

# update

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AFGHANISTAN Kabul, 15139.5, at 1830 per tip from RCI DX Digest; EG IDs by W and into GM for WEur; prior to that local mx in Dari Ser. Poor but fairly readable. Keeping track of these guys is tough, so get 'em while you can. (Andy Robins, MI)

AUSTRALIA ABC Sydney, 6090, in EG 1305; M w/ local nx. Poor, but lists as only 2 kW. (Syd Osterman, ONT)

AUSTRIA ORF, 9770, in EG w/ local nx 0300. (Ruth Vollrath, MO)

BOLIVIA R. Padilla, 3480, presumed 0141-0212; no ID noted. Mixed bag of mx to 0210, then M & W in alternating SP talk. Mx mostly uptempo and pops SP stuff by groups. Poor to fair in QRM. (John Moritz, OH)

BRAZIL R, Maua, 5055, in PT w/ good sigs 2315+ 18 Feb; good ID as "R. Maua" and distorted audio sounds like Cuba!! Mentioned one MW and one SW freq. Px was short talks by M & W w/ occasional mx interludes. No sign of TIFC this night after 2330. (Bill Whitacre, MI)

CANADA CKWX/FX, 6080, noted almost nightly 0800-0930; always fading but clear w/ C&W mx and nx at 0900. (Bob Rankin, KS) +++ CKZN, 6160, in EG 0955; wx, plug for upcoming nx, mx interlude, and Newfoundland nx 1000. A rare one here and no sign of Em. N. Grenada. (Jack Jones, MISS 3-5)

CHILE R. Nac. de Chile, 6150, in SP 1020; nx items separated by short organ mx chords and TCs. Ads at 1030. Several IDs. (Jones, MISS 3-9) +++ VoC, 15122.5, in EG 1100; nx, comment and talk on offshore islands near Chile. // 17800. Unknown QRM on 15125 reason for split frq. (Bob Zilmer, WI)

CIHNA (PR) PLA, 4380, in CH 1220 1 Mar, w/ poor sigs, M annr and W w/ CH opera songs. (Whitacre, MI) +++ RP, 4460, in lang 1230 1 Mar; W/ singing w/ strange UTE that sounded like a deranged flute on top. (Whitacre, MI) +++ RP presumed to be the one on 6955 at 1150 w/ lang talks by W, oriental mx as it would be played by a Hollywood theatre orch, and possible ID at 1200. Tnx Craighead for tip. Am not entirely sure this is Peking. (tba)

COLOMBIA Ecos del Combeima, 4785, in SP 0905; ID, Super net plug, campo mx. (Jones, MISS 2-26) +++ R. Super de Medellin, 4875, in SP 0737; ID, TC, pop mx. (Jones, MISS 2-18) +++ LV de Caqueta, in SP 1008; OC noted 0955, mx at 1008, NA 1010, ID, freqs, many plugs and mention of RCN. Probably 1000 nominal s/on. (Jones, MISS 2-27)---Caqueta also noted 0231-0325; first time in a while w/ nice folk or "national" mx to 0300. Mx had a definite Andean influence. At 0300, fanfare, ID by M as LV de Caqueta, and yells of "Florenxia, Florenxia." Then into pops and uptempo SP tunes w/ IDs after almost every one. Fair to poor to 0300 and then much better after something else left freq. (Moritz, OH 3-8)--- Caqueta noted here 0448-0453\*; latin pops, ID, TC, calls, freqs, ID w/ slogan, LV de Caqueta \_\_\_\_\_ Radio de Colombia" RCN plug, off w/ NA. (tba)+++R. Cinco, 5040, in SP 0949; TC, ID: "La Emisora del Llano," usual latin mx. Mixing w/ presumed Maturin. (Jones, MISS; 2-27) +++ Em. Nuevo Granada, 6160, in SP 1101; ID, cigarette ad, national nx. (Jones, MISS) \*\*\* According to info from Bob Rankin, KS, Em. N. Granada is off air right now. Cause unknown. tba

COSTA RICA TIFC, 5055, in EG 0411\*; s/off anncmts, ID, call, freqs and NA. (Jones, MISS)

