

# update

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AFGHANISTAN RA, 4775, heard every morning at \*1430 w/ ID by M and into nx. Subcont. mx follows. (UMDXSWLC via Aaron Hywarren)

ALBANIA Gjirokaster, 5057a, TENTATIVELY noted at 0515 w/ mx and singing, and man counting to march mx. Sounded like setting-up exercises. Mx and singing purely native to somewhere. (Jack Jones, MISS; 2/5)

ANTIGUA DW, 6000, in SP to 1120\*. EG annmnt at close said that px was from Caribbean relay; SP annmnts said px was experimetal and gave QTH as Antigua. (J. Jones, MISS; 1-27) +++ BBC Caribbean Relay, 9510; WS nx at 0500 after site ID. (Ruth Vollrath, MO)

AUSTRALIA ABC-VLW 9, Perth, 9610, in EG w/ "Evening Meditations" px at 1510. Good level. (Vollrath, MO)

AUSTRIA ORF, 15275, now heard in GM at \*1200 and EG at \*1230, both beamed to NAM. Originally thought that EG began at 1200. Per letter received 3 Feb, 15275 is also used for px to SAM from 1300-1400; langs unknown. 15275 to the Americas during this period replaces 11790 to Europe. 9765 now heard in GM 0700-0800, FR 0800-0830, and EG 0830-0900, replacing 17815. (Bob Zilmer, WI)

BELIZE R. Belize, 3285, in EG and SP at 1125 w/ TCs, ads, ranchera mx and U.S. C&W hits. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-1)

BENIN LVRB, 4870 w/ FR talks and patriotic high-life mx 0053. Current s/off is apparently 0200, an unusual hour for an African. (tba)

BOLIVIA R. Grigota, 4823.5, in SP at 0108 w/ long talk, mention of La Paz and Bolivia, and ID at 0115. (Harry Jones, VA; 1-27) \*\*\* Welcome Harry. tba\*\*\* La Cruz del Sur, 4875, in SP 0327-0338\* 11 Feb. Rather mushy recital by soprano vocalist; ID at 0335: "Radio LCdS . . . desde La Paz." Then calls, freqs, and EG ID w/ freqs to 0338\*. Haven't heard this in quite a while. (tba)

BRAZIL R. Olinda, 3285, seemed to be same type of px heard earlier on R. Continental. Noted at 0850 w/ many IDs, but gone by 0935. (H. Jones, VA; 1-29) +++ R. Cultura Araquarara, 3365, in PT at 0830 w/ folk mx, talks, and IDs as R. Cultura. (H. Jones, VA; 1-29) +++ R. Relogio Federal, 4905, in PT at 2330 w/ usual px of two annrcs and time pips and ticks. Not noted for some time. (Neal Perdue, ALA) +++ Rdf Macapa, 4915, in PT 0235-0245 w/ talks and samba style mx. (tba) +++ R. Inconfidencia, 6000, from 0242-0255 w/ live futebol match; short ID at 0255. (tba) +++ R. Continental, 6195, in PT at 0820; impassioned religious talks mixed w/ intervals of folk mx and hymns; clear ID 0825. (H. Jones, VA; 1-29)

CAMEROON R. Buea, 3970, in EG at 2259\* w/ M and W annrcs and NA. Often heard but never this well. (H. Jones, VA; 1-28)

CANADA RCI, 5960, now has a regular "billboard" previewing some of the features of the week to come at close of GMT Mon px; first noted 9 Jan at 0425. (Glenn Hauser, TENN) +++ CBC NS, 6195, w/ "Nightcap" reading of "That Summer in Paris" 0425. (Vollrath, MO) +++ CHU still using odd freq of 9173. Noted 0430 on 20 Jan after tip from Dave Walcutt. Neither of us can figure out any relation between this and CHU's three normal freqs. (Hauser, TENN) \*\*\* Nor can I. tba

CHINA RP, 9365 NF, in Far Eastern lang at 1145. Also noted Peking IS during reception period. (Victor Jaar, PQ)

COLOMBIA R. Guatapuri, 4815, in SP at 0459\* w/ ID, calls, freq, power and "himno de la Republica de Colombia." (J. Jones, MISS; 2-4) +++ Em Meridiano 70, 4925; SP talks to 0319\* w/ long NA. (tba) +++ Ondas del Orteguaza, 4975, in SP at 1058 w/ EG-SP lessons. Resident UTE not on. (J. Jones, MISS; 1-26) +++ LV de los Centauros, 5955 in SP at 1046 w/ usual "B. Dias Colombia" px. Another stn or stns underneath (Casino, Cultural probable); VOA carrier on at 1047. (J. Jones, MISS; 1-23) +++ R. Melodia, 6140, in SP at 1029 w/ mx, talks, TCs, MW call, freq, and power. No mention of SW operation. Very professional sound to programming. In Bogota. (J. Jones, MISS; 1-26) +++ Tnx to Dan Ferguson, W. VA. and Bill Morgens, OHIO, who wrote w/ information on Ecos del Combeima and R. Super; see UD 11. They are one and the same. tba

