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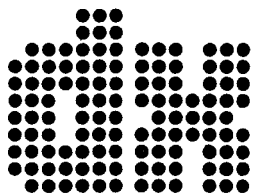
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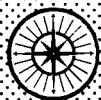
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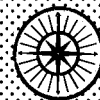
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Hello again,

Welcome to another issue of our DX MAGAZINE. I have no news to report from inside the club this month - therefore let's just start with our usual news from outside the club - only one item this month:

The February 2012 update Supplement for the World Radio TV Handbook 2012 International Schedules is now available as a free PDF download, at http://www.wrth.com/updates_new.asp. WRTH is now seeking donations from people who download the updates through PayPal with a suggested amount \$3.00, €3.00 or £3.00.

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"Kurzwele ist das Krisenradio schlechthin und bei unseren Kunden insbesondere mit der Abstrahlung in die Krisengebiete dieser Welt sehr gefragt. Im Gegensatz zu anderen Medien wie z.B. Internet oder Satellit spielt sie besonders in diesem Segment immer wieder ihre Stärken aus:

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Quelle: MEDIA BROADCAST

<<http://www.media-broadcast.com/hoerfunk/analoge-hoerfunknetze/kurzwele.html>>

ALASKA - 9615, USA, KNLS, 1201 English. Just after sign-on, program lineup, song, ID, business news, 1209 "Postcard from Alaska" profiling Glacier Bay National Park. Fair. Jan 25. (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna on the roof, dxldyg via DXLD)

ANGOLA - Rádio Nacional de Angola was heard for the first time in many months at 1922 January 16 on 4949.8. Very weak at first, then identifications and talk in Portuguese. Copied in LSB. SINPO 22322 at best around 1945 (Arthur Miller, Powys, Wales, Feb World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

4950 and 7216v kHz. 4950 well heard in Namibia at 1615 and 2100 UT in Portuguese. 7216v noted on 7217 kHz at 1700 UT in vernacular, heard on Eton E5.

(Hans-Friedrich Dumrese, Germany, Jan 27, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 31)

ANGUILLA - 11775, University Network; 2120-2140+, 15-Jan; Rev. Barbi ragging on King James translators' mistakes, then into rant about problems in the Ministry & that she might have to clean house like Dr. Scott did. Rev. B has been there for 15 years! Sed she was a "giddy person" when she met Dr. Scott. (Interesting term considering her profession at the time.) Knee-slappin' gospel & phone # for res/ERVations break at BoH+, then back to the Rev. with Old Testament rhetoric & analysis. (Does that make the Rev. a Torah huxter?) S30 peaks (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DXLD)

ARGENTINA - RAE is back on SW --- Heard an announcement on RAE's English broadcast that they are back on SW after a few days of "technical difficulties". - It's too hot and humid in Buenos Aires so I guess they had an /Fue of cooling their transmitter down. Both 11710 and 15345 are back in use (Sergei S., Feb 7, dxldyg via WOR 1603, DXLD)

RAE noted on air again, noted on 11710.622 at 0020 UT, Feb 7. And also on 15345.085 kHz at 2050 UT (Wolfgang Büschel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 8)

ARMENIA - 4810.00, Voice of Armenia (presumed) under AIR Bhopal heard first at 1417. During breaks in India, mostly talking heard on frequent checks to past 1520. 1/19 (Jim Young, WPC6JY, Wrightwood and Inspiration Point (10 miles west of town), CA, ICOM IC-706, 756 ProIII and Grundig Satellite 800, 60-M vertical, 60-M inverted Vee, 80-M inverted Vee, 40-M yagi, NAsWA yg via DXLD)

Public Radio Of Armenia:

Turkish

1415-1430 daily (not mtwtf..) ME 1314/ERV, 4810/ERV

Yezidi (Kurdish)

0330-0400 daily ME 1314/ERV (add), 4810/ERV (del)

1500-1530 daily ME 4810/ERV (add)

(WRTH Winter Schedule UPDATES - Febr 2012)

AUSTRALIA - 15160, researching the RA schedule to advise someone when best to hear it, I am surprised to find this m/Fing from HFCC; had been a useful signal here in the 05-08 period when the MUF cooperate, and still in Aoki as 65 degree beam. So has this frequency been canceled? Jan 29 at 0626 there is a JBA signal which I can just barely // to 13630 also quite weak tonight. RFI also had English on 15160 at 06-07, but canceled all English SW broadcasts at yearend.

Checking earlier B-11 HFCC files, no RA on 15160 there either, altho 15240 and many others were included, so 15160 must have been m/Fed as it has certainly been on the air and still is, more favorable beam for us than weaker // 15240, 13690 (gh, DXLD)

2368.457, R. Symban at 1145 UT + with musical variety show. Talks between OM and YL, into music played on a flute-like instrument. S-7 into SE VA but with QRN. Jan 22. (Charles Rippel, VA, DXplorer Jan 5 via BC-DX Feb 8)
2310, VL8A Alice Springs NT 1210 noted with some audio 2 February.

2325, VL8T Tennant Creek NT, 1215 strongest of the three 120 mb Australians on 2 February.

2485, VL8K Katherine NT, 1220, briefly, good audio 2 February (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, US, 746Pro, NRD 535D, Sony 2010XA, Drake R8, cumbre dx via DXLD)

Having minimum solar terrestrial activity with sunspots lower than 60 perhaps these weeks the last chance to listen to in Europe for years or ever ... good antennas + equipment needed. (we)

BAHRAIN - 9745, Radio Bahrain, 0055-0115, carrier + USB. Local Middle-Eastern vocals. Weak. Poor with adjacent channel splatter. Jan 22 (Brian Alexander, PA, DXLD)

BANGLADESH - 4750, Bangladesh Betar, 1155 to 1225, yl subcontinental music, good signal for once 31 January also same time 1 February (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, US, 746Pro, NRD 535D, Sony 2010XA, Drake R8, and XM - NRD 525D ~ Sony 2010, Cedar Key - South Florida via Bob Wilkner, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

2 February 1210-30 local ute on top of signal (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, US, 746Pro, NRD 535D, Sony 2010XA, Drake R8, cumbre dx via DXLD)

BELARUS - 6010/6040/6070/6190/7235/7280, Belaruskaje Radyjo 1 were all heard here in Nov-Dec 2011 with good strength. But several checks at 1030-1810, Jan 21 and 23, indicate that they all are OFF the air, maybe temporarily. In contrary, the Belarus Foreign Service, at least on 6155 in Polish and German, can still be heard with a strong signal. (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Jan 25 via DXLD)

Similar cuts on shortwave happened already? M/Fed since approx. Jan 15 on low powers 6010, 6040, 6070, 6080, 6115, 6190, 7235, 7265, 7280, and 7360 kHz.

Remaining International Service from Minsk Belarus is one hour earlier also in winter according new Russia's (and Belarus) standard time the year around.

7255 0400-0700 29,30 MNS 250 72 218
to Moscow, Kazan, Ekaterinburg.

11730 (ex-7390) 1100-2300 27,28,37N MNS 150 246 218
to south-western Europe, Iberian peninsula, NoWeAF.

7255 1500-1700 29,30 MNS 250 72 218
to Moscow, Kazan, Ekaterinburg.

6155 1705-2300 27,28,37 MNS 250 252 218
to south-western Europe, Iberian peninsula, NoWeAF.

in A-12 season
7255 (ex-6155) 1705-2300 27,28,37 MNS 250 252 218
to south-western Europe, Iberian peninsula, NoWeAF.

11930 (ex-7255) 0400-0700 29,30 MNS 250 72 218
to Moscow, Kazan, Ekaterinburg.
(wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 15/18/26)

Indeed Radio Belarus is now on 11730 kHz, noted at 1300 UT with co-channel interference (NHK from Tashkent it seems) which also makes it difficult to assess the modulation. But I think distortion and buzz are the same than previously on 7390 kHz, indicating the use of the old 100/150 kW transmitter from there rather than the 15 x 5 kW block so far run on 7360 kHz.

It seems that the changes in shortwave transm/Fions from Belarus go much beyond the introduction of new 11730. The new schedule appears to be
0400-0700: 7255, Radyo 1 (250 kW tx),
1100-2300: 11730, Radio Belarus (old 150 kW tx),
1500-1700: 7255, Radyo 1 (250 kW tx),
~1703-2300: 6155, Radio Belarus (250 kW tx).

Anything else (!) appears to have been turned off, or have 6010, 6040, 6070, 6080, 6115, 6190, 7235, 7265, 7280, 7360 (7390 was apparently the transmitter now in use on 11730, so is of course gone) still been heard since last week? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Jan 27, dxldyg via DXLD)

BOLIVIA - 4409.86, Radio Eco, Reyes with om 2330; 2355 fair to good signal on 30 January (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, US, 746Pro, NRD 535D, Sony 2010XA, Drake R8, cumbre dx via DXLD)

4451.12, Radio Santa Ana, Santa Ana de Yacuma, 2330 to 2345 om with one ID. 30 January, seems to often sign off 0015v.

4699+ (sri, forgot to measure precision frequency), R San Miguel, Riberalta, nice signal 1015 on 1/31, OM Spanish news show with 'bottom of the barrel' voice sound. Pretty good Andes morning, with very nice signals from all the regulars like 4775 Tarma, 4790 Visión, 5039+ Junín, 6134+ Sta Cruz (Ralph Perry, Wheaton, Illinois, Drake R8B; Japan Radio NRD-545; Eton E1; Hallicrafters SX100; Knightkit Star Roamer, Dentron Super Tuner + Ameco PLF-2 + Palomar P-408 + customized (tropical bands) Quantum Phaser antenna unit; Longwires (150' + 100'); Tuned Multi-Turn 20" Small Loop; Single-Turn Coax Loop, dxldyg via DXLD)

4716.75, Radio Yura, Yura, 1000 to 1030 noted each day for last week (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, US, 746Pro, NRD 535D, Sony 2010XA, Drake R8, and XM - NRD 525D ~ Sony 2010, Cedar Key - South Florida via Bob Wilkner, Feb 2, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

5580.183, Radio San José, San José de Chiquitos with music and om, 2335 to 0020. 5/6 February (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

5952.41, Radio Pio Doce, 1035 on 1/31 with fair signal, clear frequency tho h/Fing ambient noise on band this day for me. Morning 'noticiero' in Spanish by OM, frequent mentions of Bolivia, 1043 YL noted and into taped ad string. Also noted 1029 on 2/1 with OM in commentary. Quite reliable in the mornings lately, not sure how long this will hold up

(Ralph Perry, Wheaton, Illinois, Drake R8B; Japan Radio NRD-545; Eton E1; Hallicrafters SX100; Knightkit Star Roamer, Dentron Super Tuner + Ameco PLF-2 + Palomar P-408 + customized (tropical bands) Quantum Phaser antenna unit; Longwires (150' + 100'); Tuned Multi-Turn 20" Small Loop; Single-Turn Coax Loop, dxldyg via DXLD)

6134.851, Radio Santa Cruz, 1025-1045 Jan 22, Noted a male in Spanish comments briefly as he announces the next tune. Music followed. At 1032 a canned ID, "... Radio Santa Cruz", followed with a recorded program between a male and female talking. This sounded like a scripted program. Signal remained fair as there wasn't any other station blocking this morning (Chuck Bolland, Excalibur, 26N 081W, Clewiston FL, DXLD)

BOTSWANA - 15580, Jan 13 at 0543, JBA (just barely audible) signal from VOA English, and it's the OSOB (only station on band), not even Nigeria or Australia on 19m. Current registrations show 15580 at 03-07 is via Botswana, except at 04-05 switching to Sri Lanka (gh, DXLD)

BRAZIL - 10000 kHz, Observatório Nacional, 0044 and 2243 4 Feb. Time signal station. As per their site at <http://www.horalegalbrasil.mct.on.br/> which includes a couple pages in English, the station started operations in November 2008; power is 1 kW. Also transmits on 166.53 and 171.13 MHz. Voice announcement in Portuguese is repeated by M every ten seconds (although site claims a female voice is to be heard!), with the following format: "Observatório Nacional, 22 horas, 44 minutos, 50 segundos". The signal can be heard on their site as well, but without the "Observatório Nacional" ID. Noted occasionally during the 2240-0500 period since early January, either in the clear or under strong WWV. Time in announcements is now UTC-2 during their summer (i.e., Daylight Saving Time in Brasília, the capital). It should be noted that Brazil has three time zones; Brasília, Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo are in the same time zone. Legal standard time in Brazil is UTC-3 hours. Weak to fair (Victor C. Jaar, Longueuil, Québec, IC-R75. Long wire, NASWA Flashsheet Feb 5 via DXLD)

6135, R. Aparecida, Aparecida SP, 2209-..., 28 Jan, program Com a Mãe Aparecida; 24431, adjacent & co-channel QRM. Extremely weak modulation. It's been ages since I last got a decent signal from them on this band, and it was not rare this outlet was providing the best signal compared to their other high frequencies. I am almost convinced this "weak modulation" /Fue is either a fact, probably for saving power and the transmitter stages, or then a simple matter of deliberate low level audio feed that reaches the transmitter site which would then mean all 4 carriers should present the same quality; if the transmitters were in the same condition. Other stations with the same practice that immediately come to mind are R. Mali 9635/5995 and RNAngola 4950v.

9565, SRDA, Curitiba PR, 1913-1925, 29 Jan, shouting preacher before a live audience; 23431, adjacent QRM.

9584.95, SRDA, São Paulo SP, 2237-2255, 26 Jan, IPDA gatherings schedule, address announcements; 45433.

9629.9, R. Aparecida, Aparecida SP, 2240-2254, 26 Jan, music dedications in program Com a Mãe Aparecida; 44433, adjacent QRM. Fair audio, but by no means strong, not their usual audio quality.

9819.65, R. 9 de Julho, São Paulo SP, 2245-2256, 26 Jan, religious propaganda; 44433, adjacent QRM de CHINA on 9820 as usual at this time. Almost QRM free at 1900+.

11854.96, R. Aparecida, Aparecida SP, 2205-2224, 28 Jan, program Com a Mãe Aparecida; 45433, weak modulation (?) (see 5035). Parallel to 5035, 6135 & 9629.9.

11915, R. Gaúcha, Pt.º Alegre RS, 2203-2221, 28 Jan, news magazine Correspondente Ipiranga, weather report at 2207, then f/ball news; 44433, QRM de ARS [Saudi Arabia] on the same channel.

