

Topline tip... SPANISH SAHARA - The El Aaiun shortwave xmtr, noted variously on 11950 and 11805 is no longer in operation, dropped sometime since 12/13 in favor of the old arrangement of 656 kc. MW and a suppressed carrier feeder to Villa Cisneros on 4626 (not SWBC by NASWA definition). In short, another one is down the tubes, if this usually accurate source is correct. (BEC MS 12/18)

# DX Hotline

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ECUADOR - Quito newspaper 'El Comercio' reports a new station started operation in the capital city, Radiodifusora Municipal, on Dec. 1 with a 5 kilowatt xmtr for "national broadcasts" and one kilowatt on FM. A shortwave xmtr will come w/fq allocation. (BEC MS) 4720, R. Via, new station hrd 0230-0510 t/o on 1/6. LA mx with OM & YL ancrs to 0400 ID by man. US mx to 0450. Bulletins 0450-0500 with clear ID by man at 0453. Plaintive flute refrain at 0500 and mx continued. Peaked about 0350. Also hrd some other nights, takes good LA night for this one to beat QRM/N. (John Tuchsherer, Wis., via NU) Heard as early as 0200 w/Andes mx. (Gerry Dexter, Wis.)

KASHMIR - 3345, AIR-Jammu, hrd 1305-1335, peaking about 1322 and then fading down until lost about 1335. Mostly subcontinental mx, some tkg prior to 1329 when man anncd. After 1330, return to subcont. mx. 1/10. (Don Jensen, Wis., NU)

3277, AIR-Srinigar, 1303-1333, peaking about 1320 w/Sl signal. Subcontinental mx and OM anmts four times in half hr in lang. QRM de MARS below and ute carrier above in fq, both luckily cutting out shortly after 1300. 1/10 (Ed.)

INDIA - 3315, AIR-Bhopal, hrd 1246-1301 on 1/10 opening to subcontinent, woman with monologue, tkg in lang., no mx. AIR IS picked off at half-minute before hr, man ancg at 1301 and mtnd AIR. Then, into ragas. (Ed.)

AZAD KASHMIR - 3669.8, presumed AKR hrd 1335-1342, weak and going fast, tk by OM, also on the 1/10 opening to subcontinent. (Jensen, NU) This has to be the one argument, that is, facility of IDing AKR, favoring the bombing of Dilli stn. hi? (Ed.)

TIMOR - According to R. Australia, the Postmaster General's Department has stated that it won't prosecute amateur radio operators monitoring broadcasts from E. Timor and pass them on to authorities. Messages from E. Timor are being xmtd on 6840 and 4010 kc. Messages on those fqs were requesting humanitarian assistance after Indo invasion. (BEC MS)

ANGOLA - State radio in Luanda has since Dec. 5 been IDing as R. Nac. de Angola, replacing the Emissora Nac. de Angola adopted in Nov. following independence. (BEC MS)

SOMALIA - Bummer! 7121, R. Mogadiscio, IDed as such at 1500, no doubt. Reports of Hargeisa on this fq at this time incorrect. (Craig Tyson, Australia.) \*sigh\* (Ed.)

QATAR - 9570, Doha, 1339-1410 AA and native type mx interrupted only by OM ancr in AA between each song, couple words. Def. ID as "gutter" just before 1400. Fair-good lvl, tho not like 100 kW to me. HIC 141. (John Moritz Jr., Ohio) Monitored fqs exclude 49 m.b. (BEC MS)

*Propagational picks.* . . A run of some days of low geomag activity arnd now usually tips off good low freq subcontinental chances. All clues pointed in that direction and, at least here in the midwest, Jan. 10 brought signals from 90 m.b. AIR and Pak regionals. But unexpected geomag disturbances struck later that same day, wiping things out after what one DXer termed "a one-day subcont. season." Well, it's not that bad. Geomag condx should quiet toward the end of the month. We'll play a hunch: try subcontinental 90 meters Jan. 28 to end of month.

MALI - 4875, apparent new fq for Bamako just above Dahomey (Benin - Ed.) hrd w/good sigs from 0617 in FF w/Afr jazz-type mx, 0639 tk in lang, 0659 ID "Rdif. du Mali" and also "R.Mali". (John Wegener, Ill.) Welcome aboard, John. (Ed.) FF at 0700. (Laves, Tx.)

CHILE - Cf. previous DXH. 9650, almost certain the ID is "Radio Tiki" although listed in WRTH as "R. Yungay." (Jack Jones, Miss.)

PERU - 3320, R. Estrella del Sur. Don't know if this is DX at your QTH, but it is at this one. LA and Xmas mx 12/22-24, 0030-0230+, YL anmts with electric guitar sounding sort of like ship's whistle (may be ID tape), but the ID I caught at 0229 was by OM without any snd effects. Frequent anmts or IDs by YL. Tuff copy due to "mellow" voice. (Neal Perdue, Ala.)

