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# NASWA Notes

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Don't forget about "The 21st annual Madison-Milwaukee Get-together for DXers and Radio Enthusiasts" hosted by member **Bill Dvorak**. It will be held on Saturday August 16 from 1:00 to 11:00 PM CDT. NASWA's Bill and Nina Dvorak are this year's hosts and the location is their home at 3358 Ridgeway Avenue Madison WI 53704-4327. For further information please e-mail Bill at [dxeak@gmail.com](mailto:dxeak@gmail.com) (please include "Madison DX GTG" in the subject line), write him at the above address, or phone him at 608-244-5497. Participation by NASWA members is strong every year for this event and this year should be no exception. I have attended past gatherings with many club members and can highly recommend this event.

Recently, we learned of the passing of long time club member and attendee of the annual Winter SWL Festival **Ben Hester**. Ben was a regular at the FEST for many years and was best known for his collection of excellent communications gear which all were invited to see if you were ever in the Winston-Salem region. Ben was an outgoing but laid back radio guy who made many lasting friendships. Ben was 78 years old at the time of his passing. He will be missed.

Recently, Radio Free Asia (RFA) announced the release of the third QSL card in the series highlighting the International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB) transmitter sites used for RFA programming. RFA programs broadcast from the following IBB sites: Biblis, Iranawila, Kuwait, Lampertheim, Saipan and Tinian. IBB's Iranawila transmitter site in Sri Lanka is equipped with four 500 kW and three 250 kW transmitters. All seven of these transmitters broadcast at a power level of 250 kW in carrying out the station's mission, which includes broadcasting RFA's Burmese programming on shortwave. This is RFA's 54th QSL overall and will be used

to confirm all valid RFA reception reports from July 1-August 31, 2014. RFA encourages listeners to submit reception reports. Reception reports are valuable to RFA as they help the station evaluate the signal strength and quality of its transmissions. RFA confirms all accurate reception reports by mailing a QSL card to the listener. RFA welcomes all reception report submissions at <http://techweb.rfa.org> (follow the QSL REPORTS link) not only from DX'ers, but also from its general listening audience. Reception reports are also accepted by email at [qsl@rfa.org](mailto:qsl@rfa.org) and by mail to: Reception Reports, Radio Free Asia, 2025 M. Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036.

**Kari Kivekäs**, Secretary General of European DX Council (EDXC) sent out a reminder about the EDXC Conference 2014 to be held in the Southern France on 19-22 September 2014. The first part of the conference (19-21 September) will take place in a beautiful small village Saint-Dalmas de Tende situated approximately 80 km North-East from Nice. The latter part of the conference (21-22 September) will take place in the city of Nice. The preliminary programme includes Friday evening Brazil travel 2013 with **Dario Monferini**; Saturday morning EDXC topics with Kari Kivekäs; News from New Zealand and South Pacific with **David Ricquish**; Saturday afternoon the role of broadcasting in North Korea with **Mark Fahey**. Many more activities, including a banquet Saturday evening, are planned including some tours and radio station visits. If you have anything to ask, please, do not hesitate to contact Kari [ksk@sdxl.org](mailto:ksk@sdxl.org) or the main organizer **Mr. Christian Ghibaud** [chr.ghibaud@gmail.com](mailto:chr.ghibaud@gmail.com). More information can be found also on EDXC blog [www.edxcnews.wordpress.com](http://www.edxcnews.wordpress.com).

Through **Sean D. Gilbert**, International Editor - World Radio TV Handbook we learn

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## Unity and Friendship

that updates to the A season International radio broadcasting schedules are available to download, for free, from <http://www.wrth.com/>, including the most recent cuts and changes to broadcasting schedules at

VOA/RFA/RFE etc.

That's it for this month. Enjoy this month's edition of *The Journal*; it's another good one.



# Musings

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**Richard A. D'Angelo <[rdangelo3@aol.com](mailto:rdangelo3@aol.com)>, 2216 Burkey Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610** QSL returns continue to be strong. Radio Impala via Talata Volonondry operated by Malagasy Global Business verified an electronic report with a full data card with local scenes and some fabric on the front of the card. Radio Öömrang – Issoudun verified again through Media Broadcast in 80 days with a full data PDF attachment from v/s Walter Brodowsky who apologized for the delay. Previous response was from Michal Pütz at Media Broadcast. Walter has now retired from media Broadcast where he was a valuable friend to shortwave listeners seeking verifications of transmissions via their facilities. Associazione amici di Italcable verified an electronic report to [info@associazioneitalcable.it](mailto:info@associazioneitalcable.it) with a full data Antenna card via postal mail in 30 days from an illegible verie signer. This heard while travelling in Greece. A final BBC Indian Ocean Relay Station verification with of an electronic report with a partial data letter from Jose Tambara, Senior Engineer. Operations were suspended at the end of March 2014. Finally, Radio Station WWV – Fort Collins verified an electronic report with a full data foldout “Indians on the Prairie” card for their 25,000 kHz outlet from v/s John B. Milton, Engineer-in-Charge. QSL # 30422.

*Thanks to our contributor. We would like to have greater participation here. Please send us your comments for “Musings”. 73, Jerry.*



## NASWA Flashsheet

Are you getting the latest hot information about what is happening on the shortwave bands? If you have not signed up for the club's electronic *Flashsheet* service, you are missing out on timely news and information about the DX scene that will enhance your shortwave listening pleasure. If you are a current member of the club and want to receive the electronic Flashsheet just drop **Rich D'Angelo** ([rdangelo3@aol.com](mailto:rdangelo3@aol.com)) a note with your e-mail address, location and membership expiration date from your mailing label. You can participate by sending your latest logs to the electronic *Flashsheet* edited by **Mark Taylor**, [markokpik@gmail.com](mailto:markokpik@gmail.com). The club's electronic *Flashsheet* helps members stay on top of the action with breaking shortwave news and information. The electronic newsletter is an excellent supplement to the monthly *Journal* for the timely dissemination of DX loggings and breaking news.

# Easy Listening

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## Radio Australia decimated, short-wave at risk

If you follow Australian politics, you may know that a conservative-leaning government has come to power there, with significant consequences on **Radio Australia**. You may remember that Australia had funded a regional TV network, **The Australia Network**, and both the non-commercial ABC and commercial Sky News network, which is part of Rupert Murdoch's NewsCorp empire. The ABC had been awarded the highly-contested contract for **The Australia Network** while the Labour party held the government. The ABC has now lost that contract, which – on the surface – would seem to have no effect per se on **Radio Australia**. However, the ABC had tightly integrated programming production and management between these two radio and TV services, and with the TV funding gone, what's left is insufficient to produce the current **Radio Australia** service, which had largely migrated away from rebroadcasting domestic content, and instead produced mostly new content, leveraging TV resources where possible.

As a result of that loss, **Radio Australia** has to cut staff, and will largely need to tap into the domestic **Radio National** and **ABC Local Radio** services for its English language programming: While the regional program **Pacific Beat** has survived so far, the long-standing news analysis program **Asia Pacific** will be discontinued. In addition to these program cuts, the role of shortwave in reaching its target audiences is being challenged, again as a way to save money. This could jeopardize access particularly on those Pacific Islands where Internet access is not widely nor inexpensively available. Parts of Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, and Papua New Guinea are considered the countries where shortwave access is the only alternative available.

In times past, **Radio Australia** rebroadcast a significant number of **Radio National**

programs, but the recent news has indicated the domestic **News 24** TV service would be a source for **Radio Australia**, but I actually would think the all-news radio service, **NewsRadio**, would make more sense; some programming had already been jointly offered by **NewsRadio** and **Radio Australia**.

From my selfish perspective regarding programming content, I'm OK with an increase with **Radio National** content because their programming is quite compelling and very relevant to an international audience. However, it might not be the most germane programming for the Pacific Island target audience... hopefully this storm will blow over, and Australians will realize they don't their ABC to be messed with.

The **Radio National** program **Counterpoint** had a recent episode that discussed the dysfunction of Australia's government; it might be a good program to listen to in order to gather some of the background on the story.

## Radio France International: Short-wave gone, English reconfigured

While it's been many years since **RFI** could be considered a rocking-chair-quality station for its English language broadcasts, one could generally find French language programming from RFI at select times of the day. Alas, no longer; RFI is now among those broadcasters who have ended regular shortwave usage. Like many broadcasters, RFI has chosen the somewhat riskier approach of local FM placement for its programming, augmented by a multiplicity of non-shortwave options: satellite, Internet, smartphone, and mobile phone. While local FM is a cheaper platform (for the broadcaster) and can certainly provide excellent audibility, this is no help if a friendly media regulator suddenly turns unfriendly and kicks you off the air.

## BBC World Service updates

### Additional shortwave frequencies – but for Thailand

Unfortunately this didn't help us in North America from an Easy Listening perspective, but the BBC actually *added* shortwave frequencies to better serve Southeast Asia following the military coup in Thailand. We haven't been able to celebrate news about added shortwave frequencies very often...

### Program review: *Business Matters*

This was a new (to me) program I saw while recently perusing the World Service schedule. It's a new weekday business-related program airing after the news at 0000 UTC Tuesdays through Saturdays. It's actually been on the air since April 2013. I was expecting a program primarily about corporate and economic news, but the program is more about broader themes in economic and business policy, along with consumer culture. There's no fixed program host – some of the voices you will recognize from *NewsHour* – and this is typically augmented by two guests from Asia and North America that provide commentary on the stories and are subjected to their own Q&A as well.

I found it somewhat interesting, but my own personal preference would be a tighter focus on corporate news and policies, along with developments in the global and regional economies. Give a listen yourself and let me know what you think.

In addition to the live 2200 UT air time on the Internet stream, you can hear *Business Matters* via shortwave targeting East Asia also at 2200, currently on 6195 and 11750 kHz.

### Program review: *Elements*

I like this series – it's technically a "business / economy" type of program, but it takes an element of the periodic table (you remember that from chemistry class, right?) and then delves into the economics of that element – where it's used, where it's mined, and the structure of the mining / supply side of the industry behind its production. So it isn't about the economy directly – as in what moves financial markets on a daily or weekly basis – but it helps show how a particular slice of the economy works.

RFI still produces English language programming; instead of several releases (all targeting Africa) over an eleven-hour cycle, RFI now offers four continuous hours of English programming between 0400 and 0800 UTC. Weekday programs feature 13 minutes of news every half hour, followed by 17 minutes of "Features and Analysis". These weekday programs also include a press review of the French press, newspapers in eastern and southern Africa, and French newweeklies. Weekends include *Webwatch*, *The Sound Kitchen*, arts segments, and interviews regarding international and African media with William Niba. Not sure if David Page is still part of RFI or not!

RFI programming is very professionally produced, and I find it an engaging listen even though much of what's aired focuses on Africa, and not North America. But, hey, that's one reason we first took interest in shortwave, right??

Here's how you can hear RFI here in North America:

**Online:** Check out <http://english.rfi.fr> and click <Listen Live> (if between 0400 and 0800) or <News> for the latest English news bulletin. Podcasts and downloads of specific program segments are also available via the RFI website.

**Smartphone:** *RFI Pure Radio* and *RFI* are separate apps available in both iOS and Android flavors.. RFI is also available via the *TuneIn* app; there is also an RFI app for Windows Phone (and Windows 8) users. Both live and on-demand programming is available.

**Any mobile phone:** RFI English is also available via the AudioNow telephone service; the phone number for RFI is (1) 832-225-5397; it appears the latest program is available on-demand this way.

Sadly, this isn't shortwave; when I first began re-listening regularly to shortwave in the mid-1980s, I enjoyed RFI's programming at various times of the day, and the evening bi-lingual music-rich service was rock solid in Pennsylvania on 9790 (from France) and 9800 (from French Guiana) and was something I'd keep on all evening long.

The program has been available in two "seasons" so far; the first ran from February into March, and a second series began July 5<sup>th</sup> and is continuing as of late July. New episodes are available each Saturday, and the program airs on the World Service live Internet stream Saturdays 0432 and Sundays 0032 and 1032. As you might expect, all episodes are available on-demand via the BBC's online audio player, and can also be downloaded.

### Program review: *The War That Changed The World*

With 2014 as the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of World War I, the BBC has begun a special series of documentaries and discussions on themes surrounding the war. The series doesn't seem to have a fixed schedule; the first program, *Sarajevo: Nationalism* first aired June 28<sup>th</sup>; the second, *Dresden: The Waging Of War*, aired July 19<sup>th</sup>. The third program, *The Psychology of War*, will air August 2<sup>nd</sup>; schedule times include Saturdays 1806 and Sundays 1106. These two episodes are available in the BBC Audio Player. I could only find downloadable versions via the BBC Documentaries podcast page, <http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/docarchive>.

The BBC has a separate collection of its WWI themed programming available for download and offline listening; you can find the collection - which does not include the *War That Changed The World* series - at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/ww1>.

### Funding pressures across BBC Radio...


With the World Service now funded from the same trough as the BBC's radio and TV services, we had to expect that there'd be

pressure to consolidate the production side of programs...which has now happened with Radio 4's *The World Tonight* and the World Service's *Newshour*: these programs will now share editorship as part of a plan to cut £48 from the BBC News budget. Robin Lustig, who hosted both programs through 2012, commented that "...[these programs] need their own leadership and their own identities to serve their very different audiences...


### VOA abruptly eliminates English shortwave to Asia

Like so many broadcasters, the VOA has shifted primarily to a partnership model in many locations, with local broadcasters airing VOA content at different times of the day. While that can certainly improve the accessibility of programs to listeners, it can be a risky strategy on its own, in case media attitudes or station ownership decides unilaterally to end any relationship with the VOA. That's one reason shortwave is an important backup capability in regions where media has the potential of being restricted.

While the VOA's Africa service remains on shortwave, it's sad to see that a region long-important as a VOA target no longer is targeted via shortwave. Meanwhile, the debate continues over VOA's role...is it meant to be overtly apologetic for American interests, or simply a voice for factual news without advocacy of national interest?

That's all for this month...not a great month for shortwave services... 73 DE Richard 

### NASWA Facebook Page

Join moderator **Richard Murphy** <[richard.murphy@swri.org](mailto:richard.murphy@swri.org)> at the club's Facebook page which provides members with another way to keep in touch. This group is intended for social interaction between the club members and will not be used to publish loggings, articles, or other materials that would normally appear in The Journal, the NASWA Yahoo group, or the Flashsheet. While the existence of the group is visible to all Facebook users, the online postings are available only to group members and group members must be NASWA members. Comments and suggestions from the membership are welcome. To locate the NASWA Facebook page, simply enter "North American Shortwave Association" into the search box on the top toolbar. If you are into social media, give it a try. 

# International Broadcasting

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## Now we know what the BBG decided about shortwave

Last month's column had the headline "What did the BBG decide about shortwave?" By the time the July NASWA *Journal* was delivered to member, we found out. At least partially.

With very short notice, the Broadcasting Board of Governors, having received approval from Congressional leadership, dropped or reduced the shortwave output of VOA English to Asia, Learning English (formerly Special English), Azerbaijani, Bangla, Lao, and Uzbek, RFE/RL Persian (Radio Farda), and Radio Free Asia Lao and Vietnamese. Complete details and rationale might be published elsewhere in this *Journal*; if not, see <http://bit.ly/1neLnWq>.

I still haven't seen the report of the BBG shortwave committee. Their conclusions could lead to more shortwave reductions.

In other news of shortwave broadcasting in free fall, we learned that SW Radio Africa, a London-based Zimbabwean exile station, has left shortwave despite the SW in its name. It continues via the Internet and satellite. I'd like to know if SW Radio Africa left shortwave because of the expense, or because they think that Internet and satellite now sufficiently reach audiences in Zimbabwe.

## This is the Voice of America. And so is this.

The director of the Voice of America, David Ensor, recently wrote a vision for VOA in the year 2020. This is perhaps in response to H.R. 4490, still pending, which would turn VOA into a public diplomacy outlet, no longer reporting news about its target countries. These new mandates would no doubt deprive VOA of most of its audience. Mr. Ensor's statement can be read here: <http://bit.ly/1z1XZ6R>

"VOA is, indeed, in the news business, and that was made the law of the land in 1976, when Congress approved and President Ford signed the VOA Charter mandating that it serve as a "consistently reliable and authoritative sources of news" that is 'accurate, objective and comprehensive;' that VOA report on America and American thought, and that it present 'the policies of the United States.' Quite simply, the Charter is the foundation upon which VOA has built its credibility. It is an indispensable reason for our sizable audiences."

But, reading on...

"[N]ot only does VOA reach larger, more diverse audiences than CNN by doing news in 45 languages, but we also define what is "news" differently than commercial networks tend to do. It does not have to 'bleed to lead' on VOA. In Afghanistan, for example, we not only report the latest bloodshed or Taliban bombing, we also report on school and health clinic construction, and other kinds of nation building by the Afghan people and their government, as well as reports on the essential help provided by the West."

Here, the description of VOA veers towards a public diplomacy mission. And, so, this vision for VOA in the year 2020 has something for everyone. And this is its fundamental flaw. Either VOA is in the news business, or it isn't. If VOA tries to have it both ways, it will only confuse its audience and even its own employees.

## Russia's confusion of international media brands.

Voice of Russia is, of course, the former and formerly mighty Radio Moscow. Go to the Voice of Russia website, [ruvr.ru](http://ruvr.ru), and this banner appears at the top of the home page:

Dear readers, due to the merger of The Voice of Russia with RIA Novosti



into the Rossiya Segodnya media holding, this website will no longer be updated. Our team is moving over to the RIA Novosti site, where you will still be able to read our news and opinion piece and listen to Radio VR broadcasts. Please update your bookmarks and stay with us!

This is accompanied by a link to the RIA Novosti English site, <http://en.ria.ru>.

So what happened to Voice of Russia's 38 languages? The RIA Novosti site has links only to English, Russian, German, French, Arabic, Persian, Spanish, Japanese, and Chinese (simplified and traditional).

At the top of the RIA Novosti English home page is a link to Radio. That Radio page in turn has links to some familiar Voice of Russia programs, including "From Russia With Love" with "its unrivaled hosts Vasily Strelnikov and Natalia Stefanova." It is actually a very good program.

So is the Voice of Russia completely off the Internet? I searched [news.google.com](http://news.google.com) on the term *voiceofrussia*, sorted by date, and found stories right up to day I'm typing this: July 23. They are all at the Voice of Russia UK site. It appears that <http://voiceofrussia.com/uk> is still being updated as of July 23, as is <http://indian.ruvr.ru>. The really funny thing is that the VOR UK site has links to all the VOR language services. Picking one at random, Finnish (not on the RIA Novosti site), I notice stories still being updated as of July 23.

The U.S. site, <http://voiceofrussia.com/us>, on the other hand, has not been updated since July 11. This might have something to do with this news: "The Russian government's radio news outlet Voice of Russia abruptly shut down its Washington,


D.C., bureau on Monday and laid off the staff, amid allegations of tax-dodging and employee discrimination at the network, sources told the *Washington Free Beacon*," which broke the story on July 15. (See <http://bit.ly/1wr1SPP>.)

## Voice of Russia on medium wave in DC

Meanwhile, Voice of Russia maintains its 24/7 lease on WZHF, 1390 kHz AM in the Washington area. Washington-originated content is obviously gone; all programming now originates from Moscow. The service identifies itself as "Radio VR," or sometimes "Radio VR, the Voice of Russia."