15190, R. Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte MG, 1501-..., 30 Jan, announcements, Brazilian songs; 25432, bad modulation (see attached [unedited] audio clip).
(Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DXLD)

Rádio Brasil Central, 11815, coming in about S4 right now at 2350 UT on January 29 2012. This could be a good night for Brazilians. Playing Brazilian and international oldies and pops with thundering, full IDs by male announcer in Portuguese. Heard Badfinger's "Day After Day" from their live album, which was rather nice to hear. Killed by REE Digital DRM sign-on at 2356, but the REE DRM signal faded down many times and was drowned out by Brasil Central. REE is beamed to South America, so Brasil central apparently can overcome the "back-of-the-beam" field strength. (Al Muick, Whitehall, Pennsylvania, USA, WinRadio G303e, Wellbrook ALA1530P active loop, dxldyg via DXLD)

Carmen Miranda Report --- Recent Brasillian logs from various sources (Latest Log) [Status notes] "Ck" means the station has been reported as // to the freqs listed. NOTE--Duplicate IDs may be due to list-logging.
p means presumed; t means tentative

2380v ZYG852 R Educadora, Limeira SP (7/11) Ck 3255
3325 R Mundial, Sao Paulo SP (7/11)

3355 R Educadora 6 de Agosto/Voz do Brasil, Xapuri AC (3/11)
 Ck 2380 [May relay 4885 Rdf Acreana at times]
 3365 ZYG855 R Cultura, Araraquara SP (8/11)
 3375v ZYF276 R Municipal, Sao Gabriel da Cachoeira (8/11)
 4755v ZYF904 R Imaculada Conceicao, Campo Grande (3/11)
 4775 ZYG207 R Congonhas (p) (9/11)
 4805v ZYF273 Rdf do Amazonas, Manaus Am (9/11) [Logged up to 4808]
 4815 ZYG640 R Difusora, Londrina PR (p) (11/11)
 4825 ZYG868 R Cancao Nova, Cachoeira Paulista SP (9/11)
 4845v ZYF278 R Cultura, Manaus (11/11)
 4865 ZYF203 Radio Verdes Florestas, Cruzeiro do Sul (1/12)
 " ZYG641 R Alvorada, Londrina PR (t) (11/11)
 4875v ZYG810 R Roraima, Boa Vista RR (1/12p) [Rptd up to 4879]
 4885 ZYG362 R Clube do Para, Belem (1/12)
 " ZYF692 R Maria, Brasilia, DF [Obsolete? Not in 2011 WRTH]
 " ZYF201 Rdf Acreana, Rio Blanco/Branco (t) (10/11)
 4895 ZYR200 R Novo Tempo, Campo Grande PR (7/10)
 " ZYF274 R Bare, Manaus-Am (Ex-Radio Globo) [2011 WRTH listed inactive]
 4905 ZYF693 R Anhanguera, Araguaia TO (2/10) [In 2011 WRTH; Rptd on 4915 in 3/11]
 4915 ZYF691 R Daqui, Goiania GO (12/11t), Ck 11830 (//6080 at times)
 " ZYF360 Rdf Macapa, Macapa AC (6/11)
 4925v ZYF271 R Educacao Rural, Tefe Am (11/11) Ck 5035
 4935v ZYF641 R Capixaba, Victoria ES (5/11)
 4945 R Ondas Tropicais, Marituba (12/09) Ck 5045 [Not in 2011 WRTH]
 4965 R Alvorada, Parintins Am (6/11p) [Not in 2011 WRTH]
 4975v ZYG865 R Iguatemi, SP (12/10p) [2011 WRTH listed inactive]
 4985 ZYF690 R Brasil Central, Goiania (9/11) Ck 11815
 5035 ZYG853 R Aparecida, Aparecida OT (1/12) Ck 6135/9630/11855
 " ZYF272 R Educacao Rural, Coari Am (1/12) Ck 4925 [2011 WRTVH listed as irregular]
 5045 ZYG360 R Cultura/Cultura do Para (8/11)/R Guaruja Paulista (8/11), Belem PA
 (8/11)
 5055 ZYF274 Radio Jornal a Critica FM, Manaus (2/11)
 " ZYF901 Radio Difusora, Caceres MT (3/11)
 5940v R Voz M/Fionaria, Camboriu (1/12) Ck 9665/11750 [ex-R Guaruja Paulista]
 5955 R Gazeta, Sao Paulo SP (12/11) Ck 9685, 15325
 5965 R Nova Visao (4/10) [Listed in 2011 WRTH as R Trans- Mundial]
 5970 ZYE523 R Itatiaia, Belo Horizonte MG (1/12)
 5990 ZYE773 R Senado, Brasilia DF (12/11) - quit broadcasting on Febr. 7
 5995 R Bandeirantes (spur) (6/10) Ck 6090, 9645, 11925
 6000 ZYE852 R Guaiba, Porto Alegre RS (12/10)
 6010v ZYE521 R Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte MG (1/12) Ck 15190v
 6020 ZYE850 R Gaucha Pto Alegre RS (9/11) Ck 11915
 6060 ZYE726 Super Radio Deus e Amor, Curitiba PR (1/12) Ck
 6120/9565/9585/9595/11725/11765/11805/11965
 6070 ZYE765 R Capital, Rio de Janeiro RJ (9/11)
 6080 ZYE726 R Marumby (9/11)/R Daqui (8/11), Curitiba PR; Ck 4915/9665
 6090 ZYE956 R Bandeirantes, Sao Paulo SP (9/11) Ck 9645v/11925
 6105 ZYE971 R Cancao Nova, Cachoeira Paulista SP; Ck 4825/9675
 " R Filadelfia/Cultura Filidelfia, Iguazu PR (5/11) [Not in 2011 WRTH]
 6120 Super R Deus e Amor, Sao Paulo SP (1/12) Ck
 6060/9565/9585/9595/11725/11765/11805/11965 [Not in 2011 WRTH]
 " R Globo, Sao Paulo SP (4/11) [Not in 2011 WRTH]
 6135 ZYE954 R Aparecida, Aparecida SP (1/11) Ck 5035/9630/11855
 6150 ZYE950 R Record, Sao Paulo SP (1/12)
 6160 ZYE245 R Rio Mar, Manaus Am (12/10p)
 " ZYE854 R Boa Vontade, Pto Alegre RS; Ck 9550/11895 [Obsolete?]
 6185 ZYE365 R Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia DF (10/10) Ck 11780
 6195 R Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia DF (7/10); Ck 11780 [Alt to 6185]
 9505v ZYE951 R Record, Sao Paulo SP (3/11)
 9515 ZYE726 R Marumby (9/11)/R Novas de Paz (12/10) Ck 11725 [2011 WRTH Marumby]
 9530 ZYE858 R Transmundial, Santa Maria RS (11/10) [Reactivation]
 9550 ZYE855 R Boa Vontade, Porto Alegre RS (1/12) Ck 6160/11895
 9565v ZYE727 Super Radio Deus e Amor, Curitiba PR (1/12) Ck
 6060/6120/9585/9595/11725/11765/11805/11965 [ex-R Tupi]
 9585v ZYE969 Super R Deus e' Amor, Sao Paulo SP (9/11) Ck
 6060/9565/11725/11765/11805 ex-R Tupi, rptd as R Globo
 (12/10) Ck 9565
 9595v Super Radio Deus e Amor (4/11) Ck
 6060/6120/9565/9585/11765/11965 [Not in 2011 WRTH]

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 9665v ZYE890 R Voz M/Fionaria (1/12)/Super Radio Deus e Amor (4/11)/
 R Marumby (9/11), Florianopolis SC; Ck 5940/11750 [2011 WRTH as M/Fionaria]
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 9685v ZYE963 R Gazeta, Sao Paulo SP (12/11) Ck 5955, 15325
 9695v ZYE245 R Rio Mar, Manaus Am (12/11)
 9820v R Nove de Julho, Sao Paulo SP (1/12) [//Aparecida at times]
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 2011 WRTH]
 11735 ZYE858 R Transmundial, Santa Maria RS (7/11)
 11750v R Voz M/Fionaria, Florianopolis SC (11/11) Ck 5940/9665 [ex-R Marumby]
 11765 ZYE726 Super Radio Deus e' Amor, Curitiba PR (11/11) Ck
 6060/9565/9585/9595/11805/11965 [ex-R Tupi]
 11780 ZYE365 R Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia (12/11) Ck 6185
 11805 ZYE776 R Deus e Amor, Rio de Janeiro RJ (1/11) Ck
 6060/6120/9565/9585/9595/11765/11965
 11815 ZYE440 R Brasil Central, Goiania (1/12) Ck 4985
 11830 ZYE441 R Daqui, Goiania (5/11) Ck 4915
 11855 ZYE954 R Aparecida, Aparecida SP (1/12t) Ck 5035/6135/9630
 11895 ZYE856 R Boa Vontade, Pto Alegre RS (1/12) Ck 6160/9550/12035
 11915 ZYE851 R Gaucha, Porto Alegre RS (9/11) Ck 6020
 11925v ZYE958 R Bandeirantes, Sao Paulo SP (1/12) Ck 6090/9645
 11935 R Transmundial, Santa Maria (10/10) [Not in 2011 WRTH]
 11965 R Super Deus e Amor (10/10) Ck
 6060/6160/9565/9585/9595/11765/11805 [Not in 2011 WRTH]
 15190v ZYE522 R Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte (7/11) Ck 6010
 12035 R Boa Vontade? [Not in 2011 WRTH]
 12175v R Deus e Amor (spur) (10/10) Ck
 6060/9565/9585/11765/11805/11965
 15190v ZYE522 R Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte MG (1/12) Ck 6010
 15325 R Gazeta, Sao Paulo SP (12/11) Ck 5955, 9685
 27825 UNID Pirate (11/11)
 29090 R Rio Mar, Manaus Am, FM (9/11) [Studio link]
 (Harold Frodge, MI, Jan 27, WOR 1602, DXLD)

Getting a new SW transmitter this year for RNA, maybe referring to 49m where has been inactive for a few years on 6180/6185, while 11780 continues to be strong here, as does 5990 for the Rádio Senado service from same site. Watch out, XEPPM! (gh, WOR 1603, DXLD)

5990 Radio Senado off shortwave. Since Febr 7, R. Senado has quit broadcasting its programming on 5990 kHz. The reason is that the contract of Senado with EBC, which provided a SW transmitter for this, was not renewed. Radio Senado broadcast on SW for 12 years and there is no provision for returning, which depends on understandings between the managements of the legislative house and EBC. It's a shame! (gh's translation) It's all federal government, isn't it? (Glenn Hauser-OK-USA, dxld Febr 8)

CANADA - 6175, Jan 16 at 0633, surprised to hear big signal with rock music, song by YL in unknown language, mixing in some English words. Soon becomes clear with Spanish announcement 0635 as "Melodías de Corea". Sackville must have put the KBSWR Spanish hour to Europe at 06-07 on the wrong frequency instead of 6045!

No, 6175 is in addition to weaker // 6045. Seems like the V. of Vietnam relay frequency 6175 and antenna USward are still/again in use long after it normally closes at 0529*! Extremely hyper M&W gab for few minutes; his accent sounds Mexican, not Castilian. 0638:30 back to music, really fast disco beat: that'll wake 'em up in Spain and keep us awake in Oclajoma. 0642 she explains some Korean words, presumably relating to the song lyrics. 0648 audio message from a listener in Buenos Aires, then playing request for him, "The Boys" by some "chicas explosivas". So was this a one-off mistake, test, or possibly making this transm/Fion do double-duty, also late evening for Aztlán, western México?

6175, Jan 17 at 0545, 0623 and 0634, no signals from Sackville, unlike 24 hours earlier when the KBSWR 06-07 Spanish Service was being run on this Vietnam relay frequency // KBS' normal 6045 (gh, DXLD)

CHAD - 6165, Radio National Tchadienne, N'djamena, 0525-0537. Talk in French by man. West African music at 0528 followed by 15 or 20 seconds of drums just before 0530. Announcements by woman, then talk by man in studio and others in the field. Moderate signal strength, improving over time, and only a little fading. 1/26/2012 (Jim Evans,

Germantown, TN, RX-340, IC-R75, ALA100M Loop, Random Wire (90'), Cumbre DX via DXLD)

COLOMBIA - 5909.92, R. Alcaraván [sic] 1210 to 1215 noted on 2 February (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, US, 746Pro, NRD 535D, Sony 2010XA, Drake R8, cumbre dx via DXLD)

5910, Alcaraván Radio, Puerto Lleras, 0635-0852, 05-02, Latin American songs, male, identification: "Alcaraván Radio", religious comments. 24322 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, dxldyg via DXLD)

CUBA - 13640, Jan 26 at 1413, RHC is on this unscheduled frequency // 13670 and 13780 --- 13640 is on the air at 1930-2100 & 2200-2400, so did they forget to change frequency on this transmitter after yesterday's broadcast? Surely it was used somewhere else in the meantime. Now it must mean some other frequency is m/Fing: yes, 15380 is absent, while RHC is still on usual 15230 (under CRI/Sackville), 13780, 13670, 11840, 11760, 11750, 11690, 9850, 9540, ten transmitters in Spanish at once; is that enough?

13640, Jan 27 at 1437, not on this frequency as it was 24 hours earlier, but back on scheduled 15380; likewise Jan 28.

13800 & 13840 approx., Jan 28 at 1515, pulse jamming spurs from 13820 vs R. Martí, as the DentroCuban Jamming Command refuses to confine its noise to the bandwidth where really 'needed'.

[non]. 6060, Jan 29 at 0636, RHC is m/Fing from one of its four English frequencies on 49m; no loss; it's the weakest one here anyway, opening channel for lo het presumably between SRDA Curitiba, Brasil and what else? A bit early for Russia or China, nothing else scheduled. Splatter from RHC 6050 helps to occupy 6060.

Sunday anomaly expected: Jan 29 at 1431, 9850 is m/Fing; seems to be on all the other scheduled frequencies 9-15 MHz (gh, DXLD)

CYPRUS TURKISH [Northern Occupied Zone by Turkey] - 6150.037 kHz.

... Radio Bayrak International on HF is being upgraded with a new antenna system. Financial limitations have caused the work to be extended. It is expected to be on the air by the beginning of March, 2012, hopefully with a better antenna system. The transmitter is actually on the air with reduced power (a mere 4 kW) and I have recent reception reports from Douglas-Massachusetts (06 Dec. 2011), New York (04 Jan 2012) and Wyom/Fing - Pensilvania (13 Dec. 2011), all reporting 6150 kHz.

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DJIBOUTI - 4780, 1927-1934* 16.01, Rdif. TV de Djibouti, Arta, Afar (presumed) int/ERView, but was abruptly cut off and did not come back by 1945 - reactivated! 25232.

The broadcast was very irregular and was also heard 21.01 with much lower signal strength, than before its technical problems in Sep 2011! A stronger and more stable signal was heard 1430-1940, 17+18+19+20.01, news and talks in Somali and Afar (presumed), often mentioning Djibouti and Somalia, Horn of Africa songs, 35333. Please note, that a strong noise utility transmitter often disturbs Djibouti in USB and Am, but not in LSB! (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via WOR 1601, DXLD)

4780, Radio Djibouti, *0308-0355+, abrupt sign on with Qur'an. Arabic talk at 0311. Local music at 0331. Indigenous vocals. Poor to fair in noisy conditions. Jan 22 (Brian Alexander, PA, WOR 1601, DXLD)

Djibouti is back on 4780: heard strong signal and typical Horn of Africa music at 2030 UT Jan 23. (Derek Lynch, Ireland, 2335 UT Jan 23, WOR 1601, DXLD)

ECUADOR - 4918.98, La Voz de Quito [sic], 0056 tune in with Latin flavor music and singing. Followed on/off all evening with outstanding signal. Mostly area music, but some pop/rock music and lite ballads as well. Heard full ID at 0453 as, "La Voz de Quito, ...Capital". Many mentions of "Radio Quito" as well. Seemingly 5 pips (TS) 9 seconds before the TOH. 1/12 (Jim Young, WPC6JY, Wrightwood and Inspiration Point (10 miles west of town), CA ICOM IC-706, 756 ProIII and Grundig Satellite 800, 60-M vertical, 60-M inverted Vee, 80-M inverted Vee, 40-M yagi, NASWA yg via WOR 1600, DXLD)

3810-LSB, HD2IOA, Guayaquil, 0815. Time station with beep and announcement in Spanish by man at 10 second int/ERVals. Poor but steady signal. 1/27/2012.

(Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, RX-340, IC-R75, ALA100M Loop, Random Wire (90'), Cumbre DX via DXLD)

6050, HCJB, Quito-Pifo, 1158-1200. Talk in Spanish by man. Man and woman talking over music at 1159. Pips on the hour followed by ID by man and more talk. Moderate signal strength with minimal fading. 1/27/2012. (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, RX-340, IC-R75, ALA100M Loop, Random Wire (90'), Cumbre DX via DXLD)

EGYPT - 6270, Jan 12 at 0626, typical R. Cairo em/Fion from Abis with undermodulated, distorted Arabic music and talk, whine past 0632, but gone at next check 0650. This frequency is supposed to close at 0430 after 5.5 hours to NAM in English and Arabic, which follow another 7 hours in Urdu and European languages starting at 1600. Try to outdo WBCQ with overruns?

6270, Jan 14 at 0705-0706* whiny carrier, just like heard normally from R. Cairo, and this frequency was also on air past 0632 Jan 12 as previously reported, so presumed same source altho no other modulation this time, and it's past 9 am in Abu Zaabal. 6270 is supposed to close at 0430 after lengthy broadcasts to Europe and North America (gh, DXLD)

ETHIOPIA - R Ethiopia external service, English heard 23 Jan 1600- 1633 on 9560, 7235. At 1634 news in English on 7195, 7235, 9560; only Omdurman could be heard on 7200 (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Feb BDXC-UK Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1603, DXLD)

9705, Radio Ethiopia, *0258-0320, sign on with IS and opening announcements. National Anthem at 0259. Chimes at 0300 and Amharic talk. Horn of Africa music. Fair. Feb 4 (Brian Alexander, PA, DXLD)

9705.004, Radio Ethiopia, S=6-7 fluttery in Amharic at 0349 UT. One of their new 7x Chinese 100 kW SW txs. (wb at 0419 UT Jan 22, using Victor Goonetilleke's Perseus in Sri Lanka)

FINLAND - 25000 kHz, MIKES TIME SIGNAL STATION, 1005-1115, 22-01, Time signals, pulses with seconds, no identification, no at the hour and 30 minutes and no at the hour, at 00 seconds, silence, no pulse. 24322.

[later:] FINLAND, I am hearing now, at 1357, Time Signal Station Mikes from Finland on 25000. Fair to good signal now. The correct sequence of pulses is: pulse each second and silence at 58 and 59 seconds (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Log in Friol, Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, dxldyg via DXLD)

FRANCE - RADIO FRANCE INTERNATIONALE Revised complete schedule:

Chinese

0930-1030 daily EAs 1494/tsu, 7325/TWN-Tai-nan, 11875/TWN-Tai-nan
 2200-2300 daily EAs 1098/kou
 2200-2400 daily EAs 612/luk
 2300-2400 daily EAs 9955/TWN-Tai-nan, 11665/TWN-Tai-nan

French

0500-0700 daily CAf 11605/RSA
 0600-0700 daily NAf,WAf 5925/F*, 7390/F
 0600-0900 daily CAf,WAf 15300/F
 0700-0800 daily CAf,WAf 9790/F*, 11700/F, 15170/RSA, 17850/F
 0700-0900 daily CAf,WAf 13695/F
 0800-0900 daily CAf,WAf 17620/F, 21580/F
 1100-1130 daily SEA 15680/TWN-Tai-nan
 1200-1300 daily CAf,WAf 15300/F, 17660/RSA, 21580/F, 21690/GUF
 1300-1400 daily SEA 684/Dof
 1600-1700 daily SEA,EAs 1296/Kun, 1494/tsu
 1700-1800 daily CAf,WAf 17620/F**, 17850/F
 1700-1900 daily CAf,WAf 13695/F, 15300/F
 1700-2000 daily WAf 21690/GUF
 1800-1900 daily WAf 11995/F*
 1800-2000 daily CAf 11705/F
 1900-2000 daily NAf,WAf 13695/F**
 1900-2000 daily Eu 3965/F+
 1900-2100 daily NAf,WAf 11995/F
 1900-2200 daily WAf,CAf 9790/F
 2000-2200 daily CAf,WAf 7205/F
 2200-1800 daily Eu 3965/F+

Hausa

0600-0630 daily WAf,CAf 7220/F*, 9805/F, 11995/F**
 0700-0730 daily WAf,CAf 13685/F, 15315/F

1600-1700 daily Waf,CAf 17615/F

Khmer

1200-1300 daily SEA 1503/fan

Persian

1430-1500 daily ME 15360/F*, 17850/F, 21580/F**

1700-1800 daily ME 11955/F

Portuguese

1700-1730 daily CAf 9910/RSA

1900-1930 daily CAf 5950/F

Russian

1400-1430 daily Eu 11860/F*, 15530/F, 17850/F**

1600-1630 daily Eu 9805/F*, 11670/F, 13640/F**

1900-2000 daily Eu 5905/F, 7425/F*, 9480/F*

Swahili

0430-0500 daily EAf,CAf 9835/RSA

0530-0600 daily EAf,CAf 11790/RSA

1500-1600 daily CAf,EAf 15160/RSA

Vietnamese

1400-1500 daily SEA 7380/TWN-Tai-nan

1500-1600 daily SEA 1296/Kun, 9565/tsh

Key: + DRM; * Jan-Feb; ** Mar.

(WRTH Feb 1)

GABUN - Africa No. 1, 9580 Moyabi. Feb 4, 2012. Saturday. 1615-1654. French, 2 OM's doing a football commentary. Seemed endless, but I forced myself to listen to it in hopes of hearing an id. It came at 1650 UT (twice) "Afrique Numero Un" then "Gabon", also mentioned Cameroon and Congo. Again at 1652 UT "Afrique Numero Un" with several mentions of "Gabon" followed by sequences of numbers (sports results ??). Fair signal, but co-channel QRM in English, at times of equal strength. Presumed Radio Australia via Kranji, since it went off air at 1630 UT as per Aoki and EiBi. Johannesburg sunset at 1659 UT. (Bill Bingham-AFS, dxld Feb 5)

9580 well heard also Febr 7 at 2050 UT. (wb)

GERMANY [and non] - Some MBR changes:

Bible Voice Broadcasting Network to EaAf:

1600-1630	NF	15335	F	100	kW	/	131	deg,	ex	13810	Oromo	Mo/Thu
1630-1700	NF	15335	F	100	kW	/	131	deg,	ex	13810	Amharic	Mo/Fri
1700-1730	NF	15335	F	100	kW	/	131	deg,	ex	13810	Tigrinya	Mo/Tue/Fr
1730-1830	NF	15335	F	100	kW	/	131	deg,	ex	13810	Amharic	Mo/Tue/Fr
1630-1700	NF	15335	F	100	kW	/	131	deg,	ex	13810	Amharic	Tue
1630-1800	NF	15335	F	100	kW	/	131	deg,	ex	13810	Amharic	Wed
1630-1830	NF	15335	F	100	kW	/	131	deg,	ex	13810	Amharic	Thu/Su
1630-1745	NF	15335	F	100	kW	/	131	deg,	ex	13810	Amharic	Sa
1745-1800	NF	15335	F	100	kW	/	131	deg,	ex	13810	English	Sa
1600-1630	NF	15335	F	100	kW	/	131	deg,	ex	13810	Oromo	Fr/Su
1800-1830	NF	15335	F	100	kW	/	131	deg,	ex	13810	Somali	Fr-Su

Bible Voice Broadcasting Network to N&ME:

1715-1800	NF	9465	W	100	kW	/	120	deg,	ex	7355	Arabic	Mo/Wed/Fr
1800-1830	NF	9465	W	100	kW	/	120	deg,	ex	9460	English	Tue
1830-1900	NF	9465	W	100	kW	/	120	deg,	ex	9460	Hebrew	Tue
1800-1915	NF	9465	W	100	kW	/	120	deg,	ex	9460	English	Su
1645-1700	NF	11700	W	100	kW	/	120	deg,	ex	9460	English	Mo/Wed
1645-1720	NF	11700	W	100	kW	/	120	deg,	ex	9460	English	Tue
1645-1745	NF	11700	W	100	kW	/	120	deg,	ex	9460	English	Thu
1645-1715	NF	11700	W	100	kW	/	120	deg,	ex	9460	English	Fr
1645-1800	NF	11700	W	100	kW	/	120	deg,	ex	9460	English	Sa
1630-1800	NF	11700	W	100	kW	/	120	deg,	ex	9460	English	Su

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Radiyo Y'Abadanga Ababaka in Swahili to EAF:
1700-1715 on 17725 W 250 kW / 150 deg Sa, cancelled

Voice of Russia, all cancelled from Jan. 1:
0000-0200 on 9875 GUF 250 kW / 195 deg to SAm Spanish
0200-0500 on 7335 GUF 250 kW / 318 deg to NAm Spanish
2200-2400 on 11605 GUF 250 kW / 181 deg to BRA Portuguese

Brother Stair TOM
1500-1600 on 17580 W 500 kW / 165 deg to NCAf English, cancelled
1900-2000 NF 9835 W 500 kW / 165 deg to NCAf English, new txion
(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, Final /Fue 1 Feb 2012 of DX Mix News, via DXLD)

GOA [INDIA] - 15209.956, Odd frequency AIR Arabic Service via Goa Panaji, S=9 here in Europe at 0512 UT Jan 21. Excellent audio quality on well feed at refurbished transmitter installation.

12024.966, Odd frequency AIR Hindi GOS Service via Goa Panaji, S=9 +10 dB here in Europe at 1720 UT Monday Jan 23. Excellent audio quality on well feed at refurbished TX installation.
(wb, Jan 21/23, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 24)

GUAM - 13362(USB), AFRTS, Barrigada, 2202-2212. Man and woman with NPR programming. Very poor signal in lots of noise made readability difficult. AFRTS from Saddlebunch Key noted 5446.5, 7811, and 12133.5 with similar programming, but not in parallel with 13362. 1/10/2012 (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, RX-340, IC-R75, ALA100M Loop, Random Wire (90'), Cumbre DX via DXLD)

15660, Jan 16 at 1439, poor-to-very poor, YL talk in Burmese, with its distinctive rising-pitches at the end of most sentences, which checks as KSDA, 100 kW, 285 degrees from Agat at 1430-1500 daily.
(gh, DXLD)

GUIANA / FRENCH GUIANA - Remaining Montsinery relay site schedule

5930	0000-0100	12,14	500	215	151	Eng	YFR	MBR
5930	0200-0300	12,14	500	215	151	Eng	YFR	MBR
5980	0000-0100	12,14	500	215	151	Eng	YFR	MBR
6100	0200-0300	12,14	500	215	151	Eng	YFR	MBR
7360	2200-0100	12,13,15	500	170	151	PorEng	YFR	MBR
9465	2300-2400	12,14	500	215	151	Spa	YFR	MBR
9830	0100-0200	11	250	306	216	Hap	YFR	MBR
9935	2200-2300	12,14	500	215	151	Spa	YFR	MBR
9935	2300-2400	12,14	500	215	151	Spa	YFR	MBR
17755	2000-2100	6,7,8	100	311	216	Eng DRM	TDP	TDP
21690	1200-1300	37,46	500	75	217	Fra	RFI	TDF
21690	1700-2000	37,46	500	75	211	Fra	RFI	TDF

Deleted RFI Spanish and Meteo.

7375	1000-1030	7S,8S,10E,11	250	305	216	Spa	RFI	TDF
9825	1000-1030	7S,8S,10E,11	250	305	216	Spa	RFI	TDF
13640	1130-1200	07E,08,09SW,10E	250	320	156	Mu1	RFI	TDF
15515	1200-1230	10E,11	250	295	156	Spa	RFI	TDF
17630	2100-2130	7S,8S,10,11,12N	250	295	156	Spa	RFI	TDF
17690	1400-1430	7,8,10E,11,12N	250	305	216	Spa	RFI	TDF
17690	1600-1630	7,8,10E,11,12N	250	305	216	Spa	RFI	TDF

(BC-DX 18 Jan via DXLD)

GUYANA - 3290, Voice of Guyana, Sparendaam, 0634-0640. Talk in English by man, apparently BBC programming. Poor signal with fading and lots of static making it difficult to understand the subject discussed. 1/13/2012 (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, RX-340, IC-R75, ALA100M Loop, Random Wire (90'), Cumbre DX via DXLD)

HONDURAS - 3250.06, Radio Luz Y Vida with fair signal and light het on 1/17 at 1140, high pitched OM with talks re "La Biblia" (Ralph Perry, Wheaton, Illinois, Drake R8B; Japan Radio NRD-545; Eton E1; Hallicrafters SX100; Knightkit Star Roamer; Dentron Super Tuner + Ameco PLF-2 + Palomar P-408 + customized (tropical bands) Quantum Phaser antenna unit; Longwires (150' + 100'); Tuned Multi-Turn 20" Small Loop; Single-Turn Coax Loop, dxldyg via DXLD)

INDIA - 6110.01, 21.1 0245, AIR Srinagar, English "Morning News" opened with headlines, frequency is clear while

Fana is off (Martien Groot, Netherlands, SW Bulletin Jan 22 via DXLD)

4747.60, AIR Leh was absent from this reported frequency from 1336 to 1606 checks. Victor Goonetilleke reported it was on 4724.2, but I found nothing in frequent scans during the morning, 1/17 (Jim Young, WPC6JY, Inspiration Point (7 miles west of Wrightwood), CA, ICOM IC-706 + 60-M inverted Vee, NAsWA yg via DXLD)

6155, All India Radio, Bengaluru. 0101-0245 January 29, 2012. Excellent listening with mostly subcontinental vocals and instrumentals, listed as Urdu 0015-0430 (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, dxldyg via DXLD)

INDONESIA - I went to V of Indonesia from Dec 3 to 10, winning a contest of free trip from VOI. I saw the transmitter site as well as VOI HQ in Jakarta. I went to RRI Mataram also. There are 3 transmitter side by side in the site. But due to high electricity expenses they run only one. You perhaps have noticed that they announce 3 frequency, 11785, 15150 & 9525 kHz but use only one.

(Swopan Chakroborty, Kolkata, Jan 16, DXLD)

It is interesting to note that the 2012 WRTH says that at Jakarta Cimanggis there are 2 X 50 kW, 3 X 100 kW and 9 X 250 kW shortwave transmitters.

The TDP listing shows the following at Jakarta Cimanggis: A series of 50/100 kW transmitters installed between 1950-1974 and now believed withdrawn from service. Then there are these:

3 X 100 kW Harris of 1982
1 X 250 kW THO of 1983 (ordered/or in Service)
4 X 250 kW MAR of 1992
3 X 250 kW MAR of 1995

plus:

5 X 250 kW MAR of 1996 (ordered/or in Service) at Bontosongu
1 X 250 kW THO of 1983 (ordered/or in Service) at Padang Cermin

As far as I'm aware, 9680 is regularly on air with a domestic RRI programme, but now the 9525/6 transmitter is short of spares. So what happened to all of the other transmitters? Were they installed at all - and which of them is used on 9525/6? Maybe all the cannibalising that can be done to keep it on air is why there is only one transmitter left for the FS? (Noel R. Green (NW England), Jan 16)

3325, RRI Palangkaraya. Jan 18 off the air more than on; heard 1015; not heard during many checks from 1110 to 1336. Jan 20 at 1201 Jakarta news relay in Bahasa Indonesia ending with news headlines and 1224 the usual national song at the end of the news relay; // 9680 RRI Jakarta (their first day back on the air after being off for about a week).