ECUADOR LV del Napo, 3280, in Indian 1040; ID, TC, talk, and latin pop mx. (Jones, MISS 2-15) +++ R. Pastaza, 3315, in SP \*1050; continuous mx, ID 1057, NA, "Buenos dias provincias de la patria, b. dias Ecuador" and into "Musica Nacional de Ecuador." (Jones, MISS 2-15) +++ R. Tropical, 3340, in SP 1123; ID, latin pops. (Jones, MISS 2-17) +++ R. Paz y Bien, 4820, in SP-Indian \*0930; NA, ID, TCs and Ecuad. mx. (Jones, MISS 3-5) +++ LV de Saquisili, 4901a, in SP 1116; local mx, nice ID 1117 w/ mention of R. Libertador. Talk w/ background mx-- maybe thought for the day. Juventud not on, but UTE QRM was there. (Jones, MISS 2-28) +++ R. Federacion, tentative on 4960, in Indian \*1104; NA, primitive chanting, talk 1111, Ecuad. mx 1115, faded out w/o ID. (Jones, MISS 3-9) +++ R. Splendit, 5025, in SP 1007; ID, TCs and local mx. (Jones, MISS; 3-2) +++ Ondas Canarias, 5045, in SP 1027; ID: "desde la capital de \_\_\_\_\_, transmite Ondas Canarias," freqs, and "Muchos gracias por su escuchar(???)". (Jones, MISS 2-19)

ETHIOPIA VoRev Ethiopia, 9615 in EG 1500; made a point of checking for this while out in Oklahoma, and heard 1500 opening in EG after AR, IS and western mx. Said nx would be at 1515, or 6:15 local. (Glenn Hauser, OKLA 3-5)

FINLAND RF, 15265, in EG 2330; "This is Finland" px. (Vollrath, MO) +++ RF made some good last minute changes for M 79--adding 21485 for NAm but during 1430-1500 segment only; some QRM and a het, but much stronger than 15400 suffering from absorption. RF would be better off on 13m on 21685 or vicinity, but 21485 is a bi-directional beam to Mideast too. (Hauser, OK)

FRANCE RFI on 25800 NF at 1330 in FR w/ "Cooperation Radiophonique" 1515-1545 after silence 1400-1515. Allows easy check of Africa v. Europe paths on 11m. Some days RSA 25790 is stronger. If handled like 25620 operation, this may be erratic. (Hauser, OKLA)

FR. GUYANA Cayenne, 3385 in FR 0257; OM in FR w/ clear mention of Cayenne; very heavy QRN. Often heard here. (Osterman, ONT)

GUATEMALA R. Tesulutlan, 4835, in lang 1050; ID on hour, marimas and QRM from Reloj. (Stu Klein, FLA)

GUYANA GBA, 5950, in EG 1000; nx headlines, ad, ID as GBS and national nx. (Jones, MISS 2-19)

HAITI 4 VEH, 11835, in EG 2300; "Unshackled" amid heavy QRM. Stn now has regular 2300-2400 tx. (Vollrath, MO)

HONDURAS R. Lux, 4890, in SP 0200\*; disco mx, ID, call, "muy buenos noches." (Jones, MISS 2-18) +++ R. Landia, 4965, in SP 1120; usual early morning campesino px, ranchera mx, many TCs, ads, and casual talk. (Jones, MISS 3-9)

INDONESIA RRI Medan (Celebes), 5987, in vy well 0914-0935' US C&W mx including, "On the Wings of My Love." (Rankin, KS) \*\*\* A true classic of the genre, Bob. tba

ISRAEL IBA, 15105, in EG 0500 6 Mar but suffering from NHK co-channel QRM. // better 11655 and 11620. Referred to United Press International as United Press several times. Since when has UPI gone back to UP? (Hauser, OKLA) \*\*\* Probably only in the anncr's mind. tba \*\*\* IBA finally noted on 25640 w/ EG 1200-1230 7 March. Poor. (Zilmer, WI) +++ IBA sked effective 4 March: 1200-1230 in EG on 11655, 15415, 15540, 17685, 21495, and 25640. Noted 15415, 15540, and 21495, all poor. At 2000-2030 in EG: 9009, 9425, 9815, 11655, 17685. All freqs noted here, 9425, 9815, and 11655 best. EG at 2230-2300: 9815, 11620, 11655, 15485, and 17685. Noted on all freqs, w/ 16m sig poorest. Also noted on 15415 under VOA at this time. At 0500-0515 EG: 11655, 15105, 15415, 17685; 11655 best. 2000-2310 Home Ser reshet bet in HB is on 17640, 17630, 11635, and 15545. 19m sig poorest. (Bob Zilmer, WI)

ITALY RAI, using 11800 0100-0120 in EG to NAM // 9575. Good sigs but some QRM. (Zilmer, WI)

JAPAN NSB's EG px "Tokyo Forum Get-Together" noted on 9595 at 1530 5 March; fair, some tactical QRM from "C5B" and "F2X" on SSB using NSB as BFO. (Hauser, OKLA)