Voice of Russia has backtracked from reporting flatly that Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 was shot down by Ukraine. As of this typing, the station is quoting Russian officials that there is no firm evidence that the plane was shot down by pro-Russian forces in Ukraine.

Much of the content of the Voice of Russia English service, at least what I hear on 1390, consists of repeat programming, including some more than a week after its first airplay. Also filling time on the Voice of Russia English service is the sound track of programs from the RT television channel – originally known as Russia Today – also with some very old repeats. Interestingly, Voice of Russia, when introducing this content, refers to RT by the non-standard "RTTV." This RTTV identification might originate from RT's [rttv.ru](mailto:rttv.ru) email domain. RT never identifies itself as RTTV.

*Views expressed above are my own. More international broadcasting news at [www.kimandrewelliott.com](http://www.kimandrewelliott.com). See also [voaradiogram.net](http://voaradiogram.net). *

Glenn Hauser's *World of Radio* schedule can be found at

<http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html>

# Shortwave Center

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*The carnage around shortwave is starting to reach farcical status. By now, you know of the situation at Radio Australia (the details of which are reported in Listeners Notebook), the VOA and the BBC. Events at the World Service are a little confusing – 450 “redundancies” in the newsroom, but an increase in funding that will result in 230 new hires there. I suppose that’s quintessentially British but it begs the “rearranging the deck chairs” analogy. Even RNZI is joining the pity party with a clawback in DRM hours, though it would be hard to say that we couldn’t see that one coming eventually. So, what do we do? Pull the nice warm soft blanket of history over our ears perhaps?*

## RADIO HISTORY

### Russian Independent SW in the early '90s

*Paul Ormandy of the New Zealand Radio DX League has graciously consented to the reprinting in The Journal of his article on the Russian independent shortwave stations that popped up after the breakup of the Soviet Union. It's a work in progress of sorts, which he explains as follows.*

Hi all,

Have at last managed to compile the nucleus of an article I'd been planning to do for some time. Winter is a great season for sitting in front of the fire and catching up on articles, after all radio conditions are poor in the evenings and its very cold in the shack!

The article is Russian Independent SW Stations 1991-1996. By going through the DXTimes magazines conveniently and kindly scanned by Chris Mackerell, I have created an outline which needs some filler. So if anyone would like to contribute or correct the information, please use e-mail me directly (ormandy@orcon.net.nz).

#### Russian Independent SW Stations 1991-96

With the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, groups within the new Russian “Commonwealth of Independent States”

seized the opportunity to have a global voice: enter shortwave. Few in the DX world could have predicted the boom in independent shortwave broadcasting and it made good sport for DXers, as most were using relatively low-powered transmitters, some using former Cold War jammer transmitters.

Using the DX Times as a reference source, the first references to the newly deregulated Russian broadcasting scene appeared in the October 1991 magazine with a reference to radio station **Ekho Moskvy** (“Echo of Moscow”). In the same issue **Radio Vedo** in Volgograd was reported signing on.

Soon after, another broadcaster appeared, with **Radio Ala** in St. Petersburg (formerly Leningrad) playing traditional Russian folk music. The right-wing Russian nationalist station, **Radio Pamyat** appeared in print early 1992, one of their programs was called “Fatherland, Memory & You”. Around the same time **Radio Rezonans**, a station aiming at the new Russian business market signed on. Broadcasting from Ostankino, they carried ads in several languages. On February 23 1992, **Radio Galaxy** signed on from Moscow. This new commercial station even carried 3 hours a day in English and in May were playing Russian music and all announcements were in English.

In the April DXT, a list compiled by John Fisher of DX Ontario was reprinted with many more broadcasters taking to air. They include **Radio Studia Dvizhenie** ("Traffic Radio"), **Radio Samara** in Togliatti, **Radio Tartar** in Kazan, **Radio Kudymkar** in Yekaterinburg, **Marly Radio** in Yoshkar Ala, **Radio Polis** in St. Petersburg, **Radio Perm** in Yekaterinburg **Radio Dalny Vostok**, **Radiostansiya Novaya Volna** ("New Wave") in Novosibirsk, **Adygey Radio** in Maykop and **Kabardino-Balkar Radio** in Nalchik.

In the May DXT, **Radio Space** gets its first mention, the station's name was given in English as were some of the program titles. In the same month **Radio Polyus** entered the fray. The following month they were joined by **Radio Trek** from Yekaterinburg and **Radio Art**.

June saw first reports of Russian orthodox sender **Radio Stansiya Radonezh** and **Radio Alef**, ("alef" is the Hebrew pronunciation of the letter "A") with announcements in Russian and Hebrew. **Radio Yunost** a youth-oriented station had been on-air since 1962 before adding SW transmitters in Murmansk and Samara. Another new SW broadcaster as was **Radio SNC** with rock, pop and punk music, taking its name from the Stas Namin Center, (Stas Namin was a famous Russian rock promoter). **Radio Without Borders International** came to air with reportedly just 100W and may have been unlicensed. **Radio Shark** (in Turkic, "Radio East") in Ufa, Bashkortostan first appeared around the same time.

The following months saw **Radio Yakutsk** in the DX press and the launch of one of the best-known stations, **Radio Nadezhda** (Radio Hope) whose target audience were women, including programs on family issues. **Radio Alpha & Omega** also commenced broadcasting around this time, one of the few Christian religious stations from Russia.

In September, **Radio Bereyzovo** using a former jammer transmitter from Kahnty-Mansyisk was first reported, along with Islamist voice **Rukhi Meroc** (Tatar for "spiritual healing") and **Radio Chita**. Others noted were **Radio Maykop** in Agydey lan-

guage and **Radio 101**. Next month, **Radio M** and **Radio N** appeared from Yekaterinberg sharing the same transmitter.

November saw **Radio 7** using an ex-jammer transmitter from Samara along with a real mouthful for non-Russian speakers **Radiostansiya Russkogo Patriotcheskogo Dvizheniya** ("Radio Station of the Russian Patriotic Movement"), also known as **Radio Blagovest**, from the city of Irkutsk. They were joined by **Radio Unis** in Moscow and **Russkoye Khristianskoye Radio** ("Russian Christian Radio"). Soon after **Radiostansiya Omega** came to air also with 15kW from a presumed ex-jammer. In early 1993 **Radio Diapazon** made its SW debut as did **Radio Centr**, hiring transmitter-time from Radio Moscow made their SW debuts.

Then in May 1993, it was reported that **Radio Art** and **Radio Ala** had ceased broadcasting, presaging then end of a hectic 18 months in the new history of broadcasting in Russia.

Whilst some failed, some grew stronger. **Radio Nadezhda** had added more broadcast hours from more sites and **Radio Galaxy** commenced a DX program, hired time on a 250kW transmitter and started international broadcasts to Western Europe. During the year more new stations came on, **Radio Mika M-4**, **Radio Titan Kompani** (part-relay Radio Shark) with another re-purposed 15kW sender and **Radio Raketa** at Grozny on the shores of the Caspian Sea.

In September **U Radio** from Moscow was irregularly heard. More new stations followed, like **Radio Ves Irkutsk** and **Radio-channel Uralskiy Commercheskiy Vestnik** ("Ural Commercial Herald") along with **Radio Mir** ("Radio Peace").

In 1994, Islamic station **Radio Al-Risalah** commenced from Moscow, hiring airtime from Radio Moscow and the Bolshakovo, Kaliningrad station. **Radiostantsiya Lena** described as a music and informational station, signed-on from Yakutsk. Late in the year, **Radio Samorodinka** in the Moscow region, announcing itself as a "private non-commercial program of authorised radio

broadcasting" arrived on SW. Around this time, Radio Moscow renamed itself as the Voice of Russia.

In June 1995, it was reported that **Radio Nadezhda** stopped broadcasting on shortwave and only broadcasting around the local Moscow area. Nadezhda had become the largest-scale independent broadcaster of the era. Then in May 1996, it was reported that they'd returned to SW on a single frequency.

Another station with Islamic programming was reported in September 1996, **Islamskaya Volna** ("Islamic Wave") from the Moscow Islamic Centre carried broadcasts in Russian, Arabic and Tatar and directed some broadcasts to the Middle East.

## STATION NEWS - VOA

*On his excellent daily blog, The SWLing Post, Thomas Witherspoon describes recent changes at the Voice of America...*

Earlier today, I contacted Letitia King, Spokesperson for the *Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG)*. I asked her for details regarding the cuts to shortwave services that were recently announced.

Ms. King has just sent me the following list, with notes, which includes all shortwave reductions under the BBG:

# Facts and Figures on Shortwave Broadcast Reductions

June 30, 2014

U.S. international media must optimize program delivery by market. We are ending some shortwave transmissions. We continue shortwave to those countries where these transmissions are still reaching significant audiences or where there are no reasonable alternative platforms at a lower cost to the BBG.

The shortwave reductions will save U.S. taxpayers almost \$1.6 million annually. *[Editor's Comment: Are we really that desperate? Seems hardly worth the effort... unless the money isn't the point.]*

There were no further reports on any independent broadcasters for the rest of the year.

Most of the above stations only lasted a short time. Some closed altogether, some moved to FM, some to the internet and a few are still on the air. So ended another interesting chapter in the world of DXing.

Reader contributions, corrections, images and additional information on these stations is very appreciated--in particular, what groups or interests these stations represented and what happened to them. [ormandy@orcon.net.nz](mailto:ormandy@orcon.net.nz)

There are no reductions in staff or programming - these are transmission platform reductions only. Programming continues to be available through other media.

Shortwave transmissions continue in many languages including to key shortwave markets like North Korea, Nigeria, Somalia, Horn of Africa, and elsewhere. (List enclosed below). Transmissions also continue on other platforms including AM, FM, TV and online.

## VOA Azerbaijani

- **Cuts:** 30 minutes SW
- **Continuing Distribution:** Satellite TV (HotBird) and satellite audio (TurkSat); Multimedia web and mobile sites & social media
- SW is used by just 2% of adults weekly in Azerbaijan, and does not yield significant audiences for the service (0.4% weekly reach on radio in BBG's most recent survey). By contrast, satellite dish ownership is widespread, at 56%, and 18% use the Internet weekly. The service has both satellite and online products, which are far more likely to reach audiences in Azerbaijan.

## VOA Bangla

- **Cuts:** 1 hour SW
- **Continuing Distribution:** 1 hour MW(AM); FM and TV affiliates; Multimedia web and mobile sites; Social media
- SW is not widely used in Bangladesh (just 2% weekly), and the majority of the service's audience comes to its programming via FM and TV affiliate networks in the country.

## VOA English (in Asia)

- **Cuts:** 6.5 hours SW (2 hours of programming that was repeated)
- **Continuing Distribution:** Some MW; Multimedia web and mobile sites & social media
- Outside of sub-Saharan Africa, English speakers are rarely users of shortwave radio. They are more likely to be educated and affluent, and to have access to a broad range of media. Years of BBG research questions on consumption of VOA English on shortwave have failed to find any significant audiences outside Africa, in large part because usage of shortwave radio in other regions is mostly very low.

## VOA Lao

- **Cuts:** 30 minutes SW
- **Continuing Distribution:** 30 minutes MW; 7 affiliates in Thailand on Lao border, with reach into Laos; Multimedia web and mobile sites; Social media
- SW is very little-used in Laos – less than 1% of adults report listening to SW radio weekly. In BBG's most recent research in Laos, no surveyed listeners reported using the SW band to access VOA content. A strong majority (66%) hear VOA on FM, through affiliate stations on the Thai border that carry VOA content (Laos is so small that border FM stations have decent penetration into the country).

## VOA Special/Learning English

- **Cuts:** 5.5 hours SW
- **Continuing Distribution:** Learning English programs continue on SW on English to Africa. 30 minutes MW; Multimedia web and mobile sites, including special interactive teaching products; Social media, including social English lessons
- BBG audience research indicates strong interest in learning English, but very limited shortwave listenership to VOA Learning English, outside a few select markets. The service is working more closely with other VOA language services to create English learning products for distribution on more popular channels. And Learning English offers a variety of digital products that are increasingly popular, including a Skype call-in show, videos on YouTube, and a website featuring both audio and transcripts for online audiences to follow as they listen.

## VOA Uzbek

- **Cuts:** 30 minutes SW
- **Continuing Distribution:** Satellite audio and TV (HotBird); FM and TV affiliates in neighboring countries; Multimedia web and mobile sites (with circumvention tools deployed); Social media
- SW is not widely used in Uzbekistan (just 2% weekly), and does not yield

significant audiences for the service (0.3% weekly). Adults in Uzbekistan are much more likely to own a satellite dish (13%) or use the internet (12% weekly) than to use SW, so the service provides content on those platforms. Uzbekistan is an especially difficult market to penetrate with USIM content, but SW is not an effective platform for the country.

## RFA Vietnamese

- **Cuts:** 2 hours SW
- **Continuing Distribution:** MW coverage of all broadcast hours remains on; Multimedia web and mobile sites (with circumvention tools deployed) include webcasts and other videos; Social media
- SW radio is very little-used in Vietnam – less than 1% of adults report any weekly use of the waveband, and RFA reaches just 0.2% of adults weekly on radio. MW is slightly more popular, but the future for USIM in Vietnam is likely online: 26% of Vietnamese use the Internet weekly now (with much higher rates among certain populations, like the young and the well-educated), and three in four personally own a mobile phone. While Vietnam attempts to block access to sensitive sites, Vietnam is actually the most active country in our most popular Internet Anti-Censorship tools with almost 600 million hits per day.

## RFE/RL Persian (Farda)

- **Cuts:** 1 simultaneous SW frequency for 6 broadcast hours
- **Continuing Distribution:** SW on multiple frequencies for all 24 broadcast hours remains on, in addition to 24 hours daily MW; “Radio on TV” on VOA Persian stream; 24 hours daily satellite audio with slate plus 24 hour Audio on 4 other satellites including Hotbird, the most popular satellite in Iran; Multimedia website (with circumvention tools deployed); Social media; mobile app with anti-censorship proxy server capability built-in.
- This is only a reduction to the number of simultaneous frequencies during some of the broadcast day. SW radio, with 5% weekly use in 2012, is considerably less popular than other platforms on which audiences can access Farda content, such as MW (10% weekly use), satellite television (26% own a dish, and 33% watch satellite television weekly) or the internet (39% weekly use).

## RFA Lao

- **Cuts:** 2 hours SW
- **Continuing Distribution:** 5 FM radio affiliates in Thailand provide cross-border coverage; Multimedia web & mobile sites; Social media
- SW is very little-used in Laos – less than 1% of adults report listening to SW radio weekly. RFA Lao’s listeners come overwhelmingly via FM stations on the Thai border – 94% of past-week listeners report hearing RFA on FM. (Laos is so small that border FM stations have decent penetration into the country).

## Languages that continue on Shortwave

### VOA

- Afan Oromo/Amharic/Tigrigna to Ethiopia and Eritrea
- Bambara
- Burmese
- Cantonese
- Dari
- English to Africa
- English to South Sudan
- French to Africa
- Hausa
- Khmer
- Kinyarwanda/Kirundi
- Korean
- Kurdish
- Mandarin
- Pashto (to FATA and Afghanistan)
- Portuguese to Africa
- Somali
- Swahili
- Tibetan
- Shona/Ndebele/English to Zimbabwe

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- Spanish to Cuba

## RFE/RL

- Avar/Chechen/Circassian
- Belarusian
- Dari
- Pashto (to FATA and Afghanistan)
- Persian
- Russian
- Tajik
- Turkmen
- Uzbek

## STATION NEWS – RADIO AUSTRALIA

*[Editor's Note: I came across these two news story transcripts on Radio Australia's Asia Pacific web site that illustrate perfectly why and how government moves to cut off radio-delivered news services to the Pacific island nations, that rely on them and consider them vital, can occur. Consider the subtext within. By the way, the highly respected Asia Pacific program on RA has been cancelled.]*

# Pacific leaders to raise ABC cuts with Aus government at Palau meeting

Updated 22 July 2014, 16:57 AEST

The impact of recently announced cuts to **Radio Australia** and other international services of the ABC looks set to be raised with Prime Minister Tony Abbott at next week's Pacific leaders meeting in Palau.

Pacific leaders to raise ABC cuts with Aus government at Palau meeting

(Credit: ABC)

The proposed cuts will see programs axed, including Asia Pacific, and 80 jobs lost from services to the Pacific and Asia.

**Correspondent:** Jemima Garrett

**Speaker:** Ralph Regenvanu, Lands Minister, Vanuatu; Sean Dorney, Pacific Correspondent, Australia Network; Professor Stephen

## RFA

- Burmese
- Cantonese
- Khmer
- Korean
- Mandarin
- Tibetan
- Uyghur

## Middle East Broadcast Network

- Arabic (Afia Darfur to Sudan/Chad)

Howes, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University

**GARRETT:** The cuts are the ABC's response to the Australian government's decision in its May budget to cancel the \$223 million ten-year contract for Australia Network Television.

That amounts to a 60 per cent cut to funding for the ABC's International services so some difficult decisions had to be made.

The proposed changes announced last week will see the ABC keep a 6-hour television service for the Pacific, to be called Australia Plus and its existing Australia Plus online and mobile services.

Radio Australia will continue as a 24-hour service with hourly news bulletins from 5am until 6pm but all its programs made

for a Pacific audience, except Pacific Beat, will be axed and replaced by domestic ABC programming.

Pacific Beat will have reduced resources.

Vanuatu's Land's Minister, Ralph Regenvanu, is disappointed.

REGENVANU: We knew that there was going to be some cutting because of the statements by the government prior to the election. However, we were hoping it wasn't going to be this extensive, especially to the Pacific service because as you know throughout the Pacific often the services of ABC, Radio Australia are the services people use to access news, more than even our national broadcasters. In Vanuatu for example, in many places throughout the country they access news about the world, and even about Vanuatu, from the ABC because the reach of the national broadcaster Radio Vanuatu isn't as extensive as the ABC and often you can't get the same service you get in terms of news content.

GARRETT: All the ABC international division's correspondents, including its Pacific Correspondents and Canberra Correspondents will have their jobs abolished.

Multi-award winning Pacific Correspondent Sean Dorney is one of those facing redundancy.

DORNEY: It doesn't surprise me in the least that my job has been declared to be non-existent anymore because principally I was working for the Australia Network service and in the budget that was what was cut. So I have been the Australia Network Pacific Correspondent and I was pretty certain as a result of that budget cut my job would no longer exist but what does surprise me a little is that other jobs that weren't actually part of the Australia Network set up, but part of Radio Australia, have also gone in this rejuggling that the ABC has done to try and maintain some sort of a service across more than just radio

GARRETT: The Australian government's decision to end funding for the Australia

Network was made after it had been angered by ABC reporting of Australian spying on Indonesia's President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and his inner circle.

But there was more to it than that. Foreign Minister Julie Bishop saw Australia Network as a poor use of the soft-power diplomacy dollar., There was criticism of the process for letting the Australia Network contract and Communications Minister Malcolm Turnbull said with internet options available Australia Network's service had been 'overtaken by technology'.

Professor Stephen Howes, Director of the Development Policy Centre at the Australian National University, says the ABC has a particularly important role to play in the Pacific where media choices are thin on the ground, and he is taken aback by the proposed changes.

