, on September 17, 2012 new Amateur Radio Regulations ([www.art-ks.org](http://www.art-ks.org)) were introduced and the first eleven Kosovar nationals were licensed. On that same day, the special event station Z6ØK was activated by an international group of those who participated in this mission. IARU R1 President Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T with local operators at the helm made the first Z6 contacts.



Z61VB, Z61BA, Fazli Shala (TRA) and Z61AJ

If you wish to meet those new hams, please look up [qrz.com](http://qrz.com); Z61BA, Z61DD, Z61DX, Z61FF and Z61VB. They need our continuing support as they now appear on the air after a hiatus of twenty years.

In the picture on the front, the happy occasion is featured with Dr. Besim Beqaj, Minister of Economic Development, (including Telecommunications), From the left; Ekram Hoxha, CEO of TRA; Nikola Perčin, Executive Committee Member of IARU R1; Martti Laine, Coordinator of Mission Goodwill Kosovo; The Honorable Minister; Hans Blondeel Timmerman, President of IARU R1; Bob Barden, US Delegate, and Besnik Berisha, Board Member of TRA.

Insert picture: Kosovar hams with their fresh licenses; From left; Mustafa Xhoni, Z61LA; Avni Jashari, Z61AJ; Feti Fazliu, Z61FF; Durmishali Smani, Z61DD; Sabit Zymeri, Z61AA; Agim Sadiku, Z61AS (behind Sabit); Vjollca Belegu, Z61VB; Avni Berbat, Z61AB; Naim Sadiku, Z61NS, and Driton Sadiku, Z61DX.