Current news: Vatican Radio Medium Wave Antenna Demolished

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In the morning hours on Thursday 8 May 2014 Vatican Radio medium wave antennas have been demolished at Santa Maria di Galeria Transmitting Centre. An unexpected event ended an extraordinary history of radio broadcasting.

Medium wave 1530 kHz ended broadcasting in 2011 but the transmitting plant including a four tower directional antenna system has been saved until now for further use. The demolition abruptly occurred 13 years after accusations of electro-magnetic pollution were formulated. Vatican Radio medium wave covered Europe and the Mediterranean with a very good signal at night. The end of MW broadcasts deeply affected travellers as well as everyone not having access to the Internet but also dramatically reduces any opportunity to make the Pope's message reach the world independently from other operators and connections.

World's radio scene are poorer tonight as well as listeners from most unfavored areas and social groups.