KENYA VoK. 4915 in SH 0329. Talks and good sigs. (tba)

KOREA (DR) Presumed Pyongyang noted on 4771 at 1207 in lang w/ talks, possibly nx. Have also seen this reported as Son La Vietnam, but ID so far impossible here. (tba) +++ V of Reunification, 4109, in Korean 1215 1 Mar; M singing in opera baritone and M anncr. (Whitacre)

KUWAIT KBS, 15345, in EG 1900-2100 17 Feb; pop mx and nx. (Bob Micciche, NY)

LEBANON RL, 11925, in EG 0249 6 Mar; ending nx and still here at this point. (Hauser, TN)

LIBYA PRBC, 15300, in AR 0700; M anncr w/ ID, chants, and talks by M&W. (Klein, FLA)

MEXICO R. Huayacocotla, 2390, in SP 0203; call, ID, freq. Said would return 3 p.m. manana. (Jones, MISS 3-8) +++ XEUW, "R. Nucleo Oro", Veracruz, 6020, in SP \*1130; NA, location and state (Veracruz, Veracruz), Rep. de Mex. Noted other mornings w/ latin ballads, M anncr, TCs and some ads. (Klein, FLA) --- XEUW also noted here after 0500 w/ latin ballads, TCs, IDs, ads, mentions of calls. (tba)+++ R. Educacion, 6185, in SP 0225, w/ fair sigs in slop from VOA 6190. ID simply as R. Educacion, mx and play 0200-0227; ID, TC, and into guitar and Mex. folk mx. Checked MW 1060 and found that MW and SW outlets are // (Whitacre, MI)

MONGOLIA Ulan Bator presumed to be the one on 4995 1155-1205; lang talks in a CH-style lang to 1159, then 5 x RM Foreign Ser IS and into Moscow nx in CH or orientla lang. BBCMS reports that Ulan Bator is now using this freq for domestic ser. relay during this period. Noted 6 Mar only, but have noted carrier here several mornings since. (tba)

MOZAMBIQUE RM Beira, 4895.5, in EG 0358. Snatch of Afr drum mx then EG ID: "This is R. Mozambique in Beira" by W w/ S. Afr. accent. Then into lang. Could have been s/on but not sure. (Osterman, ONT) \*\*\* Probably was s/on Syd. tba\*\*\* Maputo, 4925, in lang 0331 w/ talks and four note chimes. (tba)

NEW ZEALAND RNZ, 15345, in EG 0455; ID followed by "Amazing Grace". Annced that 15345 and 17770 would be used for 0500 tx to Pacific. (Vollrath, MO)

PERU R. Chinchaycocha, 4860, in SP 0907; ID followed by "Happy Birthday" (song). Het, but not Maracaibo. (Jones, MISS 2-27) +++ R. Tropical, 4935, 1043-1051; nice yipping tune, then into smooth campo piece. ID by M at 1049: "en Tarapoto . . . R. Tropical." (Moritz, OH 3-5) +++ R. Eco, 5010, in SP 1043; several IDs and possible Peruvian campo mx (not the "El Condor Pasa" type of Peruvian mx). (Jones, MISS 3-8) +++ R. Panamericana, 5980, in SP 1017; continuous organ mx from 1017 to ad string at 1108 (Inca Cola, Bufferin, Roi-tan, disco records; w/ special attn to Barry Manilow), ID by W 1112. KGEI gone. Thought this was Panamericana and wasted almost an hour to be sure. (Jones, MISS 3-5) \*\*\* I'll bet you couldn't have lived with yourself if you hadn't waited around for the ID Jack. Hi. tba

SARAWAK Kuching, 4895, in lang 1157+; talks, theme jingle, pips, ID and mx. Fair. (tba)+++ Kuching, 4950, 1158+ in EG. talk by W, ID, pips, and nx. (tba)

SINGAPORE BBC kranji, 9740, in EG w/ WRClub. (Klein, FLA)

SURINAM SRS, 4850, in DT 0912; W anncr and mx w/ a distinct Cuban style. One song in EG sounded like "Habana Candy". (Jones, MISS 2-27)

SWEDEN Sked effective March 5 has EG to NAM at 2300 on 9695, a move from 9690 which had been recommended by ANARC-FRC. At 2300 they are covered by a jammer and RFE/RL and reception is vy poor till these s/off at 2310. 9690 is clear to 0000. // 11705 is no longer good because of DW and RM on freq. Lousy freq management. (Zilmer, WI) \*\*\*Only too true, Bob. tba