HOWES: I am pretty surprised and stunned to be honest. Obviously there had to be cuts with the loss of the network and I guess with the new era of integration that was going to have some spill over on to radio but we didn't expect the cuts of this size, especially too impact Pacific correspondents and programming. That is an area where we are very active in our research and where there are quite a large number of Australians interested in the Pacific, working on the Pacific and they really rely on Radio Australia to bring that news. While it is good that Pacific Beat has been spared it is very hard to see how Pacific Beat will continue to function with all the cuts to it and going on around it.

GARRETT: ABC Managing Director Mark Scott lobbied the government to save the ABC International television service. On budget night, he said the decision 'sends a strange message to the region that the government does not want to use the most powerful communication tools available to talk to our regional neighbours about Australia'.

The proposed changes have been put to staff for consultation. During that period Mr Scott is unavailable for comment.



In documents given to staff, the ABC says the changes focus on maintaining and developing the services with the strongest audience engagement and the greatest potential for growth.

Vanuatu's Lands Minister Ralph Regenvanu says the cuts will affect Australia's relations with Pacific countries.

REGENVANU: There is going to be a reduced presence of Australia throughout the region because Radio Australia and ABC have been like the presence of Australia throughout the communities.

GARRETT: Is this issue likely to be raised with Australia's Prime Minister Tony Abbott at the Pacific Islands in Palau next week?

REGENVANU: Yes, I believe it is. I believe a number of leaders will be raising this issue in particular.

## 'Opportunity lost' as Aust PM to stay home from Palau Forum summit

Updated 25 July 2014, 9:22 AEST

Australia's Prime Minister Tony Abbott won't be attending the Pacific Islands Forum in Palau next week.

'Opportunity lost' as Aust PM to stay home from Palau Forum summit

(Credit: ABC)

It would have been Mr Abbott's first opportunity to meet Pacific leaders since his election last September, and there are many items on the agenda in which Australia has a keen interest.

But in light of the downing of flight MH17 over Ukraine and other pressing matters, like his government's budget, Mr. Abbott has decided a trip to the Pacific is no longer possible.

Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss will lead the Australian delegation instead.

The Lowy Institute's Vanuatu-based non-resident Fellow, Dr. Tess Newton Cain says an opportunity has been missed.

**Presenter:** Jemima Garrett

**Speaker:** Dr. Tess Newton Cain, non-resident Fellow, Lowy Institute 

### NASWA Flashsheet

Are you getting the latest hot information about what is happening on the shortwave bands? If you have not signed up for the club's electronic *Flashsheet* service, you are missing out on timely news and information about the DX scene that will enhance your shortwave listening pleasure. If you are a current member of the club and want to receive the electronic *Flashsheet* just drop **Rich D'Angelo** (rdangelo3@aol.com) a note with your e-mail address, location and membership expiration date from your mailing label. You can participate by sending your latest logs to the electronic *Flashsheet* edited by **Mark Taylor**, markokpik@gmail.com. The club's electronic *Flashsheet* helps members stay on top of the action with breaking shortwave news and information. The electronic newsletter is an excellent supplement to the monthly *Journal* for the timely dissemination of DX loggings and breaking news.

# Listener's Notebook

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Times are UTC and frequencies in kHz.

**ALASKA** 7355, **KNLS** at 1226, English, oldie pop song "You're the Only Woman", 1227 "The English Express" program looking at the phrase "the once over" - Good. July 12. (Sellers-Canada/DXplorer)

9655, **KNLS** at 1044, English, item on positive thinking followed by "Profiles in Christian Music" - Good. July 12. (Sellers-Canada/DXplorer)

**ANGOLA** 4949.75, **R. Nacional** - Mulenvos. This station that has always broadcast with a low audio level, but today it was such a strong signal that I could easily and clearly hear everything in the transmission at 2215. Portuguese discussion program with occasional musical interludes, and canned adverts for other programs. Excellent wintertime reception and still audible past 2300 (9am local time!) on July 4. (Rob Wagner-Australia/ARDXC)

**ANTARCTIC LRA36, RN Arcangel** Antarctica on 15475.98 at 1930, with Spanish info and music, not strong. Signal drop down at 2000. On the same time Radio Inconfidencia Brazil on 15.190.11. Most with music. ID at 20.06. (Maurits van Driessche-BEL, hcdx July 2/TopNews)

**ASCENSION ISLANDS** 15105 at 1954-2007, **BBC** July 4 Male announcers in Hausa, with mentions of 'Africa' and 'BBC Hausa'. Phone interview through top of the hour; no ID or break. Parallel to 17885 kHz (excellent). Very good signal hard to believe it's beamed almost directly away from me. (Guy Atkins-USA/DXplorer July 4)

**AUSTRALIA** 2325, 1144-1146, **VLBT** Tennant Creek Jul 4 Live Australian football broadcast; excellent signal. (Atkins-WA/DXplorer)

2368.48, Jul 9, 1242, **Radio Symban** (presumed), 1242-1256. After daily monitoring here, finally had audio level that confirms they are carrying Greek music; clearly not Radio LMS (The Voice of Le Manamea Samoa) with Samoan music; my local sunrise was 1257, so as expected, reception only possible just before my sunrise. Very nice to hear

their Greek music again, even with a lot of QRN, summertime static. July 10, heard Radio Symban as early as 1210, again with Greek music/singing. Weak, but definitely them for two days in a row. (Ron Howard-CA/SWBulletin)

2485, 1146-1147, **VL8K** Katherine Jul 4 Australian football broadcast, parallel to 2310. Excellent signal. (Atkins-WA/DXplorer)

4835, 1224-1227, **VL8A** Alice Springs Jul 4 Live football broadcast in English, parallel to 2325 Katherine and 2485 Tennant Creek. Very good signal. (Atkins-WA/DXplorer)

15399.973, **HCJB** Kununurra via Australia at 1057 on June 17. Heard with English and Chinese religious program (M speaking in English repeated in Chinese by another M) over R. Romania Int. which was on 15400. You could plainly hear the 27 Hz het created by the two. Romania was ending their French program, went off the air, and came back on weaker with apparent English program. (Dave Valko-PA-USA, HCDX)

HCJB Australia is now Reach Beyond Australia, maybe from July 1

0730-0830 on 15490 KNX English  
1400-1530 on 15450 KNX English  
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

HCJB Australia is now Reach Beyond Australia: Reach Beyond Australia is but one part, and a fully autonomous part of Reach Beyond around the world. After 83 years, the mission changed its name in 2014 from HCJB which were the call letters of the organisations first radio station in Quito, Ecuador - The Voice of the Andes - established on Christmas Day, 1931. The shortwave station commenced broadcasting from Australia in 2003 when it took over the South Pacific service which had originated in Quito. In terms of the Christian mission field which is the reason Reach Beyond Australia is into shortwave, it remains a viable media, at least for the present. Together with FEBC, TWR, IBRA, Adventist Radio and ourselves there are still many hours of shortwave broadcasting happening within

Asia Pacific, our part of the world. But there is no doubt shortwave broadcasters are being more selective in where and when they broadcast – almost what we might term ‘niche marketing.’ In part that comes down to the considerable cost of power and infrastructure – but also because new technologies are available and have been adopted at the expense of shortwave in some countries. Also, as far as Christian broadcasters are concerned, there is a view to engage with ethnic language groups rather than a more generic approach to a whole country. For Reach Beyond Australia it is about ‘reaching those unreached people groups with the gospel’ and ‘reaching those who have little exposure to the gospel.’ Reach Beyond Australia is currently on air for 75 hours per week in 26 different languages. Our priority audiences are India, Myanmar and Japan but we also have programs for Vietnam, Nepal, Bhutan, China, East Malaysia, Indonesia and wherever English is spoken across Asia and the Pacific. Many of the programs are produced ‘in-country’ as the producers are aware of hot issues but also because they best understand the language, customs and culture. This makes for more effective program content. Reach Beyond Australia is taking a “gently does it” approach to DRM broadcasting. We have the liberty of time being on our side as the only country taking up DRM within our licensed international area is India. When a country such as India is considered it is absolutely essential that for the benefits of DRM to be appreciated across the population, receivers must be priced within the reach of the masses. Perhaps late 2016 into 2017 depending on the availability and take-up of DRM sets within India. (Derek Kickbush, Media Manager for Reach Beyond Australia, previously HCJB Australia/DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

“What’s going on at Shepparton?” Phone interview and length football WORLD CUP Brazil 2014 comments and discussion for the semi- and final matches ... July 3 at 2130 all on air, more or less S=9 and more, mostly powerhouses also up to S=9+40dB, heard on remote SDR units network down under in Australia: **RA** on air 9660, 11650, 11695, 12080, 13630, 15415, 15515, 17860 and **ABC Northern sce** on 4835, 4910, 5025 too. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 3)

**Ozy R.** has reactivated on 3210 kHz with 300 W from new site at Razorback (Sydney), currently relaying Vintage FM. Also other relays are planned. (WRTH Update)

## AUSTRIA *Adventist World Radio* in Arabic:

1800-1900 on 11955mos (ex 12055) Daily (WRTH Update)

9690, **AWR** - Moosbrunn (Austria) was noted with the Punjabi service to SEAs at 0235, fair signal but with co-channel QRM from CRI’s Mandarin service to CAM via Noblejas, Spain. **KBS**-Kimjae can also be heard mumbling in English to SEAs underneath the other two stations, so it’s a quagmire here. Then at 0300, it all magically clears up when the only station left standing is CRI in English (July 5). With so many empty channels to choose from these days, better choices of frequency do exist at this time! (Rob Wagner-Australia/ARDXC)

**AZERBAIJAN** Ivo, I have one question: One unidentified Middle East/South Asian station is on 11760 with awful modulation/audio during the evenings at 1700-2000 at least, and at other time, maybe even 24 hours. Their transmitter is faulty and their wide signal is between 11750 and 11770. Do you have any info about it? Looks like as **R Karabakh** on 9677, or faulty Egyptian transmitter, etc. Thanks! (Timofeyev-Russia/DX Window) 11757.5v, Frequency change of **Ictimai R** (+Voice of Justice, Voice of Talyshistan), 1600-1700 Azeri, ex 9677.5v. (Ivanov-Bulgaria/DX Window) 11761v, Ictimai R with FM mode audio, surprisingly daytime reception at 0600-1200, Jun 25, 28 and Jul 01, in Azeri. At other times QRM on 11760 from R Habana Cuba, China National R 1, VOIRI, China R International and R Liberty in Russian. QRM from 11755 AWR via Issoudun or 11765: Voice of Turkey and R TV Algerienne via Issoudun. (Ivanov-Bulgaria/DX Window)

**BANGLADESH Betar** is transmitting in English daily from 1230-1300 on 15105 and from 1745-1900 on 13580 from Dhaka with 250 kW. (Uwe Sennewald-Germany/PlayDX)

4750, **Bangladesh Betar - HS**, Khabirpur, 1236-1243, Mo Jun 09, RRI Makassar continues to be absent here; usual woman with the Monday only SAARC (The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) news bulletin in English; many items about the Pakistan, 1243 ID and into news in Bangla. (Howard-CA/DX Window)

13580, 09/07, 1800-1900, **Bangladesh Betar** Dhaka ID, English news, religious prgr. (Islam). 18.20 music + info 18.30 nonstop music (English

pop+rock). 19.00 end+sign/off. Good. (Uwe Sennewald-Germany/PlayDX)

15105, **Bangladesh Betar** at 1236 in English, man reading news till 1238, then into Bangladeshi music and a talk at 1239, too weak to understand - Poor. July 12. (Sellers-Canada/DXplorer)

**BOLIVIA** 3310, **R. Mosoj Chaski**, Cochabamba. Briefly heard at 0915 with lively music and talk at quite a reasonable level through the noise, but faded and quickly disappeared by 0925, 13/6. And again on 13/6 with songs and a fair signal at 0940. (Wagner-Australia/ADXNews). Faint but audible through slight noise. Laughing children's voices in SS, then a happy-sounding SS song at 0954 on 14/6 (Allen-Australia/ADXNews) ID at 0933 SS 14/6 fair to good level talk. (Wright-Australia/ADXNews).

5580.27, **R San José**, San José de Chiquitos, 0010-0020, Jul 21, Spanish talk, hymns, 15321. (Petersen-Denmark/DX Window)

6025, 0940, **Red Patria Nueva**, La Paz w/SS news reports, political speech excerpts, time check, poor to fair 29/5. (Bryan Clark-New Zealand/NZDXTimes) 6025.00, Red R Patria Nueva, La Paz (p), 0150-0155, Jun 25, Spanish talk, splashes from RCI in English on 6020 (S9+30 dB), 22322. (Petersen-Denmark/DX Window) 6025.00, R. Patria Nueva, La Paz; at 2240-2310 on Jul 18; nx, ID: "Informa Patria Nueva desde la Paz"; prgm: "Bolivia Informa", nx, ads and mx w/ political message; ads for "Campo Ferial Yanamarca". 44444. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer) Also heard at 0057, Jul 01, alone and clear. Has been here on the low side for a long time. R Amanecer has been off for a very long time and was last reported in Aug 11. (Nilsson-Sweden/DX Window)

6155.10, **R. Fides**, La Paz; at 2340-0005 on Jul 15; folk mx, ads: "Banco Los Andes", prgm: "El Hombre Invisible", ID: "El Grupo Fides presentó..." ID: "Radio Fides, la voz permanente de Bolivia", ID: "La historia de Bolivia es Radio Fides", prgm: "En Contacto". NOTE: I observe QSY 6154.90 to 6155.10, verified in USB and LSB. 44444. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

**BRAZIL** 4865.00, **R Verde Florestas**, Cruzeiro do Sul, AC, 1115-1140, Jun 10, played various music continuously. ID not given, 44444. (Arrunátegui-Perú/DX Window) Also heard at 2357, Jun 21, back again after being absent a few days. (Nilsson-

Sweden/DX Window) 4865, R. Verdes Florestas, Cruzeiro do Sul. I had the radio on in the background, sitting on this empty freq. while I worked on the computer. Then over about five minutes around 1045, this station faded in with mainly talk and the occasional slow ballad. ID at 1102 then a longer talk, perhaps religious. Hangs around much later than most other Brazilians because it's over in the far west of the country. First time heard this year, fair to poor level on 11/6. Then again on 13/6 with s/on at 1029 playing a solo clarinet-like theme, followed by anncts and a hymn-like song. Fair level of carrier but the audio seemed to be down. (Wagner-Australia/ADXNews)

4915.02, **R. Difusora Macapá**, Macapá. One of those dual (and usually dueling!!) Brazilian channels at 0935 with Macapá here and R. Daqui on 4914.94 approx., creating a significant het and not much else. Noted to past 1010 on 12/6. Last year, I didn't hear Macapá at all, so nice to see it appearing this time around, with excitable Brazilian pops. (Wagner-Australia/ADXNews) R Daqui is the one on the high side of 4915, like on July 5 at a sudden sign off at 0001\* on 4915.01 with big ID. The other Brazilian tent R dif de Macapá, is there but weaker on 4914.92. This time only with football and no ID. (Thomas Nilsson-Sweden/SWBulletin)

4965.01, **R Alvorada de Parintins** (99% sure), 2225-2327\*, Jun10 and 16. This Brazilian station has been noted almost every evening, but always too weak for ID. But on Jun 16 at 2225 the signal was a little stronger and the surrounding noise weaker than normal, I checked the FM webstream of R Alvorada de Parintins until after 2305. At a recheck at 2330 the signal was gone. I am 99% certain that this signal was // to the FM webstream which seems to carry mostly educational, cultural and religious programme. The station has been there every evening for a long time, but always weak and disturbed. But it seems Jun 16 was the last day for a period - not noted after that. (Nilsson-Sweden/DX Window) 4965.010, Jul 6, 2300, R Alvorada de Parintins now 100% definite. // to a 2 min. delayed webstream. Easy to hear the ID from the web but the noise just above 4865 is very annoying, but when you know what will come you can hear the ID. This frequency carries their FM cultural program. The station was gone for a week or two but back again from July 6. Parintins is known for a popular folklore festival held there each June called Boi-Bumbá. (Thomas Nilsson-Sweden/SWBulletin)

4985, **R. Brasil Central**, Goiânia. Poor, just poking through the RTTY QRM in PP at 0725 on 24/6 (Adams-Australia/ADXNews) Very weak signal via the all darkness winter Antarctic path at 2115, but gone by 2135 on 13/6. Antarctic path signals from morning Brazilians have been almost non-existent here in Melbourne so far this year. During the month, there was considerable southern auroral activity, probably due to some high solar flux numbers that occurred midway through the month. This may have had a deleterious effect on Brazilian signals coming across that wintertime path. (Wagner-Australia/ADXNews) A bit of a circus here with an excited PP sports commentary, a music break, PP anns, then back to the commentary at 1157! Heard on 15/6. (Allen-Australia/ADXNews) Expected this to be a better signal with news talk 1045 then f/out 1050 14/6. (Wright-Australia/ADXNews)

**R. Nacional da Amazônia** carries irregular tests with a 4 kW transmitter on 5990 kHz. It operates currently in AM, but will also use DRM in the future. (WRTH Update)

6135.57, **Rádio Aparecida**, Aparecida, on 7 July at 0150-0200\* - low key religious music and talk, poor to fair and best in USB to avoid Santa Cruz, // 9629.967 kHz good with scratchy modulation, 11854.85 fair. 9664.78, R Voz Missionária, Camboriú, on 7 July at 0205 - Two men in a religious discussion, excellent S=9+10 signal, // 5939.81v very poor, USB to avoid WWCR-5935. (Brandon Jordan-TN-USA, hcdx)

9645.4, **R. Bandeirantes**, São Paulo. Makes it occasionally here during our afternoons around 0530 onwards. Hets with the much stronger Vatican R during their Arabic service 0645-0705 but then in the clear, as on 13/6. (Wagner-Australia/ADXNews) Quite strong here with music, PP anns, and snatches of football commentary! What else! Heard at 0555-0557, 14/6. (Allen-Australia/ADXNews) F/in 0530! PP World cup football sport show ten played some music then back to show. 14/6 poor but readable! (Wright-Australia/ADXNews)

9818.7, **R. Nove de Julho**, São Paulo. Fair reception of a PP talk before a pleasant PP song at 0625, 14/6. Much better at 0555 on 15/6! (Allen-Australia/ADXNews) Relay of Rádio Aparecida. On 5/6 ID "Radio Nacional Com A Mae Aparecida" //5035. On 3/6 at 0101 radio Aparecida px heard on 5035, 6135, 9630, 11855 and maybe on 4949.9 also. Over 100 Bras stations are bc Com A Mae Aparecida

px! (Pankov-Romania/ADXNews) Fair w/PP tlks 2033, bit of a het w/adjacent 9820, 21/6. (Seager-Australia/ADXNews) 9818.9, R Nove de Julho, São Paulo, SP, for many months is on the air daily only at 0800-0100. From 0100 till 0800 is the programme called "Com A Mae Aparecida" (Together with Mother Aparecida) - they spell it "Com a Mue Aparecida". During the programme the IDs are also "Radio Nacional", "Radio Nacional Agora..." Over 100 Brazilian stations are relaying "Com A Mae...", but I heard on SW only on 9819.9 // 5035, 6135, 9630 and 11855. At 0100 they are announcing some of the names of sister stations. Com A Mae on 5035, 6135, 9630 and 11855 is at 2300 - 0800. Mon-Fri 2200-2300 on same frequencies and on 9819 is the programme "A Voz do Brasil". (Pankov-Bulgaria/DX Window) 9820v, R Nove de Julho, São Paulo, SP, 0558-0612, Jul 13, religious program "Santuário Nacional", "Com a Mãe Aparecida", comments and songs, 24322. (Méndez-Spain/DX Window) I heard this program "Com a Mãe Aparecida" on 25 Oct 2013. Luckily I got also an own ID of "Radio 9 de Julho" on top of the hour, so I sent a report and got surprisingly also a QSL. So it's possible to identify the station also during the network programme. Based on the QSL letter the programme is produced and transmitted by Rádio Aparecida and its on air from 22h00 till 5h00 every day (definitely local time). I mentioned in my report that there were phone calls from Pará also and they replied in Portuguese, that this programme integrates Brazilian people from various states of Federation. (Nurmela-Finland/DX Window)