SUDAN - 11835, recent observations show R. Omdurman is again carrying the main domestic service in Arabic after a period of inactivity. Koran program is now from 1300-1500, f/by Southern Provinces program 1500-1800 and the external services best for expatriates from 1800-1900. These xmsns are on 6150 and 5038 kc. (BBC MS)

FALKLAND ISLANDS - 2340, FIBS has been heard 0100-0130 with a mxcal pgm on approximated fq. (Claudio R. Moraes, Brazil, via SCDXers) May be legit logging as last time hrd was rpted by Tony Jones on 2385 kc. at his Paraguayan listening post. Per SCDX, Moraes seems to indicate his fq quote is not exact. (Ed.)

CLANDESTINE - 7086.4, R. Revolucion Cubana, "estacion que se encuentra instalada en las montanas de Cuba" hrd 0430-0445 attacking Castro and use of Cuban troops in Angola. Asks for rpts but no address. On air for approx minute at a time, then off for 30 seconds or more. Some xmsns at different strengths, as if varying pwr or antenna beam. (Dr. R.E.Wood, NY, via SCDXers)

DIDJA KNOW? - What a real, live, honest-to-gosh \$600 Geochron looks like? Plunk down the \$3 and see "Three Days of the Condor" and keep a wary eye peeled during scenes in Cliff Robertson's office. (Agent 73, Langley AFB)

CLANDESTINE - 3549, "Radio Dili" is how the stn in Timor now identifies itself. Hrd at s/on 1000 GMT with short mx introduction, also noted 1445 with Xmas songs, jingle bells, PP anmts. (Tyson) 3549.4, Timor cland. presumed, 1245 at fair lvl w/S-Seas type mx and male announcer in lang. (Ed.) 3549.6, this hrd w/PP and possible vern 1440-1510 fade; several soft vocal selections. But still hearing stn, stronger than this one, on 3549.2, with 400 cycle het. Drums, march mx, huzzahs, droning chants, more drums. Choral mx and vocals 1443-1450, apparently Indo. (Ed Shaw, Calif.)

MOZAMBIQUE - 15295, R.C. Mozambique hrd here at 1350 with EE pops, PP anmts and ID at 1400 and then a news bulletin in PP. (Tyson) 100 kWer reactivated after year silent. (BBC MS)

AFARS AND ISSAS - 4780, Djibouti very strong at 1445 w/AA vocals, quite regular. (Tyson)

COMORO ISLANDS - 7260, hrd at 1835 w/FF tlks. (Tyson)

AZORES - 4865, Em. Regional from 2245-2300 s/off on 12/28. PP man and woman tks, mixing w/Brazilian. Hard to separate px details but definitely hrd mention of Ponta Delgada before s/off with short NA at 2300 (though that runs to 0100 s/off Mon GMT). (Perdue)

CAPE VERDE ISLANDS - 3885, R. Cl. do Cabo Verde, PP male vocals, seemed like march-beat "fighting songs", tk by OM, PP pop and rock mx, two chimes and anmt at 2400. Excellent lvl but ARO QRM. (Perdue) Anyone have a recent (in last 5 yrs, hi) Mindelo-4720 log? (Ed.)

PIRATE/USA - 6262a, 12/22 tuned in at 1135, pop mx and at 1135 1/2 YL anncr said, "We're gonna pause for \_\_\_\_\_" carrier off. SIO 242. Also on 12/13 1036-1102. (Jack Jones, Miss.) It wouldn't seem like a DX-Hotline without this monthly feature, Jack. hi (Ed.)

COLOMBIA - 4975, possible new Colombian noted on this tough fq, two morns at 1100 with mtns of Bogota, Colombiana and "onda" but didn't get ID. Long inactive "R. Internacional" in Cucuta listed here, but don't think that's it. (Al Sizer, Conn., via NU)

NIGERIA - Lagos Daily News reports NBC to install 50 kilowatt xmtr in Kwara State next year to ensure coverage of NBC programmes throughout whole state. Present NEX xmtr in Il-lorin has service area of only 20 km. (BBC MS) No fq quoted but vy possibly SW. (Ed.)

MONTSERRAT - "Deutsche Welle is actually completing the construction of a SW relay station at River Field at extreme south of island of Montserrat, just few hundred meters from R. Antilles, which xmts DW pgms on MW." (Alliance des Clubs de Reception Radio, via SCDX) Certainly has the ring of authenticity to it...apparently earlier reports of this relay being constructed in Antigua may have been close, but no cigar. Can anyone clarify? (Ed.)

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As they say in Hollywood, "That's another one in the can." Support of the DXH has been so-so...so howabout a few of your best tips? Remember: the flea-powered, rarely hrd stns are what this column is all about. Keep the items fresh. One uncommon item on a postcard is much more appreciated than 150 Nederland, Ghana and New Zealands. Dig that DX, Ralphus

-Greg Ravenhorst's correct ZIP code is 56045 not that listed on Jan.FRENDX.

-Turk Island DX test hrd with fair sig. in Park Forest. 0140 1/16.