

# DXTRA

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Welcome to the first issue of DXtra, our new name for NASWA's mid-month flash sheet. As always, it's intended to bridge the gap between issues of Frendx, providing you with up-to-the-minute DX tips that arrive here by the 10th of each month. Since I have no input on hand as of 1/12, here's a summary of recent DX loggings at your editor's listening post.

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BOLIVIA: R. Movima -- Assumed this one on 4472 from 0425 with dull romantic ballads segued till 0502 except for one SP anct at 0446. At 0502, UTC-4 time check predated some promos. Silence 0505; OC off 0508. (12/15)

BURUNDI: LV de la Rev. -- On 3300 from 2040 with highlife vocals till 2050, when FR anct. Low speech audio but no co-channel QRM for a change. (1/9)

CHINA: CPBS Taiwan-1 -- With Kaduna briefly absent from the channel, 4770 heard 2057 with traditional CH opera thru "5+1" pips at 2100. (12/10)

COLOMBIA: LV de los Fundadores -- 2X on 3140 at 1058 with promo for "Amanecer Campesino" followed by full ID for HJZT, 1570 kHz, Manizales; good sig. (12/16)

ICELAND: ISBS -- Reykjavik has been experimenting with several new freqs. On 9595 ending IC at 1245, then adding some PTP traffic till 1246\*. (12/16) And on 11745 at unsked 1608 with IC news and cmntry past 1630. (12/28)

INDIA: AIR -- On 4860 from 0028 with IS many times, then six pips 0030 and into seeming HD. At 0035, EG ID and into Delhi news. Fair; no QRM. (12/17)

INDONESIA: RRI Manado -- Heard several times on 3215 this season. Best 12/16 around 2135 with gamelan orch accompanying wayang kulit performance, also M and W narrating in IN. F/O around 2145. Was // 4753 (Ujung Pandang), so must have been relay of Jakarta or Nusantara 4.

INDONESIA: RRI Bukittinggi -- On 12/11 only, 3232 audible from 2250 with OC; several iterations of "Song of Coconut Islands" at 2259, followed by Jakarta relay with usual boomy audio. Very weak and badly squeezed between ute and Peru.

INDONESIA: (T) RRI Fak-Fak -- Most likely this one on 4790+ from just after 2100 with pleasant-voiced W ancr, occasional brief music bridges. By 2115 sig peak, was definitely // 4753; F/O by 2130. Best (although extremely weak) on 1/8 and 1/9; often QRM'ed by SP-speaking USB tfc net.

IRAN: VOIRI -- On 4990, heard from 0425 with M and W swapping mike in FS // 9022; this on 12/12. On 12/16, was in AR at same time. Fine level atop Yerevan and another stn. Also on 6036 around 2345 with M and W in FS; very strong and easily separable from 6035. Audio FB here but lousy on // 9022. (12/28)

JAPAN: RJ -- Heard on 5965 with IS mixing under VOA and another stn at 2057; on in KR at 2100. Hard to hear FE on 49M at this time of day due Eu QRM. (12/23)

KENYA: VOK -- Found on 4934 instead of 4885 at 1926 with M in SH; choral number 1930, then dialog/drama // 6150. Powerful by 2012\*. (12/24)

KOREA, NORTH: KCBS -- Pyongyang on irregularly active 5871 from 2218 in chorus; 2229\* after KR anct. Seemed // 640lv but not 2850. (12/20) Regional Pyongsong on 3350 at 2217 with snappy KR patten between M and W // 2850. (12/24)

LEBANON: VO the Mountain -- On 6053, has been heard several times again since 12/18 with W in AR (Lebanese?) and AR songs around 1930. Always weak and clobbered by stns on adjacent channels. Had been missing since about 12/1. For info on this one, refer to Nov. Frendx LN, p. 21.

