

# update

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ALGERIA RTVA, 6160, in FR 0000-0136\*; poor daily w/ DJ, brain damaging mx to "LV de la Resistencia" 0103 // better 7195, 7246 and new 15160. (Terry Krueger, FL)+++Algiers believed the one on 10058 2245-2330; FR talks, much pop mx and some AR mx. Pips on hour but no ID heard. (Aaron Hywarren, MAN)

ANGOLA R. Nacional, 3375, in PT 2351-0001\*; noted leaving air w/ deep voiced M anncr and neat instr tune, closing anncmt, anthem and plug. (John Moritz, OH 3-21)

BELIZE RB, 3285, in EG 0230-41; religious pgm and mx. Clear sigs. First time hear during this period here in a while. (Moritz, OH 4-7)\*\*\*Often heard here during this period now. tba

BOLIVIA La Cruz del Sur, 4875, in SP 0940; Colombians off. Usual format of religious campesino mx and M anncr. Killed by LV del Norte s/on at 0950. (Klein, FL 4-1)

BOTSWANA Gaberones, 4845, in Setswana 0405; usual format of talks at opening. A rare one now w/ Bucaramanga back. (tba)

\*\*\*BRAZIL R. Progresso, 2310, in PT 0019-33; ballad at t/in and into 2 min. of talks by anncr who mentioned Progresso. Into nice steel guitar tune. Couple of ads and promos, more ballads, and so on. Basically poor but it had its moments. (Moritz, OH 3-20)+++R. Rib. Preto, 3025, in PT 0040; M anncr, nice stn jingle, ads and usual mx format. (Klein, FL 3-26)---Same here at 0054 w/ same basic format. (tba)+++Strongly believe I'm hearing Rdf Alagoas, 3277, intermittently after 0030. M anncr, long ad string, TC and light PT style mx. Several poor IDs, but have heard "Alagoas" and "Radiodifusora" on a couple of occasions. Mara also audible on 3275 so sure its not them. (tba)+++ R. Assuncao, 3315, tentative in PT 2322-50; in and out w/ terrible het and ute. M anncr and a mix of PT pops and ballads. Tough copy and couldn't pull an ID despite sitting on it for a while. (Moritz, OH 3-21)+++ R. Cl. Conquista, 3335, in PT 0030; M anncr, ID, ads, standard style pops. Some CHU splash. (Klein, FL)---Same tentatively 0028-0043 w/ Harry Nilson tune and a couple of PP ballads. Deep voiced M in between and poss mention of Vitoria at 0035. Usual CHU slop. (Moritz, OH 4-7)+++ Presumed R. Transamazonica, 3525, in PT through terrible QRM 4-6 and 7 around 0030-0110 when my ears gave out. Bits of mx, but one solid 20 sec snatch at one point. Should be audible this summer w/ a bit of luck. (Moritz, OH)+++Believe I'm hearing R. Iracema, 4815, mixing w/ the Colombian around 0100; a t/in mostly Guatapuri but it faded for a few minutes during which I got PT w/ occ mx. At 0105, mentions of "ir-ih-sem-a" or "ir-ih shem-a" and then the Colombian overpowered it. (tba)+++RN Boa Vista, 4835, in PT \*0904; Choral NA, ID, freqs, mx and big sig. (Jack Jones, MS 3-21)+++R. Dragao do Mar, 4925, in PT 0235; very, very strong w/ "Dragao" TCs. (tba)---Same 0100-15; M anncr, singing Dragao jingles, full ID and mx. (Neal Perdue, AL)+++R. Cultura Campos, 4955, in PT 2305-0005; talk by M, mx and drums interlude, full ID by M, pops, orch mx and religious pgm (Sun). Tnx tentative tip from tba. (Perdue, AL)---Same w/ clear ID 0052 just at t/in in. Finally got a handle on this tnx Perdue. (tba)+++R. Borborema, 5025, in PT 0420; M anncr, w/ talk, ID amid "La Paloma." (Perdue, AL)+++R. Maua, 5055, in PT 0835; ID, TC and EzL mx. (Klein FL)\*\*\*Whew!!! tba

CAMEROUN Balfassoum, 4000 at 2200 w/ highlife mx to 2229. Final ID giving site and NA to 2232\*.