4749.96, RRI Makassar. A reminder that this was last heard in late Oct and was routinely noted back then on a slightly lower frequency from that of Bangladesh Betar on 4750.0. I suggest it is counterproductive to report the reactivation of Makassar based solely on a reception heard at just threshold level. Just my opinion.

4869.96, RRI Wamena, 1211-1225, Jan 18. Rare situation to find this being the only RRI station heard; both 3325 (RRI Palangkaraya) and 9680 (RRI Jakarta) being off the air. Jakarta news relay in progress; 1224 played the usual national song at the end of the news relay; poor (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, Etón E1, dxldyg via WOR 1601, DXLD)

KASHMIR - Radio Kashmir Leh which was on 4747.6 for many weeks instead of 4760 was not heard there last night or even this morning. However some suspected carrier was noted by Victor Goonetilleke and myself last night drifting up and down near 4720 around 1615 to past 1630. Its schedule is:

0213-0400/0413/Sun 0430 1130-1630

Photo of Leh QSL is in
http://qsl.net/vu2jos/qsls/Leh_6000.jpg
http://qsl.net/vu2jos/qsls/AIR_Leh.jpg

[later] I have spoken to the Station Engineer at Radio Kashmir, Leh today and informed him of 4760 frequency variation problem. He told me that his SW tx is having problems and they are attending to it.

Email is not working well there. He also informed that it is heavily snowing there now. Weather forecast for Leh today is Maximum Minus 16 degrees Centigrade and Minimum is Minus 18 degrees Centigrade according to one website! (http://www.theweatherinindia.com/weather/Jammu_and_Kashmir/Leh)

The transmitter power is now about 7 kw

More info on Leh is in: <http://leh.nic.in/>

(Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad 500082, India, Jan 17-18, dx_india yg via WOR 1600, DXLD)

LIBYA - 11600, 1645-1805* 17+19+21.01, R Télévision Libye, Sabrata, French talk about Muammar Gaddafi and Vienna Waltz, ID: "Ici Radio Télévision Libye", French chanson "Avec toi", some days poor voice audio and early sign off, 45433. (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

11600, 21/Jan 1620, R Libya, in French. YL talk between short music. Even without the location information and of power. The sound of modulation is very bass. YL has much to say, speaks for a long time. For me, the failure of [why] so many are ending shortwave: the program does not please the listener. Of course, in an economic crisis the cuts always go to projects that do not generate return. At 1645 YL continues monologue. Listen to Radio Australia: animated int/ERViews with several participants and excellent music. At 1649 about 30 seconds without modulation, back with pop music. At least the YL talks animatedly. Until 1654 weak signal, without QRM, but improving. At 1702 finally ID, YL reports from Tripoli, then pop music. (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14'S, 38 58'W - Brasil, dxldyg via DXLD)

MADAGASCAR - 5010.00, Radio Madagasikara, 0220-0250, carrier + USB. Tune-in to African choral music. 25 second IS at 0226 followed by National Anthem. Opening ID announcements at 0228:30. Malagasy talk. Local music. Weak but readable. Jan 22 (Brian Alexander, PA, DXLD)

R. Madagasikara, 5010.0 USB + carrier, 1440-1501, Jan 23 // with 6135.18 which went off at 1459, while 5010 continued on; both about equal strength playing pop songs and in French; via long path (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, Etón E1, dxldyg via DXLD)

Radio Madagasikara ?? 5010, Antananarivo ?? Jan 23, 2012, Monday. 1906-1910. Someone talking, but too poor and noisy to even guess the language. No music for clues. If it was Madagasikara, the last ten minutes after 1900 are listed as irregular by EiBi. Very poor. Jo'burg sunset 1704 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DXLD)

Freut Euch auf neue QSLs vom KNLS Ableger, in einigen Wochen werden die drei Continentals aus der Fabrik auf dem Weg von USA nach Madagascar sein, die WCB Station MWV und die Antennen stehen schon. Anvisiert und fertig waren die TXs schon zur HFCC Konferenz in Texas im September 2011.

25-MAR-2011: additional: MWV Madagascar World Voice, MDG, 15 43 S 46 26 E

Angedachter Sendeplan, Richtung Indian subcontinent, nach NE/ME, nach dem Krisengebiet zwischen EGY und SOMALIA / KENYA, nach West Afrika, und sogar nach Sued-Amerika in Richtung 250 und 265 Grad.

Klangfarbe religiös wie KNLS Alaska ...

9320	0400-0500	MWV	100	295	ENG	MDG	WCB
9320	1800-1900	MWV	100	295	ENG	MDG	WCB
9365	1900-2000	MWV	100	340	ARA	MDG	WCB
9365	2000-2100	MWV	100	340	ARA	MDG	WCB
9980	1800-1900	MWV	100	355	ARA	MDG	WCB
11520	1800-1900	MWV	100	355	RUS	MDG	WCB
11520	1900-2000	MWV	100	355	RUS	MDG	WCB
11720	0100-0200	MWV	100	250	SPN	MDG	WCB
11720	0200-0300	MWV	100	265	SPN	MDG	WCB
13630	0200-0300	MWV	100	40	ENG	MDG	WCB
13830	1400-1500	MWV	100	40	ENG	MDG	WCB
15485	1300-1400	MWV	100	55	CMA	MDG	WCB
15735	1500-1600	MWV	100	55	CMA	MDG	WCB

(wb, Jan 15, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 18 via DXLD)

Have one, two or three of the transmitters that we saw during HFCC visit been shipped yet from the Continental factory in Dallas? They had registered another test schedule for B-11 just in case starting Feb 1. This currently appears in the Winter 2011 Update (whenever that mean) at <http://www.worldchristian.org/Updates/LatestNews/updates.php>

STATION MWV FROM MADAGASCAR IS ALOET READY TO BROADCAST

Greetings from Kevin and Nancy Chambers and our team who are finishing construction and making things ready for the three 100,000-watt transmitters soon to be delivered from Houston. A fourth container is also going to be shipped

housing security cameras and equipment to complete the testing of the station. When the new station begins broadcasting, as many as 30 to 37 hours of daily programming from five antennas will blanket the globe with the gospel seven days a week. Our programs in English, Russian, Chinese, Arabic, Spanish, and English for Africa will introduce an additional millions of people to Jesus Christ" (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

More... NEWS...NEWS...NEWS... To suffer [sic] from early February 2012, a new short wave radio in the Indian Ocean, "Madagascar World Voice Radio" broadcasting from Mahajanga on seven frequencies are: 7355, 9565, 9585, 11870, 13630, 13635 and 13650 kHz. I would come back to you for hours (René-Paul Grondin)

TEST SCHEDULE FREQUENCY FROM 1st FEBRUARY 2012

Madagascar World Voice (MWV) is a member of World Christian Broadcasting Corporation (WCBC) in Nashville Tennessee (USA)

06H00-06H30 UT 7355

06H30-07H00 UT 9565

07H00-07H30 UT 11870

07H30-08H00 UT 13635

08H00-08H30 UT 9565

08H30-09H00 UT 11870

09H00-09H30 UT 13630

10H30-11H00 UT 9585

11H00-11H30 UT 11870

11H30-12H00 UT 13650

(Bernard Grondin)

MALAYSIA - 7295, Traxx FM 1538 English. Male disc jockey, pop music including Lady Ga Ga, 1547 speaking to someone on the phone. Poor. Jan 19 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening from my car with Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna on roof, dxldyg via DXLD)

5965, RTM with news headlines in Malay 0203 14 Jan. Jingle ident for "Klasik Nasional". 6050 with separate program also vgd – the only 2 stations audible on 49 metres at this time.

6050, Asyik FM in Malay with pops 0840 14 Jan; Moslem call to prayer 0847 and back to pops 4 minutes later, vgd signal.

7295, Traxx FM very good signal 0142 14 Jan with English pops on the Retro Show. At 0200, time pips & ident "English Service of RTM" then news. Fair with news at 0300 recheck. Excellent 0841 with sports results.

9835, RTM Sarawak FM relay with news in Malay at 0300 on 14 Jan - not parallel with 49m or 41m frequencies. Very good (Bryan Clark, visiting Singapore with Sony 7600G and short wire, dxldyg via DXLD)

MALI - 5995, RTVM, 0725-0800*, continuous vernacular talk. Flute IS and closing French announcements at 0759. Fair, but co-channel QRM from Radio Australia at their 0758 sign on. Jan 13.

9635, RTVM, *0800:25-0855, sign on with vernacular talk. Some local tribal music. Local marimba music. Fair. Jan 13. (Brian Alexander, PA, DXLD) Same dates and times, almost:

5995, R. Mali, Bamako. January 13 0750-0756 non stop female in vernacular talks. Checked 9635 at 0753 was silent, het; from 0756, 5990 kHz R. Senado blocked Mali, 33533.

9635, R. Mali, Bamako. January, 13 0803-0812 non stop female in Vernacular talks. Better than 5995, 34533. 73's (Lúcio Otávio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil (23 39'S-46 53'W), SW40 - Dipoles and Longwire, dxldyg via DXLD)

MEXICO - 6185, Radio Educación, México D. F., 0750-0840, 05-02, classic music. 34433 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, dxldyg via DXLD)

MYANMAR - 7110 I hear probably Myanmar radio on exact 7110 kHz at 1214 UT Febr 02. Is Burmese female lady announcing. On remote RX unit in Brisbane Australia. (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Febr 2)

5770 Myanmar Defense Forces Br. St., at 1409-1432 UT on Jan 31. EZL pop songs; monologue in vernacular; recently better than normal; BoH they play indigenous theme music (no longer with the unique military marching band music). <<http://www.box.com/s/fnok0m2ldr47ip60dkdh>> contains Jan 29 MP3 audio of some typical music.

5985.0 Myanmar Radio via Naypyidaw, at 1530 UT on Jan 30. Their final English segment of the day; ID, frequencies

and news; 1542 UT weather and news headlines; 1548 UT segment of pop songs; poor.

5985.83 Myanmar Radio via Yangoon; at 1329 UT on Jan 29. They now are using a signature format of indigenous theme music for about one minute and then four chimes followed by a lone chime (was formerly used on 7110 kHz); 1330 UT ShioKaze QRM.

7110 Myanmar Radio, at 1329 UT on Jan 31. Recently have noted a change in their BoH format; no longer the unique indigenous theme music for about one minute and then the chimes (that format is now heard on 5985.83 kHz); now they play a different indigenous music at 1330 UT (no chimes). On Jan 30 ran well past usual 1430 UT sign off; still heard at 1449 UT, but off shortly thereafter. (Ron Howard-CA-USA, dxld Jan 31)

7109.994 Myanmar Radio via Naypyidaw heard with fair signal of local music chants at 0025 UT Febr 7, S=9+15dB.

5915.000 Myanmar Radio via Naypyidaw, ladies singer at 0030 UT Febr 7, S=8-9 signal.

5985.000 Myanmar Radio via Naypyidaw, endless talk by ladies, S=8-9, at 0034 UT Febr 7.
(wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Febr 7)

Re: Myanmar Radio on new 7110 kHz.

Myanmar Radio is still on 7110 kHz and here in Phuket - southern Thailand (my call is HS0ZFL) very strong: S=9+30-40dB according to the time. Rig: TS 50 with 40m long wire, preamp off.

Here my log:

6 Jan 2012 0000-0028 UT
8 Jan 2012 no transm/Fion
31 Jan 2012 2350-0128 UT and 1030-1430 UT, starting tx with a single tone (1 kHz) for tuning at 1023 UT.
2 Febr 2012 same as above
6 Febr 2012 same as above

More local music than speech. Maybe there is a transm/Fion earlier than 2350 UT but here in Phuket no propagation before sunrise for any station west from here. Best regards and more success in protecting our bands, Ralph, HS0ZFL, DK3GH. (Ralph Me/Fner Phuket-THA, via ham radio bandwatch intruder alert Febr 7)

A station ID in Burmese given as "Rakhine Athan Lwin Thana ma athan lwin ne baday, yakhu achien ga sa bi thayinda asisingo set la athan klwin ba may shin".

We are broadcasting from Rakhine Broadcasting Station, from now you'll listen our minority language program". According to station announcement in Burmese this morning, they started broadcasting minority language program three times daily.

Morning

2330-0030	Chin	7110 kHz
0030-0130	Kachin	7110 kHz
0130-0230	La	9590 kHz
0230-0330	Po	9590 kHz

Afternoon

0530-0630	Geba	9590 kHz
0630-0730	Kokang	9590 kHz
0730-0830	Karen	9590 kHz
0830-0930	Shan	9590 kHz

Evening

1030-1130	Kayah	7345 kHz
1130-1230	Gekho	7345 kHz
1230-1330	Mon	7345 kHz

(Babul Gupta-IND via Victor Goonetilleke-CLN 4S7VK, DXplorer Febr 7)

NETHERLANDS [NETHERLANDS/AUSTRIA/BONAIRE/FRANCE/GERMANY/MADAGASCAR/MARIANA ISL/ PHILIPPINES/SAIPAN/SINGAPORE/SRI LANKA/VATICAN STATE] -

Radio Nederland will cease its broadcasts in Dutch on shortwave on May 11 with a 24-hour marathon retrospective of 65 years of programming. (Harry van Vugt, Windsor-Ont-CAN, dxld Febr 4)

The date of the final Dutch radio transmission of RNW has been decided. On Friday 11 May 2012 there will be a marathon radio broadcast which will look back with pride at 65 years of radio production for Dutch citizens abroad. Activities in other languages, especially those for the Dutch Caribbean and Indonesia, will also be included. Further

details are still being discussed, and will be announced in due course.

NB: I have been asked to point out that the RNW Dutch website and other Dutch-language activities of RNW are not closing on 11 May. Further information about these services, and output in other languages, will be published later. (Andy Sennitt-HOL RNW MN ng, Febr 6)

Keith Perron-TWN wrote:

"Noble your doing it again. RNW is not leaving the airwaves. They are just cutting a language that in today's world is not cost effective."

Website livestream is not cheap either, for example some German TV stations can afford only 3000 listener connections at a time on their server. Most budget cuts occur because of salaries, music and literature licenses, huge pensions funds.

Lately DWL paid only 8% of their budget for SW broadcast and staff.

The tentative RNW summer schedule 2012 show 48 hrs Dutch 72% !!!!! will be cease for ever from May 12, 2012. 10 hrs En 16% 4 hrs Spanish 6% 4 hrs Indonesian 6% - also via former DWL relay Trincomalee Ceylon hardware gear.

RNW will also go down the way into insignificance for the listener, like previously Swiss Radio International, Radio Sweden, RFI Paris, Radio Prague, Radio Budapest, Deutsche Welle, a.s.o. ...