CONGO RTVC, Brazzaville, 4765, noted several nights 0415-0430 w/ tribal chants, verns talk by M, and IDs at 0430a. WRTVH lists s/on for this as 0430, which is obviously incorrect. (tba)

CZECHOSLOVAKIA RP, 7345, in EG \*0258-0315 w/ IS, ID, nx and commentary px. (David McCants, ALA)

DOMINICAN REP. Rudy Espinal announced on R. Clarin on 7 Feb, that they hope to add another EG px at 0030 w/ a new host; the new anncr would also substitute for Rudy while he's in the USA for 53 days. (Hauser, TENN)

ECUADOR LV del Rio Carrizal, 3260 w/ usual latin pops 0320. ID at 0330 then destroyed by

→ RTTY. (H. Jones, VA; 1-29) +++ R. Tropical, 3341.5, in SP 0345. Latin pops and clear ID at

→ 0358. (H. Jones, VA; 1-24) +++ Ondas del Zamora/Canal Juvenil, 4850, good 0503-0515 w/ pop mx, clear Canal Juvenil ID and possible OdZ ID as well. Good level. (Pitt McNeil, DC); also noted here at 0350 w/ latin pops and overmodulated echo annmnts by M. ID at 0402. (tba)

→ +++ R. Rio Amazonas, 4870, very poor in QRN w/ usual format 0340-0353\* w/ ID and NA. Their s/off time is highly variable. (tba) +++ R. Cent. del Sur, 4890, in SP at 0509\* w/ s/off annmnts and short anthem. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-5) +++ Em. Gran Colombia, 4910, in SP at 1110 w/ talks, ID and ads. (J. Jones, MISS; 1-24) +++ R. Federacion, 4960, in SP at \*1107 w/ NA, background mx, ID, calls, freqs and into religious px. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-3) +++ HCJB, 11900a, in Quechua 1605-1635 w/ religious px. (McCants, ALA)

EGYPT Cairo, 9620 NF, at \*0400 in AR. Other stns using AR on this freq include Belgrade and VOA. Abu Dhabi hunters beware!!! (Jaar, PQ) \*\*\* With so much AR on this freq, Abu Dhabi may only be IDable if they use another lang . . . tba

FRENCH GUIANA FR 3, 3385, w/ Caribbean hits and FR talk by M at 0305. (H. Jones, VA; 1-29)

GREENLAND Godthab, 9575; their IS can be heard on certain days just prior to 1500 and 1900.

Transmitting hours seem rather irregular. Fair to Good sigs sometimes. (Jaar, PQ)

GUAM KTWR, 11705, w/ W in EG at 2240; at 2245, into unID oriental lang w/ M anncr. Some QRM from 11700. Good sigs at first but fading badly by 2255. (Dan Cabral, CAL)

GUATEMALA TGNA, 3300, in EG 0330-0400 w/ "Through the Bible". (McCants, ALA; Vollrath, MO)

+++ R. Mam, 4825, 0205-0225 w/ SP talks by M & W and short musical selection; then into local Indian dialect. (tba)

GUINEA Rdf Nationale, 15310, in FR 2142 w/ chants and mx; then ID by M. Fair to good. (Dom Yacono, NY)

HUNGARY RB, 6105, in EG at 0325 w/ DX program answering listener questions on stn operation and government control of b'casting. (Vollrath, MO)

INDIA AIR Gauhati, 4774, noted at 1215\* w/ local mx by women singers from 1210. (H. Jones,

VA; 1-29) \*\*\* more details, please!!! tba \*\*\* AIR Bombay, 9575, heard almost daily after 1300 in local lang. Fair to good sigs. (Jaar, PQ) \*\*\* Same comment. tba

IRAN NIRT, 15084, in Farsi at 1610 w/ world and MEast nx; stories on Pres. Sadat. ID at 1625. Fair to good. (Yacono, NY)

IRAQ V. of Palestine (Clandestine), 9745, in EG at 2150 w/ W commenting on US interference in the Mid East followed by ID. Reported to be via Baghdad in Jan LN. (Yacono, NY; 1-12)

+++ R. Baghdad, 11905, opening its new EG service to NAM at 0301 21 Jan; said that it is a repeat of 2130 tx. Poor w/ het and getting steadily poorer. Judging from powerful sig on this freq last fall (when used for AR) should be very good in spring and summer. (Hauser, TENN)

KUWAIT Kuwait, 9505 NF, often heard lately around 1315-1400 // 21685. (Jaar, PQ)

LEBANON R. Nac. de Lubano (R. Lebanon) in SP at \*0030 w/ many IDs by M & W and nx to 0040.