(Jerry Berg, MA)---Same here after 0430 many nights. Highlife mx and FR talks. Finally picked an ID out of the ARO QRM at 0500. (tba)+++ R. Bertoua, 4750, in FR 0054-0107 4-6; highlife mx, M anncr, ID by him 0057. Still strong at t/out. Nothing on other outlets. (Moritz, OH)

CANADA CFCX, 6005, in EG 0930 w/ Reloj gone again. Local nx by M. (Klein, FL 4-4)+++CHNX, 6130, in EG 0948; pop mx, TC, ID for CHNS, and in the clear w/ HCJB on 6095 instead of here. (Jones)

\*\*\*CAPE VERDE IS. Voz do Sao Vicente, 3930, in PT 2245-2330; per tip from Crawford. Daily fair w/ EzL vocals, anncmts and IDs; no nx at listed 2300. First log here in six years. (Krueger, FL)---Same tentatively w/ similar format at same time slot. (Klein, FL)

CHINA FBBS 2, in CH 1140 // 6000 w/ usual format. (Klein, FL)+++RP, 6200, in CH 1120; lovely opera mx and W anncr between selections. (Klein, FL)

CLANDESTINE R. Libertad Cubana, 7085, in SP 0605+; started on 7085 w/ voice of Cmdte. David and ID in AM mode to 0610 when moved to 7077. There w/ talk till deliberately QRMed. Then back to 7089. (Hywarren, MAN)+++VoMalayan Rev., 7305, in CH 2255-2330; tnx Crawford. Tirades, Asian mx, Tamil 2321 w/ 4xID // better 15790. (Krueger, FL 3-26)

COLOMBIA R. Bucaramanga, 4845, in SP 0217; ID, calls, freqs, usual pop mx format. (Jones, MS 4-6)+++Ecos del Atrato, 5020, in SP 0958; ID, ads, into nx. Sounded like relay of another stn; QRN, local noise, fading, the works. Must have had mike in front of speaker!. (Jones, MS 4-3)

---Same at 0145 w/ Colombian and LA mx. (Perdue, AL)+++LV de Caqueta, 5035, in SP 0405-20; lively LA mx, old US r&r, M w/ talk and ID, often using "Col. Bogey" march theme. (Perdue, AL)

\*\*\*COMORO Moroni presumed the one on 3331.1 in FR/vern 0302-330 f/out; M in FR w/ anncmt, Koranic chants to 0315 and local mx to f/out. First time--hope they'll verify. (Bill Whitacre, MI 3-26)

CUBA San German, 5390h (9x590), in SP 0215-0345+; soccer game, usual MW format. Voz de Cuba IS as well. (Vlad Cucura, PA)\*\*\*And in very well too as I could read over the phone!!! (tba)