7425 1900 2057 52E, 53W, 57N	MDC	250	270	1234567	Eng	MDG
9800 1400 1457 41	TRM	250	345	1234567	Eng	CLN
11615 1900 2057 46S	ISS	500	192	1234567	Eng	F
15110 1000 1057 41E, 43S, 49	PHT	250	283	1234567	Eng	PHL
15495 1900 2057 46S	SMG	250	193	1234567	Eng	CVA
17605 1800 1957 48SW, 52E, 53W	SMG	250	144	1234567	Eng	CVA
9365 2100 2157 51W, 54E	MDC	250	85	1234567	Ind	MDG
9720 1100 1157 51W	SAI	100	225	1234567	Ind	USA
9795 1100 1157 51, 54	PHT	250	200	1234567	Ind	PHL
15650 1100 1157 54	TIN	250	256	1234567	Ind	USA
5955 0500 1000 27, 28	WER	500	210	1234567	N1d	D
5955 1500 1657 27, 28	WER	500	210	1234567	N1d	D
6015 0500 0557 27S, 37N	MOS	300	245	1234567	N1d	AUT
6020 0930 0957 12NE, 13NW	BON	250	180	1. 7	N1d	HOL
6020 0930 1000 12NE, 13NW	BON	250	180	.23456.	N1d	HOL
6020 1700 2057 52, 53W, 57	MDC	250	255	1234567	N1d	MDG
6035 0700 0757 28	ISS	250	100	.23456.	N1d	F
6035 0700 0800 28	ISS	250	100	1. 7	N1d	F
6035 0800 1000 28W	ISS	500	77	.23456.	N1d	F
6120 0800 1000 27S, 37N	WER	500	240	.23456.	N1d	D
6125 0500 0557 28S, 39W	SMG	250	114	1234567	N1d	CVA
6165 0100 0127 11, 12N	BON	250	180	1234567	N1d	HOL
6165 0300 0327 3, 4, 7, 8, 11NW	BON	250	335	1234567	N1d	HOL
6165 0330 0357 12	BON	250	210	1234567	N1d	HOL
6165 0400 0427 7S, 8S, 10, 11W	BON	250	290	1234567	N1d	HOL
6165 0500 0527 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10N, 11N	BON	250	315	1234567	N1d	HOL
7360 1100 1127 44, 45	PHT	250	21	1234567	N1d	PHL
9445 0000 0027 3, 4, 7E, 8, 9W, 11N	BON	250	350	1234567	N1d	HOL
9445 1700 1727 38, 39, 47, 48	TRM	250	300	1234567	N1d	CLN
9625 1600 1627 41, 49	SNG	100	315	1234567	N1d	SNG
9650 1300 1327 54, 58	PHT	250	200	1234567	N1d	PHL
9670 1100 1127 49, 50, 54	TIN	250	267	1234567	N1d	USA
9790 0500 0557 28S	WER	500	120	1234567	N1d	D
9865 0500 0527 60	BON	300	230	1234567	N1d	HOL
9895 0500 0800 27S, 28SW, 37N	NAU	500	220	1234567	N1d	D
9895 0800 1000 27S, 28SW, 37N	NAU	500	220	1. 7	N1d	D
9895 1500 1657 27S, 28SW, 37N	NAU	500	220	1234567	N1d	D
11935 0700 0757 27S, 36, 37	ISS	500	217	.23456.	N1d	F
11935 0700 0800 27S, 36, 37	ISS	500	217	1. 7	N1d	F
12085 1300 1327 41, 49	PHT	250	283	1234567	N1d	PHL
13700 1500 1557 37N	WER	500	240	1234567	N1d	D

13700 1500 1557 28S, 39W	WER	500	120	1234567	N1d	D
13730 1700 1727 38, 39, 47, 48	MDC	250	340	1234567	N1d	MDG
13730 1700 1727 38, 39, 47, 48	TRM	250	300	1234567	N1d	CLN
15315 2100 2127 36E, 37, 46	BON	250	65	1234567	N1d	HOL
15540 2200 2227 12NE, 13, 15	BON	250	133	1234567	N1d	HOL
15710 1700 1727 47, 52N	WER	500	180	1234567	N1d	D
15720 1700 1727 47E, 48, 52E, 53	NAU	500	155	1234567	N1d	D
15750 0930 0957 51, 55, 59	SAI	100	180	1234567	N1d	USA
17605 2100 2127 12, 14, 16	BON	250	182	1234567	N1d	HOL
17605 2130 2157 46, 47W	BON	250	80	1234567	N1d	HOL
17605 2300 2327 12, 13W, 14, 15W, 16N	BON	250	170	1234567	N1d	HOL

6165 0000 0057 12	BON	250	210	1234567	Spa	HOL
6165 0200 0257 7S, 8S, 10, 11W	BON	250	290	1234567	Spa	HOL
6165 1100 1127 8S, 11	BON	250	315	1234567	Spa	HOL
6165 1130 1157 11SW, 12	BON	250	210	1234567	Spa	HOL
6165 1200 1227 11S, 12N	BON	250	180	1234567	Spa	HOL
9715 1200 1227 10, 11W	BON	250	290	1234567	Spa	HOL

(wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Febr 4)

NEW ZEALAND - 9765, R.N.Z.I. 2/6 1640. Better than usual reception, really raising the needle on HQ-200 and Slinky antenna, with space weather forecast and listener letters.
(Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Drake R-8, Hammarlund HQ-200, Slinky, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Changed Feb 9 (Dan Ferguson, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Comparing before & after, this is the part that changed:

1951-2050 15720 AM 17675 DRM Samoa, Tonga, Pacific Daily

2051-2150 17675 AM 15720 DRM Solomon Islands Daily

2151-0458 15720 AM 17675 DRM Pacific Daily

I.e. swapping an hour on 17675 AM with 15720 DRM, why? (gh, DXLD)

NIGERIA - 6089.87, 0611, Radio Nigeria, Kaduna well heard some days with Caribbean Beacon, Anguilla m/Fing from 6090. First noted as heterodyne against Anguilla 11/12 and positively identified 16/12 when Anguilla off, with regular idents in Hausa as "Radio Nigeria Kaduna". Fade in from 0520, readable after 0600 past 0700. Also in the clear with Anguilla off on 2/1 at 0636 (Bryan Clark at Mangawhai, New Zealand, with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWes to NE, E and SE, plus various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas, Jan NZ DX Times via DXLD)

9690, Voice of Nigeria, *0800-0810, sign on with local music and talk in listed Hausa. English news noted at 0904 check. Poor to fair. Jan 27 (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DXLD)

I have noted a change in the Voice of Nigeria's programme schedule. French is now from 0700 to 0730 UT on 15120 kHz. Arabic starts at 0730 UT on 15120 kHz replacing French. I wonder if this change has anything to do with the recent unrest in the mostly Moslem northern part of Nigeria. I first noted this change on January 29.

(Christer Brunström, Halmstad, Sweden, Jan 31, DXLD)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA - 3315, NBC Manus, 129-1313, Jan 18. In Tok Pisin playing C&W and pop island music; 1301 bird call; news in English and back to C&W; poor with QRN.

3325, NBC Bougainville (presumed), 1143-1154, Jan 20. Not one of their better days; far underneath RRI Palangkaraya with C&W and pop island songs; poor with CW QRM (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, Etón E1, dxldyg via DXLD)

3325, NBC Bougainville. Could a DXer in the Pacific confirm the sign-off time? It seems to me that I am hearing them before 1200, but not after. Appreciate any help with this! (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, Jan 23, dxldyg via DXLD)

Jan 25 from Mauno Ritola: "I think the sign-off today was fairly exactly at 1200, NBC Bougainville was clearly lower than RRI, when I checked via Japan remote rx." Thanks to Mauno for his confirmation! Perhaps on a timer as is NBC East New Britain on 3385?

3365, NBC Milne Bay (presumed), 1401-1404*, Jan 25. Well above normal reception; pop island song; National Anthem and off; no announcements. (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, Etón E1, dxldyg via WOR 1601, DXLD)

7324.95, Wantok Radio Light, 1412-1428, Jan 13. Several weeks ago I came across a unique window of opportunity

from about 1400 to 1430 to hear this not often reported station, without the powerhouse stations that are normally blocking it. Reception varies a lot from day to day; originally heard this with very faint Christian music, but subsequent checks were unusable until today.

Slightly better than poor reception today with a few clear English announcements: "Your inspirational station" and "Christian radio 24 hours a day . . . Christian radio message Wantok Radio" (could not make out "Light"); program entirely of EZL music and Christian songs; some adjacent light QRM, but decent reception overall. Edited MP3 audio <http://www.box.com/s/ecpj37qb8m82cij5iht6> (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, Etón E1, dxldyg via WOR 1600, DXLD)

7324.95, Wantok Radio Light, 1421, Jan 14, praise songs blocked by co- channel CRI Filipino 1430, then in the clear again for one minute or so 1457 CRI off and back on again 1458 for English opening 1500. Also, Vat Radio DRM 7320 is sometimes switched on early for German 1500. On top of that there is some constant UNID spattering noise on this frequency which you can only get rid of in LSB, as if some neighbouring transmitter is malfunctioning? So even when WRL is the only occupant reception is far from easy. Have been monitoring them occasionally around this time since last November. Cf. recent postings by Mark Davies and Ron Howard and also Nils Schiffhauer in DXLD 11-52 (Martien Groot, Schoolr, Netherlands (TenTec RX340, 25m. longwire), dxldyg via WOR 1600, DXLD)

Footprint was x.954 on Perseus browser on Friday: 7324.954, Wantok Radio Light, Port Moresby in English at 2020 UT Jan 13. Poor signal monitored on remote receiver network in Japan (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 13 via DXLD)

7324.95, Wantok Radio Light. The one PNG station that was not doing well Jan 15; 1405 soft EZL music; otherwise unusable (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, Etón E1, dxldyg via DXLD)

[and non] 7325-, Jan 16 at 1402, weak signal altho registering S9+15 on the generous FRG-7 meter, with hymn on piano, 1404 talkover in unknown language, vocal hymn; lite QRM from ute beeps on lo side, but not from any 7325 broadcaster. Faded down by 1410, not much audible, 1418 carrier still detectable with bits of audio.

PERU - 3329.53, Perú, Ondas del Huallaga, Huánuco, 1030 with music fading out 1040, 30 January.

3329.53, Ondas del Huallaga, Huánuco, 1008 to 1015 lively Peruvian music, CHU notched 3 February (Wilkner)

4826.316, Radio Sicuani, Sicuani, Cusco, 2310 deep fades, om en español, música. Also noted fading out 1115 to 1125. 5 and 6 February. Gracias logs by Pedro F. Arrunátegui (Wilkner)

5460.1, Radio Bolívar, Cd. Bolívar, slight drift, energetic om español 2350-0025 5/6 February (Wilkner)

5921.26, Radio Bethel, Arequipa noted at 2326 to 0007 5/6 February (Wilkner)

6173.9, Radio Tawantinsuyo, Cusco, 1000 to 1035 with rechecks om talk entire period 3 February; in as late as 1115 on 5 February (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

4790, R. Visión, Chiclayo, 0909-0926 Jan 31 Spanish; M announcer with ID between short, music selections; sounded like a tape loop; R. Visión has been very irregular lately, maybe testing the transmitter? poor (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DXLD)

4790, Radio Visión, Chiclayo, 0557-0613, 05-02, male, Spanish, religious talks. 14321. (Méndez)

4975, Radio del Pacífico, Lima (presumed), songs and male talks. Very weak. 14321 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, dxldyg via DXLD)

PHILIPPINES - 9520 Radio Veritas Asia catholic radio station from Palauig Zambales-PHL started Sinhala program at 1330 UT Jan 23 with familiar hymn Sri Lanka Matha National Anthem, sung by young people chorus. 1330-1357 UT. S=8 strength noted in Europe. (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 23)

POLAND [and non] - Polish Radio's External Service has some ambitious plans for 2012. The service's deputy director Rafal Kiepuszewski, English section head John Beauchamp and <http://www.thenews.pl> editor Peter Gentle discussed their plans for 2012 in a January 1, 2012 broadcast. Polish Radio now premieres at 1900 Warsaw time (1800 UT) and has a new Business programme in co-operation with the Euronet Network.

2011 saw the introduction of 'Dateline Warsaw' hosted by Peter Gentle bringing foreign correspondents in Warsaw into the studio to discuss Polish affairs. John stated that it had raised the profile of the station from people in Warsaw & Poland.

Rafal Kiepuszewski spoke about the drive towards broadcasting to target areas such as DAB in London via Spectrum Radio. The German service plans to launch a DAB service in Berlin and there are increasing co-productions with countries which have experienced Polish emigration such as Britain and Ireland.

Shortwave to Russia and Belarus looks set to continue given their particular political and geographical conditions. There are plans for increasing use of FM relays in Ukraine and restructuring the Hebrew broadcasts to include the Jewish diaspora in North America via the internet. All plans are subject to funds. Rafal urged shortwave listeners to try web broadcasts and hoped they would enjoy what was on offer.

Peter Gentle spoke about the development of the <http://www.thenews.pl> website. The news and the radio sections are due to be integrated along with continued use of social media such as Facebook and Twitter to connect with listeners. The comment sections on article have been dropped, but there are plans to reintroduce this feature soon. The website will soon have a new news blog, general blog and cultural blog.

In the summer there will be a Euro 2012 microsite covering the economics and culture as well as the sports side of things (Jonathan Murphy, UK? Making Contact, Feb World DX Club Contact via WOR 1603, DXLD)

ROMANIA - Additional transm/Fions of Brother Stair TOM:

1500-1530 on 15190 TIG 300 kW / 100 deg to As/AUS/NZ English Su

1500-1700 on 15190 TIG 300 kW / 100 deg to As/AUS/NZ English Sa

(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, Final /Fue 1 Feb 2012 of DX Mix News)

RUSSIA - 6075 Russian program Radio Rossii from Petropavlovsk relay, ID at 0830 UT Jan 24, fluttery signal via northern Alaska and western Canada into US, heard on remote unit in CA-USA, S=9+20dB. RAsPY modulation quality.

7320 R Rossii & GTRK "Amur", Radio Rossi from Arman, Magadan, Far East site. Dubl 1 program. At 0845 UT Jan 24 // 5940 kHz, S=4-5 just above threshold, but real understandable. (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 24)

VOICE OF RUSSIA changes:

Arabic

1500-1600 daily ME 5945/Nov, 7215/SPB, 9480/M (del)

1600-1700 daily ME 5945/Nov, 6005/Arm (add)

1600-2000 daily ME, NoAF 9825/SPB (ex5920)

1700-2100 daily ME 1314/ERV (add)

2000-2100 daily NAF 5975/Nov, 9285/SPB (add)

2100-2300 daily ME 1377/ERV (del)

2200-2300 daily ME 648/Du (del)

English

1600-1700 daily ME 7270/M (add)

Portuguese*

2100-2200 daily EU 6040/Kal+ (ex 6105/M)

Italian

1700-1800 daily ME 6165/M (ex 7320)

Kurdish

0500-0600 daily ME 1314/ERV (ex Russian)

1500-1600 daily ME 1314/ERV, 5945/Nov, 7215/SPB (add)

1600-1700 daily ME 5945/Nov, 6005/Arm, 7270/M (del)

Portuguese

2200-2400 daily SAm 11605/GUF (del)

Russian

0000-0100 daily SAm 9750/ERV (add)

0100-0200 daily ME 1314/ERV (del)

0100-0200 daily SAm 6135/SPB (ex Spanish)

0100-0300 daily Caucasus, ME 7225/Sam (add)

0300-0400 daily ME 1314/ERV, 1548/Kam (del)

0300-0400 daily CAm 7260/Kam (del)

0500-0600 daily ME 1314/ERV (del)

0700-0800 daily Eu 9680/Sam (del)

1200-1500 daily CAs, ME 5945/Nov (add)
 1200-1500 daily Eu 612/vln (del)
 1300-1400 daily Eu 1170/sas (del)
 1300-1500 daily Eu, ME 9470/M (add)
 1400-1500 daily CAs 12055/M (del)
 1315-1430 daily ME 1314/ERV (del)
 1500-1600 daily ME 1314/ERV (del), 9480/M (add)
 2000-2100 daily ME 1314/ERV (del)
 2200-2300 daily SAm 9750/ERV (add)

Serbian

1600-1800 daily ME 7320/M (del)

Spanish

0000-0200 daily SAm 9875/GUF (del)
 0200-0500 daily SAm 7335/GUF (del)
 2200-2300 daily Eu 9750/ERV (del)

Turkish

0100-0300 daily ME 1314/ERV (add)
 0300-0500 daily ME 1350/ERV (add)
 1400-1600 daily ME 1350/ERV (add)

Key: + DRM; * dual channel audio.

