

# update

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ALBANIA Gjirokaster, 5057, in lang 0555; absolutely superb w/ local folk mx. Unmistakable. (Neal Perdue, AL)

ALGERIA Algiers, 21715, in EG 2105+; drifting. M anncr, pop mx, many IDs and GMT TCs. (Phil Marshall, GA 2-5)

ANDORRA AWR, 6220, in FR 0610-0635; perfect copy. W anncr, chimes or bells 0630. ID: "From R. Andorra International (trumpet fanfare) this is A-W-R, Adventist World Radio (then repeated in FR) now beginning transmission on 6.22 Megahertz in the 49 meter band sw." Then into lang religious pgm. (Perdue, AL)

ANGOLA RNac, 11955//9535, in vern 0459; fair and about equal on both freqs. Drums, M talking through hour w/ no ID. Guitar mx, W w/ several ments of Luanda. 0528 IS, 0530 ID in PT by M, gong and into PT nx. (Jim Davis, CA 1-27)\*\*\*Welcome, OM. tba

ARGENTINA RNac Mendoza, 6180, in SP 0940; surprised to her this w/ instrumental mx, El Condor Pasa on flute, Guantanamo, then full ID: "R. Nacional, Mendoza, Republica de Argentina LRA 34, etc.," freqs including FM. More mx. Listed \*0900 w/ 1 kW. (Dan Robinson, DC)

AUSTRALIA VLQ9 Brisbane, 9660, in EG 0800; good. M anncr w/ weather, finally for local area, into requests, some for overseas SW listeners. (Stu Klein, NY)

BOLIVIA La Cruz del Sur, 4875, in VERN 1010; fair to good. Religious selections by M choir, M anncr w/ reltalk, ID and more mx. (Klein, FL)+++R. Illimani, 6025, in SP 1000; excellent. Recorded mx at t/in, Sunday religious service, full ID by W 1036 as in UD 84, again mentioning red, yellow and green bands. W then asked for reports about the quality of their signals. Chimes and back to religious talks. (Robinson, DC)---Same, 1016, in Ind. and SP. Fair. Mx, ID talk in Indian dialect, Charango and Quena mx, SP at 1032 w/ all freqs. Trouble from AFRTS. (Jack Jones, MS 1-20)

BOTSWANA Gaberones, 4845; back w/ usual \*0400 and religious pgms thereafter. Level variable but generally good. (tba)

BRAZIL R. Nac. Cruzeiro do Sul, 4765, in PT \*1056-1130; s/on w/ bossa nova song followed at 1100 by M and very good ID w/ freqs, power and mx in the background. Then pgm of local mx w/ annmnts by M. Annmnt listing all Radiobras stns at 1111. Very strong. (Henry Lazarus, LA 1-18)+++ R. Cult. Sergipe, 4775, in PT 0825; only fair on excellent Brazilian morning. PT pops, EzL mx selections, M anncr w/ R. Cult." IDs. (Klein, NY)+++R. Cult. Campos, 4955, tentative 0835 in PT; poor. M anncr w/ talks, EzL mx. more mx. Too weak to make ID but probably them.

\*\*\* (Klein, NY)+++ R. Sociedade, 4965, in PT 0857; weak w/ Santa Fe off. PT pops to hour, M anncr w/ ID as R. Sociedade, talk, back into mx. Another Brazilian started mixing in at its \*0902

\*\*\*making freq unusuable. Probably Alvorada. (Klein, NY)+++ R. Journal Transamazonica, 5025, in PT 0750 per Gordon Darling tip. Mx in progress 0750, opening ID 0757, another ID 0806. QTH clearly stated at Altamira. Het in at 0756 just before ID but notched out without too much trouble. (Jerry Berg, MA 1-25)---Same; carrier on 0748 w/ light mx to ID 0757: "R. Journal Transamazonica, estado de Para, Brazil." Bad het on freq just at s/on. (Robinson, DC)+++R. Maua, 5055, in PT 0845; fair. Fast PT pops, M anncr, w/ TC "en Maua," more of same mx. (Klein, NY 2-2)

CANADA CKZU Vancouver, 6160, in EG 0702; poor-fair. CBC net nx, plug for Symphony Hall pgm. Into new wave mx (Magazine, Capt. Beefheart, Buzzcocks, Jam, etc.). Some QRM from presumed

Em. Nueva Granada. (Davis, CA 2-1)\*\*\*Beefheart new wave? He was around 10 years ago! tba