11780.00, **R Nacional da Amazônia**, Brasília, DF, 2010-2100, Jun 12 and 14, excited reports in Portuguese from World Championship in Football with matches Brazil-Croatia and Uruguay-Costa Rica; Jun 14 at 2044: ann "Goooooooooall" when Costa Rica scored its 3rd goal. ID's noted at 2014 and 2027: "Rádio Nacional", 45343. This was the only frequency which was mentioned in the authorized list in DX-Window no. 507 that was audible in Denmark. (Petersen-Denmark/DX Window) Also heard at 2320, Jun 19, Brazilian music, 45444. (Beryozkin-Russia/DX Window)

**BULGARIA KBS World Radio** daily in German:

1900-2000 5925sof (ex 5885), 5940sof (ex 5870) (WRTH Update)

**CANADA CBC/Radio-Canada** Unveils New Corporate, Media Strategy: CBC/Radio-Canada announced

its new five-year strategy, taking it to 2020 and beyond, saying it will transform itself from the traditional to the modern, and will better serve Canadians through fundamental shifts to the digital, the individual and the sustainable. Called **A space for us all**, the strategy outlines CBC/Radio-Canada's plans to intensify its relationship with Canadians through the delivery of relevant, distinctly Canadian content and services, offered through modern distribution methods, with an emphasis on digital and mobile services, while preserving its geographic presence and being even more local, but at a reduced cost. "**A space for us all** is a strategy to make CBC/Radio-Canada the public space at the heart of our conversations and experiences as Canadians," said Hubert T. Lacroix, President and CEO of CBC/Radio-Canada. "We want to be a part of daily life. In the home, in the car, at work, and at play - CBC/Radio-Canada will be at your fingertips." "The strategy itself doesn't have all the answers, but it provides a solid framework that will allow us to face new challenges and seize new opportunities," added Lacroix. The CBC says it will significantly reduce in-house production - excluding news, current affairs and radio (although local newscasts may be shortened in running time) - while continuing to promote acquired or commissioned entertainment content from Canada's independent creative sector. "In the past seven years, the most painful and frustrating task for me has been to implement one round after another of reductions to respond to a changing environment and balance the budgets," commented Lacroix. "We need to find a path to sustainability. This time, these changes - and some of them will be difficult - will allow us to end up in a better place. They will allow us to ensure that we build a new CBC/Radio-Canada that will be a great place to work, that will be a champion of Canada, and it will be sustainable." The Corporation intends to "lighten its technology and real estate footprint" while developing a long-term, sustainable ways to manage its financial situation. Ultimately, the strategy aims to better position the public broadcaster to meet the fundamental shifts that are transforming the media universe, and consequently how it connects with Canadians. In order to better measure success, the Corporation has established two key targets: By 2020, the public broadcaster will have doubled its digital reach. 18 million Canadians, one out of two, will use CBC/Radio-Canada's digital services each month. By 2020, three out of four Canadians will answer that CBC or Radio-Canada is very important to them personally. "Implementing the

strategy will require careful steps, balancing our relationship with Canadians and the needs of a new CBC/Radio-Canada with the impact these changes will have on our people," continued Lacroix. "And we will ensure we develop and retain the skills necessary to thrive in this new era. Every change we are making through this strategy is designed to ensure we put as many of our resources into great content as possible. The creativity and passion of our workforce will always be critical to our success." (Radio World International Newsbytes)

6030, 1234-1240, **CFVP** Calgary Jul 4 Noted beneath a very strong CNR China signal with English language comedy program by man and woman. Presumed. (Atkins-WA/DXplorer)

6159.979, **CKZU** Vancouver isl noted in CA-US. Latter had a report of former YUG Sebreonica massacre by Serbian General Mladic in the 90ties, and the Bosnian Muslims mourning ceremony on July 11, and of the corpse body identification DNA analysis. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews)

**CHINA** 4750.00, **Qinghai PBS-1**, Xining, 2230-2240, Jun 19, Chinese talk and music, not // 4800. Not heard since February 2013, but now reactivated! 25332. (Petersen-Denmark/DX Window)

5050, Jun 24, 1300, **Beibu Bay Radio** (BBR). "The time now is 9PM, Beibu Bay Radio," followed by sound of cuckoo; very distinctive; fair; no hint of AIR Aizawl being here today. If AIR remains silent, then there may be a decent chance to hear Craig's Australian low powered station mixing with only BBR, when he re-activates his station. Only BBR heard today. (Ron Howard-CA/SWBulletin)

5860, **Voice of Jinling**, Nanjing, Jun 13 heard with their usual double sign on: \*1235\* and another sign on at \*1236; daily I hear them with fair to good reception. Thanks again to Jonathan Short for the Voice of Jinling QSL card. (Howard-CA/DX Window) 5860, Jul 9, Voice of Jinling. Off the air for summer maintenance? Recently not heard at all after their normal 1230 sign on; through July 9. Hope is not a change in their sign on time! On their printed QSL card, name is spelled "Jingling." Why? See 6200 log! They seem to have moved to that frequency. (Ron Howard-CA/SWBulletin)

6200, Jul 10, 1400, **Voice of Jinling** is now ex: 5860! They have moved to 6200. Mixing with PBS Xizang

(Tibet). For many years Tibet had sole possession of 6200, but no longer. VOJ is stronger by far than Tibet, so bad news for PBS Xizang. Noted with the usual "FM" IDs at 1400. (Ron Howard-CA/SWBulletin)

9820, *V. of Beibu Bay Radio*, Nanning. Interesting reception of excerpts of EE speeches by Margaret Thatcher being translated into CC at 1025 on 20/6. (Allen-Australia/ADXNews)

**Beibu Bay Radio** Schedule:

2300-0100 on 9820 5050  
1000-1600 on 9820 5050 Vietnamese/Cantonese/  
Chinese/Thai/English  
(NDXC/ADXNews)

**CLANDESTINE The Khmer Post Radio** in Khmer:

1200-1300 on 9960hbn Wed-Fri (ex. Daily)  
(WRTH Update)

**Radio Mehr Iran** in Persian:

1630-1700 on 15670iss (ex 15680) Mon & Fri  
(WRTH Update)

**Radio Erena** daily in Tigrinya:

1700-1730 on 11855sof (ex 11560)  
(WRTH Update)

**Echo of Hope** daily in Korean:

0455-2300 on 3985suv, 6003suv, 6250suv,  
6348suv (ex 0555-2400)  
(WRTH Update)

**Voice of Freedom** daily in Korean:

0300-0500 on 6135hwa (add)  
0800-2000 on 6135hwa (add)  
2100-2400 on 6135hwa (add)  
(WRTH Update)

Frequency change of **Voice of Martyrs** from July 12:

1600-1730 NF 7510 TAC Korean, ex 7515 7530  
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Frequency change of **R.Inyabutatu** in Kinyarwanda  
via Media Broadcast

1600-1700 NF 17500 ISS Sat, ex 17870  
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Frequency change of **Shiokaze-Sea Breeze** effective from July 15

1600-1700 NF 6090 YAM, ex 6165 Japanese Mon/Wed  
1600-1700 NF 6090 YAM, ex 6165 Chinese/Korean Tue  
1600-1700 NF 6090 YAM, ex 6165 English Thu  
1600-1700 NF 6090 YAM, ex 6165 Korean Fri  
1600-1700 NF 6090 YAM, ex 6165 Korean/Japanese Sat  
1600-1700 NF 6090 YAM, ex 6165 Japanese/  
Korean Sun  
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

4880, **SW Radio Africa**, Meyerton, 1746-1800\*, Jul 18, English, last broadcast, 25232. (Ivanov-Bulgaria/DX Window) It is with regret that SW Radio Africa announces that after 13 years, our shortwave broadcasts are to end on Friday 18th July. You have welcomed us into your homes since our first shortwave broadcast on 19th December 2001. Our broadcasts will continue on our website, via Channel Zim through TV decoders, and by various other forms of new media. We know how much these shortwave broadcasts have meant to our listeners in more remote areas who have so little access to news and information, and we sincerely regret that we will no longer be able to provide this service. We would like to thank our listeners who have been such loyal supporters for so many years and also for their willingness to share the stories of their lives with us on our Callback program. This has allowed people all over the world to have a better understanding of the many crises that Zimbabweans continue to face. We can only hope that one day, sooner rather than later, there is real media freedom that allows Zimbabweans, wherever they are in the country, easy access to what is a basic human right - freedom of information and expression. (Gerry Jackson via Dan Ferguson-NC)

6135, 1300, **Voice of Freedom**. For the last nine days DPRK had successfully blocked VOF with strong white noise jamming, but July 4 had only light pulsating noise jamming; 1300-1310 the usual Friday "H\_o English" lesson in English and Chinese with a review of this past week's lessons; "I look forward to working with you," "When should I start working?"; "Do as you please," "I will start working tomorrow"; nice to have readable reception again. (Ron Howard-CA/SWBulletin)

7530, **Voice of Martyrs**, via Toshkent, 1600-1730, Jul 02 and 05, Korean to North Korea on new frequency from Jul 02, ex 7515 was still heard on Jul 01. (Ivanov-Bulgaria/DX Window)

11560, **Radio Miraya** via Grigoriopol. Large full-data, except site, Miraya FM card in only 9 days—and that included a holiday in addition to a weekend. V/s Mr. Jean-Luc Mootosamy, Miraya Program Officer. Report was sent to Fondation Hirondelle, Avenue du Temple 19C, CH-1012 Lausanne, Switzerland. (Craighead-KS/DXplorer)

15425, **R Free Sarawak**, via TNN (? Ed) (100 kW / 208 degrees) Mo-Sa in Iban to South East Asia from June 23: 1100-1130, ex 15430; 1130-1200, ex 15420 and 1200-1230, ex 15410. Used remote SDR receivers in Novosibirsk, Russia and Tai Po, NT, Hong Kong. (Ivanov-Bulgaria/DX Window)

**COLOMBIA** 6010.00, **R. La Voz de tu Conciencia**, Bogotá, at 2325-2345 on Jul 17; rlg mx w/ devotional hymns and folk mx (joropo) w/ rlg messages. ID on passing: "Por la Voz de tu Conciencia". 44444. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

**CONGO (PEOPLE'S REP.)** 6115, **Radiodiffusion Congolaise** (Radio Congo), Brazzaville. After many postal and electronic attempts finally received a full data certificate of confirmation with incorrect date from Radiodiffusion Television Congolaise, B. P. 2241, Brazzaville, République du Congo. v/s Jean de Dieu Oko, Directeur des Programmes. (Artur Fernandez-Spain/PlayDX)

**CUBA** 5040, **R. Havana**. English to CAm at 0555 to s/off 0559, nice winter-only reception of this on 13/6. Strangely, no sign of 5025 until it suddenly came on at 0605. Perhaps this was the same transmitter on that occasion? Then again on June 19 with 5040 coming in at 0525 until s/off 0605. But this time, 5025 was also operating as per schedule, fading in at 0540, and much stronger than the co-channel VL8K Katherine, NT. (Wagner-Australia/ADXNews)

**DJIBOUTI** 4780, **RTD** Djibouti. Very good, clear reception of an AA talk including a mention of Allah at 1912, 14/6 (Allen-Australia/ADXNews) 15/6, 2010 Hilife tunes music, 2010. Only African apart from VOA heard at this time, fair to good level then f/out towards 2025. (Wright-Australia/ADXNews).

**EGYPT** observes summer time UTC +3h from 16th May probably until the last Friday of September, excluding Ramadan (between 29th June and 27th July). (WRTH Update)

**ENGLAND BBC Urdu Now Available on Mobiles:** The BBC World Service has announced that BBC Urdu flagship radio program "Sairbeen" is now available as a free app via the audio-sharing channel, AudioBoo on audioboo.fm/channel/bbcUrdu. The move, says the broadcaster, is part of BBC Urdu's commitment to serve audiences on platforms of their choice and is in response to the ever-increasing popularity of news consumption via mobile phones. The launch of Sairbeen on AudioBoo has a strong potential to considerably expand the listenership base of the BBC Urdu radio program in Pakistan, explains the BBC World Service. The BBC's newly released Global Audience Estimate shows that audiences of BBC World Service — of which BBC Urdu is part — are young and mobile. Mobile audiences deliver around a third of the traffic to the BBC Urdu website, which also has over 1.8 million fans on Facebook, it said. Listeners can go to the Audioboo website to download an app suitable to their phone-operating system and then search for the BBC Urdu channel. BBC Urdu plans to add more audio news content to its AudioBoo channel, the broadcaster said. (Radio World International Newsbytes)

**BBC Ups Digital Coverage in North:** The BBC has switched on seven new DAB radio transmitters provided by Arqiva, reports Prolific North. Now 94.4 percent of the British population can receive digital radio signals via the 19 million digital radios currently used in the United Kingdom, according to the BBC. The transmitters are located in Whitworth Valley, Slapton in Devon, Swanage, Sudbury, Todmorden in West Yorkshire, Hay-on-Wye and the market town of Dolgellau in North West Wales, bringing the total to 253. "It is fantastic that more listeners will be able to enjoy the full range of BBC services. Extending national DAB coverage is an important part of building a digital future for radio," said Helen Boaden, director of BBC radio. (Radio World Newsbytes)

**GERMANY** Some changes of **Deutsche Welle** from June 25:

0800-0830 on 17800 DHA Pashto, ex KIG  
0830-0900 on 17800 DHA Dari, ex KIG  
1330-1400 on 15595 KIG Dari, cancelled  
1400-1430 on 15595 KIG Pashto, cancelled



1800-1900 on 17860 MDC Hausa  
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

**Radio Liberty** Russian

1300-1400 on 13745 LAM, ex WOF  
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

**Radio Liberty** Belorussian

1600-1800 on 6105 LAM, ex NAU  
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

**Echo of Europe** in French (New Entry)

W: echoofeurope.eu  
1830-1845 on 7315nau Tue & Fri  
(WRTH Update)

**Transport Radio** in Dutch:

0800-1000 on 6095nau Mon/Wed/Fri (ex. Mon-Fri)  
(WRTH Update)

7310, **Radio 700** Kall, Germany. Who are the guys running the German station on 7310? They have been covered on the lower sideband today by what sounds like a digital STANAG transmission. They are \*only\* audible using the USB - and still with some digital noise. Can you hear the noise at your location??? (Noel R. Green-UK, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews June 22) re 7310, yes there is a digital UNKNOWN signal. Signal comes somewhere from Scandinavia ... I'll contact the Radio 700 manager immediately. But, those hands are tied and they are not free in their decisions. German Telecomm FNA Federal Network Agency and ITU need new frequency registration regulation, in order to change immediate frequency channel. Hopefully to be changed to another channel in 41 mb next week. 7307.5 to 7310.5, or 3 kHz wideband digital. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews June 22)

Special greetings from MEDIA BROADCAST's Headquarter at Cologne: I would like to let you know that after 43 years on duty of which approx. 38 years in different (technical and commercial) functions in short-wave business surprisingly I received a remarkable offer from my Employer MEDIA BROADCAST GmbH to realize a special form of early retirement which I really couldn't refuse. As I agreed with that offer in result my last working day on duty in the office will be Friday, 18th July

2014. Regarding MEDIA BROADCAST GmbH's short-wave business, my successor will be my colleague Michael Pütz who is well known as Frequency Manager during the most recent "High Frequency Coordination Conference" (HFCC) and "Group of Eight" frequency coordination business for many years already. Please be so kind and send all your email correspondence to Michael's email address instead of mine in the future. Volker Behling, who is also well known at customer side will be supporting the commercial activities, too. Having said that, I have to admit that I will leave my long lasting employment which was mainly focused on all aspects of global short-wave business with a "laughing" and a "crying eye" - the laughing eye because from that date as mentioned above I will be able to take fulltime opportunity for new challenges and new projects which will have more private character and which were not possible to be realized until yet due to lack of time availability. For me, this is a real dream come through having the complete freedom to do this now and start a new segment in my life as having much more time available for my family including children and grandchildren. But also I will leave with a crying eye by closing that door behind in my life when I think back of all those fine people who I was allowed and privileged to meet and to talk to during meetings and customer contacts as well as during all those HFCC conferences face to face since 1995 when I started these commercial activities regarding short-wave business. Let me take this opportunity to say "Thank you very much" to all of you for a long term good business partnership in the best spirit to create a better world which should be a little bit more peaceful as it is today. By the way, I tried to forget nobody to inform, but if it should be so, please don't feel insulted if I forgot somebody to put in the loop. "Au revoir" and "Wishing well" for you all, your families and your personal future and best wishes. Sincerely Yours and best regards, Walter Brodowsky, Head of Short-wave, Senior Expert Sales (via Edward Kusalik-Canada/DXplorer) As many of you folks know, Walter was the person behind issuing verifications (QSL Replies) from first DTK-Julich and then later from Media Broadcast. Speaking for myself, his dedication to his responsibility to verification replies was a first. He will be missed and hopefully his replacement will carry on this tradition. (Edward Kusalik-Canada/DXplorer)

**GREECE** The shortwave transmitters are still being operated by staff from the former state broadcaster **ERT** who were sacked over a year ago now! The ID

is still "Elleniki Radiofonia, Ert Open", or in short form "Ert Open". During June they seem to have been keeping the SW transmitters on the air for longer periods, including daytime, when they had been off the air until recently. Look out for Ert Open on 7450, 7475, 9420, 11645, 15630 or 15650. At some point, presumably the new official state broadcaster Nerit, will take over the SW transmitters. (Dave Kenny-UK/BDXC)

**INDIA** 5050, **AIR Aizawl**, 1209-1235, Jun 26, back on the air today mixing with Beibu Bay R (China); subcontinent music, 1220-1225 in English ("commentary" ?), 1230 "This is All India Radio", news/sports in English. By 1235 it was a real mess on 5050, as they were both of equal strength. (Howard-CA/DX Window)

9380, **AIR** has started, from Jul 21, a new service with Vividh Bharati and National Channel combined on 9380 coming from Aligarh towards Southern India. The schedule is: 0100-0435 Vividh Bharati, 0900-1200 Vividh Bharati and 1320-0040 National Channel (replacing 9470). 9870 with Vividh Bharati and 9425 with National Channel will continue as before. (Akashvani Prasar Bharati via Gupta-India and Jacob-India/DX Window)

9870, **AIR**, Bengaluru, 1143-1200, Jul 05, "Phir Wohi Raat Hai Khwab Ki" Kishore Kumar, cover song of Carpenters - Sing(?), it's possible to hear well many Indian songs every day at this schedule, I think that it's quite an interesting song for people in Europe and the US, 45343. (Wagai-Japan/DX Window)