(WRTH Winter Schedule UPDATES - Febr 2012)

SAUDI ARABIA - 15225, Jan 13 at 1505, big buzz mixing with and no doubt emanating from BSKSA transmitter in Arabic, // much better unbuzzed 15435. Still the same at 1550, both from Riyadh, 295 and 320 degrees respectively. wb reports some new SW transmitters are being installed which we hope will get rid of this.

15435, Jan 17 at 1508, BSKSA Arabic narration and music with a beat; constant crackle in modulation superimposed. New transmitters being installed at Jeddah may compensate for this once activated in A-12 season; wb thinx these were the source of tone and Balkan music tests last summer. They plan to put English at 16-21, already on the domestic Service, onto three SW frequencies, unfortunately unsuitably too low for North America in the summer (gh, DXLD)

SERBIA - Since the start of the year I have not noted the Belgrade transmitter of International Radio Serbia on 9635, though the Bosnia transmitter is still operational (Arthur Miller, Powys, Wales, January 25, Feb World DX Club Contact via WOR 1602, DXLD)

SERBIA [non] - 6100, BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA. Radio Serbia, Bijeljina, 2210-2229*. Talk in English by man and woman. Following ID by woman at 2219, talk alternating with slow Serbian vocal music. Closing announcements by man at 2228 followed by brief music. Gone at 2229:30. Weak but steady signal in lots of noise. Language was definitely English, but noise made content difficult to understand. 1/30/2012
 (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, RX-340, IC-R75, ALA100M Loop, Random Wire (90'), Cumbre DX via DXLD)

SUDAN - 7200, SRTC, *0255-0328, abrupt sign on with Arabic talk. Chirping birds at 0259. Local chants at 0320. Fair, but covered by Iran at their 0328 sign on. Jan 29 (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DXLD)

SUDAN SOUTH [non] - 17745, Sudan Radio Service via Woofferton, 1638-1650, Jan 30 (Monday). First time I have heard a Monday segment in English; "news bulletin"; Malawi hydro-power project, "The project coordinator, Honorable Philip Koti Wala, spoke to 98.6 SRS FM"; "Last week the Deputy Mayor of Juba City Council, David Lokonga ordered reorganization of Jebel market. He spoke to 98.6 SRS FM on Monday at the site of the demolitions"; announced their change in scheduling as heard before; started out fair to poor; faded down to unusable by tune out at 1650. Very nice to find even more English programming here besides the Saturday "Road to Peace" show! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Etón E1, dxldyg via WOR 1602, DXLD)

SYRIA - 9330, 19/Jan 2202, R Damascus, in Spanish. YL with ID. Good signal, but the modulation is very low, hindering the listening, as usual. 45442 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14'S, 38 58'W - Brasil, dxldyg via DXLD)

TAIWAN [U.S.A.] - 6875, UT Sat Jan 28 at 0621, RTI German instead of Spanish via WYFR, opening 'Hörerbriefkasten' with novelty song, sounds funny, but you really need to understand colloquial Mandarin (Taiwanese?) to get anything out of it, so do they think their German audience is generally sinolingual? Mentions that it's the Jahr des Drachens. This is the week there is supposed to be a monthly DX report segment from Europeans, but it's too late

so I will have to try the audio archive later (gh, DXLD)

6875, Feb 3 at 0656 via WYFR, outro of RTI wrong language German instead of Spanish, with all their supposed German times and frequencies, tuned in progress but doubt this one included, and with unusual big hum: wiggle that patchcord! It's still a huge signal desensitizing the receiver for several myriaHertz around (gh, DXLD)

15440, UNITED STATES, WYFR (FL), Radio Taiwan International (via relay) 1/29, 0225. Talk program discussing household energy management. VVG (Rick Barton, El Mirage AZ, Hallicrafters S-77A, Hammarlund HQ-140X & HQ-200; Drake R-8, L.W. and Slinky, Feb 7, ABDX via DXLD)

Had not realized this hour on 15440 was RTI instead of WYFR programming; not supposed to be RTI, so another wrong relay. WYFR supposedly deleted 9355 which had been the wrong RTI frequency this hour in English, the right ones being 5950, 9680 (gh, DXLD)

UAE / U.K. - SUDAN RADIO SERVICE Revised complete schedule:

Arabic (Darfuri)		Fur	
0400-0415 daily	SDN 11800/UAE*	0415-0430 .t..f..	SDN 11800/UAE*
0415-0430	SDN 11800/UAE*	1615-1630 m..t...	SDN 15500/Sk*
0430-0500 daily	SDN 11800/UAE*	Masalit	
1600-1615 daily	SDN 15500/Sk*	0415-0430 m..t...	SDN 11800/UAE*
1615-1630f..	SDN 15500/Sk*	1615-1630 ..w....	SDN 15500/Sk*
1630-1700 daily	SDN 15500/Sk*		
Arabic (Juba)		Moru	
0400-0500 daily	SDN 13720/UAE	1600-1630	SDN 17745/Wof
1500-1600 mtwtf..	SDN 17745/Wof	Nuer	
1500-1530	SDN 17745/Wof	1600-1630 ..w....	SDN 17745/Wof
1600-1630	SDN 17745/Wof		
Bari		Shilluk	
1600-1630 ...t...	SDN 17745/Wof	1600-1630f..	SDN 17745/Wof
Dinka		Zaghawa	
1600-1630 m.....	SDN 17745/Wof	0415-0430 ..w....	SDN 11800/UAE*
English		1615-1630 .t....	SDN 15500/Sk*
1500-1600	SDN 17745/Wof	Zande	
1530-1600	SDN 17745/Wof	1600-1630 .t.....	SDN 17745/Wof
1630-1700 daily	SDN 17745/Wof	Key: * Darfur News and Information Service	

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U.S.A. - 7465, WWCR Nashville TN (presumed); 2114-2120+, 15-Jan; English, Yahweh huxter without a kind word for anything or anybody; ragging on MLK Day & Lee Jackson Day. (Who?) S35 signal with weak co-channel-English (studio bleed?) & CW!

Weak 7480.6 spur there but no copyable audio; 7449.4, if there, too close to strong 7450 Greece (presumed). (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DXLD) Current schedule for 7465 Sunday at 2100 shows: The Remnant Ministry, Philip Glover (gh, DXLD)

15825, Jan 16 at 1356, 'Ask WWCR' is ending, mentioning that they have been testing on 6875 in the 21-23 UT period. That's when #4 transmitter is available in an hiatus after 2100 a couple days per week. They also tried it at 10-12 UT instead of 7465. Apparently thinking of using 6875 instead of 7465, 7520 frequencies from WWCR-1 in A-season. This was recorded before A-12 HFCC at Kuala Lumpur, so next biweekly edition should have a report on that (gh, DXLD)

15385, KJES God's [sic] Ranch, Vado NM (presumed); 2021, 11- Jan; Robo kids in Spanish. On about 15384.93; SIO=3+33- with trill QRM (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! dxldyg via DXLD)

15385.2, Jan 15 at 2055, KJES is on but only poor signal with fading, mostly skipping over here, singing, 2059 overlapping kid IDs in Spanish, off at 2100:20*. Previously measured as high as 15385.4, beyond FCC tolerance of plus/minus .0015% or 231 Hz. Now it is no more than 200 Hz off, so all is well! Another check Jan 16 at 2027: better

signal, and now it's slightly on the low side, by 40-50 Hz under 15385-.

11715.1, Jan 17 at 1430, KJES ID in English amid choral singing, undermodulated yet strong and steady at S9+20. Now it's off-frequency to the high side instead of previous 11714.8 area, but within FCC tolerance following Notice of Violation. Nothing on 11715.0 to het it, so the variation is not obvious.
(gh, WOR 1600, DXLD)

13570, Jan 14 at 1356, WINB on usual wobbly carrier, with full canned ID with contact info, "He Leadeth Me" on piano, 1359 some black gospel music and cut to black-accented preachers discussing I Corinthians 1:10, in progress, no program greeting or name given. For some months WINB has been active in the mornings only on Sundays, and I haven't consulted their program schedule for a while, so what does it show now? New one dated Jan 8 <http://www.winb.com/schedule.htm> says Sat from *1400 with mouthful 'The Way of God Church of the Lord Jesus'; Sundays from *1300; Mon/Thu/Fri from *1730; Tue from *1700; Thu from *1745. Still switches to wobbly 9265 at 2200 (gh, DXLD)

5755, (TN), WTWW, 2/3 1345. PPP with program on how interracial marriage is part of larger plot to destroy the white race. Needle bending on HQ-200 with outside Slinky helical (Rick Barton, El Mirage AZ, Hallicrafters S-77A, Hammarlund HQ-140X & HQ-200; Drake R- 8, L.W. and Slinky, Feb 7, ABDX via DXLD)

WTWW-2 update: Continental technician left today after working two days on this transmitter: spurs were 50 dB down, less than 1 watt, but need to be -55 dB. He took *out* the caps which had been put in to suppress the spurs, and got the additional 5 dB to -55. Various problems, including my own and Ted Randall's schedules have delayed another on-air test of #2, maybe next Friday or Saturday or the following week.
(George McClintock, WTWW, Feb 3, WOR 1603, DXLD)

George McClintock tells me Feb 9 that the next WTWW-2 transmitter test is now 100% confirmed for this Saturday Feb 11, 2200-2400 on 9990, UT Sunday Feb 12 0000-0400 (or maybe -0300) on 5085. Ted Randall will be taking calls, and listeners are invited to provide factual criticism if they hear any spurs or noise around the frequencies. (I suggest they be especially vigilant for any QRM to WWV.) The Continental technician took out something that was supposed to suppress spurs, but actually produced them, and that seems to have solved the problem. There might be a briefer test on same frequencies, the following Monday/Tuesday.

Altho #2 transmitter is yet to go into service, George says he is already collecting various equipment and parts for #4 and its antenna. He hasn't yet decided whether to get a used Harris or a new Continental 418G. The Harris would also bring in a stock of parts which could be useful. He already has an essential backup transformer acquired from ex-WJIE in Kentucky; thinks one of their transmitters went to Alaska, probably for parts as putting it on the air would be difficult.
(gh, DXLD)

VANUATU - 3945, R. Vanuatu, 1146-1217*, Jan 12. Poor, but well above normal reception; in vernacular with variety of songs; Dolly Parton & Kenny Rogers "Islands in the Stream", etc.; 1215 Radio Vanuatu ID and list of frequencies; "Tomorrow morning half past five"; instrumental National Anthem ("Yumi, Yumi, Yumi"). MP3 audio of sign off announcement and NA posted at <http://www.box.com/s/vo1fod69fn04fmp8tg1x>.
(Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, Etón E1, dxldyg via DXLD)

7260 kHz - VBT R Vanuatu, Port Vila, good at 0655 UT Jan 18, with commercials in several languages.
(William Hague-AUS NWDXC, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 18)

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SHORTWAVE BANDS

Frequency	UTC	SIO	ITU	Radio Station	Language	Programme Details	Date	Rep.
49300	0300	323	BOT	VOA	English	African Music	0601	PH
5955.0	1800	555	AUT	Voice of Vietnam	English	News	0601	PH
6100.0	2200	444	BIH	Radio Serbia	English	News	2301	PH
6155.0	2000	444	BLR	Radio Belarus	English	News	0601	PH
72900	2300	444	RUS	Voice of Russia	English	Talks on Iran	1401	PH
7290.0	1830	444	MDA	Radio PMR	English	Music	0901	PH
7310.0	0630	555	ROU	Radio Romania Int	English	Newsreel	1301	PH
7330.0	1700	333	RUS	Voice of Russia	English	News	0301	PH
7385.0	0100	333	USA	WHRI	English	Talks	0801	PH
74000	1800	444	BUL	Radio Bulgaria	English	Music	0401	PH
7480.0	1700	444	SLK	VOA	English	Talks	0301	PH

7550.0	1830	333	IND	All India Radio	English	News	1001	PH
9665.0	1900	444	E	REE Madrid	English	Talks	0301	PH
9840.0	1300	333	USA	WMRI	English	Talks	1301	PH
11945.0	0700	323	AUS	Radio Australia	English	News in General	1701	PH
11950.0	1800	444	ROU	Radio Romania	English	Panorama	2001	PH
13845.0	1200	333	USA	WWCR,Nashville	English	Talks	1301	PH
151200	1800	222	NIG	Voice of Nigeria	English	News	2001	PH
154550	1200	333	ROU	RRI	English	Protests in Romania	1701	PH
176950	0600	121	ZMB	CVC Africa	English	Program	2001	PH
215400	1000	333	KWT	Radio Kuwait	Arabic	Program	1701	PH

Here are the loggings from Richard A. D'Angelo of Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, USA:

- 3240.0 SWAZILAND. Trans World Radio – Mpangela Ranch, 0332-0340* Jan 20, man announcer talking in listed Nda language. Group singing until 0339 when another man gave ID and closedown. Poor to fair.
- 4055.0 GUATEMALA. Radio Verdad, 0254-0320 Jan 13, soft religious vocals with man announcer and some Spanish talk. Formal ID and frequency announcement by another man at 0305. Talk and more vocals followed. Fair.
- 4775.0 SWAZILAND. Trans World Radio – Manzini (presumed), 0350-0432 Feb 5, music and talk in unidentified language noted but very weakly and eventually lost in the noise.
- 4775.0 BRAZIL. Radio Congonhas, 2354-0000* Jan 23, man announcer with religious talking in Portuguese. Soft instrumental music followed by ID and more music until carrier cut. Poor signal with some fading.
- 4780.0 DJIBOUTI. RTV de Djibouti, *0300-0340 Feb 1, caught orchestra National Anthem, man with opening in Arabic language followed by another man with recitation. More talk by man announcer after recitation followed by local music. Poor to fair improving to fair.
- 4877.3v BRAZIL. Radio Roraima – Boa Vista, 0351-0400* Jan 18, Brazilian pop vocals hosted by a man announcer with Portuguese talk and ID. Closedown ID and announcements at 0358 followed by choral anthem. Fair.
- 4919.0 ECUADOR. Radio Quito, 0432-0515 Jan 20, thanks to a Brian Alexander tip I heard a nice program of Spanish pop music with man announcer hosting with Spanish talk. Several familiar IDs ("Radio Quito, la voz de la capital"). Good signal but audio somewhat watery.
- 4920.0 INDIA. All India Radio – Chennai, 0113-0147 fade out Jan 1, woman with Hindi vocal selection followed by a woman announcer talking in Hindi over flute music. More Hindi vocal selections. Poor to fair.
- 4940.0 CHINA. Voice of the Strait – Fuzhou, 1149-1207 Jan 2, woman announcer with news in Mandarin. Fair.
- 5010.0 INDIA. All India Radio – Thiruvananthapuram, 0117-0206 Jan 1, talk in Hindi language by a man announcer. Back to studio where studio announcer talked to another man. Another talk by a woman announcer followed. Finally, some music at 0158 when Jingle Bells in Hindi was heard. Fair.
- 5900.0 BULGARIA. Radio Bulgaria, 0029-0050 Jan 31, instrumental music followed by a woman announcer in English mentioning closure of station because of financial situation and new technologies trying to sound upbeat. Back to usual features at 0031. Good signal //7400 was excellent.
- 5910.0 COLOMBIA. Alcaravan Radio – Peurto Lleres, 0450-0536 Feb 2, man announcer in Spanish with ID and frequency announcement followed by Latin vocals with 2+1 time pips at 0500 during a song. More Latin vocals with frequent IDs and occasionally frequency announcements. Good signal.
- 5952.4 BOLIVIA. Radio Pio XII (presumed), 2312-0005 Jan 28, vocals followed by a woman announcer in Spanish hosting a program of listener phone calls. Brief musical segments between calls. Poor to fair.
- 5954.25 COSTA RICA. Radio Republica, 0104-0123 Jan 31, man announcer with news in Spanish language followed by a man and woman with features and ID at 0118. Poor with strong carrier but poorly modulated program.
- 5954.2 COSTA RICA. Radio Republica, 2354-2359* Jan 7, music program with strong signal but poor audio level. Some talk in Spanish at 2355 with discussion with a person at a remote location. Good signal but poor audio. Het on channel.
- 6055.0 RWANDA. Radio Rwanda, 2057-2221+ Dec 31, discussions in French and local languages among announcers but also with phone calls from listeners. Lively musical selections. Several nice IDs at 2136 during three way conversation among announcers. Running late for New Year celebrations. Local group singing from 2157 to top of hour and New Year's in Rwanda. Apparently, a politician gave a speech after the song (only non-lively piece of programming) followed by more songs, phone calls and general merriment. Fair.
- 6130.0 LAOS. Lao National Radio, 1157-1213 Jan 2, exotic Asian vocals and flute music. Familiar 7 gongs at 1200 followed by flute music. Man

- announcer with presumed ID and news. Poor.
- 6135.0 CYPRUS. CBC, 2231-2244* Feb 4, discussion in Greek language between man and woman. Off suddenly at 2244. This channel fair to good with //7220 (fair) and 9760 (good).
- 6165.0 CHAD. Radio Chad, 0458-0517 Jan 28, man announcer hosting a listener call in program in the French language. Fair to good.
- 7234.9v ETHIOPIA. Voice of Peace and Democracy (presumed), 0407-0431* Jan 25, mainly talks in listed Tigrinya language by a man announcer with some local music. Poor signal.
- 7245.0 MAURITANIA. Radio Mauritanie, 0713-0735 Feb 2, man announcer with news in Arabic, 0716 short instrumental music segment followed by another man talking in Arabic, instrumental music at 0719 for about a minute followed by another man announcer with talk. Not exactly stirring programming this morning but clearly designed not to rouse the masses. Good signal at tune in but rapidly deteriorating as sunrise closes in.
- 7275.0 TUNESIA. Radio Television Tunisienne, 0624-0629* Jan 26, man talking in Arabic language with frequent mentions of "Tunis" so presumably news. Another man with ID and apparently closedown announcements prior to carrier being terminated. Fair to good.
- 7280.0 CHINA. China National Radio - 1, 1154-1300* Jan 4, plenty of Mandarin talk with announcements at 1159 followed by 5+1 time pips at 1200. Closed with announcements at 1258 with one time pip at 1300 as carrier was terminated. Apparently, here so Sound of Hope can't be heard. Thanks to Stave Handler with some help on this. Fair to good.
- 7315.0 CLANDESTINE (Sudan). Radio Tamazuj via Issoudun, *0358-0428* Jan 14, sudden open carrier followed by man announcer talking in Arabic over instrumental music with ID and frequency announcement. News by a woman announcer followed. Talks with remote reports after the news with several IDs during broadcast. Off with instrumental music and ID followed immediately by Radio Dabanga. Good signal.
- 7315.0 CLANDESTINE (Sudan). Radio Dabanga via Issoudun, *0428-0437 Jan 14, popped on after Radio Tamazuj closed with singing ID opening, man announcer in Arabic with ID and frequency announcements and news. Good signal.
- 7550.0 INDIA. All India Radio - Delhi (Khampur), 2121-2216 Dec 30, English service with program called Bain of Domestic Violence followed by General Overseas Service ID. At 2136 a Roundup of 2011 by a man announcer. Musical selection to 2200 ID and news. Commentary at 2210 about Japanese Prime Minister's visit to India on Dec 27 and 28. Good signal.
- 9526.0 INDONESIA. Voice of Indonesia, 21051-2059* Dec 30, nice selection of Indonesian vocal by a woman singer hosted by a woman announcer with brief French talks. ID by woman announcer in English at 2058 including frequency announcement. Program ended by carrier stayed on until 2112. Poor.
- 9535.0 THAILAND. Radio Thailand, 2034-2048 Dec 30, woman announcer with English news. Several IDs, promotional announcements. Carrier broke around 2043 but returned at 2044 with familiar bells. Commenced Thai program at 2045. Poor to fair.
- 9665.0 BRAZIL. La Voz Missionária, 0106-0210 Feb 1, man and woman announcers with Portuguese language talks followed by a program of continuous music commencing at 0111. ID at 0156 as man and woman announcers began speaking again. Poor to fair.
- 9720.0 THAILAND. Radio Thailand, 1245-1254 Jan 1, woman announcer in English with news, IDs ("You are listening to Radio Thailand News.") and ads. Reports on New Year celebration activities from different parts of the world. Fair.
- 11600.0 LIBYA. Radio Libye, 1742-1807* Jan 21, mix of vocals and French talk until dead air from 1732 to 1800. At 1800 a woman began speaking alternating with soft instrumental music. Nice ID at 1806 and brief closedown announcement with more soft instrumental music ending program. Carrier remained on for over ten minutes before I tuned away. Fair signal.
- 11690.0 CLANDESTINE (Congo). Radio Okapi - Meyerton, 0432-0458* Jan 28, several IDs followed by sports program in French language. More features with IDs throughout with carrier cut in mid-sentence. Fair to good.
- 11710.8 ARGENTINA. RAE, 0202-0247 Jan 17, man announcer with ID and opening announcements for English program welcoming listeners. Vocal selections mixed with various features and IDs including sports and talk about the Australian Open. Fair.
- 17695.0 ZAMBIA. CVC International, 1633-1706 Jan 7, woman hosting English discussion about "peer pressure". Religious vocals followed by a talk about edge shoes. Program closedown at 1656 with phone numbers. 1700 started program looking for listeners to share their stories, Fair.

Thanks a lot to our club members for your contributions:

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the second edition of Logbook for 2012.

This time we have a short logbook with loggings from our two members

Till next time,

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Country	Station	Freq	Days	Remarks	OM
ALBANIA	Radio Tirana	7465	7	QSL Card "Serie G"	SGD
ARGENTINA	RAE Buenos Aires	15345	43	E-QSL	SGD
AUSTRALIA	Radio Australia	9475	112	FD Card "Shepparton HF Stn 60 Years", v/s Ian Johnson	HTI
AUSTRALIA	HCJB Global Australia	15525	20	FD Card "November 2011 - Nature of Arizona" RP-Stamps	HTI
AUSTRALIA	HCJB Global Australia	15525	7	FD Card "December 2011 - Christmas", RP Stamps	HTI
AUSTRALIA	HCJB Global Voice Australia	15525	13	FD Card "Fresh snow on Santa Catalina Mountains, Tucson"	HTI
AUSTRIA	Radio Austria 1 International	9830	37	FD Letter from Ö1 Service Listeners' Relations Department	RDA
BOSNIA	International Radio Serbia (via Bijeljina)	9685	75	FD Card "Listeners Club" Box 72, Hilendarska 2, 11000 Beograd	RDA
BRAZIL	Radio Senado	5990	25	FD Card "Satellite Dish", Letter, "Catedral Metropolitana" card	RDA
BULGARIA	Radio Bulgaria	9400	57	FD Card "Tsarevets - No.5" v/s illegible, RR Form	HTI
BULGARIA	Radio Bulgaria	9400	49	QSL Card "75th Anniversary BNR"	SGD
BURKINA FASO	Radio Burkina Faso	?	394	Letter	MFE
CHAD	Radiodiffusion Tchadienne	6165	283	Letter	MFE
CHILE	Radio HCJB	9835	17	QSL Card "Voz Cristiana"	SGD
CHINA	China Radio International	7395	27	PD Card "Xibe ethnic minority group", Letter, RR Form	HTI
CHINA	China Radio International	7325	13	PD Card "Uyur ethnic minority group", Letter, RR Form	HTI
CUBA	Radio Havana Cuba	6000	125	FD card, Calendar 2012	GKL
CUBA	Radio Havana Cuba	6060	198	QSL Card "50th Anniversary missed"	SGD
CZECH	Radio Prague	6055	9	QSL Card "Last on SW endorsement", Pennant	SGD
ECUADOR	Radio HCJB Quito	6050	32	QSL Card "2011 Special"	SGD
FRANCE	Radio Taiwan International (via Issoudun)	3965	41	QSL Card "Paintings", Pennant	SGD
GERMANY	Radio Dardasha 7 (via Wertachtal)	7310	41	FD Letter, Bookmark "Word of Hope Arabic Ministry"	RDA
GERMANY	Radio HCJB (via Kall)	3995	76	QSL Card "Series 2011B" Test Transmission	SGD
GERMANY	HLR (via Baltic Radio)	7265	9	QSL Card "Special Test 1 kW tx"	SGD
GERMANY	Radio Free Asia (via Biblis)	15435	7	QSL Card "RFA 15th Anniversary"	SGD
GUAM	Trans World Radio - KTWR	11580	25	FD Card "KTWR - Mark 16:15" v/s Kathy Gregowske, Letter	HTI
GUAM	Adventist World Radio - KSDA	12010	200	FD Card v/s Adrian M. Peterson, Pocket calendar	HTI
IRAN	Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting	13630	48	FD Card "Tomb of Iranian poet, Hafez-Shiraz", Sked, Sticker	HTI
IRAN	Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting	15555	51	FD Card "Iran-Fars, Shiraz Persepolis", v/s Garagani	HTI
IRAN	Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting	11765	57	FD Card "Iran-Kashan - Tabataba'is Residence" v/s Garagani	HTI
IRAN	IRIB Teheran	15085	167	QSL Card "Hand written folder"	SGD
JAPAN	Radio Canada International (via Yamata)	9560	5	FD Card "Rediscover the World!", v/s Bill Westenhaver, Sked	HTI
KOREA DPR	Voice of Korea, Pyongyang	11865	36	FD Card "Pyongyang Department Store No.1", Newspaper	HTI
KOREA DPR	Voice of Korea, Pyongyang	7580	30	FD Card "Pyongyang Department Store No.1"	HTI
KOREA REP.	KBS World Radio, Seoul	9580	46	FD Card "Samgyetang", RR Form	HTI
KOREA REP.	FEBC Korea - HLAZ	1566	30	FD Card "Cheju Station & Transmitter site(HLAZ)" RP-1 IRC	HTI
KOREA REP.	Radio Canada International (via Kimjae)	9565	4	FD Card "Rediscover the World!", v/s Bill Westenhaver	HTI
KUWAIT	Radio Kuwait	15515	142	FD Card "QSL Certificate", CD 'Kuwait Fact & Figures Book'	
KUWAIT	Radio Free Asia (via IBB Kuwait)	17715	14	QSL Card "2011 Year of the Rabbit"	SGD
LITHUANIA	Radio HCJB (via Vilnius)	5940	17	QSL Card "Series 2011 C"	SGD
LITHUANIA	Radio Free Asia (via Vilnius)	9690	14	QSL Card "2011 Year of the Rabbit"	SGD
LUXEMBOURG	KBS World Radio(via RTL Radio)	1440	32	QSL Card "Korean Food Series"	SGD

