

# update

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UPCOMING DEADLINES: 10 January (Mid-January) 20 January (February) 10 February (Mid-Feb)

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ANGOLA R. Nac. de Benguela, 5043.5, in PT 2029-2043; local African mx, commentary by a M annr and ID 12-1. Weak signal. Also heard on 5043.6 on 12-2 from 0400-0410 in PT w/ several clear IDs and talks by a man and a woman. Very clear and good signal. (Sam Barto, CT)

BOLIVIA R. Santa Rosa, 4439.8, in SP 0028-0040; M annr, mentions of Beni and Santa Rosa de Yacuma. Vocal selection by W. Poor. (Barto, CT 11-11)+++LV del Tropico, 4458, in SP 2315-2330 mostly w/ annmts. Ute QRM. Very weak. (Barto, CT 11-17)

BOTSWANA RB, 3358.6, at 0350-0400 w/ IS and ID 0400 11-15 // 7255 which was excellent. (Barto, CT)---The 90m transmitter has migrated to 4820, as observed as early as 1945 to 2100 closedown; can be heard on parallel 3356 from 2030 or so. Is in SeTswana at this time; also heard around 0415 in EG, mixing badly with what I assume is HRVC, and dual 7255. The move from 4848 makes sense, what with that frequency badly squeezed between Cameroon (4850) and Mauritania (4845). First noted 11-30. (Bob Hill, MA)

BURUNDI R. Burundi--finally positively IDed 12-4 when tuned from 2055, very typical African native singing; annmt by W at 2058 was unreadable, but marching band anthem following was the same one I was hearing at \*0300 some weeks ago, before TGNC came back on to wreck the channel (which is, of course, 3300). Off at 2101\*. Long sought and most welcome as C/H 224. (Hill, MA)

CHINA Fujian-1 PBS--faintly audible on 2340 around 2137 with woman in CH. FFBS-1 on 2490 also noted around 2155 at similar threshold level; these both on 11-30. It's always a thrill to hear Asians on the 120 mb! (Hill, MA)\*\*\*I'm always happy to hear anything on 120 so am doubly envious of these! tba

CLANDESTINE Bizim Radyo on 5915 noted just after 2100 with Turkish music consisting of vocalist plus plucked and oboe-type instrumental accompaniment; brief annmt in Turkish by W at 2130, then back to uninterrupted mx. Rather weak and QRM'ed by co-channel het that turned out to be CPBS-1, China, which s/on at \*2158. At 2200 both stns had pips out of sync with each other; Bizim Radyo then pulled the switch, leaving the channel clear for China. (Hill, MA 11-28) +++ V of Arab Lebanon on 6233, tuned 2136 and heard w/ Koran recitation brief annmt at 2142, then some kind of march with chorus till 2142\*. Fair on peaks, with occasional RTTY QRM and much band noise. (Hill, MA 11-28) +++R. Farabundo Marti, 6849.9, in SP 0002-16 w/ political commentary and IDs. (Barto, CT 12-1)

ECUADOR LV del Rio Carrizal, 3260.6, in SP 0015-31 w/ all talks (seemed to be religious) and ID 0030. (Barto, CT 11-18) +++LV de los Caras, 4795.1, in SP 2217-34; vocals and instrumentals. ID by M 2232. Good. (Barto, CT 11-30) +++R. Popular de Cuenca, 4800.7, in SP 0225-40; vocals and instrumentals, several IDs and TCs by a M annr. ID on half hour by W. Strong. (Barto, CT 11-30)

FALKLAND IS. FIBS, 3958, in EG 0200-0211 w/ annmts and selections such as "All Through the Night." Actually heard from 0115-0215 at intervals. Very strong level over hams. (Barto, CT 11-17)

INDONESIA RRI Surabaya, 4699, in IN 1130; island-type mx w/ vocals by W and ID 1130. Then talks by M till 1139. Also heard at this time were Sibolga, 5257.3, Biak, 5451.0, Ujung Pandang, 4719, Jakarta, 4774.5. (Barto, CT)

INDIA AIR Hyderabad, 4800, in EG 1230-35; nx read by M annr. Weak. (Barto, CT 12-2)