6155, **AIR External Service** latest change: 6155 in Urdu at 1430-1930 now via Delhi Khampur 250 kW (ex Bangalore 500 kW). The latest AIR External Services schedule is in: <http://qsl.net/vu2jos/es/time.htm>. (Jose Jacob-IND VU2JOS, <[www.qsl.net/vu2jos](http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos)> DXIndia July 3/TopNews)

**INDONESIA** 3325, 1201-1205, **RRI Palangkaraya** Jul 4 RRI news in Indonesian, with mention of various Indonesian cities. Good signal. (Atkins-WA/DXplorer)

3344.87, Jul 14, 1153, **RRI Ternate**. Nice to have this back on the air for Ramadan; mostly reciting from the Qur'an; did not carry the Jakarta news at 1201; at 1230 EZL music; segment of phone calls and more reciting from the Qur'an; started out very poor and slowly improved. (Ron Howard-CA/SWBul-

letin) 3344.87, Jul 7, 1202, **RRI Ternate**. Heard daily now; mostly non-stop reciting from the Qur'an, with a few phone calls; seems to never carry the 1200 Jakarta news. (Ron Howard-CA/SWBulletin)

3344.9, 1207-1215, **RRI Ternate** Jul 4 Slow a capella vocals by male in Arabic. Tentative; extremely weak signal. (Atkins-WA/DXplorer)

4869.89v, Jul 7, 1202, **RRI Wamena**. Jakarta news // RRI Palangkaraya (3325), ending at 1226 with usual patriotic song "Bagimu Negeri" (For You Our Country). BTW - RRI Makassar (4749.95) continues silent through July 9. (Ron Howard-CA/SWBulletin) 4870, 1227-1232, **RRI Wamena** Jul 4 Soft lagu pops music with voice-over announcer in Indonesian. Mentions of Indonesia and possible ID at 1229. Strong signal, but noisy. (Atkins-WA/DXplorer)

9525.87, Jul 1, \*0947- **Voice of Indonesia**. 1005-1055 in English with "Exotic Indonesia" joint production between VOI Jakarta and "95.3 FM, RRI Denpasar" (Bali); news; "Today in History"; live time check for "it's 6:30" in Bali (1030 UT); chatting about activities in Bali. 1100 - Chinese language segment preempted by special "live program" in English; many spots about the upcoming presidential and VP election, between pop songs; segment about South Kalimantan and their local music. (Ron Howard-CA/SWBulletin)

**IRAN** Frequency change for **Voice of Islamic Republic of Iran** from July 6

1723-1820 NF 9860 SIR German, ex 9570  
1723-1820 on 7410 KAM German  
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

**IRELAND** 6295, 2014, **Reflections Europe** w/ American religious prgm w/male & female hosts, poor 1/6. Scheduled Sundays only. (Bryan Clark-New Zealand/NZDXTimes)

**LAOS** 6130, **Lao National Radio**, Vientiane. Theme mx 1400, opening anncs. in EE, including frequencies. A bit hard to follow, but OK signal, 14/6. (Seager-Australia/ADXNews)

**KUWAIT Radio Kuwait** was observed on July 14 again with broadcast in Bangla:

1500-1545 on 21540, instead Arabic General Sce  
1545-1600 on 15540, before the start of Urdu Sce  
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

**KYRGYZSTAN** 4010, *Kyrgyz R HS 1*, Bishkek, 1747, Jul 02, Kyrgyz to Central Asia. (Ivanov-Bulgaria/DX Window)

5130, *R. Maranatha*, Shortwave Relay Sec., Bishkek, 1736-1748, Jul 01, Pashto or Dari to Western Asia. (Ivanov-Bulgaria/DX Window)

**MADAGASCAR** QSL TALATA. Full-data, including program names & languages, usual very nice MGLOBAL color montage map with applied mat (straw? grass? raffia?) cards in 7 weeks. VOICE OF TIBET 15525 (I also reported 15530 where it moved in mid-broadcast, but this freq wasn't mentioned on the card). RADIO IMPALA 17540; RADIO TAMAZUJ 15150 & 15550; RADIO DABANGA 15550. I reported 15550 as tentative since while some websites list this as Talata others say Dhabbaya at 0400 & 0430. I felt it was Talata since it was strong when logged in April and still is strong at that time, which is typical of Talata broadcasts to the Horn-of-Africa as well as some other areas. On the other hand, Dhabbaya is in my dead (almost) zone-probably because of my antenna orientation. Regardless of the beam I rarely hear Dhabbaya, and when it is audible, signal strength is usually very poor. Address: MGLOBAL SA, P.O. Box 404, Antananarivo - 101, Madagascar. (Wendel Craighead-KS-USA, DXplorer June 20/TopNews)

5010.47, *R. Madagasikara*, Ambohidrano. Malagasy discussion program at 2039, fair to poor signal with transmitter drift on 13/6. (Wagner-Australia/ADXNews) Very weak 2047, fair bit of carrier showing on the Perseus spectrum display, but unable to distinguish much, 28/6. (Seager-Australia/ADXNews)

6135, *R. Madagasikara*, Ambohidrano. Short "Radio Madagasikara" ID between a delightful music program of East Afro pop songs at 2135. Co-channel QRM from CRI's Croatian service between 2110 and 2130, then Madagasikara became the dominant station on the freq. A very solid signal on a late weekend schedule on 13/6 and running parallel with the usual 5010.29 also heard but weaker there but that time of the morning. (Wagner-Australia/ADXNews)

**MALI** 5995, 0557, *RTVM* Bamako w/guitar interval signal, martial anthem, theme music and FF ident "Vous ecoute ... Radiodiffusion Television Malienne ... Bamako" and frequency info. Fair strength but audio subdued 11/5. (Bryan Clark-New Zealand/

NZDXTimes) 5995, R. Mali, Bamako. Afro mx, FF ann at 2135, good on 4/6. Also heard via LP on 24/6, fair at 0707. (Adams-Australia/ADXNews) As usual, there was plenty of carrier but the audio was well down at 0630. I could hear the wonderful Afro music but anncts and discussions were too hard to pick out of the noise. This is a winter WAF reception via the long path. Oh how I wish we could hear a better quality signal from this station; the Malian musicians are some of the best in the African continent! 13/6. (Wagner-Australia/ADXNews) Fading in and out but clear at times with a tribal chant by female singers, then anns in an Afro language at 2126 on 15/6. (Allen-Australia/ADXNews)

**MALAYSIA** 6050, 1237-1301, *RTM Asyik FM* Jul 4 Soft Malay or Indo pops music at tune-in; female announcer in presumed Bahasa Malaysian 1245 mentioning Malaysia and 'meter band'. Music selections continued across top of the hour; female with announcement or possible ID at 1301. Good signal but fading slightly by 1301. (Atkins-WA/DXplorer) Also heard via remote SDR unit in Australia at 1440, Jul 18, underneath Xizang PBS in Mandarin. (Bueschel-Germany/DX Window)

11665, *Wai FM* at 1115 in Bahasa Malay, woman host talking to a young girl, 1125 children's chorus singing "Mary Had a Little Lamb" in English, 1127 "Wai FM" IDs - Fair. July 12. (Sellers-Canada/DXplorer)

**MEXICO** 6185, *R Educación*, México D. F., 0453-0510\*, Jul 10, Spanish comments, songs, ID: "Radio Educación, desde la ciudad de México, y en internet www.radioeducacion.com.mx , 23322. (Méndez-Spain/DX Window)

**FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA** 4755, 1153-1159, *PMA The Cross* Jul 4 VG/excellent signal of contemporary Christian music, including 'Hunger in My Heart'. Off suddenly at 1159 with three quick, rising-pitch electronic tones, and carrier was gone. (Atkins-WA/DXplorer)

**MONGOLIA** 7260, *Mongolian R. 2* Ulaanbaatar. Signal at only fair level subject to noise making the listed Mongolian language difficult to identify. C/c under is Vanuatu? 1129 11/6. (Jones-Australia/ADXNews) Or China? (Seager-Australia/ADXNews).

**MYANMAR** Rangoon some 6 Hertz up now. Came across the 5985 channel downunder in remote SDR unit in Australia, in 1415 to 1430 time slot July 21. 5985.0 Powerful Shiokeze interval signal over

and over again from Yamata JPN relay site noted til TX off at 1430. Then channel let in the clear of Myanmar Radio Rangoon on odd 5985.234 at 1432, and undoubtedly a North Korean dither jamming signal in the background underneath. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 21)

7345, **Thazin Radio**, Pyin U Lwin. Weak but clear reception of a Burmese song until Burmese anns at 1059, then another song. Swamped by CNR1 s/ on at 1100 on 14/6! (Allen-Australia/ADXNews)

**NEW ZEALAND RNZI** has posted a new schedule this morning, showing reductions in the DRM broadcasts. They note, "In future our DRM is on air only at times required for rebroadcast by Pacific Stations".

DRM on 11690 at 0500-0650 is gone.

DRM on 9890 at 0800-1200 is gone.

DRM on 17675 at 2151-0458 is replaced by 0250-0400. (Dan Ferguson-NC/SWSkeds)

Sad to say that the **RNZI** Mailbox program is ending on August 4 after 65 years of service to international radio listeners. Why? Funds are being redirected into the core Pacific news and information services that are actually directed at the target audience for which RNZI is funded. This will strengthen RNZI's services to the Pacific. (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria) We were saddened to learn on Jul 21 that the RNZI Mailbox program, to which we regularly contribute features about Pacific radio, has been cancelled after 65 years. (Ricquish-New Zealand/DX Window)

**NIGERIA Radio Nigeria Kaduna** was back on shortwave after month of absence

1800-1900 on 6089.9 Hausa  
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

15120, Nigeria booming in at 0525. Excellent reception with usual muffled audio with S9 + 10 reception with English sports news at 0525 8 July. Must have some transmitter issue as there's a whine about 2.5 kHz audible (and visible on the Perseus waterfall). (Walt Salmaniw-BC/DXplorer)

**OMAN** Frequency changes of **BBC** in Hindi from July 7:

1600-1630 NF 9490 SLA, ex. 9705  
(Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 11)

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA** 3205, 1147-1152, **NBC Sandaun** Jul 4 Woman with Bible reading or sermon in Tok Pisin. Mentions of New Guinea, and Vanimo. Poor signal with utilities QRM on lower sideband. (Atkins-WA/DXplorer)

3260, 1154-1157, **R. Madang** Jul 4 Nice PNG sing-sing music in Tok Pisin. South Pacific news in English heard at 1205 retune. Very good signal. (Atkins-WA/DXplorer)

3385, Jun 23, -1200\*, **NBC East New Britain**, 1145-1200\*. Pop Pacific Island music; off with Kenny G music; fair. 1200 is now their normal sign off time, via a timer. (Ron Howard-CA/SWBulletin) 3385 Jun 29 1118 NBC East New Britain, 1118-1146. Local Christian preacher in both English and Tok Pisin/Pidgin; "East New Britain is most favored one. The eye of God is upon East New Britain," "East New Britain is a model province, East New Britain is the model of perfection." Almost fair with QRM/static. (Ron Howard-CA/SWBulletin) 3385 PNG NBC East New Britain at 1138 in Tok Pisin, pop music, 1150 several ads in English, including one for a car dealer identified as a "supporter of NBC East New Britain", 1153 phone number and invitation for dedications - Good. July 12. (Sellers-Canada/DXplorer) 3385, Jul 9, -1228\*, NBC East New Britain. July 9 with nice anomaly; expecting the normal cut off time of 1200, but continued on till about 1228\*, 1201 PNG bird call; "Good night Papua New Guinea. The News Roundup"; with news and "weather forecast" (wx now a regular feature with the news); 1207 "Provincial News" in Tok Pisin/Pidgin; ads and promos; DJ with "musical requests," listing persons with dedications for pop songs; almost fair. July 10 - Yesterday was not an anomaly, but instead a new sign off time. They have re-set the timer for closing down the transmitter; ex 1200\*. Today off at 1229:20\*. Same format as yesterday. (Ron Howard-CA/SWBulletin)

**Wantok Radio Light** is back on the air on 7325. (WRTH Update) 7325, Wantok Radio Light, Port Moresby. Huge with religious programme, a beautiful prayer given for the safety of the people of PNG in EE at 0405 on 7/6. (Adams-Australia/ADXNews) Thought this was inactive! Not so, reduced power? 0900 ID as "Wantok Light Radio" then took NBC News fair level 14/6 (cannot hear from Peakhurst). (Wright-Australia/ADXNews) 7324.96, Jul 4, 0909, Wantok R. Light 0909 NBC Nat. nx in progress by M, 0916 rel. mx at recheck. 0936 sounded like a pgm rundown by studio M annr w/ments of ministry,

Papua New Guinea, NBC Radio News, 2014, "...station Wantok R. Light...", studio, etc. Back to rel. mx at 0940 including C&W mx as well. In the clear. Studio M anncr again at 1001 w/intro for next pgm, and CRI still not on. 1002 EG rel. pgm w/M preaching, then finally presumed CRI on late at 1020 but no audio heard except for the het. Here's a link to the video with an announcement and ID and CRI coming on the air. (Dave Valko-PA/SWBulletin)

Another interesting email from Dave Ricquish (PNG Country Editor, WRTH, Radio Heritage Foundation). Here are his insightful comments: "Hello Ron . . . Most of the action in PNG seems to be on FM. It remains darned difficult to extract anything useful out of NBC, but I continue to nibble around the edges. BTW, the population of PNG has now reached 7.4 million, making it the 2nd largest nation in terms of population in the SW Pacific, after Australia. With increased urbanization, the country now supports some 5 or 6 commercial radio networks as well as NBC AM/FM/SW. Clearly, urban FM and 'nation building' FM is where the growth will be. Particularly as the country lurches from one political crisis to another. Now the PM has an arrest warrant . . . Cheers, Dave". (Ron Howard-CA/SWBulletin)

**PERU 4747, R. Huanta 2000**, Huanta. After a long, long time I've finally heard it again! A lively Latin-American song and music followed by SS anncs at 1122, 15/6. Weak and noisy, but at least it was there! (Allen-Australia/ADXNews)

4774.91, **R. Tarma**, Tarma, Junín. Noted around 1035 with chat and occasional songs, not strong and should improve over the next few weeks, 11/6. (Wagner-Australia/ADXNews) A difficult one here. Very noisy but pretty sure it was a SS talk or sermon that I heard here at 1130 on 15/6. (Allen-Australia/ADXNews)

4809.4, **R. Logos**, Chazuta. Slightly below frequency with an Andean song and music, then a SS talk at 0942 on 14/6. (Allen-Australia/ADXNews) 4810.00, R. Logos, Tarapoto; at 1120-1135 on Jul 10; prgrm in dialect, rlg mx in the same vern lang; ID "Está en sintonía de Radio Logos, en los 4810kHz de la onda tropical", mx: rlg hymns in SP. 22222. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

4835.05, **Ondas del Suroriente**, Quillabamba, 2350-2358, Jul 01 and 03, music and Spanish ann, heard several times lately with good signal. (Nilsson-

Sweden and Wilkner-FL/DX Window) 4835.00 PERÚ, R. Ondas del Sur Oriente; at 2205-2315 on Jul 15; romantic mx in // w/ Radio Felicidad, Lima, romantic mx by singer Daniel Bosé: "Canción amiga", ID on passing: "Desde Radio Felicidad". 44444. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

4985.50, **R. Voz Cristiana**, Chilca, Huancayo; at 2315-2335 on Jul 1; folk mx w/ rlg theme, ID: "Radio Voz Cristiana 1470 AM", prgm in Quechua, ID: "Radio Voz Cristiana". 33333. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

5024.92, **R. Quillabamba**, Quillabamba, Cusco; at 1138-1200 on Jul 11, tks abt the different political parties for the next municipal elections. Wrapping w/ID: "Muchas gracias por su presencia en Radio Quillabamba", mx, ID: "Radio Quillabamba", sx prgm, tks abt the FIFA World Cup, ID "Radio Quillabamba pionera en educación y cultura". 33333. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

5980.00, **R. Chaski**, Urubamba, Cusco; at 2320-2335 on Jul 15; rlg prgm: "El Camino de la Vida", in SP and in // w/ Red Radio Integridad, 700AM from Lima, mx: rlg hymn, prgm: "Momentos Decisivos" ... "Mientras el Señor Regresa". 44444. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

6173.87, **R. Tawantinsuyo**, Cusco. Rapid-fire news and other anncs at 1005 f/in. Weak signal but was easily separated from CNR1 6175 by using LSB mode, 11/6. (Wagner-Australia/ADXNews) 6173.85, R. Tawantinsuyo, Cusco; at 2350-0010 on Jul 17; strong buzzing QRM hrd, improving at 2300, best hrd in LSB; romantic latinamerican mx, followed by "Noticiero ABC" w/ nx, ID: "Noticiero ABC, que se transmite desde Cusco a través de Radio Tawantinsuyo". 44444. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

#### **PHILIPPINES *Radyo Pilipinas* (PBS):**

0200-0330 English 12010, 15640, 17820  
1730-1930 Tagalog 9925, 12120, 15190  
QTH: Philippine Broadcasting Service, 4th Floor,  
Visayas Avenue, Quezon City 1100, Metro Manila,  
Filipinas.

