

LRAL statement regarding the war in Ukraine

The Latvian Radio Amateur League (LRAL) stands in solidarity with Ukrainian radio amateurs and the Ukrainian people and strongly condemns the invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces.

LRAL believes radio amateurs must be apolitical and work for peace and mutual understanding, but now, when one country is invading another, the situation is extreme.

LRAL calls on Latvian radio amateurs to refrain from participating in Russian competitions and other radio amateurs' events. LRAL will also not publish any information and calls for participation in Russian competitions and activities.

In regards to individual communication, each radio amateur should decide on their own. Individual Russian radio amateurs, unless they represent Russia (e.g. team competition), should not be prevented from participating in our competitions.

IARU notes that any radio amateur currently broadcasting from Ukraine risks their life. If you hear a Ukrainian station, do not transmit its call sign, location or frequency, whether over the air, cluster or social media. This can be life-threatening to Ukrainian amateurs.

The situation is changing rapidly, said Mats Espling, secretary of IARU 1st region, SM6EAN. 1st region of IARU is following the developments and expects all radio amateurs to comply with their national laws and regulations.

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