UGANDA UBC, 15325, w/ extremely enjoyable px at 0300 6 Mar: open carrier. I lost interest after belated px start at 0335. (Hauser, OKLA)\*\*\* UBC is one of the few stns whose OC carries more information than its annrcs. tba

SA WINB noted on 17730 ex-17720, I believe at 1733 5 March w/ gospel stuff. (Hauser, OKLA) +++ AFRTS now on 25620 ex-17765 which Mexico has expropriated. Strong evenings, and back in TN audible as late as 0355. (Hauser, OKLA)

USA (PIRATE) UnID pirate on 3868a 0812 7 March; nonstop EG pop and MoR mx. 0833\* w/ no IDs but sound of tone arm being dragged across a record. (Bob Underdown, ARK) +++ Received a taped call from one "Kaiser Bill" advertising a pirate stn called WAKO promising to appear on local Sats in March on 14250 or 7125. Not noted here, but I'm not dropping everything to hunt for it. (tba) +++ R. Liberation, 7425, \*0200 24 Feb; mx box ID and then practically unreadable. Per call from stn ops ("Guy Wire", "Justin Case" and "Eddy Current", chief engineer) stn plans to use regular local Saturday night sked of \*0130-0200 depending on operators' whim. At time they called me, they said they were relaying a Cuban exile stn. Cannot confirm this by my own observation, but Stu Klein says that this is "R. Banana". their px to Cuba. Stn ops also said that QSL policy will shortly be anncd. (tba)

USSR Anadyr (L), 4030, in RS 1155-1205; classical RS songs to Mayak ID 1200. Intermittent het and covered by military SSB net at 1201. Otherwise strong. Tnx Rankin for this. (tba) +++ RM NAM Ser, 4860, poor-fair 0214-0245 t/out 27 Feb. // other outlets. Interesting to see if they'll verify this. (Whitacre, MI) \*\*\* Seems like I recall that this is a feeder and that site is somewhere in the Ukraine. tba\*\*\* UnID site on 4940 at 1201 w/ talks by M and W. Have seen reports of Kiev, Frunze and Yakutsk here. Suspect one of the latter two. (tba) +++ RM WS via Blagoveschensk, 9580, in EG 0600. Site per UHN. (Klein, FLA)

VATICAN STATE Vatican R, 11845, in EG 0100-0115; religious px. (Micciche, NY)

VENEZUELA LV de el Tigre, 3255, in SP 1010; ID, calls, freqs, Venez. mx. (Jones, MISS 2-19) +++ R. Universidad, 3395, 1049 in SP; ID, talk, many TCs, local mx. (Jones, MISS; 2-21) +++ R. Universo, 4880, in SP \*0956; NA (tape broke twice during rendition), ID, calls, freqs, greetings, local mx. (Jones, MISS 2-27) +++ R. Los andes, 6010, in SP \*1003; M annrc w/ s/on: "R. Los Andes, Mil Cuarenta, Radio Profesional", and into usual mx mix. (Klein, FLA)

VIETNAM Ha Tuyen, 4821.4 (4820 list), in Viet at 1230; Asian singing and M talking. Het from HRVC. Have also noted this one at this time with continuous local singing. Not // 4944. (Whitacre, MI)

~~Errata~~ Errata department: Bill Harms UT called to say his report of Korea last time should have given freq as 15570. tba

LATE NEWS: Cable received from R. Sweden said I should check 9690 at 2300-0000 for EG to NAM. They were using 9695 (see above; tba) and I cabled back that 9695 was QRMed by jammer until at least 2310 but that 9690 was clear. They cabled back that 9690 would now be used during this period. Chalk up another one for ANARC-FRC. Bob Zilmer, by card recv'd 12 Mar.

AND FINALLY: Word has reached me here that FCC is prosecuting Mike Matin of VoVoyagers fame for unauthorized transmissions, and that Ma Bell may get in the act for his alleged "blue boxing" of phone loops. Information received through my own legal contacts in Minnesota thus far indicates that no criminal charges have been filed against Mike, implying that matter will be handled in an administrative proceeding. Will pass along further nx as available on this matter.

To hobby pirates listening out there: although its too early to tell, the Martin matter indicates that the FCC may be beginning a campaign to cut down on the burgeoning amount of pirate activity on the bands these days. Substantial fines may be levied as a part of an FCC administrative proceeding, and licenses may be revoked permanently. Seems like the battle lines are being drawn.

Best of 73 till next time,

Tom