E-mail: [radyo\\_pilipinas\\_overseas@yahoo.com](mailto:radyo_pilipinas_overseas@yahoo.com) and  
Web: [www.pbs.gov.ph](http://www.pbs.gov.ph) (Conexion Digital/ADXNews)

**PIRATE (NO. AM.)** 9600AM, Religious Station, **YHWH**, was finally nabbed on this frequency from

04:10 to 04:42 sign-off, on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July (UTC). The frequency was in the clear the signal was actually quite good, with a nice s3 to s6 and then after 04:32 up to s4 to s7 level. Preacher with religious text, talking about YHWH and salvation, the Ten Commandments, with station ID's as 'thank you for listening to our station, YHWH', "This is YHWH, thank you for tuning into our broadcast" and "YHWH is now signing off the air " (@04:42 hrs.) This program was called 'Goodbye to Christians'. Just prior to the close was sort of hymn, called "Starlight" played on a plucked sitar instrumental. This broadcast was done quite professionally and not at all like a 'fly by night' broadcaster. Now I just wish he would give out a contact information. (via the internet?) (Edward Kusalik-Canada/DXplorer) Ed, some broadcasters aren't interested at all in the hobby listener, and that's understandable. This fellow is clearly in that league. I agree that he does not sound like your typical pirate broadcaster. His frequency agility is quite astounding. It would appear that he's somewhere in the mid-west. I'm unaware that he has ever given any contact information, and personally I doubt that he ever will. I've heard him a few times. The most difficult part is to actually find him! (Walt Salmaniw-Canada/DXplorer)

**POLAND** Sad news on the *Polish Radio* web site: the German service is to be ceased forever on 1 July 2014 after 70 years in service. (Dietrich Hommel BC-DX 15 June/BDXC)

**RWANDA** 6055, 2022, *Radio Rwanda* strong w/FF pops & anncts 17/5. Also hrd at 0403 same day w/FF news, fair. (Bryan Clark-New Zealand/NZDXTimes) 6055, R. Rwanda, Kigali. Live broadcast of the Brazil Vs Mexico World Cup match at 2025, big signal, lots of excitement...even though the score was 0 - 0 in the 71st minute, 13/6. (Wagner-Australia/ADXNews) Faded in out of the noise at 0457 with Afro tunes, very poor, gone at 0527 recheck on 7/6. (Adams-Australia/ADXNews)

**SAUDI ARABIA** UNIDentified station in English on 21670. UNIDentified station in English was noted on June 30 around 0912 on 21670 and completely covers Radio Saudi International in Indonesian. (Ivo Ivanov-BUL, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 1) Maintenance? Test work by Continental/RIZ from Jeddah new tx site every year around end of June and July 1st. Jeddah is also registered here in joint HFCC/ASBU/ABU Schedule list, at least on June 26 and June 30 files so far ... 21670 0800-1000, zones

46,48,47 JED 250kW 270deg ant#216 FRA ARS. New Jeddah tx installation site has been finished some 2 years ago, but never went into regular service. Excellent US TCI curtain antennas erected. 73 wb df5sx wwdxc (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 1) 21670. It should be BSKSA in English. They mentioned "Muhammad bin Naif Centre for Advice & Care" which is a Saudi institution, named after their interior minister. (Cristian Mocanu-ROU, bclnews.it July 1/TopNews)

**SOLOMON ISLANDS** Local daytime 9545 seems silent again. (Seager-Australia/ADXNews) *SIBC* current schedule is 1900-1200 on 1035 & 5020 and 2200-0500 on 9545, the latter irregular. (WRTH Update) Schedule probably now: 5020 1900-2200, 0500-1200 and 9545 2200-0500. (Ritola-Finland/DX Window)

**SRI LANKA** 9720, *SLBC*, Trincomalee, 1145-1215\*, Jul 10, folk song, transmission stopped at 1215, today's frequency was correct 9720, frequency has been 9719.92 almost every day, I will be careful about frequency from now on, modulation splash on 9725 is hard until 1157, 33232. (Wagai-Japan/DX Window)

**TAJIKISTAN** All broadcasts of *Voice of Tajik* 1800-2400 are off on shortwave:

1800-2000 on 7245 DB Dari  
2000-2200 on 7245 DB Russian  
2200-2300 on 7245 DB Uzbek  
2300-2400 on 7245 DB Hindi  
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

4765.05, *Tajik R 1*, Yangiyul, \*2300-2310, Jun 27, suddenly opened in mid-sentence with talk in Tajik by woman, musical interlude, talk and ID by man: "In jo Dushanbe", 2303 martial orchestra music and song, 45343. (Petersen-Denmark/DX Window) Also heard with sign off at 2003-2004\*, Jun 29, talks, 25332. (Mille-France/DX Window) 4765.047, Tajik Radio 1 from Dushanbe Yangi-Yul site, at 2330 on July 5th, S=9+15dB -60dBm. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews) 4765.046, Tajik Radio 1, Yangi Yul Dushanbe site. Odd frequency signal as usual. Noted S=7 or -86 dBm strength here in southern Germany. 1805 on July 8. Local TJK-ME male singer performing folk music song. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews)

**UGANDA** 4976, *UBC R*, Kampala, 1811-1955, Jul 02, 05 and 08, English comments, 24322. (Ivanov-

Bulgaria, Méndez-Spain and Petersen-Denmark/DX Window) Also heard at 2013-2015, Jun 30, football, 25332. (Mille-France/DX Window) 4975.98, 1850-2100, 8+9.07, UBC R, Kampala English and vernacular ann, African songs. Nothing on 7195. 35233. (Anker Petersen-Denmark/PlayDX) 4976, UBC R, Kampala, 0310, Jul 11, Afropop, animated talk in English, 35333. (Bell). Also heard at 1848-1905, Jul 12, vernacular music, English comments, 24322. (Méndez-Spain/DX Window)

7194.98, **UBC R**, Kampala, 2204-2210, Jul 06, Latin American music, 2210 Central African language accent presenter, S=9+10dB strength here in southern Germany, extended programme during Ramadan? (Bueschel-Germany/DX Window) Also heard in Japan at 2000-2100, Jul 06, but not confirmed by ID. (Wagai-Japan/DX Window) Not heard Jul 07 and 08 at 1855-2040. (Petersen-Denmark/DX Window) UBC Kampala Uganda this night July 6th/7th 1200 to 0500 on Kampala daytime frequency 7194.983 footprint instead, not on nighttime 4976v channel. Exact 7194.983 footprint. S=9+10dB -64dBm strength here in southern Germany, 2204 UT, July 6. 7194.983 Kampala Uganda also heard easily via Twente Amateur radio club ETGD at PI4THT Wideband WebSDR of University of Twente unit. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews) 7194.983, usage on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 12 to 05 on July 7, was only a single day operation. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews)

**UKRAINE Radio Dniprovskya Hvylya** relay Ukrainian Radio HS 1 in Ukrainian:

0600-0730 on 11980.1 0.3 kW in CUSB  
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

**URUGUAY** 6076a, 0901, UNID (Uruguay?) Weak SS talk on 6076.32 LSB to avoid RA 6080 on 21/5. Carrier previously noted at 0402 on 19/5. But no other receptions. Possibly this is Uruguay's **Voz de Artigas**, reported by Argentinian DXer 8/5. (Bryan Clark-New Zealand/NZDXTimes)

**USA** Voice of America to end shortwave broadcasts in English and several language services. From Mon June 30 all shortwave frequencies for English News programs to Asia will be eliminated. We will no longer be heard via shortwave in the morning 2200-0200 and in the evening 1200-1600. Shortwave being used by services at Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty and Radio Free Asia are also being cut. (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

More and more cancelled broadcasts of IBB from July 1:

**Radio Free Asia** Lao, eliminated completely

0000-0100 on 15690 TIN  
1100-1200 on 9325 SAI  
1100-1200 on 15120 TIN  
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

**Radio Free Asia** Vietnamese, eliminated completely

1400-1500 on 9760 TIN  
1400-1500 on 12130 TIN  
1400-1500 on 13825 SAI  
2330-0030 on 9585 KWT  
2330-0030 on 13835 SAI  
2330-0030 on 15675 TIN  
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

**Radio Farda** Persian

0030-0400 on 7280 NAU  
0930-1100 on 13860 LAM  
1600-1700 on 15690 NAU  
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

**Voice of America Learning English**, eliminated completely

0130-0200 on 9825 GB  
1600-1700 on 11915 SAO  
1600-1700 on 13570 BOT  
1600-1700 on 17895 IRA  
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

**VOA/RFA/RFL** Make Shortwave Cuts by Leslie Stimson: Congress has approved cuts in shortwave transmission sought by the Broadcasting Board of Governors. The BBG is an independent federal agency that oversees U.S. international broadcasting networks. Its broadcasters include the Voice of America and the Office of Cuba Broadcasting; and three nonprofit grantees: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, the Middle East Broadcast Networks and Radio Free Asia. We had noted that the BBG had planned to end some shortwave broadcasts as part of its plans to streamline operations and avoid duplication across its five networks. As part of that effort, some shortwave broadcasts have been terminated for VOA, RFE/RFL and RFA. The BBG told RW: "We continue shortwave to those countries where these transmissions are still reaching significant audiences or where there are no

reasonable alternative platforms at a lower cost to the BBG," according to spokeswoman Leticia King. "The shortwave reductions will save U.S. taxpayers almost \$1.6 million annually." (Radio World Newsbytes)

**Radio Africa** via WRMI:

0400-0800 on 15190  
1400-2100 on 17790  
2100-2300 on 15190  
(BDXC)

Additional broadcast of **WRMI** via Okeechobee:

2100-2130 on 15770 English, not till 2200  
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Additional 30 minutes of **KVOH Voice of Hope** in English from July 13:

0130-0400 on 9975 Sun/Mon, ex 0200-0400  
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

**UZBEKISTAN IBRA Radio** in Bengali

0000-0030 daily SAs 9390tac (ex 5905)  
(WRTH Update)

**VANUATU R. Vanuatu** has reactivated both 3945 and 7260 with 1 kW 24h. (WRTH Update)

3945, **R. Vanuatu**, Port Vila. Good level but noisy with a Pidgin Tok about local affairs at 1949 on 14/6 (Allen-Australia/ADXNews) Radio play/theatre piece in Bislama at 1032, poor signal and running //7245 which was the better signal. No sign of R. Nikkei at that time, 21/6. (Wagner-Australia/ADXNews) 3945, Radio Vanuatu at 1207 in Bislama, soft vocals, 1212 male announcer and into anthem for a minute until 1213:30 then dead air - Poor. July 12. (Sellers-Canada/DXplorer)

7260, 0338, **Radio Vanuatu** w/apparent relay of France Inter 30/5, fair w/surging signal in FF 'France Inter' mentioned. 'Au revoir' at 0356:30 and into EE local news at 0400. (Bryan Clark-New Zealand/NZDXTimes)

**YEMEN** 6135.00, **Rep. of Yemen R.**, San'a, Al Hiswah (050 kW / non-dir.), \*1800-1900\*, Jun 13 and 14, English was back on shortwave again. (Ivanov-Bulgaria/DX Window) Also heard in Sweden with


strong signal Jun 14 and English news. (Nilsson-Sweden/DX Window) 6135, Rep. of Yemen R, Sana'a, 1500-1615, Jul 05, 08, 10 and 16, extended broadcasts in Arabic for Ramadan, but not daily. (Ivanov-Bulgaria/DX Window)

**ZAMBIA** 5915, **Zambia NBC 1**, Lusaka. Surprisingly clear with a phone-in programme with numbers in EE and "ello, ello", then talking in listed Bemba language with Afro music segments. Heard at 2120-2125 on 15/6 (Allen-Australia/ADXNews) Fair 1801 w/accented EE talks, fair level on 22/6. (Seager-Australia/ADXNews)

**ZANZIBAR** 6015, 0359, **Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation** w/drumming interval signal, time pips and into news in Swahili 17/5, frequent mentions of Zanzibar and Tanzania, Poor in clear after CRI 6020 closes at 0400. On 21/5 "Zed B.C." ident hrd at 0400. (Bryan Clark-New Zealand/NZDXTimes)

11735.02, 2040-2100\*, 07.07, **Zanzibar Broadcasting Corp.**, Dole, Swahili talk, children's choir, 2059 closing ann mentioning Ramadan, abrupt s/off. 45444. (Anker Petersen-Denmark/PlayDX)

**ZIMBABWE Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation's** manager signed my prepared verification card and put on it the rubber stamp of 'The Manager, Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation, Radio Zimbabwe'. After eight years of patiently writing again and again, I enclosed a 100,000,000,000,000 (one hundred trillion) dollar bank note from the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe in one of my registered letters with proof of delivery and a warranty of 100 Euro. Then I had the Harare Central Sorting Office confirm that this letter was delivered. As shortwave transmissions from Gweru stopped a couple of years ago, I am more than happy that I still got this confirmation!" (Günter Jacob-Germany/NZDXTimes) You would have been better off to have saved that as a souvenir! My understanding is that Zimbabwe scrapped all use of a local currency about five years ago, opting for the likes of the US greenback, the rand, and others as legal tender. (Theo Donnelly-Canada/NZDXTimes)

Schedules, news and other information about shortwave broadcasting activity can be sent to Richard A D'Angelo, 2216 Burkey Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610 or via e-mail to rdangelo3@aol.com (please indicate in the subject that your contribution is for Listeners Notebook). Thanks! 73, Rich 



# QSL Report

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*Richard A. D'Angelo*  
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*19610*

**COLOMBIA: La Voz de tu Conciencia** 6010 The station verified my postal report w/ a f/d cd. in 73 ds. from Rafael Rodriguez R. w/ station sticker and US \$2.00 r.p. Addr: Apartado aereo 67751, Calle 44 No. 13-67, Bogota, D.C. (D'Angelo-PA). **Alcavan Radio** 5910 same info. as above. Rcvd. station sticker and "Escucho" cd. fpr US \$2.00. (D'Angelo-PA).

**GERMANY: The Mighty KBC** 6095 via **Nauen** (East Germany) Email QSL in 5 hrs. for an Email report to: themighty kbc@gmail.com (Roe-UK).

**MALAGASY REPUBLIC: Radio Impala** 17540 Email QSL was received from v/s

\* Aloys at: radiyoimpala@gmail.com (Brossell-WI)...Nice to hear from a new contributor.

**MYANMAR: Myanma Radio and Television** 9730 The station verified my email report w/ a date/frequency "Map" cd. in 42 ds. w/ a short personal ltr. from v/s Zeyar, Direc-

**STATION NOTES: CBC Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation** 9760 Email: rik@cybc.com.cy **Bayrak Radio International** 6150 v/s Arben Fetoshi, Director of RTK. Addr: BRTK-Sitesi, Dr. Fazil Kucuk Bulvari, Lefkosa, Kuzey Kibris Turk Cumhuriyeti, KKTC via Turkey. **Radio Spaceshuttle** 5815 Addr: Postbus 2702, NL-6049 ZG Herten, Netherlands Email: spaceshuttleradio@yahoo.com



Irish Music Radio  
IRELAND

# IMR

Confirming QSO with	Date (Z)	UTC	Freq/ZX/Mode	Pwr Out	Report
IMR	25.7th2011	02.00	~930kHz-AM	60W	

tor of Broadcasting. (D'Angelo-PA).  
**RWANDA: Deutsche Welle** 17800 via **Kigali** f/d cd. in 15 ds. for an online rpt. The QSL card features a view of the former facilities

73, From Irish Music Radio

Tnx QSL Pse

Radio Free North  
6925 KHz Am

Col  
No 103

© J Hanks for the  
detailed  
beam again soon  
Peter



at Sines, Portugal depicting photos of the transmitter room and the antenna array. (Roe-UK).

**SEYCHELLES: BBC Indian Ocean Relay Station 15420 p/d** Form ltr. w/ aerial picture of the station at the top of the ltr. in 82 ds. for \$2.00. v/s Jose Tambara, Senior Engineer. The QSL arrived in a very nice VT Communications Envelope w/ attractive

stamps featuring colorful local fish. (Wilkins-MO)...Seychelles does have some of the most beautiful postage stamps in the world...Sam.

**SRI LANKA: Adventist World Radio - Japan Short Wave Club 11995 via Trincomalee** f/d email QSL rcvd. in 21 ds. for a rpt. to: jswcqsl@live.jp  
The pdf file includes a very fine and attractive illustration of a painting by the late Mr. Kim Yeong-Il (JSWC-8639). (Roe-UK).

TO Richard D'Angelo

This QSL card verifies that you heard KTWR ON:

Date February 20, 2012

Time 1248-1305 UTC

Frequency 99.75 MHz

Trans World Radio Guam  
PO. Box 8780  
Agat, Guam 96928

Email: ktwrfcd@guam.twr.org  
Website: http://www.twr.org

*Kathy Gregorich*

www.qslworks.com

**STATION NOTES: Pink Panther Radio 6553** Email: pinkpantheram@hotmail.com **Cool AM Radio 6725** Email: coolamradio@hotmail.com **Radio Baltic Sea 6995** Email: balticsearipare@gmail.com **Lightning Radio 7600** Email: lightningradio@gmx.com **Dimitse Radio (Our Radio) Eritrea 11560** Email: radioerema@gmail.com -or- radioerema@yahoo.com **Radio Romania International 6070** v/s Victoria Sepciu, Spanish Service. Email: victoria\_sep

ciu@yahoo.es **Deutsche Welle 15595** via **Krasnodar** Addr: Deutsche Welle, Customer Service, D-53110 Bonn, Germany. **WYFR Family Radio 15450** via **Armavir** Email: international@familyradio.com ...via PLAY DX...Sam.

**Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation 11905** via **Trincomalee** The station verified my email rpt. w/ a f/d "The Beautiful Island of Sri Lanka" cd. in 24 ds. from v/s D. Weeratunga, Deputy Director of the SLBC and from Victor Goonetilleke, QSL Secretary. Thanks Victor! (D'Angelo-PA)

**TURKEY: Voice of Turkey 9830** and 15450 f/d cd. featuring "The 36th International Childrens Day on April 23rd w/ a photograph of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey receiving children of the world." I also received a very attractive embroidered pouch, a postcard of the Istanbul skyline by night and a 3D effect coaster featuring an inside view of Dolmabahce Palace. (Roe-UK).

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Der Rhein-Main-Radio-Club e.V. dankt für den Empfangsbericht und bestätigt den Empfang seiner DX Sendung am 9.2.12 23:00 UTC

auf 99.75 / 11900 kHz  
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# Radio Veritas Asia

1969-1994

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**25** Years

of broadcasting throughout Asia

**USA: PCJ RadioInternational** 7730 via Okeechobee The station verified my email rpt. for their "8th Anniversary Special Broadcast" w/ a f/d "Reaching out to listeners for five years" PDF attachment in 39

ds. from v/s Victor Goonetilleke. (D'Angelo-PA)...Victor sure gets around a lot...Sam.

**USA (Pirate): Channel Z Radio** 6150.5 The station verified my email rpt w/ a f/d "Keep Calm" QSL #266 from Commando indicating 25 watts. The v/s noted "My latest experiment was to try broadcasting in the middle of the international 49 meter band, in the hopes of surprising some casual listeners, or DXers just tuning around. You heard one of the special "Before They Were Famous" programs from guest DJ Andy Walker. I was very lucky to have Andy do these shows as he has been in semi-retirement the past 3 years with only an occasional appearance on Crazy wave Radio

**STATION NOTES: Radio Nikkei** 3925 WEB:

www.radionikkei Addr: 9-15 Akasaka 1 - Chome, Minato-ku, Tokio 107-8370, Japan. **Radio Kuwait** 11990 v/s Mr. Layali Mulla Hussain, Head

of Frequencies Propagation Section WEB: www.media.gov.kw/contact.html ml **Lao National Radio** 6130 WEB: www.culturalprofiles.net/Laos/Units/949.html Addr: Lao National Radio, P.O. Box 310, Vientiane, Laos v/s Inpanh Satchaphansy, Head of External Relations and Director of Internet Services. Email: laonatradio@lnr.org.la ...via PLAY DX

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NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS  
**RADIO STATION WVV**  
FORT COLLINS, COLORADO **Weissborn**

2.5 MHz-40°40'55"N, 105°02'31"W	15 MHz-40°40'45"N, 105°02'25"W
5 MHz-40°40'47"N, 105°02'25"W	20 MHz-40°40'53"N, 105°02'25"W
10 MHz-40°40'48"N, 105°02'25"W	

This is to confirm your reception report of WVV  
on 5.0 MHz. 1000-1050 UTC 7 April 1996  
Serial No 28944  
*John B. Milton*  
Engineer-in-Charge



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in Germany. Channel Z has been on the air since November 2004 and started because of my interests in building homemade shortwave transmitters. The station has been heard in 30 states, Canada, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Newfoundland, Norway, Poland and Venezuela. (D'Angelo-PA).

Very interesting Column this month. See you all next month...Sam.

*Sam*

February 1, 2002

Mr. SCOTT BARBOUR Jr.  
P.O. Box 893  
Intervale, New Hampshire  
03845 USA

Dear Mr. Barbour,

Thank you for sending us a reception report and we are glad that you were able to tune in to our broadcast. You were able to receive our transmission all the way from Manila because we are using the facilities of the International Broadcasting Bureau (formerly the Voice of America) located in the province of Tarlac in Northern Philippines.

In response, we are delighted to send you our verification card, a sticker of Radyo Pilipinas, and our program schedule.