MADAGASCAR	Deutsche Welle (via Madagascar)	17800	16	QSL Card "20th Anniversary German Unity"	SGD
MALI	RTM Bamako	5995	67	Letter	MFE
MAURITANIA	Radio Maritannie	783	393	Letter	MFE
MONGOLIA	Voice of Mongolia	12085	55	FD Card "Greetings from Mongolia - The Sands of Khongor"	HTI
MONGOLIA	Voice of Mongolia	12085	154	FD Card "A woman with three reindeer"	HTI
MONGOLIA	Radio Free Asia (via Ulaanbaatar)	7460	19	FD Card "The Year of the Dragon"	HTI
MOROCCO	Radio Morocco	9580	32	Card	MFE
N. MARIANA	Radio Free Asia (via Saipan)	9990	14	QSL Card "20th Anniversary German Unity"	SGD
N. MARIANA	Radio Free Asia (via Tinian)	9385	14	QSL Card "20th Anniversary German Unity"	SGD
NEW ZEALAND	Radio New Zealand International	9765	19	FD Card "Sounds like us - wood carving", Sticker, RP-2 IRCs	HTI
NIGER	La Voix du Sahel	9705	233	Letter	MFE
PAKISTAN	Radio Pakistan	15700	29	FD Card "Residency of Quaid-i-Azam, Ziarat", v/s S.Waheed	HTI
PALAU	World Harvest Radio - T8WH	9930	171	FD Card v/s Mieko Namihira, Book, Pressed Flower, RP-1 IRC	HTI
PHILIPPINES	R.Netherlands Worldwide (via Tinang)	15110	56	FD Card "Holland Hasj IT"	HTI
PHILIPPINES	Radio Free Asia (via Tinian)	5895	31	FD Card "15 years celebrating - His Holiness the Dalai Lama"	HTI
PHILIPPINES	Radyo Pilipinas	17700	175	FD Card v/s Ric G. Lorenzo, Sticker, RP-2 IRCs	
PHILIPPINES	FEBC Philippines	11650	126	FD Card "Monkey-eating eagle" v/s May, Sticker, RP-2 IRCs	HTI
PORTUGAL	Deutsche Welle (via Sines)	9440	2	QSL Card "DW Sines Transmitter Site"	SGD
PORTUGAL	RDPI Lisboa	7240	3	QSL Card "75th Anniversary of Broadcasting"	SGD
ROMANIA	Radio Romania International	11940	76	FD Card "The Mogosoia Palace, Painting by Vitalie Butescu"	HTI
ROMANIA	Radio Romania International	7210	154	QSL Card "Buildings Series"	SGD
RUSSIA	Tatarstan Wave (via Samara)	15105	239	FD Card "Staff of Radio Tatarstana", RP-1 IRC	HTI
RUSSIA	Voice of Russia	9880	11	FD Card "To the first manned flight into space", FDC stamp	HTI
RUSSIA	Voice of Russia	11655	120	QSL Card "80th Anniversary VOR"	SGD
RWANDA	Deutsche Welle (via Kigali)	11865	10	FD Card "20 Years of German Unity"	RDA
SINGAPORE	Deutsche Welle (via Kranji)	11600	24	FD Card "20 Years of German Unity", no RP	HTI
SRI LANKA	Radio Free Asia (via IBB Sri Lanka)	9385	8	FD Card "15 years anniversary - Aung San Suu Kyi"	HTI
SRI LANKA	Deutsche Welle (via Trincomalee)	17860	33	QSL Card "20th Anniversary German Unity"	SGD
SRI LANKA	Radio Free Asia (via IBB Sri Lanka)	9945	14	QSL Card "2011 Year of the Rabbit"	SGD
SUDAN	Radio Omdurman	7200	83	Folder	MFE
SWAZILAND	Trans World Radio (via Manzini)	4775	4	FD E-Card v/s Mrs. Lorraine Stavropoulos, DX- secretary	RDA
SWAZILAND	Trans World Radio	15360	224	FD Card "Picture of Antenna" v/s L. Stavropoulos	HTI
SWITZERLAND	Radio Gloria, Luzern	1566	9	E-QSL	SGD
SYRIA	Radio Damascus	9330	31	FD Card "The earth and radio wave(?)", Sticker	HTI
SYRIA	Radio Damascus	9330	34	QSL Card "40th Anniversary German Section", Pennant	SGD
TAIWAN	Radio Taiwan International	9955	19	FD Card	GKL
TAIWAN	Radio Taiwan International	11605	222	FD Card "Lukang Longshan Temple"	HTI
TAIWAN	Radio Taiwan International	9955	80	FD Card "Curtain Antenna of Tai-nan substation"	HTI
TAJIKISTAN	Radio Free Asia (via Dushanbe)	13830	14	QSL Card "2011 Year of the Rabbit"	SGD
THAILAND	Radio Thailand	9575	15	FD Card "Tapoo Island", v/s illegible	HTI
THAILAND	Radio Thailand	7465	18	FD Card "Huai Mae Khamin Waterfall" v/s illegible	HTI
THAILAND	Radio Thailand	7465	21	FD Card "James Bond Island", v/s illegible	HTI
THAILAND	Radio Thailand	9680	14	QSL Card "Flowers"	SGD
TIBET	China Tibet Broadcasting Station	4820	47	FD Card "Holy Tibet", Letter, RP-1 IRC	HTI
TURKEY	Voice of Turkey	11805	27	FD Card "Atatürk University Bindalli Folk Dance Group"	HTI
TURKEY	TRT Voice of Turkey	17755	15	QSL Card "Buildings Series"	SGD
UAE	Radio Free Asia (via Dhabbaya)	2e + 06	14	QSL Card "2011 Year of the Rabbit"	SGD

UNITED KINGDOM	Polish Radio (via Rampisham)	11730	145	FD Card "Beskidy - Widok z Rachowca"	HTI
UNITED KINGDOM	Deutsche Welle (via Wooferton)	9480	19	QSL Card "Last on SW endorsement"	SGD
UNITED KINGDOM	Deutsche Welle (via Rampisham)	6075	5	QSL Card "DW-DRM motiv", Pennant	SGD
UNITED KINGDOM	KBS World Radio (via Skelton)	3955	32	QSL Card "Korean Food Series"	SGD
UNITED KINGDOM	Polskie Radio (via UK)	9435	8	E-QSL	SGD
USA	Deutsche Welle (via Cypress Creek)	17820	5	FD Card "20 Years of German Unity"	RDA
USA	Radio Prague (via WRMI)	9955	6	QSL Card "Castles"	SGD
VATICAN	Vatican Radio	7385	181	FD Card "Interview with Benedict XVI during the flight to	HTI
VIETNAM	Voice of Vietnam	12020	23	FD Card "Rice Terraces"	HTI
VIETNAM	Voice of Vietnam	9840	10	FD Card "Hoi An Ancient Town", No RP	HTI
VIETNAM	Voice of Vietnam	3985	22	QSL Card "Vietnam country", Pennant	SGD
VIETNAM	Voice of Vietnam	9430	28	QSL Card "Kaiser palace Hue"	SGD

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The Voice of America turns 70 by Chrisella Sagers

"This is a Voice from America..."

"The news may be good. The news may be bad. We shall tell you the truth." - William Harlan Hale; February 1, 1942

Such began the first broadcast of a small team of dedicated men transmitting live from a claustrophobic New York City studio into Nazi Germany. Their group had no name, although their first broadcast was titled Stimmen aus Amerika—Voices from America. The equipment they used was borrowed. They had no direction as to what they would broadcast, except the truth. At that moment, the United States stepped into a role as guardian of the power of ideas and honest messenger of information to all corners of the world.



From the very beginning, the Voice of America has held at its core the mission to present to the world the policies and culture of the United States, while reporting on global news events accurately, clearly, and objectively. It has been one of the U.S.'s most effective public relations initiatives. All around the world, the Voice of America is highly respected as an honest and fair messenger, and in many places, as the only comprehensive source of news free from propaganda. From Nazi Germany to Communist Eastern Europe to Kim Jong Il's North Korea, VOA has often been the only connection to the outside world that people of repressive regimes have.

VOA operates under the direction of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, an independent U.S. government agency with eight members nominated by the President, and the ninth seat always held by the Secretary of State. Americans look suspiciously on news propagated by their government, however, and VOA has not been allowed to broadcast within the United States since 1948. Their relationship with the U.S. government has caused difficulties for the news organization overseas sometimes as well. Occasionally a diplomat may try to pressure the organization to report one such way on a story in order to further U.S. diplomatic interests; often, the fact that they are an entity of the U.S. government causes VOA to instantly lose credibility on a number of stories.

The journalists of VOA combat this perception by adhering strictly to a code of conduct that preserves the integrity of VOA and ensures accuracy, balance, and comprehensiveness in all their work. The code requires two independent sources before any information is broadcast as fact, presenting all sides of a story, avoiding judgment in reports, and

eschewing any special benefits or treatment that journalists employed by the U.S. government might have. Because of VOA's unique position as a government entity, others involved in foreign policy have tried in the past to push journalists to shape their stories in the U.S. government's favor. In 1976, President Ford signed the VOA Charter into law, codifying the organization's commitment to objectivity and journalistic integrity.

Today, VOA broadcasts through the Internet, television, and a network of AM, FM, and shortwave radio signals. The approximately 1500 hours of programs per week include features on American culture, learning English, international news, discussion programs, and regionally focused programs to address the needs of the local populations. VOA broadcasts in 43 languages, televising programs in 26 of those, and reaches 141 million people weekly. All this makes VOA one of the largest multimedia news organizations in the world.

Albania under Communism

"I think of all the countries that I cover, VOA had the greatest impact in Albania." Elez Biberaj, Director of VOA's Eurasia Division, did not mean to downplay the importance of the other six language services his division oversees, including Russian, Ukrainian, Bosnian, Macedonian, Greek, and Serbian. However, Albania during the Cold War was the most Stalinist of the Eastern European Communist regimes, and the level of repression and isolation Albanians endured can only be compared to modern-day North Korea.

Using shortwave radio signals, VOA was able to send broadcasts behind the wall of silence; stories included not only the perspective of the United States on events of the day, but also of reform efforts occurring throughout Eastern Europe. VOA was the only alternative source of news to the Communist Party's propaganda efforts, and the broadcasts helped "information-deprived Albanians keep their hope alive, and encourage the implementation of fundamental political and economic reforms," according to Mr. Biberaj.

VOA was not able to send a reporter into Albania until May 1990, a little more than half a year before the country's Communist regime would collapse. While the Albanian service became an outlet for dissent, countering the official propaganda, VOA reporters worked double time to ensure that all stories emerging from the closed society were reconfirmed with sources in neighboring Greece and Yugoslavia.

However, until Albania opened after the collapse of the government in 1990, VOA had no way of knowing what the impact of their broadcasts were. "In 1991," Mr. Biberaj told the Diplomatic Courier, "USIA, then VOA's parent organization, commissioned its first-ever survey in Albania to discover that we indeed had an astoundingly large audience." Seven in 10 Albanians listened to VOA broadcasts on a weekly basis, and Albanians from all walks of life have acknowledged the role the broadcasts played in bringing change to the country. Today, the Albanian Service is one of the most successful of VOA's programs, with a June 2010 survey revealing it had a 45.6 percent weekly reach in Albania and 65 percent in Kosovo.

"I see a continuous need for our broadcasting," Mr. Biberaj said when asked about the future of the Eurasia Division. "They have seen such tremendous, positive change...however, there is a need for audiences in those areas to hear the U.S. perspectives and to get information they do not get from their own sources. There is a lack of trust, all the way from Russia to Albania, in what the local media is reporting."

VOA has proven itself to be a protagonist for the people, and, no matter what the current regime tries, an unstoppable source of honest and fair news for those pining for a beacon of hope from the outside world.

North Korea

Americans, in general, know very little about North Korea; however, it is not an exaggeration to say that North Koreans know almost nothing truthful about the United States. For years, Kim Jong Il's regime conducted a systematic campaign throughout the country to instill hatred and fear of Americans. VOA fights back against this campaign, not only by telling the truth about the United States, but also by respecting the intelligence and the needs of North Koreans in their broadcasts.

North Korea is a highly educated society, with an illiteracy rate of less than one percent; education is mandatory through high school. However, it is in very many ways a somewhat feudal society, in which the family you are born into and the political ties of your parents determine your fate. Loyalist elites are more likely to live comfortable middle-class lives and have access to information from the outside world, but they are closely watched by the regime. This middle class is unhappy with the direction their country has taken, but they must be careful about expressing outright hostility towards the regime, unlike those who tend to live in more rural areas without access to comfort items and steady food supplies.

“When it comes to broadcasting in North Korea, you have to think about who your audiences are—that’s the most important thing—and what kind of political environment they are in,” said Dong Hyuk Lee, Chief of the Korean Service under the East Asia and Pacific Division.

The medium-wave radio broadcasts’ primary audience is middle class elites, because this growing audience is made up primarily by politically-conscious individuals who want to know what the international community is discussing with regards to their country. However, it is not always easy to report these stories, according to Mr. Lee, because many North Koreans have no concept of basic terminology and ideas the rest of the world takes for granted. For example, a broadcast discussing human rights violations in North Korea would have to explain what the concept of human rights actually is.

The Korean Service seeks to educate its eager audience about these issues, as well as providing more practical programs. English language instruction programs are very popular among the North Korean audience, as are basic weather forecasts warning about possible floods and programs introducing the basics of capitalism. Broadcasts such as the latter focus on skills middle class individuals can use to survive, a program that became particularly important after currency devaluations left middle class merchants destitute and with no other means of survival than participation in the country’s underground currency flow.

VOA has no means of measuring what their impact is, or how many people they reach within the Hermit Kingdom. Hopefully someday they will have the chance to find out, as they did in Albania.

Iran

The United States and Iran have a strained relationship that threatens to break out into war every few years. Mutual hostilities are emphasized by mutual suspicion. Within Iran, almost all American actions are painted with a broad stroke: the common dialogue is that the United States meddles constantly in Iranian politics, attempting to bring down the government, through CIA-backed ideas, missions, and programs.

But, as in every oppressive regime, the Iranian people are not as belligerent to the United States’ images as the government itself is, and VOA has found a devoted audience among Iranians both inside and outside of Iran who appreciate the space to challenge the Islamic Republic’s official discourse and lack of tolerance for dissent. VOA is one of the only foreign-based news organizations to offer an alternative to Iran’s tightly controlled state-run media.

The Persian News Network primarily broadcasts into Iran through satellite television, including the wildly popular Daily Show-style satire program, Parazit. The show, whose name references the static that shows on Iranian televisions when the government jams international satellite signals, regularly pokes fun at accusations that it is merely an extension of American imperialism; and the self-deprecating humor and irony is able to charm skeptics while still informing.

However, it is social media that has been the most vital means of keeping an open dialogue between America and Iranians. Parazit’s Facebook page has, as of January 26th, over 812,000 fans; its YouTube channel has 8.5 million views. Followers are able to interact with guests on the show by submitting questions or comments, essentially driving the show’s content with viewer ideas and demand.

“This is not about finding politically sensitive information, like finding out about the nuclear program--that’s not what this is about,” said Ramin Asgard, Director of VOA’s Persian News Network. “The whole idea is understanding what is happening in Iran. Whether it is a good thing or a bad thing, news is about understanding what is happening where your audience is.”

Credibility

“For you to be successful as a news organization, you cannot fool around with your credibility,” Mr. Biberaj stressed, repeating a theme that permeates the entire environment of the Cohen Building in Washington, DC.

Voice of America has spent 70 years keeping the highest level of integrity and honesty at the forefront of its operations, carrying the American belief in “a decent respect for the opinions of mankind” to the darkest, bleakest corners of the earth. From a small-underfunded studio in New York City, to a web presence that brings the light of knowledge to billions of homes around the world, Voice of America will continue to bring an accurate and comprehensive perspective of the news to the world.



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RADIO FREE ASIA ISSUES YEAR OF THE DRAGON QSL CARD JANUARY 2012

Radio Free Asia (RFA) announces the release of its 43rd QSL card. This QSL commemorates 2012 as the Year of the Dragon. According to ChineseZodiac.Com, Dragons are characterized as ambitious, risk takers, and as people who gravitate toward challenges. If left on their own and allowed to live by their own rules, Dragons are usually successful. Dragons are also passionate in everything they do and while they frequently help others, Dragons will rarely ask for help. The Year of the Dragon is from January 23, 2012 – February 9, 2013. This QSL card will be used to confirm all valid RFA reception reports for January - February 2012.



Radio Free Asia (RFA) is a private, nonprofit corporation that broadcasts news and information to listeners in Asian countries where full, accurate, and timely news reports are unavailable. Created by US-Congress in 1994 and incorporated in 1996, RFA currently broadcasts in Burmese, Cantonese, Khmer, Korean to North Korea, Lao, Mandarin, the Wu dialect, Vietnamese, Tibetan (Uke, Amdo, and Kham), and Uyghur. RFA strives for accuracy, balance and fairness in its editorial content. As a 'surrogate' broadcaster, RFA provides news and commentary specific to each of its target countries, acting as the free press these countries lack. RFA broadcasts only in local languages and dialects, and most of its broadcasts comprise news of specific local interest. More information about Radio Free Asia, including our current broadcast frequency schedule, is available at www.rfa.org. RFA encourages listeners to submit reception reports. Reception reports are valuable to RFA as they help us evaluate the signal strength and quality of our transmissions. RFA confirms all accurate reception reports by mailing a QSL card to the listener. RFA welcomes all reception report submissions at RFA-website www.techweb.rfa.org (follow the QSL REPORTS link) not only from DX'ers, but also from its general listening audience in target areas. Reception reports are also accepted by email at qsl@rfa.org, and for anyone without Internet access, reception reports can be mailed to our postal address.

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