MALI: RTV de Mali -- On 7286, FR ID at 0958; still holding up well 1030. Seems always to ID as RTV de Mali, not RTV Malienne. (12/28)

(T) MAURITIUS: MBC -- Surely this on 4856 with traces of audio from 1940, soon recognizable as choral selections, M and W in tentative FR. At 2004, M soloist sang "O Holy Night" (in FR?); xmtr cut off 2006\*. Never makes it here by normal 1900\*, but is known to run late on Xmas Eve and New Year's Eve. (12/24)

MEXICO: La Q Mexicana -- On 9681, tuned just at ID for XEQ, 940 kHz, at 2302; another ID 2310. Heard again the next AM after 1200 with ads. (1/9)

MONACO: TWR -- Moved to 6260 from 6230 for \*1810 RS; fair by 1830. (12/27)

OMAN: RO -- 17735 heard at 1225 with AR song // 9735; mostly under RFE. (12/9)

PAKISTAN: RP -- New 11615 found with retimed AR \*1200-1300\* (x-\*1215-1315\*) on 12/11; severe dual-path echo.

SEYCHELLES: FEBA -- 9745 noted from 1710 with gospel hymns; IS 1729, then off. Sked for Malagasy language at this time. (12/26)

SUDAN: R. Omdurman -- New 9603 tuned 1940; Somali-style vocals and instruments plus occasional ancts by M with deep, muffled voice. At 2026, "Idha'at ... sudaniyya ..." and cut off in mid-word. (12/26)

SWAZILAND: TWR -- New 9710 (x-7295) with PT \*1900-1947\*; fair-good. (12/22)

TUNISIA: RTT -- New 7485 with AR ID 2000 on 12/26; also on 1/9 till 2342\*. // 7310 way under immense Moscow xmtr.

USSR: R. Dushanbé -- Evidently this one on 4975 from 1820 with M orating in language; possibly anthem at 1828, then Mayak IS 1829. Another Mayak IS at 1859 R/C, then silence till 1901\*. The 4635 outlet also audible, not //. (12/11)

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: VO UAE, Abu Dhabi -- On 5960 with Qur'an 1947 past 2000; brief AR anct, then 2001\*. // 7195 (x-4905) in severe co-channel QRM. (12/23)

VIETNAM: VOV -- 12019 heard from 2210 with W in JP; poor-fair this freq, good on // 10040. Also 6454v around same time with M in VT. (12/10)

ZAIRE: Lubumbashi -- On 4751 from \*0357v with IS of local music on plucked instruments and drums, then anthem and s/on ancts in FR. Fair till 0415v, when Bertoua plops on OC a kHz lower. No sign of 7205. (12/9+)

CLANDESTINE: VO Communist Party of Iran -- Sometimes readable on 3876v/4490v around 0415, usually in FS but once seemingly in Azeri. (12/15+)

CLANDESTINE: VO Liberation of Iran -- Found on 9215 from 1618 with local song till 1625, when flute IS preceded test tone. At 1630, IS of eight notes on piano several times, followed by ID: "Inja seda-ye nejat-e iran ast." Also ID in AR, FR and EG, then into programming // 9027 and maybe 7080. (12/11,12)

CLANDESTINE: R. Halgan -- After Norway leaves 9590 at 1745, anti-Mogadishu stn heard with SM talk and distinctive Somali music to 1755\*. At least two clear ID's ("REE-dio HAL-gan") caught before s/off, one possibly in connection with mailing address. Xmtrs supposedly in Ethiopia. (12/11,15,16)

UNIDENTIFIED -- On 4750, AR singing at 2055; xmtr kept cutting off beginning at 2058, then finally for good at 2100. Didn't sound at all like Bertoua or Lubumbashi. (1/1) On 4857, a Latin is occasionally audible from around 2245 with nondescript vocal and orchestral music, also frequent iterations of staccato six-note theme on electric guitar before ad or promo. Never readable after 2300 or so. (12/17,1/6) On 4902, a station heard 12/15 from 1938 past 2100 with only strange, Gregorian-type chanting. Very weak and squeezed between Guinea on 4900 and a ute on 4904. This would fit the sked for RRI Surakarta (4900v). Sri Lanka is on 4902 but should s/off 1730.

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Bill

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