Please feel free to send us letters anytime. You may also send us e-mails at [radypipino@overseas.com.ph](mailto:radypipino@overseas.com.ph)

We hope that you would keep on listening to Radyo Pilipinas.

Yours truly,

*Tanny V. Rodriguez*  
**TANNY V. RODRIGUEZ**  
Division Manager

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HQ-200, HQ-120X, SP-600, R8, PL-660, random w  
WR-G33DDC Excalibur Pro, RF Space SDR-IQ  
RX340, Alpha Delta DX Sloper  
R-390 & 391As, Mackay 5050A, WJ HF-1000A  
RX340, R75, E1, ICF-SW7600G, G6, 90' lw, 100m loop  
no equipment listed  
R-75, R8B, NRD-545, MFJ 956 Tuner & 65' random wire  
FRG-7, DX-398/ATS-909, YB400, ICF SW-07  
DX-380  
YachtBoy 400PE  
WinRadio G33DDC and R390A  
Winradio G31 Excalibur, 17m long wire  
RX340, WinRadio, Alpha Delta DX sloper  
NRD-545, 535D, R8. IC746Pro, E1, Sat 800, Flex EWE

73 and Good DX to all -Steve Handler



# Tropical Band Loggings

2000-5900 kHz

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- 2485 **AUSTRALIA VL8K** Katherine 0940-1015 M anc at threshold lvl; first time in a few weeks; 7/4. (Wilkner-FL)
- 3185 **US WWRB** Manchester 0121 World of Radio 1728 monitoring: WWRB was carrying Brother Scare again; on 5050 instead of on 3185 or 9370 & he was still on 5050 at 0330 when it's time for WoR; checking the webcast, WOR did start promptly at 0330 & subsequently found us back on 3185 instead; so has all WWRB 3185 programming been flipped w/ Bro. Stair on 5050, or just an anomaly tonight?; at 0506 check, BS back on 3185 & 5050 off; 7/4. (Hauser-OK)
- 3204.9 **PNG R. Sandaun/R. West Sepik** Vanimo 1020-1030 Noted here w/ fair sig; 7/4. (Wilkner-
- 3310 **BOLIVIA R. Mosoj Chaski** Cochabamba 0020-0032 M anc in SS; good sig; into instrumental mx at 0032 w/ vocalist at 0034; more mx & talk; shut down for t-storm 0038 but continued mx heard on modified Sony 2010 to 0047; also noted 1000; 7/3. (Wilkner-FL)
- 3320 **SOUTH AFRICA R. Sondergrense** Meyerton 0045-0254 W anc w/ mx & talk; poor; 6/29 & 7/5. (Cooper-PA)
- 3344.9 **UNIDENTIFIED** 1025-1035 Strong carrier noted during band scan; Ace DXer Ron Howard posting on Asian DX League had RRI Ternate Indonesia at 1153; 7/4. (Wilkner-FL)
- 3375.1 **BRAZIL R. Municipal** São Gabriel da Cachoeira 1010-1025 M anc in PP; this on stronger in lcl morning than at 2350; 7/4. (Wilkner-FL)
- 3385 **PNG-NEW BRITAIN TERRITORY R. East New Britain** Rabaul 1012 M anc w/ clear audio; first time heard in a while; 7/4. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4319U **DIEGO GARCIA AFN** 2350-0010 This one back on, noted since 6/29; from 2350 to 0010; M vl at 0006; narrow filter needed w/ UTE interference beginning at 0005 like clock work!; 7/2 & 3. (Wilkner-FL)

- 4699.9 **BOLIVIA R. San Miguel** Riberalta 1000 Locutor en español w/ weak sig; noted On before R. Yura; 7/4. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4716.64 **BOLIVIA O103 R. Yura** Yura Better sig than usual in mx; DX-398 on the porch pulls it better than the PL-880, but I'm using a longer antenna too on the 398; USB mode improves readability; 0129 w/ nice Andean mx; 0133 some yelling; 0134 DJ in SS w/ TC; more mx; 0135 more DJ, seems a bit overmodulated on mike, mixing w/ song by YL; 0136 mentions "hasta las 10 de la noche"; retune at 0200, s/off ID including freq starting with "47--" but can't tell if announcing "17" after that; 0201 a bit of mx & modulation stops, but carrier stays on past 0205; had been QRM free but now some lite 2-way mixing in; 6/16. (Hauser-OK)
- 4754.9 **BRAZIL R. Imaculada Conceição** 0118 (P); V. poor sig w/ mx, talk on the lo side of 4755; presumed R. Imaculada Conceição, as usual off freq; (In January, Dave Valko had it on 4754.8; Scott Barbour on 4754.92); it's 10 kW, ZYF904 in Campo Grande, Mato Grosso do Sul; not much else from Brasil on 60m now but a few other carriers; 7/2 & 4. (Hauser-OK) 2350 M anc in PP; 2353 mx bridge then ment. de Nicaragua; vox Ute interference in EE on top; 7/3. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4765 **CUBA R. Progresso** 0050 Ballads; fair; 7/5. (Cooper-PA)
- 4789.9 **PERU R. Visión** Chiclayo 0005-0015 (T); In SS but distorted sig, as usual; 7/3. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4805 **BRAZIL R. Difusora do Amazonas** Manaus 0002-0010 In PP w/ good sig; also noted morning at 1000; 7/4. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4810 **PERU R. Logos** Chazuta 1000 Chora mx; voice over; 1038 M vcl w/ CW keying up on top; generally good; 7/4. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4835 **PERU Ondas del Suroriente** Quillabamba 2350-2358 Mx & M anc in SS; 7/3. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4840 **USA WWCN** Nashville 0118, I also run across WWCN's less contentious, more secular, old-record mx prg, strangely titled "The Talking Machine Show"; apparently starting at 0100 UT Sundays; no f/out problems here; 7/13. (Hauser-OK)
- 4985 **BRAZIL R. Brasil Central** Goainia 0013-0020 Weak w/ fading; first time w/ no RTTY; RTTY rpted on this freq by four Florida dxers; 7/3. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4985.5 **PERU R. Voz Cristiana** Huancayo 0014 "en las palabras de...." to 0015 then W anc; 7/3. (Wilkner-FL)
- 5015 **USA WRMI** Okeechobee 0026-0039 Bro. Stair w/ EE preaching & letters from listeners; fair; 7/1. (DiAngelo-PA)
- 5025 **CUBA R. Rebelde** Havana 0114 EE techno pops; 0118 rap style song; good; 6/22. (Cooper-PA) 0144 Rebelde remains on; still the same at 0521 check; 7/5. (Hauser-OK) 0653 SS mx; good; 7/9. (Prodan-ME)
- 5040 **CUBA RHC** Havana 0305 RHC is back on tonight & so is 5025 Rebelde; 7/6. (Hauser-OK)
- 5050 **USA WWRB** Manchester 0145 Again has Brother Scare on this freq & non-BS prgring on 3185 instead; not much atmospheric noise tonite to impede 3185 at midsummer; 7/5. (Hauser-OK)
- 5085 **USA WTWW** Lebanon 0604 Both WTWW-2 & WTWW-1 are off; next check 1241, 5085 is off, already on 9930 & 5830 is on but w/ weak sig & modulation too distorted to understand, still thus at 1345; I fear the same will apply to 9475 once 5830 moves to that at 1400, but from \*1400 it's loud & clear as normal; 6/18. (Hauser-OK)
- 5110v **USA WBCQ** Monticello CUSB; 0301 World of Radio 1726 monitoring: confirmed on Area 51 web-cast & also JBA in the storm noise lvl on WBCQ 5110v-CUSB before 0330; 6/23. (Hauser-OK)
- 5830 **USA WTWW** Lebanon 0558 WTWW-1 is off while WTWW-2 is on 5085; at 1119, 5830 is still off; at 1453, WTWW-1 is also off 9475, while WTWW-2 is on; 6/17. (Hauser-OK)
- 5860 **KUWAIT R. Farda** 0123 Pop mx in listed Persian; fair; 6/26. (Cooper-PA)
- 5875 **UNITED KINGDOM BBC** Woofferton 0303, on 29 June. BBC is broadcasting in Arabic as listed. A male speaker is talking. Fair. (Cooper, PA)

5901-30000 kHz

## International Band Loggings

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- 5949 **CUBA Radio Rebelde** July 11 at 0524 is still here way off-frequency instead of 5025. Next check at 1222 UT, still there with fair signal, although no attempt to remeasure. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 6020 **ALBANIA China Radio International** (CRI) 0006 to 0030 with an ID at 0030, SINFO= 45333, I listened to part of the Heartbeat program hosted by a woman announcer, she talked about a new Microsoft program that performs instantaneous language translations, but it is not yet perfected, 6/14. (Davis-OH)


- 6025 **BOLIVIA Red Patria Nueva** July 12 at 0119, very poor signal with talk, slightly on the low side, like 6024.96 or so, one click on the 40-Hz DX-398 steps. Surely Red Patria Nueva; LSB decreases Cuban Radio war on 6030, but I rarely hear anything at all on 6025... (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 6030 **USA Radio Marti** 0146, 6/28 in SP. Good. (Fredette-Ontario)
- 6055 **SPAIN REE** 2300 6/25 in FF. Good. (McGuire-MD)
- 6055 **SPAIN REE** 0047 5/25 in EE about Lance Armstrong Good (Fredette-Ontario)
- 6055 **SPAIN Radio Exterior de Espana** (REE) 0029 to 0037 with an ID at 0032, SINFO=33433, I heard a cut from the album called Twenty Years of Nothing sung by a male and accompanied by a guitar and mandolin, (Davis-OH)
- 6080 **SAO TOME Voice of America** (VOA) 0345 to 0400 with an ID at 0354, SINFO=22332, there were 49 Ukrainian soldiers killed when separatists shot down their transport plane, (Davis-OH)
- 6165 **CUBA RHC** 0635+ EE; news headlines, then Dxers Unlimited w/Arnie Coro; good 7/9 (Prodan-ME)
- 6180 **BRAZIL Rádio Nacional Brasília** 0637-55 PP songs, vocal & guitar, good; same prog on 11780 a bit louder & clearer 7/9 (Prodan-ME)
- 6180 **BRAZIL Radio Nationale Brazilia** 0146, 6/26 in PT. Very good. (Fredette-Ontario)
- 6239 **UNID Radio Marabu** @ 0231Z w/ Pops, talks by OM in what sounded like German through the summer QRN. 06/29/14 (Rippel, VA)
- 6350 **SOUTH KOREA Echo of Hope** (P) JUNE 8, 1120. Mix of music and talk (in K) female vocal music. Good with no audible jamming. (Barton-AZ)
- 6284 **UNID Radio Focus Int'l.** @ 0211Z pops and talks by OM with UK accent. Gave www site & phone # 157-293.06/29/14 (Rippel, VA)
- 6600 **SOUTH KOREA Voice of the People.** MAY 30, 1115. M in KK over a roaring jammer. VG. (Barton-AZ)
- 6400 **NORTH KOREA Pyongyang Brdst. Serv.** MAY 30, 1115. Long female vocal song to all-male military chorus after the Bodh. (Barton-AZ)
- 6935 **USA PIRATE Wolverine Radio** 0156, 6/8 playing the blues. Very good. (Fredette-Ontario)
- 6945 **US PIRATE Radio. Free Whatsoever** 0244, 6/24 with rock music. Good. (Fredette-Ontario)
- 6950 **USA PIRATE M.A.C. Shortwave Radio.** "The Jimmy Stewart Show." Vintage vinyl selections and announcer who sounded amazingly like "Tim Tron" from WBCQ. SI/Off anncs at 0218 then final-musical selection. Off with US National anthem. QSL to: macshortwaveradio@gmail.com 06/29/14 (Rippel, VA)
- 6950 **USA PIRATE MAC Shortwave** 0031, 5/25 playing the blues 44334. Good (Fredette-Ontario)
- 7350 **CHINA China Radio International** Kashi, 0036-0057\* Jun 25, EE service with features hosted by a woman announcer. Id and closedown prior to carrier terminated. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7350 **ROMANIA Radio Romania International** (RRI) 0302 to 0307 with an ID at 0305, SINFO=35433, the most interesting piece of news was that NATO may soon provide the Ukrainian Army with training, communications equipment, and maybe some weapons, (Davis-OH)
- 7395 **MADAGASCAR Radio Japan** Talata-Volonondry, 0344-0400\* Jul 10, man and woman announcers in Swahili with talks. ID at 0349 followed by pop music selection. More talk with another pop tune. Time pips at 0400 followed by carrier being terminated. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7445 **TAIWAN RTI** MAY 30, 1135. Interview program. PRC Chinese waited until after the ToH to start jamming the Chinese service at that time. Fair. (Barton-AZ)
- 8906 **CANADA Gander Radio** USB mode, 2348 to 2350 with an ID at 2348, SINFO=35333, a cheerful woman worked several airplanes. (Davis-OH)
- 9315 **EGYPT RADIO Cairo** 0215, 6/0 in EE. Very muffled. (Fredette-Ontario)
- 9515 **TURKEY Voice of Turkey** (VOT) 0336 to 0346 with an ID at 0344, SINFO=45344, I heard three songs none of which I understood, (Davis-OH)
- 9526 **INDONESIA Voice of Indonesia** July 8 at 1136, no signal at all from VOI. It's long been a lost cause for any chance to hear its EE at 13-14 UT, no signal then either. Atsunori Ishida says this transmitter was on July 6, but off July 5, 7 and 8 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 9526 **INDONESIA VO Indonesia** July 12 at 1333, VOI achieves fair signal level, but fails to modulate it at all during English hour; what a pity, as no QRM either. But then VOI has been pitiful for years and years (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 9535 **SPAIN Radio Exterior de Espana** 2327 to 2338 with an ID in SP at 2330, SINFO=45434, I heard a rap song in SP, unusual, and then woman announcer spoke for a moment 6/6. (Davis-OH)
- 9575 **MOROCCO (Spanish) Radio Medi UN** Nador, 0021-0047 Jul 10, man announcer talking in French followed by French pop music vocal. More talk at 0028 followed by ID and announcements into news at 0030. Discussion program began 0035 with a man and woman. Fair but periodic splatter from CRI-Albania on 9570. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 9580 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** 0845 to 0900 with an ID at 0900, SINFO=45434, there were comments on the Bloomberg Report which covered the environment clean-up costs and the additional cost to Australians, 5/26. (Davis-OH)

- 9580 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** 1110 to 1200 with an ID at 1200, SINFO=55534, I heard at interview with Stan Grant, an Aboriginal journalist who made his way up through the ranks to become the International Editor of Sky News.. (Davis-OH)
- 9600 **NORTH AMERICA YHWH** July 9 at 0542, here's Station YHWH for the second time on this frequency: poor with fading (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1729, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 9600 **CHINA CRI** 1201 to 1205 with an ID at 1205, SINFO= 25332, I learned that North Korea has offered an olive branch to South Korea for the second time in thirty days, this could get interesting 7/7 (Davis-OH)
- 9625 **JAPAN Radio Japan** 1010 to 1024 with an ID at 1015, SINFO=35434, the most interesting part of the program was the Japanese language lesson, 6/9. (Davis-OH)
- 9625 **JAPAN NHK World** 0955, May 30. IS to ToH, M and W co-hosts with news and to pgm on Japanese cooking. Good. (Barton-AZ)
- 9700 **NEW ZEALAND Radio New Zealand International** 1135 to 1155 with an ID at 1155, SINFO=35433, I heard a rather long and interesting discussion about the Christians living peacefully side by side with the Muslims in Bethlehem. 5/24. (Davis-OH)
- 9700 **ROMANIA Radio Romania International** (RRI) 0039 to 0045 with an ID at 0045, SINFO=35544, I heard a short biography of a famous Romanian singer, her name I could not spell, and then I heard several of her songs 5/17(Davis-OH)
- 9700 **ROMANIA Radio Romania International** Tiganesti, 0001-0022 Jun 25, man announcer with opening ID in EE followed by a woman with news. Commentary at 0005 and Radio Newsreel. Contest information at 0013 followed by Business Club with feature about bee keeping. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 9700 **NEW ZEALAND Radio New Zealand International** 1057 to 1109 with an ID at 1108, SINFO=45444, an entity within the UN is urging teenagers in the Pacific region to register with their website so they can express themselves(Davis-OH)
- 9740 **SINGAPORE British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)** 1101 to 1106 with an ID at 1104, SINFO=25432, I heard about a huge storm heading to the larger islands of Japan from the south, due come to land in a day or so, (Davis-OH)
- 9830 **TURKEY Voice of Turkey** 2200 6/12 in EE. Good. (McGuire-MD)
- 9845 **ALBANIA Radio Tirana** 0130 6/12 in EE. Good. (McGuire-MD)
- 9845 **ALBANIA Radio Tirana** 0144, 6/29 with folk music. Good. (Fredette-Ontario)
- 9870 **TURKEY Voice of Turkey** 0058, 6/22 in SP. Good. (Fredette-Ontario)
- 9900 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Radio Australia** 2317 to 2323 with an ID at 2322, SINFO=45232, one had to listen very closely to understand what was being said, this one is always hard to hear, a freedom movement in part of Papua New Guinea has now ended according to one person.. 6/3. (Davis-OH)
- 9935 **GREECE ERT** July 6 at 0307, ERTOpen, another night using this frequency with very good signal in Greek music. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DXLISTENING DIGEST)
- 9965 **EGYPT Radio Cairo** 2343 to 2353 with an ID at 2349, SINFO=35533, I was amazed at the signal, no drops in the signal, electronic noise, or weak audio, but I did use the USB mode to cut some static, I heard that the US now has a new ambassador in Egypt after an eight month wait, 5/19(Davis-OH)
- 10000 **HAWAII WWVH** 1219 to 1222 with no ID, it was sneaking through the signal of WWV, no SINFO, but it was a good indicator of the availability of signals from Asia and the Pacific, 5/24. (Davis-OH)
- 11560 **MOLDOVA Radio Miraya** 0401 to 0433 with an ID at 0432, SINFO=35333, I heard a warning about the wet spring cholera season starting soon and getting sick people to the Juba hospital ASAP, a message brought to the people of South Sudan by the World Health Organization(Davis-OH)
- 11650 **VATICAN Radio Tamazui** Santa Maria di Galeria, 0401-0427\* Jul 10, man and woman with talk in the Arabic language. Several IDs at 0415. Man in studio interviewing another man via telephone connection. Vocal selection at 0424 ending program. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11650 **VATICAN Radio Dabanga** Santa Maria di Galeria, \*0427-0438 Jul 10, program opened with several "Radio Dabanga" IDs and a "Radio Dabanga" song. Long winded man announcer with talk and more station IDs followed by jingle IDs. Vocal selection at 0431 before settling down with talk features commencing at 0433. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11680 **GERMANY Radio Japan** Nauen, 0342-0407 Jun 29, man announcer with Japanese talks hosting popular music program. Time pips at 0400 followed by ID and another man with news. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11710 **ARGENTINA RAE** 0055 to 0102 with a SP and EE ID tape at 0057, SINFO=25333, I tuned out with the song. 5/17. (Davis-OH)
- 11711 **ARGENTINA Radio Argentina** 0207, 6/20 with court ruling segment. Fail (Fredette-Ontario)