MADAGASCAR R. Madagasikara, on 3288, quite respectable showing at the early hour of 2043 on 12-4. Man talking in accented FR. Strong, slightly booming audio. (Hill, MA)

MEXICO R. Huayacocotla, 2390, in SP 0000-17 w/ vocals by groups and a W, ID and TC. (Barto, CT 11-18)

PERU R. San Juan de Chota, 5274.3, in SP 2330-2342 w/ vocals and ID 2330. Previously thought this was Moderna. (Barto, CT 11-27) +++R. Imagen, 5444, in SP 2350-0000 w/ commentary and ID at 0000. (Barto, CT 11-18) +++ R. Chota, 6296, in SP 0000-15 w/ annmts by M and F. ID 0000. Weak level. (Barto, CT 11-11) +++R. Continente, 8921.1 (up a bit infrequency) 2242-2300 in SP w/ TC and ID, vocal selections and annmts. Other Peruvians well heard at the same time. (Barto, CT 11-10)

SINGAPORE RS, on 5052 assumed the one with carrier at 2155 then coming on with pop vocal; pips at 2200 and talk by W. Not much to go on but who else signs on at 2200 on 5052? (Hill, MA 12-4)

SUDAN Omdurman on 5039 noted in passing 0407 at surprising level with Koran reading. Power boost? (Hill, MA 12-5)\*\*\*Or getting the existing xmtr working properly, I suppose. tba

UGANDA RU, 5030.1, in EG 0400-09 w/ nx by M about African and Ugandan affairs. Seems to have moved up a bit in freq. Strong. (Barto, CT 12-2)

VENEZUELA R 980--re a recent report from Bill Sparks about an UnID on 3254, this is the outlet formerly known as La Voz de El Tigre; very fine signal around 0530 with many IDs for Radio Novecientos Ochenta and Super Radio. See also WRTH/84, p. 511. (Hill, MA 12-2)  
ZAMBIA ZBS, 4910.5, in lang 0346-57 w/ fish eagle interval signal to 0356, anthem and ID by M in language. Very good level. (Barto, CT 12-2)

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Next our regular report from Hitoshi Miyashita in Japan. First, his non-clandestines:

BANGLADESH Noticed in October that RBangladesh was audible on new freqs with unlisted skeds. 4879.0, \*1230-1500\* in UnID SAsian lang. Suspect domestic service in Bengali. First noted on 11-2. Quetta also here, 4879v, to 1600\*. 7111 \*1545a-1600 in UnID lang, 1600-30 AR, 1630-1800\* Urdu(?). Irregularly heard and signs on in the course of the prgm at 1545. 6145 outlet of domestic service not heard lately and last heard in June.

INDONESIA Some recent information: 2455.8 Dili, 1100-2000 all night since September, //s are irregular now. 3225 Tanjung Padang to 1400\*, see 4920.2. 3251 Banjarmasin, around 1500. 3355.3 (Sumenep?) around 1900 seems to be all night on 11-4. 4764.1 Medan around 1500 // 3374.8. 4774.4 Jakarta around 1200 regular and a problem for LAm DXers here. 4805.3 Kupang around 1130 always very poor. // 3385. 4910 (Bukittinggi?) around 1130 very poor. 4920.2 Tanjung P. \*1400+ all night from September. 4954.7 Banda Aceh around 1230 but not hrd on 3905. 5043.6-5046.2 at least # RRI's here with irregular (!!!) skeds: 5043.6 Jayapura, 5045.4 Wamena, 5046v and sometimes 5045.8 Yogyakarta (2xmtrs?) Only Yogyakarta IDed. Others here tentative.

IRAN NFs. 6191.0 1210+ 10-29 Persian and around 1400 11-1 in AR. 9815 1530-1800 in AR. These are irregular, however, and so correct sked not checked. 3777 kHz is also used for AR prgms around 1700.

IRAQ Sked of Kurdish prgm on 6100 chanegd, \*1630-1830\* as noted in mid-October.

PAKISTAN Islamabad, 5060, Rawalpindi, 5010 and Peshawar not noted for several months since summer. Where are they now? Monitored sked of 7090 to 1400\* in lang. \*1435-1500 Urdu (Rawalpindi relay?), 1500-1600 Urdu // 5095, 1600-15\*slow speed EG nx. \*1630-1730\*Turkish. Checked in early November.