CHINA Zhejiang PBS, 2476, in CH 1025; fair to poor. CH opera mx, W anncr w/ talk between selections. Staticy. (Klein, NY)+++Apparent Urumchi, 4735, weak w/ more Central Asian than CH pgm 2330 1-25. Only way you could recognize this as a CH stn is by five regular and one high pip at 0000. (Berg, MA)+++UnID CH stn, 4998, strongly at 1202 but far gone by 1215. Separable from WWV on LSB. (Berg, MA)+++RP: 15120, in CH/EG lang lesson 0425 during freq slide. Vy good. Otherwise EG. 1-22 only. (Del Hirst, TX)

\*\*\*CLANDESTINE R. Liberacio El Salvadorean, 8242, in SP \*0005; pretty good. Also \*1205. Best for first hour or so and better in AM when not too much UTE QRM. Does indeed have Sandino sound; mx, voices all sound the same. (Berg, MA)---Same, 8243, in SP 0140 w/ ID, patriotic slogans and songs, many mentions of SSSN (?) which I assume is guerilla group there. Still there 0230. Poor-fair w/ some UTE QRM. (Davis, CA 2-2)

COSTA RICA R. Rumbo, 6078a, in SP 1129; good. Usual "en Rmubo" ID, TC for 5:30, ranchera mx. (Jones, MS 1-20)

DOM. REP. R. Clarin, 11700, in EG from 2215; good when jamming stopped. Rudy Espinal's "This is Santo Domingo." Good to have them back. Said would be Sat and Sun when no baseball. Got 252 letters from first two pgms. (Berg, MA)

\*\*\*ECUADOR R. Bahai, 2340, in SP 0329; per Clayton Howard tip. ID by W: R. Bahai in Otavalo. Then local mx, ID by M 0338 giving SW freq. Slow fulte or organ mx 0357-0400\*. (Gene Eastman, TX)

+++R. Triunfo, 3252, in SP 1118; local mx, ads for Almacens. Some ads w/ echo effect. (Jones, MS 1-20)+++LV Rio Carrizal, 3260, in SP 2350-55; nondescript LA mx, M w/ ID. (Perdue, AL)+++LV del Napo, 3280, in SP 1056; "Musica de America Latina," religious talk. (Jones, MS 1-27)+++R. Zaracay, 3395, in SP 0530; very good, usual mx, M w/ comment on "Peru Agression." On this way for war? (Klein, NY 2-2)+++LV de las Caras, 4795, in SP \*0140 (!!!); good. S/on w/ long NA, M w/ ID, calls, freqs and into LA mx. (Klein, NY)+++R. Pop. Indep., 4801, in SP 0505-35; beautiful Andean mx, M anncr, talk, ID. (Perdue, AL)--- Same w/ full ID 0635 and nice local vocals. (Robinson, DC)+++LV Saquisili, 4900, in SP \*1102-36; s/on w/ continuous band mx to 1114, opening anncmts, NA. More band mx, long anncmt by M. Annrcr said "Amanecer Andino" a couple of times so this may be name of pgm. Strong w/ Juventud off. (Lazarus, LA 1-22)---Same, tnx McNeil, \*1127 w/ march mx, drums, s/on anncmt and into nice choral NA. (Robinson, DC)  
EQ. GUINEA REcuatorial, 4926, in SP 0545 1-31; fair. UTE QRM. F anncr in verns w/ long comment and several mentions of Bata. (Klein, NY)

\*\*\*GABON Africa Number One, 4810, in FR 2255; huge. Many IDs, EzL mx, TC, freqs. Donna Summer mx, M anncr. Off by 2305; tnx Newton. (Marshall, GA 2-5)---Same 4807 in FR 2105; EG mx, 5xID giving sked as 05-23 hrs GMT. Huge. (Klein, NY)\*\*\*Per VOA Afr Ser nx, stn was officially dedicated 2-6. tba

GHANA GBC-2, 3336, in EG 0620; good. M&W w/ talk of local activities in Accra. (Klein NY)

GUATEMALA R. Mam, 2310, in SP w/ M anncr and usual marimbas. (Perdue, AL)\*\*\*Time? tba\*\*\*R.

