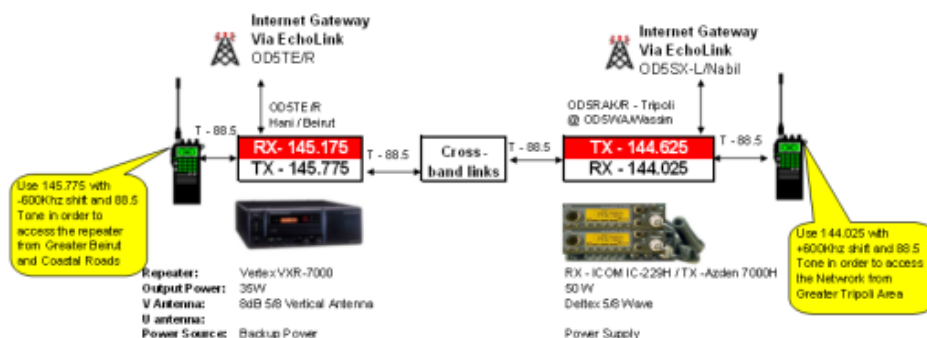


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## Greater Beirut/Greater Tripoli and Coastal area Repeater Network



For the first time in the history of Amateur Radio in Lebanon, hams can now enjoy talking to each other across Lebanon on VHF with, as simple as, an HT. The repeater network is also linked Echolink gateways allowing Lebanese Hams and Friends around the globe communicate with Local hams. Meet us on the repeater Network. Use 145.775 -600kHz T 88.5 from Greater Beirut and 144.025 +600kHz T



UA4HUR in Lebanon hosted by OD5LN

## NASA LOOSES COLUMBIA SPACE SHUTTLE

Three of the seven astronauts who died when the space shuttle Columbia broke up before coming in to land on the 1st of February were radio amateurs. Mission Specialists Kalpana 'KC' Chawla, KD5ESI; David Brown, KC5ZTC; and Laurel Clark, KC5ZSU, were among the crew of mission STS-107 headed by Commander Rick Husband. Amateur radio has a long relationship with the human space flight programme through the Space Amateur Radio EXperiment - or 'SAREX' - and the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station - 'ARISS' - programme. Built in 1981, Columbia was the oldest space shuttle in NASA's fleet and also the first to carry amateur radio, when Owen Garriott, W5LFL, operated from space in 1983.



## LEBANON AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

Lebanon Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) consists of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. Every licensed amateur, regardless of membership in the Radio Amateurs of Lebanon (RAL), the President Rachid Karami Society (PKRS) or any other local or national organization, is eligible for membership in the ARES. The only qualification, other than possession of an Amateur Radio license, is a sincere desire to serve. For more information contact

## RAL NEWS

RAL and the Amateur Radio community have suffered with the loss of its Vice President OD5FE—Elie Eid. RAL members have participated with the burial ceremony and stayed next to his family at the time of need.

RAL Executive Committee have elected OD50D—Fady Bou Dagher to replace him as VP for the remaining term.

OD5CN—Aref Mansour represented Lebanon at the IARU Region 1— San Marino conference in November.

At San Marino Conference OD5TE—Hani has been elected as the IARU Region 1 Monitoring Service Coordinator. Region 1 contains 87 countries in Europe, Middle East, Africa and Asia.



OD5/ZL2AOK – Graeme Wallis arrived to Beirut in mid January and currently resides in Mansourieh area.

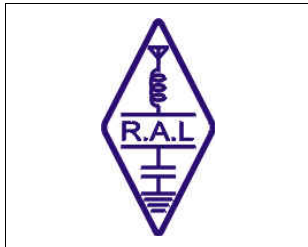
Graeme a Ham since 1968, will be working at Eastwood College,

Mansourieh, for at least 2 years. He plans to operate Amateur Radio while in Lebanon through his ICOM—706 Radio.

Graeme will also be working on the local repeater Network.

Please Join me in Welcoming Graeme to his second Home, LEBANON.

Email: gwallis@es.co.nz



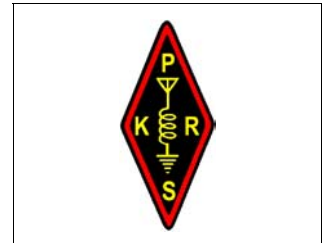
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Radio is  
Friendship,  
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## RAK NEWS

RAK general assembly **meeting** is taking place the **first Monday of every month**. Contact OD5SX—Nabil in order to get any further information or updates.

Members of the RAK have finally succeeded in installing a link on top of Turbol mountain linking OD5PS with OD5RAK in order to establish a solid link with the OD5 Link. Special thank you to OD5SX—Nabil and OD5WA- Wasim for their continuous technical support to other hams and various Amateur Radio related projects in Lebanon.



## NEWS FROM THE BUREAU

This article is intended to give a general insight of the Bureau Activity in Lebanon.