Then into AR and SAM mx. At 0045, ID by M and talk px on Lebanon, w/ SAM mx superimposed.

S/off annmnts at 0058 followed by NA. OC to 0102\*. Freq is 11755. (Hywarren, UMDXSWLC);

Beirut also using 5980 0400 to past 0520 on 24 Jan. AR nx by W at 0500 after full ID. Good

→ level. (Jaar, PQ) +++ V. of Lebanon, 6550, in AR at \*0448 w/ chimes-like IS, theme from Bridge Over the River Kwai, lengthy anthem w/ chorus, and W w/ ID. Then into muzak.

(McNeil, DC, w/ tnx to Dan Robinson, DC, for tip.)

LESOTHO LNBS presumed to be the one occasionally breaking through UTE on 4800 after 0410 w/ verns talk by M. ID impossible. (tba)

LIBERIA ELWA, 3227, in verns at 0715 w/ talks by M and tribal chants. (H. Jones, VA; 1-29)

LIBYA has added 6200 NF lately, besides usual 6100, 9500, 9650, 11700, and 15100; noted mostly during GMT evening. (Jaar, PQ) +++ Mebo II, 6026, possibly noted to 2103\* w/ EG mx, short annmnt by M at 2102, and gone. If this has moved from Libya, as stated by C. M. Stanbury, where and what is it now??? (Perdue, ALA) \*\*\* A good question. Further monitoring may give us an answer. tba

MAURITANIA Rdf Nat Mauritanie, 4845, in FR at 2110 w/ FR ID by W and world nx. (Yacono, NY)

MOZAMBIQUE Maputo, 4755, 0359-0420; IS, s/on w/ NA, and into PP by W. At 0415, into high-life mx, alternating w/ same anncr. Good level. (tba) +++ Beira (??? on QTH) 4895 w/ Swahili talks by M, several IDs 0420-0430. (tba)

NETHERLANDS RN Lopik, 6020, in EG 2140-2200 w/ nx, "The Work and the People": px about modelling in Holland. (McCants, ALA)

NEW ZEALAND RNZ, 11705, in EG at 0545 w/ usual combination of nx and mx. Very poor. (Vollrath, MO)

NIGERIA Lagos, 11770 NF, heard recently w/ FR px ending at 2027, mostly on top of Aden on same freq. (Jaar, PQ)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA Bougainville, 3322, in Pidgin at 1220 w/ M anncr and pop mx. (H. Jones, VA; 1-29)

PERU R. Chinchaycocha, 4860, in SP at \*1053 w/ NA, "B. Dias" etc., ID, short talk and Peruvian mx. Good. (J. Jones, MISS; 1-24) +++ R. Quillabamba, 5025, in SP at 1108 w/ Peruvian style campos mx. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-2) +++ R. Loreto, 5050, in SS 0415-0440; latin pop mx, DJ in after every tune w/ ID, ad string at 0430 and ID; then more mx. (McNeil, DC; 1-29) +++ R. Victoria, 6020, in SP 1103 w/ national nx and TCs. (J. Jones, MISS; 1-23) +++ R. Tawantinsuyo, 6175, in SP at \*1000 w/ ID by M and short NA. First logged this over 2.5 yrs ago. (H. Jones, VA; 1-29) +++ R. La Cronica, 9515, in SP at 1145 w/ ID, TC, and Peruvian mx. (J. Jones, MISS; 1-26)

PHILIPPINES R. Veritas, 9590 *NF*, noted lately in unID lang to approx 1400; EG ID at 1330 and EG px at 1400. Heard once to past 1500. Apparent ID: "R. Veritas Asia." Theme from "Pictures at an Exhibition" between px. Heard earlier this winter as UnID on 9605. New outlet is better. (Jaar, PQ; emphasis in original)

SARAWAK RM Kuching, 5030, w/ ID in vern at 1301 followed by possible nx. (tba)

SEYCHELLES FEBA, 11740, at 1740 w/ xylophone IS and into singing in UnID lang. Heard same px on 9770 per Jan FRENEX, but not there today. Possible NF ??? (Clayton Sherman, NY; 2-6); FEBA barreling in on 11800 5 Feb at 0414 between EG gospel px giving only Nairobi address. The uninformed might well assume the stn b'casts from Kenya! (Hauser, TENN) \*\*\* Touche, Glenn. When I QSLed them back in '71, I couldn't convince the post office that there was such a place!!! tba \*\*\* Also noted on 11840 at \*0345 in AR. Very strong. (Theo Donnelly, BC)