Maya, 2360, in Ind. 1057; good. Banjo (!) and guitar mx, Many IDs. // 3325. (Jones, MS 1-27)+++R. Chortis, 3378a, in SP 0325-30+; M w/ talk, ID 0330. Het between this and Iris. Latter IDed 2 minutes later. (Perdue, AL)---Chortis, 3380, in SP 0213-0330; M w/ nx, LA mx and IDs. 0330\*. (Vlad Cucura, PA 2-5)

GUINEA Conakry, 4910, in FR 0730 2-1; very good. AR mx. M anncr w/ LV Revolution IDs and Ici Conakry. (Klein, NY)

HONDURAS R. Luz y Vida, 3250, in SP 0315-30 1-24 w/ much trouble from R. Five and Triunfo. Light Latin pops and two good IDs. Nota Nazarena anywhere. Per Henry Lazarus who spoke by phone patch w/ stn owners, this is Luz y Vida, HRPC (PC=Praising Christ), owned by a church and run by Americans. (tba) ---Same 0302 in SP and EG. ID, call, "en San Luis, Sta. Barbara." Then into EG:

"R. Light and Life. We now join the Church of the Nazarine in Pasadena, Cal." (Jones, MS 2-2)

ICELAND Reykjavik, 12175, in vern 1848 w/ nx by M&W, talk. No mx heard. Best around 1925 when I could tell annrcr speaking Scandinavian lang. Started going out 1945. Seemed 2000\* and carrier 2005\* but too poor to really tell. Poor at best. (Davis, CA 1-29)

IRELAND Almost certainly R. Dublin, 6290, in EG 0825 1-25 and still there weakly 0900. (Berg, MA) ---Same noted lately on 6290 after 0400 but has been moving around a bit. Simon and Garfunkel, ments of "253" MW meter band. (Robinson, DC)---Same, 6316.75m tentative 0225-0326 w/ pops both US and UK in origin. Possible ID 0228 but tough copy. Lots of mx and occasional talking. Tnx Krause. (Tom Cavaras, MN 1-19)

LESOTHO LNBS, 4800, in verns 0358-0431; IS, ID, NA and choral mx. (Cucura, PA 2-7)---Same regularly now. At 0401 2-6 W w/ opening anncmts, ID, freqs and the like. Into lang hymn. RS speaker underneath. No UTE trouble this night. (tba)

LIBERIA ELWA, 4765, in EG 2250-2301\*; religous pgms, IDs at s/off. (Perdue, AL)

LIBYA SPLAJBC, 17930, in AR 1659-1758\*; talks, Koran, time pips, ID 1700, drowds chanting, chimes and pips at 1715, local mx and Koran to 1758 and off in mid-song. Good. (Gavaras, MN 1-25)

LUXEMBOURG RL, 15350, in FR 0330; fair. M DJ, Europop, disco mx. Hrd next day 0300 w/ same M nx (2 whole minutes worth!, into mx which included a little soul and some Kraftwerk style synthesizer stuff but as far as I could tell all songs in FR. RMoscow test tones and carrier both days 0340 and unlistenable after that. (Davis, CA 2-2,3)

MALAYSIA RM Sarawak, 4950, tentative 1346 and 1420; EG very strong. Also tentative on 4894 from 1350 w/ old pops (would you believe Guy Lombardo) at 1400 4 pips and ID almost sure of Kuching. Tths in AR. Into call to prayer at sundown (Aza'an Isjah.) (Hirst, TX 1-19.30)

MALI Bamako, 7110, in FR 0724; good for a couple of hours. Nx, nice WAfr string mx 0729. (Robinson, DC)

MAURITANIA Nouakchott, 4845, tentative 0704 in FR; W in FR and into AR call to prayer 0710.

Aza'an Subuh, first prayer of day at sunrise. (Hirst, TX)

\*\*\*MEXICO R. Mil, 6010, in SP 1233-51; pgm of LA mx w/ anncmts by M many ads, many singing IDs as "en Radio Mil" and sounds of car horn w/ same melody as singing ID. Also heard slogan "La mejor musica moderna." Tnx Jack Jones for phone tip. (Lazarus, LA 1-26)---Same at 1327 in SP w/ ID as R. Mil, Mas Alegria. ID and slogan preceded by 4-note old time car horn. Pop mx, ads, TCs. Fair. (Jones, MS 1-25)+++ZEU Veracruz, 6020, in well in SP 0235. Ordinary latin mx, M DJ, many, many ads and full ID w/ Nucleo Oro slogan 0300. (tba)---Same 1340 in SP. Talk, "XEU" ID, ads. (Jones, MS 1-25)