VIETNAM Nghia Binh, 5120.0 \*1145+ tentative on 5115. Tnx Mr. S. Oishi for information.

CLANDESTINES:

CUBA LV CID "R. Camilo Cienfuegos" hrd 6299.4 1300 on 11-4 and 5. Also 1217 on 11-7.

IRAN There is a clandestine on 6655 which has had a high level of activity since September. In early November hrd on 6655v, sometimes moving to 6645v, from -1200-1230\*, \*1300-1330\*, \*1400-1630\*, \*1730 and \*1900. All give the same march from about 5 minutes before s/on. Seems to have the same style as R. Sparks, a Chinese clandestine.

LEBANON VoArab Lebanon, 6232.9 1415-2145\* Bcast in AR but FR nx 1800, EG 1815, both 15 minutes First noted 10-24. ID: "Sawt Lubnan al-Arabi. Maybe // 930 but not noted as such in Japan. From instability of signal strength, seems to be a problem with power supply. Kata'ib operated stn, VoLebanon, is just discernible under powerhouse Beijing outlet on 6549.6

IRAN addenda (above: All b'casts are severely jammed. I can't assert that all are b'cast as "VoMujahedin Khalgh" because the ID sometimes sounds different but all use the march IS as listed above.

NICARAGUA "R. 15 de Septiembre" heard recently regularly on 6215 \*1130-1300\* // 5555. LV Sandino not hrd at all. The new one, R. Monimbo, noted 11-1, 1306-1330 on 6232.9.

UNIDENTIFIED Tentative V o Libyan People on 15039.8 \*0430-0530\* w/ many jammers. Noise type and electrical sound indicate Iraq. Usually told that this comes from Iraq, but some apparently come from Saudi Arabia.

More from Hitoshi in upcoming issues.

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Next, more from our reporter Juan Carlos Codina in Lima, Peru:

5281.5 PERU Radio San Jose, Cajamarca Deptment, first heard 10-5 at 0126 under heavy UTE QRM from 5285. Rustic huaynos. May have been on for some time but always masked by the UTE previously. Hrd following days during the early afternoon on exactly the same freq, so stable. Finally noted mentions of Cajamarca confirming first suspicions. Very low power and anncr speaks as though sleeping so doubly difficult. Hrd for example on 10-7 as early as 1900 but very low power made for difficulties in daylight. May be as low as 10 or 50 watts. Always closing around 0200 though later on Sundays. Also heard in the mornings as early as 1030. Since 10-14 heard on 5281.2.

5444 PERU Radio Imagen, Tarapoto, San Martin, first heard with incredible huge signal, futbol pgm Deportivo Cali-Capitan Clavero. At 2145 10-21 heard that all of this is in Tarapoto and Deportivo Cali is a team from there. Name of prgm "Aficion deportiva." Only 5 db lower than R. Vision, Juanjui. Lots of ads, for Pepsi-Cola, and for many stores and companies in Tarapoto. Back after several months from their last freq of 6324.1 (they left when Estacio "C", Moyobamba appeared on 6323.5.) Should be easily and widely hrd. ID at 2200 as "Imagen y Aficion, la mejor combinacion." Slogan: "...Radio Imagen, la mejor en el departamento de San Martin." Sports prgm till 2250. Anncing "los 1160 de Imagen" so no SW announced yet, confirming the absence