- \*\*\*DOMINICAN REP. R. Mil, 4930, in SP 0147-0215; back after long absence; disco mx, SP ballads, light vocals, ads for Banco Nacional by young Ws singing, many IDs and fast anncr. Mod a bit on the rough side. (Moritz, OH 3-25)---Same on same night at 0000; female group w/ sung ID, local store ads and distinct ads for Montecarlo. Excellent. Had been inactive since before '79 hurricane but MW outlet always audible. (Krueger, FL)---Same at 1020 on 3-25 w/ ID, TCs, ads, nx. Back again. (Jones, MS)\*\*\*Now being heard regularly here during evenings. tba
- ECUADOR R. Federacion, 3210, in SP 1025; weak but readable. M anncr, ID-TC combo, local EzL mx. (Klein, FL 4-1)+++R. Popular, 4800 in SP 0410-25; ear-busting sigs though slightly distorted w/ beautiful local folk mx. M anncr w/ IDs. (Perdue, AL)---Same at 0603-18 at similar huge levels in fact, best ever. Usual pretty folklorico stuff. ID 0607 by M and into anthem 0610 leaving OC Not sure if leaving air, and it would be strange if they were. (Moritz, OH)+++R. Quito, 4920, in SP 0035; live sports coverage by 2 M. ID. (Perdue, AL)+++R. Nac. Progreso, 5060, in SP 1017; ID, call, freq, and very rural sounding local mx. (Jones, MS 3-28)
- EQ. GUINEA Rio Muni, 4925, in SP 0548-0602; Afr mx, M anncr between selections. (Moritz, OH) \*\*\*This one moving around again. tba
- \*\*\*EQUIPMENT NX From Wilder Pickard and Stu Klein comes word that Radio Shack will discontinue both the DX-160 and the DX-300. Remaining stocks are on sale at reduced prices.
- GALAPAGOS IS. LVG, 4810, in SP 0005-30; M anncr, nice assortment of local mx, "sea gulls" re-cording at 0030, and IDs by M and W. (Perdue, AL)---Same on late 0407-45. Usual format. (tba)
- \*\*\*GUATEMALA R. Mam, 4825, in SP 0200; exceptionally strong and clear. Usual marimba mx. Not pleasant. (Perdue, AL)+++AWR-Untion R., 5978, from 0140 4-3. Classical mx to 0225, then rel. songs to 0245 when marimba mx took over. Many IDs all in SP as Union R. ancing TGMU 1330 and TGMUA 5980, and sometimes mentioning TGMUB 6090 (not heard) and an FM outlet. On 4-6 EG AWR pgm to 0500 when had anthem to close. Requested rpts to Box 35-C offering QSL. Very difficult because of BBC on 5975. (Berg, MA)
- \*\*\*HONDURAS R. San Ysidro, 4844.2m, in SP 0120-0202\*; live Catholic Mass, gospel songs, SP ID by M 0149, and at 0200: "Esta es R. San Ysidro, la dimension . . . correspondiente laboando . . . 1450 kHz onda media, 4845 kHz onda corta . . . para ustedes . . . la feliz . . ." Into OC. Strong in QRN on Good Friday. (Krueger, FL 4-5)---Same w/ same details, 4-5. (Klein, FL)
- HUNGARY Budapest, 15020, in HG 2300, then SP to LA and later in EG. Strong and seemingly not a spur. (Berg, MA)
- \*\*\*INDONESIA RRI Menado, 3215, in Indo 1115; M anncr at end of nx, site ID, local mx. (Klein, FL) +++RRI Gorontalo, 3265, in Indo 1128; W and mention of site at 1130 ID. More local pgm. (Klein, FL)+++RRI Ternate, 3345, in Indo 1120; M anncr w/ long talk, ID, freq, mention of site. (Klein, FL)+++RRI Manokwari, 3427, tentative in Indo 1125; nice local mx, W anncr between tunes. (Klein, FL)+++Banyuwangi presumed the one on 3503.5 in Indo 1220-35 w/ Indo pgm of c&w mx. (Serge Neumann, FL)+++RPDT2 Situbundo, 3577.5, in Indo 1205; talks by M&W. Nice sig despite growing AM noise. (Neumann, FL)+++RRI via unknown site, 6207, in Indo 1145; M w/ nondescript pgm. Many mentions "Padang" or similar. Help needed on site given many different ones reported for this. (Klein, FL)
- \*\*\*IRELAND R. Condor, 6243, in EG 0603+; third weekend in a row definitely here but nothing to send a report on. No matter how much fiddling I do I just can't dig it all the way out. So, more lost sleep, hi. (Moritz, OH)---Same, 11463, presumed the one \*0859-0910; ultra-weak w/ garbled EG by M, unfamiliar pops and quick fade. (Krueger, FL 3-30)
- KENYA VoK, 4934, in lang 0400; ID, into march and nx. (tba)
- KOREA (PDR) Pyongyang, 3560, in KR 1215; local mx and female anncr who seemed to have taken voice lessons in Peking. Fair. (Neumann, FL 3-20)
- LIBERIA ELWA, 3227, in verns 0626-0632; talk interrupted 0628 for ID by M then more talk. Good sig. This and Universidade, which was blowing in, were only sigs on 90m. (Moritz, OH 3-30)
- LUXEMBOURG RL, 15350, in FR 2200 mixing w/ abt four others but clear for ID. (tba)
- MALAYSIA RM Kota Kinabalu, 4970, in EG 1223; M talking, 5 pips at 1230 then M&W. No firm ID but 99% sure. RTTY QRM didn't help. (Neumann, FL)+++RM Kuching, 5030, w/ amazing strength lately at 1245. Lang pgm. (Neumann, FL)
- \*\*\*MALAWI MBC, 3380, in lang 0340-53; nice drum song w/ group singing to 0350, M w/ ID, and group vocal w/ W in front. Good. (Moritz, OH 3-30)
- MAURITANIA RM, 4850 rf, in AR 0630+; usual Koranic chanting. Seems to be a permanent move. (Klein, FL)\*\*\*They used to be here some time ago. tba
- MOZAMBIQUE OK, I can hear Maputo 3338 at 0350 w/ improving sig in PT despite two UTEs on freq but you've got to be pulling my antenna about Zanzibar on 3339 w/ ID quality sigs. (Neumann, FL) +++Maupito, 4925, at 0409; nice jazz mx anf M anncr w/ ID. (tba)
- NEW HEBRIDES Vila, 7260, in FR 0910-1027; M anncr, ballad mx, and some c&w mx. IS, ID and M in lang to 1010, and more drum IS. Talks by M to 1027. (Greenfield, PA)
- NIGERIA Benin City, 4932, in lang 2250-2302\*; slow piano mx, annmnt by M 2300, pledge of allegiance to Mom, Dad, Nigeria and others. NA (??) and off. (Perdue, AL)---Same at \*0432. (tba)
- PNG R. W. Sepik/Vanimo, 3205, in PD 1155-1230; almost word perfect for a time. End of "Newsweek Bulletin" pgm, mx, then into nx pgm by M w/ general annmnts and many TCs. Address given as Stn Mgr, R. W. Sepi, Box 27, Vanimo, W. Sepik Dist. Box number is different from WRTM list. (Whitacre, MI)
- PERU Elections for the first civilian government in many years will be held 5-18. As in the US, there will be radio and TV debates and speeches, paid for by the current government. In these 30 min segments, there will be many mentions of the major political parties. They are, in order of strongest to weakest, APRA (Ah-prah), AP (Ah-peh), PPC (Peh-Peh-Seh) and FOCEP (Foe-sep). There are abt 15 others but most time is allotted to the major parties. The first three are