MONGOLIA Ulan Bator (or is this another site, as listed in TBS), 4996, in RS 1340; fair and overmodulated at times. M annrcr and into non-stop mx. Synth mx, semi-classics, jazz. 6 pips 1400 M annrcr in RS or Mongolian (couldn't tell) and into M&W Mongolian nx. WWV QRM. (Davis, CA 1-25)

MOZAMBIQUE Maputo, 3210, in lang 0310; non-stop highlife mx and really quick ID so could be in any language. (tba)+++RM Beira, 3370, strongly presumed the one in PT and vern 0349; M annrcr, light rock mx. Other RM 90m outlets in well this night too. (tba)+++EIMG, 6976, in PT 0338; poor. Guitar mx, M DJ, Afr mx, 0400 "Em. Interprov." ID, nx by M. Thought I hrd a rooster crow. Back to mx 0408. Next day, 0249 w/ IS including EG "R. Moz. (Foreign Service?)" IDs. Anthem 0255, chimes, M piano mx, two tones on hour. CW QRM. (Davis, CA)

NIGER ORTN, 5020, tentative in verns 0537; tribal singing, verns talk. Couldn't pull and ID out of the UTE QRM. (tba)

NIGERIA Kaduna, 4765-70v, strong lately from 0500 in EG. (Hirst, TX)

PAKISTAN RP, 9548, in presumed Urdu, 0135; messy w/ many carriers around. Qur'an 1035, clear RP ID by M 0140. Pips running about 5 sec slow 0200, ID by W and nx. AIR 9525 also strong. RP heard here next day as well. (Davis, CA 1-31)+++RP, 17835, in EG 0230-45; dictation nx. Tough copy due to weak sig, QRM and poor EG accent of anncr. (Gavaras, MN 2-1)

PNG Manus, 3905, in PD 0849; poor w/ some ARO QRM. Talk by M, lots of IDs, guitar instr mx (shades of Duane Eddy) that seemed to be all LP. M back 0908. (Davis, CA 1-22)+++RN, 4890, good lately at 1400 w/ ID 1-29 and old MoR mx. (Hirst, TX)

\*\*\*PARTS UNKNOWN R. Orange, 5953, in EG 0432 2-4 tnx tip from Hirst. Supposedly to or in Costa Rica. Following got through QRM from Nicaragua 5950: :Good evening ladies and gentlemen. This is R. Orange . . . " Then covered. (tba) Del gives the following information: Noted 0545 w/ Caribbean accented anncr w/ following--"This has been K. Orange in \_\_\_\_\_. The time is exactly 12 o'clock and 1 minute (this at 0601--tba). This is the land of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in San Jose. At the end of the broadcast day we hope you have enjoyed the programs we have presented all day in the Guadeloupe basin. On behalf of the entire staff, your anncr Sidney Walton (?) saying good night." Then possible talk abt high seas off Costa Rica. Tnipot NA and off. (Hirst, TX)  
\*\*\*Have continued to watch this and something is there but it generally is covered by Nicaragua. Help! tba

PERU R. Atlantida, 4790, in SP 0610 w/ clear ID at s/off 0611. (Hirst, TX -127)+++R. San Martin, 4810, in SP 0950; not bad. Peruvian mx 0950, ID and ads 1001. This one is pretty spotty and not heard most mornings. (Berg, MA)---Same tentative 1053 w/ pops and Elton John cuts but no break on hour. Good sigs but no ID. (Robinson, DC)+++Believe I heard ID for R. Pampas, 4855, around 1055 weakly but more recently only Neiva here at around 1030. (Berg, MA)+++R. Chinchaycocha, 4860, in SP 0400-20; first time in a long while w/ usual stuff. (tba)+++R. El Sol, 5970, in SP \*1045; very good. Suddenly there w/ lively local mx, many flutes, M anncr w/ "El Sol en los Andes" ID and more mx. (Klein, NY)+++R. Victoria, 6020, in SP 1035; fair w/ het. Local Andean \*\*\*mx, M anncr between them some EzL LAm mx as well. (Klein, NY)+++ R. Unoin, 6115, in SP 1124; several IDs, talk, ads. Could just make IDs. Signal going downhill fast. Llano not present. (Jones, MS 1-29)+++R. Tawantinsuyo, 6175, in SP 1040; fair. Rustic mx, M anncr, TC "en Tawantinsuyo," several locals PSAs and more mx. (Klein, NY 2-2)