SIERRA LEONE SLBS, 3316, w/ BBC EG nx to 0709 followed by local EG ID by W. (H. Jones, VA)

SOMALIA Mogadishu, 9585 in lang at 2100\*. Though shown in Jan LN as moved to 9605, it's back here now // 6095 w/ IDs to 2100\*. (Perdue, ALA) \*\*\* With the Ogaden war growing every day, schedule for this and all other stns in area may change suddenly. Should be interesting. tba

SOUTH AFRICA Springbok R., 4810, in EG/AK at 0316. EG ad for local beer followed by Safr nx. Poor. (Yacono, NY) +++ SABC, 4835, w/ AK talks, cigarette ads 0345-0400. (McCants, ALA) \*\*\* David, are you sure this isn't Springbok R. on 4810 ??? tba

SRI LANKA SLBC, 11800, in EG and verns w/ Asiatic mx and many ads; good level. (Charles George, TEX) \*\*\* forgot to include time. Sorry. tba

SURINAM SRS, 4850, in DT and EG at 2300 w/ IDs in both langs and mx px. Sig on this freq much better than former 4780. No QSLs up here yet. (Hywarren and Garry Sapoznikow, UMDXSWLC) SRS also noted on 4850 at 0153 w/ "Saturday Night Special" and comedy satire of Watergate. (Yacono, NY)

SWAZILAND TWR, 4760, w/ chimes IS at 0352; didn't stick around to check lang of px. (tba) TWR also noted on 4790 20 Jan in SH at 0335 w/ M annr and hymns. ID by M 0345: "Tune in to Christ to bring your life fulfillment . . . This is TWR Swaziland." // 4760 after 0400. Excellent sigs. (Hywarren, UMDXSWLC)

SWEDEN RS, 11850, to WNA now heard \*0230-0300\* in EG. This freq was sked for use after 19 Jan, but only heard in last few days. Replaces 11705 this time period only. (Zilmer, WI)

TANZANIA RT, 5050.5, w/ tribal mx, SH talk by M 0305. (H. Jones, VA; 1-30)

TURKEY Turkiye Polis Radio, 6340.2, \*0558 w/ OC, immediately into bells IS. Then rousing choral anthem, M in Turkish w/ short talk mentioning Ankara and Polis; uninterrupted cuts of Turkish songs past 0632. (McNeil, DC)

UKOGBANI Atlantic Relay, 15260, to N and SAM will s/off at 0030 instead of 0315, according to London Calling. Only listed change to this area. (Zilmer, WISC)

USA WYFR Scituate, 6155, at 0155 w/ EG talk on cause, treatment, and diagnosis of pneumonia. (Vollrath, MO); WYFR Scituate also noted on 15440 in EG 1800-1845 w/ mx and "Conference Echos" (McCants, ALA)

VENEZUELA R. Occidente, 3225, in SP at 1031 w/ ID, "B. Dias", names of stn personnel and mx. Probably s/on. (J. Jones, MISS; 1-27) +++ LV de Carabobo, 4780, in SP 0332. ID and latin muzak. (tba) +++ R. Carora, 4907a, in SP at 1105 w/ ads, singing ID by girls, talks. Must have moved down to escape Em. Gran Colombia. (J. Jones, MISS; 1-27); also noted 0355-0401\* w/ SP talks by M to 0358; ID, calls, freqs, and NA to 0359+. OC to 0402\*. (tba) \*\*\* have heard that this is recently reactivated. tba \*\*\* R. Yaracuy, 4940, in SP 1139 w/ ID, TC, latin pops. (J. Jones, MISS; 2-6) +++ R. Sucre, 4960, back on nominal freq and on late 8 Feb relaying Rumbos at 0403. (tba) +++ R. Mil Cuarenta, 6010, at 1037 in SP w/ W annr and latin pops. (J. Jones, MISS; 1-23)

YEMEN Sana'a, 9780, strong 2030-2112\* w/ ME mx and songs and AR nx 2100. AR prayer, NA and off. (McNeil, DC)

YUGOSLAVIA R. Yugoslavia, 9620, the much ballyhooed new international service, is actually just a new name for R. Belgrade at the outset. noted on second day of operation, 1 Feb, closing in EG at 2212. Fair level. (Hauser, TENN)

ZAMBIA ZBS, 4910+, in lang at 0419-0425 w/ highlife mx, lang ID and back into mx. Good level for once. (tba)

A fine turnout this time. Tnx to all. Best until next time . . .