- 11765 **BRAZIL RNA** July 8 at 0112, RNA 11780 is splattering out to here, aside 11795 Spain Sephardic from 0115, and 11760 Cuba. No discrete spurs audible now on 11750/11810; but they are at 0542, the lower one stronger, and fundamental is over modulated/distorted. It seems they could get rid of all this if they backed off the modulation level (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 11770 **NIGERIA Voice of Nigeria** Ikorodu, 2138-2158\* Jun 25, African drums and tribal vocals with a woman announcer hosting with talks in Hausa language. Nice ID at 2157 followed by closedown announcements and brief IS before carrier terminated. Fair to good signal with moderate fading. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11800 **RWANDA Deutsche Welle (DW)** 2021 to 2125 with a short form ID at 2021, INFO=2, 5,4,3,3, I heard a reference to the Africa Link program, the 5050A. 5/23. (Davis-OH)
- 11815 **JAPAN NHK World Radio** Japan JUNE 7, 0930. M and W in JJ. VG. (Barton-AZ)
- 11825 **USA WRMI** Okeechobee, Florida 0655+ EE; Overcomer ministry/Bro Stair; good 7/9 (Prodan-ME)
- 11915 **BRAZIL Radio Gaúcha** Porto Alegre, 0043-0112 Jul 1, man and woman talking in Portuguese language with another man with canned announcements at 0048. A canned ID at 0059 followed by time pips and ads. Into a series of remote reports and telephone interviews. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11945 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** May 29, 0940. Vocal music, male presenter, The Black Keys VG. (Barton-AZ)
- 11945 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** Shepparton 0700-0705 EE; RA News - elections in Indonesia, refugees, World Cup; good 7/9 (Prodan-ME)
- 11955 **AUSTRIA Adventist World Radio** Moosbrunn, 2118-2129\* Jun 25, EE language features with a man and woman hosting. Closedown ID and soft instrumental until carrier terminated. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 12005 **UNITED KINGDOM Voice of Vietnam (VOV)** 0230 to 0238 with an ID at 0237, SINFO= 55545, I heard about Vietnam's protest to the UN about China's encroachment into its sovereign waters, these waters and islands belong to Vietnam by a treaty signed with China, 6/1. (Davis-OH)
- 12005 **VIETNAM Voice of Vietnam** 015 5/23. 5555. Excellent (Fredette-Ontario)
- 12005 **UNITED KINGDOM Voice of Vietnam (VOV)** 0234 to 0244 with an ID at 0240, a woman announcer said that China did not want to settle their dispute over some islands with Vietnam (Davis-OH)
- 12080 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** Brandon 0703-0706 same RA News prog as on 11945; fair 7/9 (Prodan-ME)
- 13110 **UNITED STATES WLO** USB, 2019 to 2027 with an ID at 2026, SINFO=25443, I heard weather forecasts for ships in the Gulf of Mexico (Davis-OH)
- 13590 **IRAN IRIB** July 6 at 0520, IRIB IS, fair with flutter. What's coming up? Nothing! It's the tail of the 0450 Russian broadcast and off by 0521\*; 500 kW, 325 degrees from Kamalabad, also good for US (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 13760 **CHINA China Radio International (CRI)** 1653 to 1657 with an ID at 1654, SINFO= 25343. I heard part of the I Want to Learn Chinese program, a. 5/18. (Davis-OH)
- 13760 **NORTH KOREA Voice of Korea** 1514 to 1521 with IDs at 1518 and 1520, SINFO=24443, I heard a male announcer and then a woman who noted a song to follow, an orchestra piece and choir together. 5/24. (Davis-OH)
- 13765 **VATICAN Vatican Radio**, 1751 to 1757 with an ID at 1756, SINFO=25242, the Africa Service of Vatican Radio, an arch bishop talked about poverty and the only way out of it is employment, (Davis-OH)
- 14920 **TAIWAN Sound of Hope Radio International** tentative, 0953 to 0957, no under-stand able ID, Chinese, SINFO=25242, I did not hear any jamming signal which is odd, a male and female were in a discussion or commentary, 5/30. (Davis-OH)
- 15000 **UNITED STATES WWVH** (Hawaii) 1043 to 1059 with a clear ID including the post office box address at 1059, SINFO=35433, there were the usual time pips, and then a male announcing gale warnings from the weather bureau in Hawaii, no sign of WWV, maybe not scheduled on Fridays at this time, (Davis-OH)
- 15040 **INDIA AIR** July 8 at 1302-1315\* mostly nice music, Burmese? from AIR's Burmese service with fair signal; yet, before 1300 nothing from Bangladesh on 15105 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 15120 **NIGERIA Voice of Nigeria** 1553 to 1555 with an ID at tune in, SINFO=25432 I heard a woman announcer give the ID and that was all I could understand. 5/24. (Davis-OH)
- 15120 **NIGERIA Voice of Nigeria** July 9 at 0548, VON on the air for the third night in a row! Good signal; now if they would only turn up the modulation so we can hear it (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1729, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 15120 **NIGERIA Voice of Nigeria** 1753, 6/20 with African folk music. Fair (Fredette-Ontario)



- 15180 **NORTH KOREA Voice of Korea (VOK)** 1050 to 1057 with an ID at 1055, SINFO= 35534, a woman announcer was praising one of their former leaders named Sung, sadly, she sounded very sincere, and then I heard a long list of frequencies, times, and target areas before the close of the transmission.(Davis-OH)
- 15180 **VATICAN VOA** 1634 to 1646 with one ID at 1646, SINFO=25422, the 'overall' was rated lower, because of the weaker signal, I heard a program called South Sudan in Focus, one part covered an interview with a man who had escaped from South Sudan after six months of house arrest, (Davis-OH)
- 15190 **USA WRMI** 0639+ EE; Overcomer ministry/Bro Stair; good 7/9 (Prodan-ME)
- 15205 **SAUDI ARABIA Radio Riyadh** 1617, 6/2 with music. Fair-good. (Fredette-Ontario)
- 15215 **UAE FEBA Radio** Al-Dhabbaya, 1203-1205. Tibetan vocal music. Weak to moderate signal strength with some fading. 7/12/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 15235 **SOUTH AFRICA Channel Africa** 1725 to 1740 with a solid ID at 1740, SINFO=25432, the overall was lowered due to the weaker signal. (Davis-OH)
- 15275 **RWANDA Deutsche Welle (DW)** 1911 to 1922 with an ID at 1913, SINFO=35433, I heard about a journalist who was one of Putin's worst critics was found shot five times, obviously an attempt to remove a thorn in his side, (Davis-OH)
- 15285 **SINGAPORE British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)** 1143 to 1159 with an ID at 1159, I heard a story about a rebellion in Brazil in the late 1800s and the government's killing of 16,000 people while putting it down, 6/9. (Davis-OH)
- 15355 **OMAN Radio Sultanate of Oman** 2326-2352\* Jun 24, two male announcer speaking in the Arabic language. ID at 2330 followed by more talk. Middle Eastern music hosted by a man announcer with brief talks between selections from 2340 until carrier terminated mid-song at 2352. Good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 15360 **SRI LANKA Adventist World Radio (AWR)** the USB mode, 1632 to 1638 with an ID at 1638, SINFO=25332, I used USB to cut out some noise. I heard a woman give a brief nature study and then a male gave a Bible verse, 5/23. (Davis-OH)
- 15410 **INDIA General Overseas Service of All India Radio (AIR)** 1053 to 1059 with a good ID at 1059, SINFO=32432, I heard a news bulletin with information about a heat wave and then the times and frequencies for tomorrow's broadcasts, 5/30. (Davis-OH)
- 15450 **TURKEY Voice of Turkey (VOT)** 1236 to 1252 with an ID at 1237, SINFO=35444, I heard Omar host the Letter Box program with letters from China, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States. 5/24. (Davis-OH)
- 15510 **UNITED KINGDOM Ibra Radio** 1814 to 1822, no understandable ID, the Beja language, SINFO=25432, my wife found out the details on the Internet, I listened to part of one song, a. 5/27. (Davis-OH)
- 15520 **IRAN VIRA** July 12 at 1346, S Asian language poor-fair with flutter. Aoki shows it's VIRI in Urdu at 1250-1420, 500 kW, 109 degrees from Kamalabad. At 1400, IRIB news fanfare (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 15540 **KUWAIT Radio Kuwait** 2051 to 2057 with an ID at 2056, SINFO=35434, a very strong signal, I listened to the news – seven army soldiers in the eastern Ukraine were killed by rebels, 5/13. (Davis-OH)
- 15540 **KUWAIT Radio Kuwait** 1941-2100\* Jul 2, woman announcer with EE feature about development activities in Kuwait. Pop music program from 1956. Several nice IDs. News at 2049 followed by closing pop music selection. At 2058 a woman announcer gave ID and closedown announcements followed by orchestra national anthem. 5+1 time pips at 2100 followed by ID in Arabic and music fanfare just before carrier cut. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 15540 **KUWAIT RADIO Kuwait** 1856, 7/3 in EE. Show 'Wheels of Progress'. Fair (Fredette-Ontario)
- 15540 **KUWAIT Radio Kuwait** 1845 to 1856 with an ID at 1855, SINFO=25432, the SINFO was rated lower, because of the weaker signal, I heard a program called the Art of Islam and a discussion of architecture that included a mosque in Aleppo, Syria. (Davis-OH)
- 15575 **SOUTH KOREA KBS World Radio** 1329 to 1338 with a 1335 for Seoul Calling, SINFO=45534, I learned about the customs for harvesting barley in South Korea, 6/9. (Davis-OH)
- 15580 **BOTSWANA Voice Of America (VOA)** 1542 to 1552 with an ID 1551, SINFO=25222, I heard a part of Border Crossing, a music request program hosted by Larry London, enna. 6/3. (Davis-OH)
- 15580 **BOTSWANA VOA** 0650 EE; VOA News about balance of power in US Senate, Obama in polls; fair 7/9 (Prodan-ME)
- 15580 **BOTSWANA VOA** 1803 to 1810 with an ID at 1809, SINFO=25343, I heard about a special meeting in Kenya next week to discuss the country's worsening economy situation and security issues, (Davis-OH)
- 15590 **THAILAND Radio Thailand** \*0000-0026 Jul 1, instrumental music opening with a man and woman announcers giving ID and EE news program. Usual array of promotional announcements during program. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 15630 **GREECE ERT** July 6 at 0524, ordinary Greek music rather than Orthodox service which seems to be long gone from Sunday mornings; we miss that neat music. Now this is a better frequency than // 9420, more absorbed east of the terminator; and 9935 is off (Glenn Hauser, OK, DXLISTENING DIGEST)

- 15690 **FRANCE Radio Taiwan International (RTI)** 1707 to 1711 with an ID at 1710, SINFO=35334, I heard part of a news item by woman who talked about the awarding of green cards to some aliens living here in the US, 5/17. (Davis-OH)
- 15720 **NEW ZEALAND Radio New Zealand International** 0357-0416 Jul 7, pop vocal selection followed by time pips at 0400, ID and news in English. End of news at 0405 followed by ID and promo announcements into weather report. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 17660 **IRAN UNID** July 6 at 0526, Qur'an followed by presumed NA, 0530 "Inja" ID implying Persian-related, but scheduled as Bosnian from VIRI at 0520-0620, 297 degrees from Kamalabad, to be followed by an hour in Italian 3 degrees further south, per Aoki. Of course, VIRI does not broadcast in its own language per se, just incidentally (Glenn Hauser, OK, and DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 17830 **ASCENSION ISLANDS BBC** 1632 to 1659 with an ID at 1657, I heard part of the semi-final soccer match between Madrid and Manchester United, 5/17. (Davis-OH) (Davis-OH)
- 17870 **KURDISTAN** [non] 17870, July 6 at 0526, poor signal with ME vocal music. It's **VOA** Kurdish via Biblis, GERMANY, its reprieve still in effect (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 21660 **ASCENSION ISLANDS BBC** 1528 to 1534 with an ID at 1532, SINFO=25342, I heard that Germany is one of teams in the World Cup semi-finals, (Davis-OH)
- 6160 **CANADA CKZN** St Johns, Nfld 0600-0635 CBC Radio1 news, flooding on the prairie; then the Current Review interview with former narcotics/customs gent; good 7/9 (Prodan-ME)
- 7450 **TIBET PBS Xizang** Lhasa (presumed), 1215-1218. Talk in Chinese by a man and a woman. Very weak signal with minor fading. 7/12/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 11725 **NEW ZEALAND Radio New Zealand** 0706-0709 EE; extensive news about Vanuatu elections, Papua election boycott, criminal charges vs a former governor, corruption, more; 0708 pacific Regional News Bulletin from Radio New Zealand; good 7/9 (Prodan-ME)
- 11770 **ASCENSION ISLANDS BBC** Ascension 0710-0717+ EE; 1000 reservists to be called up (in Israel); long report from World Cup re 7-1 Germany over Brazil; long report on Indonesian election; poor to fair 7/9 (Prodan-ME)
- 11815 **JAPAN NHK World Radio Japan** JUNE 7, 0930. M and W in JJ. VG. (Barton-AZ)
- 11870 **USA WEWN** Vandiver, Alabama 0656 SP; religious song ending; 0658 m Ann radio Catholic Mundialh; religious news; good 7/9 (Prodan-ME)
- 12910 **CHINA CNRI** May 30, 0945.M in CC in monologue. Fair. //s heard on 12190 and 10960, air. (Barton-AZ)
- 15050 **INDIA All India Radio** Delhi (Khampur), 1157-1202. Talk in Tamil by a woman. Announcement at 1200 followed by three or four attempts to start Hindi music, but ended in silence. Finally successful at 1201. Moderate signal strength with a small amount of fading. 7/12/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 15090 **KUWAIT Radio Azadi** Umm Al-Rimam, 1202-1203. Talk in Pashto by a man. Weak signal with minor fading. 7/12/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 15240 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** Shepparton 0642+ EE; music program; Old Crow Medicine Show, guest Peter Denney(Sp?) going to Nashville, played his song "Looking' at my Phone"; loud & clear 7/9; same prog on 15415 poor (Prodan-ME)
- 15550 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Radio Dabanga** JUNE 4, 0455. M with phone interview in AA. Mentions Kuala Lumpur. Armchair. (Barton-AZ)
- 15720 **NEW ZEALAND RNZI**, JUNE 4, 0315. With current events programming at "Wow!" level. ID by W at 0357. (Barton-AZ)
- 17750 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** (Shepparton) JUNE 7, 0530; sports program. VG. (Barton-AZ) 

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< [www.ontheshortwaves.com](http://www.ontheshortwaves.com) > Update, June 29, 2014 -- Issued two to four times a year from 1975 until 1983, the Australian "Down Under DX Survey" was the most authoritative source of DX information about Asia, and in particular Indonesia. DUDXS concentrated on the lower frequencies, covered stations about which published information was hard to find, and offered articles about broadcasting in Asian countries. It was the product of the Down Under DX Club, membership in which was free to contributors. DUDXS was edited principally by David Foster, assisted first by Mike Willis and later by Geoff Cosier. The countries on which it focused--China, Russia, Indonesia and other Asian countries--were areas that were generally of less interest to Aussie DXers than Africa and Latin America. What distinguished the DUDXS was the degree to which participants followed the DXing scene on a continuous basis and compiled their findings into comprehensive surveys. This greatly increased the value of the information and, in effect made the DUDXC as much a research organization as a DX group. Reports on trips also added to the value of DUDXS material. Under "Specialized Resources/DX Newsletters" we have posted four copies of the DUDXS: #1 (1975), #11 (1978), #16 (1981) and #21 (1983, believed to be the final issue). -- And under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," we have a new entry from Adrian Peterson: "Tribute to Shortwave WYFR-11: The Mystery of the Missing Callsign WRUR" (Wavescan N278, June 22, 2014).

< [www.ontheshortwaves.com](http://www.ontheshortwaves.com) > Update, July 6, 2014 -- Under "Specialized Resources/Radio Postcards," look for a file (marked "New") containing postcard views of these California stations: KECA (ABC), Hollywood; KFWB, Hollywood (two views); KFXM, California Hotel, San Bernardino; KGB, Hotel Pickwick, San Diego (two views; on the second one that's KFSD at the U.S. Grant Hotel further down the street); KGFII, Hotel Glendale, Glendale; KHJ (Mutual Don Lee Broadcasting System), Hollywood; KIST, Santa Barbara; KNX (CBS), Hollywood (three views); KPO-KGO (NBC), San Francisco; KPRO, Riverside and San Bernardino; and KUSC (Univ. of So. Calif.), Los Angeles. -- Under "DX History on the Net/Stations & Countries on Shortwave," we have posted two new URLs with information on the USCGC *Courier*. At < [http://www.uscg.mil/history/webcutters/courier\\_wagr410\\_photos.asp](http://www.uscg.mil/history/webcutters/courier_wagr410_photos.asp) > you will find many photos of the *Courier*, and at < <http://www.voanews.com/content/decades-after-the-cold-war-a-voa-coast-guard-partnership-is-honored/1944320.html> > there is a five-minute VOA movie about the floating station. Thanks to Mike Barraclough and Ian Baxter of the shortwavesites YG for finding/posting these. -- And under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," Adrian Peterson has supplied this new entry: "Longwave Radio Broadcasting Stations on High Power" (Wavescan N279, June 29, 2014).

< [www.ontheshortwaves.com](http://www.ontheshortwaves.com) > Update, July 13, 2014 -- In 1939, the Federal Communications Commission reversed its long-standing rule against advertising on shortwave. Although advertising would never provide the revenue that the various private shortwave broadcasters hoped for, at the time the stations viewed the new advertising opportunity optimistically. Latin America offered the greatest potential, and in 1940, as part of an effort to woo sponsors, NBC distributed a good-looking, oversize (11 x 17") promotional booklet headlined "Presenting a New Ambassador to Latin America to Meet a New National Need." It contained a letter from the Secretary of State, and it promoted shortwave as a boon to American business. A copy of this interesting item is posted under "DX Activity/Stations." -- And we have posted this new "Wavescan" entry under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan": "Historic Note VOA Australia-3: Projected VOA Relay Stations in Australia" (N280, July 6, 2014).

< [www.ontheshortwaves.com](http://www.ontheshortwaves.com) > Update, July 20, 2014 -- In "CPRV/The CPRV Gallery," we have posted a compilation of shortwave broadcast QSLs from Brazil for the 50-year period 1935-1985 (including three that had already been posted there). They are: government station PRF5, Rio de Janeiro, in three incarnations: the Brazilian Nacional Program (1935), "Short Wave Radiotelephone Station PRF5" (1936), and National Department of Propaganda (1937); plus QSLs from Radio Clube de Pernambuco, Recife (1945); Radio Nacional, Rio de Janeiro (1949); Bauru Radio Clube, Bauru (1956); Ceara Radio Clube, Fortaleza (1957); Radio Brasil Central, Goianai (1957); Radio Farroupilha, Porto Alegre (1958); Radio Bandeirantes, Sao Paulo (c. 1960); Radio Universitaria Santos Dumont, Sao Jose dos Campos (1961); A Voz do Sao Francisco, Petrolina (1966); Radio Pott, Natal (1967); Radio Olinda, Recife (1969); Radio Jornal do Comercio, Recife (1970); Radio Caraja de Anapolis (1980); and Radio Educacao Rural, Campo Grande (1985). -- And two new "Wavescan" entries have been posted under "Specialized Resources": "Focus on Asia: The Calcutta Story-4--American Radio Stations in Calcutta," and "The World's Most Valuable Postage Stamp and Postage Stamp Radio" (both Wavescan N281, July 13, 2014).

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