center-right and the fourth is leftist. (Kevin Meyer, PERU)\*\*\*Tx, Kevin. tba\*\*\*R. Tropical, 4935, in SP 0935; nice campesino mx, M anncr, ID-TC after each tune. (Klein, FL)---Same at 0438 w/ usual format on 4936. (tba)+++R. Chinchaycocha, 4860, in SP 0530; first time in a while. Local rustic mx, M anncr, and frequent TCs. (Klein, FL)+++R. Imagen, 5035, in SP 1001-45; LA mx to 1014, long ad and annmnt string, ID 1032: :Desde la progresista ciudad de Tarapoto, en el departamento de San Martin, ? peruana, transmite R. Imagen, una nueva imagen radio." Then political pgm. (Henry Lazarus, LA 3-31)\*\*\*Nicely done, Henry. tba\*\*\* Same 0517-34 poorly and badly modulated. Mostly uptempo pops w/ one fole tune along the way. M anncr between and several ments of Peru. Missed ID 0530. Am 95% sure of it though. (Moritz, OH)+++R. El Sol, 5970, in SP 1036; "Sol en Los Andes" ogm, TC for GMT-5. Standard local mx. (Jones, MS 3-26)+++ R. Victoria, 6020a, in SP 1032; ID, pops and bad het. (Jones, MS 3-26)

PIRATE Syncom 48, 6245a, in EG 0535-46; Abba's "Fernando," and other such stuff. Nice pgmning and talk. IDed as "Syncom International" but said they could no longer have a Euro service at this time. Talked of going up in freq for summer. At 0620, found them on 6275 w/ Dr. Hook tune and more talk of summer operation. Good sigs all the way. (Moritz, OH 4-6)

SEYCHELLES FEBA, 15130, in lang 0245; usual pgms. On at 0200 and was gone for atime to 0230. (Kirk Baxter, KS)

SOUTH AFRICA R.5, 3250, in EG 0030; mx, ID, and "Popcorn" theme mx. (tba)+++RSA, 4990, mixing to 0400 w/ Barquisimeto. M DJ and pop tunes. (Moritz, OH) Anncing as RSA pgm to Afr on reactiva-  
ted summer freq. tba

\*\*\*UAE Dubai, 21480, in AR 0805; W vocalist in live pgm and clear lang ID. (Klein, FL)

UPPER VOLTA RTTV, 4815, in FR 0615; back w/ FR versions of US oldies. M DJ w/ IDs. (Klein, FL)

VENEZUELA R. Universidad, 3395, in SP 0500-0800. Lots of fast tropical type stuff. Sometimes going to 0800\*. Left 0700\* on 3030. (Moritz, OH)+++R. Sucre, 4960, in SP 0314-25; ID by M at t/in, old Herb Alpert tune, another ID, MoR instrumentals, and another ID. Very mellow anncr and pgm. First time in a long while. (Moritz, OH 3-31)---Same 0000-0300; standard LA fare. (Perdue, AL)+++R. Maturin, 5040, in SP 0120; M anncr, ID jingle, LA mx. (Perdue, AL)

VIETNAM Hanoi, 14992, in FR 2005-19; W w/ nx and talk. Not as good or clear as // 15012 which was quite strong. (Moritz, OH)

ZIMBABWE ZBC, 3396; the change in government didn't result in a change of format for ZBC. Noted 0410 w/ orch Beatles mx and M DJ. Quite good. (tba)

#### MISSORTS

ECUADOR LV Triunfo, 3255, slipping up a few kHz w/ usual format 0504. (tba)

IRELAND R. Condor, 11463, in EG 0605; better than ever on 4-6 w/ rock mx, weather 0625, many IDs w/ requests for rpts to 53 Charleston Rd QTH. Asked for 2 IRCs. Peaked 0730. Also called itself VoIreland several times. Test to New Zealand. (Berg, MA)

Another bravura performance, gentlemen!

Best of 73,

requiescat in pace, DX-160.