- from SW. At 2300 began "Panorama Universitario," a prgm made by the Universidad Nacional de San Martin. Folkloric mx and University nx. This to 0000. Closing 0300\*. Opening next day with 20db over s9 signal at 1015, slightly up to 5444.1. Very nice news.
- 6139.4 BOLIVIA Radio Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, heard very well mornings, as on 10-13, at \*0905. IDs: "Emisora del Instituto radiofonico Fe y Alegria." Anncing 990 and 6135. Has a very nice folkloric mx ID, naming the song, the radio, etc., "Banda" like folkloric mx hrd later.
- 6155 BOLIVIA Radio Fides, La Paz, heard here with very primitive tribal mx, and some anncmts in between in an unknown Indian lang, 10-13 at 0918. Later some anncmts in SP naming La Paz, so it's Fides. (Lang later IDed tentatively as Aymara.)
- 6284.9 BRAZIL A rare Brazilian heard again now with good signals as on 10-22 at 0940 initial check. First heard 18 months ago but no ID yet. Some help? Heard tentatively at 1115, "...minutos, a Chaco Boreal." So this is either the name of the stn or the area where it is located (near the Paraguayan-Bolivian frontier, of course.) Lots of UTE QRM.
- 6363.5 Again noted this xmtr as reactivated on 10-20 but this time with totally different prgms from Estacio C-Moderna, that was on 6323.6 with its normal good. "C" with 15db over s9, though this only s8. 0059 the following ID: "...Radio Huallaga, transmitiendo en calidad de prueba desde Saposoa, Peru." As usual, lots of CW and RTTY QRM on the freq. This transmitter is a travelling one, no doubt. First in Moyobamba, then to Jepelacio, back to Moyobamba and now in Saposoa. Arggh!!! Heard till 0400+. Also heard the following day.

More from Juan Carlos next time.

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Next, from the beautiful island of Hawaii, where lava floes make grounding your antenna a problem (we should all be so lucky!!!) we hear from Dr. Richard Wood:

CHINA CPBS Minority Lang Service, 9920, Mongolian nx and comment 0400. (11-9)

CLANDESTINE V. of Mujahed of Iran, new on 15049, in Farsi w/ ID: "Inja Seda ye Mujahed e Iran ast." Patriotic chorus and abruptly off 1625. Switching frequencies to avoid jammers? If so, none noted. Breakdown? Havent seen this one reported. Location? (10-30)

ETHIOPIA VoRE, 5990, w/ Amharic nx 0330. (11-4)

INDONESIA RRI, 11770 and 11700, IN dictation nx 0730. (11-4)

Jayapura, 9611, w/ IN nx 0600. (11-5)

IRAN VoIRI, on new 7100, Farsi ID, time signal, chimes and information items by alternating M&F, 0300. Also on new 9510.5. (11-4)

LESOTHO BBC relay on 6190, Bow Bells 0355, usual off-air, misleading ID for Ascencion 0359, into World Service EG nx 0400. (11-9)

MARIANAS IS. KYOI, 15405, s/off this freq and advised to retune to 15190; QRM from Moscow and 0300 onto 15190, where splashed from RJapan 15195. In EG/JP. (11-5)

MEXICO XEWW has moved back from 15177v to 15160v. Noted around 15159.5 w/ rancheras 1700-2000. (11-9)

PHILIPPINES FEBC, 15450, s/on w/ "good morning" in many languages including Tagalog, IN and DT. "Good morning" song, cock crowing, annced // 21475 which is observed as 21473.

Australian and Filipino accents heard, at 2300. Should make it deep into USA. (11-7)

SENEGAL Dakar, 4891, s/on w/ FR "speaking clock," "bonjour" and into FR nx. (11-5)

SWAZILAND TWR Manzini, 9640, has added a new language, Somali, 0330-0400 after usual Swahili 0300-0330. QRM from DW. (11-5)

URUGUAY El Espectador, 11835, ads for "Vota 504, su vota," "Relojes" and a store "frente a la Universidad." 0135. (11-9)

USSR Vatandosh Radiostantsiya, Tashkent, 7335, well atop CHU in Uzbek w/ "khabarlar" (nx) and requesting reports simply to "Uzbek SSR, Tashkent Radio, Vatandosh Radiostantsiya." At 0300 into R. Tashkent Farsi. (11-4)

VANUATU Vila, 7259, Bislama (Beach-la-Mar, Pidgin EG) nx 0715 // 3945. (11-1)

YEMEN (PDR) DYBS, Aden, 5970 AR nx 0330 // usual 6005. 5970 is used only in their morning. A consistent stn; in my 2 years in Saudi Arabia it never had a change of schedule. (11-4)

ZAIRE Kinshasa, 15245, FR speech eulogizing "la Republique du Zaire sous la direction du President Mobutu."

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As we approach the holiday season, let me take a moment to thank all of you who by your contributions, letters, friendship and general support make this column a continuing labor of love for me. A bountiful and joyous holiday season to each and all of you and my very best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.