Mail gets collected from the post through "Beirut Course" Biweekly and gets delivered to Baabdat (OD5RI QTH) for processing. Cards get distributed in Lebanon regularly directly to Hams or through various hams in different

regions in Lebanon. Cards are sent out from the bureau to other IARU. bureaus in the world 3 times a year. You can pick up stamps for 150 LBP from RAL treasurer in case you plan on using the Bureau.

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**P.O.Box 8888  
Beirut, Lebanon**



**By RAL QSL Manager  
OD5RI – Rizkallah Azrak**

## LZ/OD5LN Trip to LZ Land

During his visit to Bulgaria in July, OD5LN – Naim Ziade. Throughout his visit he met in several hams in Sofia, Kystendil and Bulchik.

While in Bulgaria he operated from the BFRA – Bul-



garian Federal Radio Amateur shack and LZ3FN's amateur radio station in Bulchik. Naim also got to operate LZ1DKP – Sofia University Amateur Radio Club.

During his visit to Bulgaria, Naim and the Ziade family enjoyed the hospitality of the Bulgarian hams. One of the very few hams in Lebanon who spends most of the vacation time visiting other hams in various countries of the World.

In July 1999 Naim and the family got to visit Russia. In return UA4HUR tasted LN's hospitality in 2002.

## OD5XX Activated

OD5XX— Sheikh Mohamd (A71MA) finally activated his callsign following his visit to Lebanon for few days in February.

Abou Abdel Aziz will be operating from his QTH in Adma. A group of Hams in Lebanon recently had a field day at his QTH and worked on adjusting his antenna system.

Hi unique glamorous shack with state of the art equipment (FT-1000MP) and his 7 El antenna will make it one of the powerful stations in Lebanon. He was also heard on the local repeater Network.

## OD5FE – Elie Eid / Silent Key

The amateur radio community in Lebanon have grieved over lost of one of its active members OD5TE—Elie Eid at the end of November 2002. Elie was of the Amateur Radio Pioneers in Lebanon and RAL Vice president. Elie's presence will be missed. May his soul rest in Peace. He will always be remembered. Elie's brother VE2SJ, Souheil Eid continues to connect to the Repeater Network though Echolink.

## Repeater Network Activity

The following stations are active on the Repeater Network:

Callsign	Name	QTH	Access	OD5SB	Rami	Tripoli	OD5RAK/R
JY4NE	Ali	Amman	Echolink	OD5SX	Nabil	Tripoli	OD5RAK/R
KB9GSY	Ayman		Echolink	OD5TC	Hassan		OD5TE/R
OD5CN	Aref	Munsef	OD5TE/R	OD5TE	Hani	Beirut	OD5TE/R
OD5ET	Joe	Achrafieh	OD5TE/R	OD5TE	Hani	Riyadh	Echolink
OD5FE	Elie		Echolink	OD5TI	Hussein	Tripoli	OD5RAK/R
OD5LN	Naim		OD5TE/R	OD5TX	Michel	Duabi	Echolink
OD5ON	Chaker	Beirut	OD5TE/R	OD5UA	Jawad	Baabdat	OD5TE/R
OD5OZ	Mohamad	Akkar	OD5RAK/R	OD5US	Munir	Batroun	OD5TE/R
OD5PN	Jamil		OD5TE/R	OD5WA	Wassim	Kobbeh	OD5RAK/R
OD5QB	George		OD5TE/R	OD5XX	Mohamd	Adma	OD5TE/R
OD5QT	Maria		OD5TE/R	OD5YU	Sudad	Tripoli	OD5RAK/R
OD5RF	Saad	Tripoli	OD5RAK/R	OD5ZX	Maher		OD5TE/R
OD5RI	Riri	Baabdat	OD5TE/R	VE2SJ	Souhail	Canada	Echolink
OD5RZ	Ahmad	Akkar	OD5RAK/R	VE2SSS	Murr	Canada	Echolink



Antenna of OD5XX  
in Adma

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## S51GL—Miro meets OD5TX– Michel in UAE

In September/October 2002 I was in the United Arab Emirates on a very short business trip. I've decided to spend my free evening hours with as many HAM's as possible.

Now, is the time to say MNI TNX OD5TX - Michel; because without you, I'll never be able to meet with so many of them in such a short period of time.

Sweet 88 also to ur XYL Rita, because I take you away for all week long from your family and she understand that.

Unfortunately there was no DX-ing possible due to the communication regulations, but this handicap disappeared in front of a great hospitality of A61A-1AS-1AU & A61X! To all of you ASHKURAK ...Perhaps we'll meet again one day - en sha Alah, with the warmest regards from Slovenia.

Miro- S51GL



OD5TX , S51GL, A61X

## EMERGENCY QUICK START

Think there's an emergency? Check

**Northern Region:**

**145.025+ T88.5 OD5RAK/R "Northern Region Primary Frequency"**

**Central Region:**

**145.775 - T88.5 OD5TE/R "Central Region Primary Frequency"**

**Southern Region:**

**145.600 simplex**

**If an emergency or tactical net is in operation, then check into the Resource Net on 145.000.**

**You can get information and an assignment there. Avoid checking directly into the Primary Frequency.**