\*\*\*PIRATE R. Nolan International, 6270, in EG from 0658; quite well heard during NAM test. All rock mx w/ many IDs, requests for reports to Vlagtwedde address, though gave Dedemsvaart QTH once, dedication to Dan Robinson. Peaked 0715 and then strongest of any pirate I've heard. Deteriorated after 0730 but still fair at 0800\*. Annrcr a little confused; thought it was Friday afternoon or evening in the states. Not heard on 7320 as RM there. Also tried on 1-11 but not heard though there was something on 6265 which I think was Syncom. Used USB on this one. (Berg, MA 1-18) \*\*\* Nice, Jerry. tba

SAUDI ARABIA 4900 SSB feeder very strong at 2100 1-24. (Berg, MA)

SWAZILAND TWR, 9730, in GM 0406; fair to good w/ slop on both sides. Sermon by M w/ hymns. ID by M in EG 0430 and EG gospel mx. Seemed // weaker 5055. (Davis, CA 1-27)

UAE RCTVDubai, 11755, in EG 0335; very good. Close of nx, ID, "Breakfast Show," w/ insipid McCartney tune and after I cursed the ubiquity of western pop mx it broke suddenly into AR lang and mx, praise be to Allah. (John Hedstrom, IL 1-21)

\*\*\*UPPER VOLTA Ouagadougou, 4815, in FR 0655; fair. Afr mx to pips at 0700, M anncr w/ "Ici Ougadougou, Rdf TV Voltaique," and into more mx. Weak, not like old days. First noted 2-1. (Klein)  
USSR Petrozavodsk sneaking in and out on 4780 at 0410 w/ usual RS talks by W. (tba)\*\*\*Unknown site, 4825, in RS 2200. Under Yakutsk I've noted a stn w/ FS IS which may be Starobelsk. (Klein)  
\*\*\*Yerevan, 4810, w/ RS HS pgms // 4990 0404. Both very good. (tba)+++Kalinin, 4860, in EG 0145; w/ Vladimir Pozner commentary. (Klein, NY)+++Askhabad, 4895 // 4930, in RS 0225 1-28; both HS mx pgms. Mayak IS 0230. (Klein, NY)+++Arkhangelsk, 5015, in RS 0430. Mayak IS and usual pgms. (tba)+++Tbilisi, 5040 // Yerevan 4990, in RS 0407. Good. (tba)+++RM via Blagoveschensk (per UHN), 9580, in EG 0648; WCNAM Service. (tba)+++New UHN lists Nikolaevsk-na-Amur, 15240, w/ WCNAM Ser after 0400. There it surely is but at such a good level that I'm just a bit skeptical as to site. Huge. Often noted 0400-0445. (tba)

VANUATU RV, 3945//7260, in lang (too weak to tell which) 0801; poor. Nx by M, poss ID 0813, pop mx. Definite FR 0830. Also heard 1000\* w/ NA while tuning across. Poor, lots of ARO QRM on both freqs some NSB QRM on 3945. But 2-3 was very clear on 3945, though nothing on 7260. (Davis)

VENEZUELA R. Occidente, 3225, in SP 0310-20; in nicely w/ M anncr, talk, ID, ballads. (Perdue, AL)+++R. Sucre, 4960, in SP 0345-0400; @ M anncr, Rumbos net promos, chimes, IDs. (Perdue)+++ R. Sensacion, 5999, in SP 1059; pops, ads frequent IDs. (Jones, MS 1-20)+++R. Turismo, 6180, in SP 1036; ID, TC for 25 minutes to 6, mx. (Jones, MS 1-27)

ZAIRE LVZ, 15245, in FR 0401 w/ ID per WRTVH. Trouble from VOA 15240 till latter off. Highlife mx, annrcr in often, happy on-air phone conversation. (Eastman, TX)

ZAMBIA ZBS, 4911, in EG/verns \*0348-437; s/on w/ sea gull-like IS, choral hymn 0352, EG annrcmt and into verns. Talks by M and W to 0423 when M IDed as R. Zambia. Afr mx to 0430 when M said, "One Zambia and one Nation." M in verns to 0437. (Lazarus, LA 1-26)

ZANZIBAR RTZ, 3339, in Swahili 0315+; local mx, ID and M annrcr w/ talk. Peaked 0335. (Cucura)

ZIMBABWE ZRBC, 3396, in EG 0352, IDing as Radio One, which stands for its local network. "Elephant Walk," TC for 5:50 a.m. ID. (tba)

A fine turnout this trip, gents. Tnx to all.

TBA